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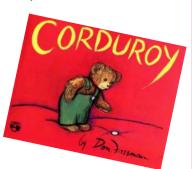
OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Stuffie & Dolly Sleepover

SATURDAY, 7 PM, SECOND FLOOR

Bring your stuffed animal or doll for a fun slumber party! Popcorn, games, and story. Tuck in your toy for the night, and enjoy brunch with them tomorrow!





Bonfire Fellowship

SATURDAY, 7:00 PM, UMCB NORTH LAWN

Join us for s'mores and friendship. No agenda, just getting to know you!

Friends & Neighbors Worship

SUNDAY, 9 AM IN THE SANCTUARY OR 11 AM IN WESLEY HALL

Join us for worship Sunday at 9 AM (Traditional) or 11 AM (Modern).





Faith Formation Brunch

SUNDAY, 10 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for brunch as we get to know our Sunday School and Small Group leaders.

Please invite at least three friends or neighbors, and attend these fun and engaging events with them!

If you feel led to help start a new group, or assist in leading a class, please reach out to Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 to discuss more.

See pages 6-9 for more Fall Formation Opportunities.

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MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD: JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

The **handbell choir** is always looking for new joyful ringers, and you do not need to have any prior music experience to participate. The handbell choir rehearses on **Thursdays at 6 PM** in the Sanctuary, beginning **Thursday, September 8**.

For more information, please contact **Tori Penfound** (tpenfound@umcb.org).



Our choir will sing during the 9 AM worship service on Sundays in the Sanctuary. The choir rehearses on **Thursdays at 7 PM in the Parlor**, beginning **Thursday**, **September 8**.

For more information, please contact Courtney Popp (cpopp@umcb.org) or Margaret Proctor (margaret.proctor@sbcglobal.net).



The **praise band**, which helps to lead our 11 AM worship service in Wesley Hall, always is open to welcoming new singers, joining their voices to help the congregation sing praise to God.

For more information, please contact **Courtney Popp** (cpopp@umcb.org).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
5 PM
WEST CREEK RESERVATION
2277 WEST RIDGEWOOD DR.
PARMA, OH 44134

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 11 at 5 PM as we explore some of the trails around the West Creek Reservation.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on

Thursday, September 8 to Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org



DINNER CHURCH "PRACTICE" MEAL AND WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 6 PM, WESLEY HALL

We are excited to be launching a new church experience called "Dinner Church". The mission of Dinner Church is to "build bridges by breaking bread". In short, we are providing a welcoming church experience for those in need of a meal, fellowship, and an introduction to Jesus.

The first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM, we'll open our doors and hearts to neighbors with a delicious meal and casual worship. We're asking our church family to help provide the meal with "staged potlucks", by serving food, and serving as table hosts. Check the Outreach board each month for needed food items and serving opportunities. This October 5 we'll have a "practice" meal and worship. We encourage you to join us and learn more about how you can be a part of this ministry!

Questions? Please contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Betty Atherton
Cass Beckman
Barbara Beihl
Heidi Blue
Carol Bodle
Wilda Donegan
Carol & Bruce Forster
Debby Haas
Jan Heter
Elenore Long

Christine McMillin
Betty Miller
Rev. Cal Myers
Donald Powers
Lou Russell
Russ Sanderson
Mary Lynn Swartz
Carol Thompson
Kathleen Wargelin

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
June Demmerle (Generations)
Jack Irey (Renaissance)
Janice Kavander
Mary Lou McKissock (Kemper House, Strongsville)

Pat Sarka (Wesleyan Village, Elyria)
Barbara Scoon (Vista Springs, Parma)
Von & Marilyn Smith (Southwest Commons)
Ruth Vrana (Generations, Strongsville)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Wanda Baulin (sister of Wilda Donegan)
Dave & Jane Breakey (friends of the Brenneisons)

Marc Bittinger **

Cheryl Cheff (mother of Corey Reams)
Max & the Conway Family (grandson of the
Conways)

Dan Dietz (son of Joan Dietz)
AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)
Spencer Gehring
Sylvie Isgro-Schicker

Isaac Kowicki & Oliver Lawrence (great nephews of Cindy Osborn)

Lillian and Lucas (family friends of the Howes) Joann Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace) Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING...

- ... for Jack Elmer Kocher, born on July 29, 2022, to Juanina and Ryan Kocher. Marlynda Dziak is the Great Aunt.
- ... for Quinn Elsie Zeiter, born on August 4, 2022, to Rebecca & Eric Zeiter.

WE REACH OUT IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE . . .

- . . . to the Family and Friends of Janet Angus, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on August 9. A Memorial Service will be held in the Sanctuary on September 27 at 11 AM.
- ... to the Family and Friends of George O'Brien, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on August 1. The family will hold a private graveside service at a date to be determined.

MILITARY

J.D. Ferut (grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs)
Ryan Hopkins
Bill Lambert (son-in-law of Corky Cline)
Josh Lambert (grandson of Corky Cline)
Ben Lebrun
Zachary New (grandson of Bob & Jackie King)

HOW CAN WE

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org if you would like to schedule an individual time to talk or if you have a specific prayer request.

You can also submit prayer requests at umcb.org/worshipresources or by emailing the church office at info@umcb.org.

To receive Prayer Concerns by email, scan the QR code to the right or visit our website at umcb.org/contact

umcb.org/contact and subscribe in the lower right column.



Sunday, September 4, 2022 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)	Jeremiah 18.1-11 Psalms 139.1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854) Philomen 1-21 Luke 14.25-33	For Reflection and Conversation: Where have you experienced relationships redefined by faith? Who have you come to claim as a family member? What would it take for you to perceive someone you are at odds with as a sister or brother in Christ?
Sunday, September 11, 2022 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)	Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28 Psalms 14 (UMH 746) 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10	For Reflection and Conversation: In what ways—or aspects of your life—are you a "lost sheep," needing someone to come and search for you? In what ways—or aspects of your life—are you a "leader," grumbling at those who are being welcomed? In what ways—or aspects of your life—are you being called to search for others who live in isolation from God or community?
Sunday, September 18, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)	Jeremiah 8.18-9.1 Psalms 79.1-9 or Psalm 4 (UMH 741) 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13	For Reflection and Conversation: How do we, individually and communally, embody both lament with the world and the hope that is in Christ?
Sunday, September 25, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)	Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15 Psalms 91.1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810) 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31	For Reflection and Conversation: Jesus offers hard words for those who live in luxury while ignoring the needs of others. 1 Timothy warns us that "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." How has your relationship with money been shaped over time? How has your relationship with money been shaped by your faith?

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 4):
God of all creation,
guide my hands throughout this day.
Prompt me to keep my hands open—
not clinging to what you have entrusted
but freely offering, freely receiving,
in response to this day's needs.
May each small movement be a sign of trust,
a reminder that my life is in your hands. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 4): God of every beginning and ending, as I remember the moments of this day, help me to recognize sisters and brothers entrusted to my care.

As I rest this night in your care, mend my courage and fire my imagination, that I might be useful to you.

Plant me where you need me tomorrow, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 11):
Persistent God,
as the day begins and light increases,
let me drink deeply of your grace.
As the day unfolds, when my heart strays from you,
call me back to you.
May your mercy flow from me.
May I be a refuge for those who wander.

May my heart be joined with those who celebrate.

May my voice speak your name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 11):
Patient God, I offer this day to you,
knowing that I was not alone,
even when I wandered
and filled my heart with noise.
As darkness falls, as I yield to sleep,
seek me again in my dreams.
Call me in ways beyond my knowing,
that I may have the strength to feed your people,
In Christ, I live and pray. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 18): In this moment of stillness, before this day claims me, I stand before you with questions unanswered.... Fill the silence now with your nearness, that I may hear you speak your word and live this day for you. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 18): Source of my life, this day I was not promised now is ending. Thank you for its grace, both noticed and unnoticed. I lay before you all that I experienced.... Gather me up in your presence. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 25): My God, out of the darkness, you bring the light of morning. Let my love for you not waste at noonday but burn until evening comes again. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 25): My God, Most High, this day is done. I rest now in your shelter; I abide in your shadow. I place all my trust in you. Amen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Younger Elementary (Pre-K - 3rd grade) Room 21 (Purple Door)

The younger elementary group will use One Room Sunday School. Martha and Megan will be our teachers for youngest disciples!



TWEENS (4TH-8TH GRADE) ROOM 27 (RED DOOR)

The tweens will use a fun curriculum called "Connect". Nancy and Janet will lead these growing young people.



CONFIRMATION (6TH-8TH GRADE) ROOM 25 (GREY DOOR)

Confirmation will begin year 1 of 2, meeting once a month. Dates are: 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 12/18 for this semester. While confirmation students are doing their lesson, younger tweens will do their own Bible study.



YOUTH (9TH-12TH) CHAPEL

The Youth will participate in Animate: Faith in the chapel with Rev. Linda, with small group leader April who will lead youth break-out discussions.

STORYTIME

WEDNESDAYS, 10 AM, ROOM 11 (NURSERY)

A new Storytime ministry will begin in September for toddlers-preschoolers. Caregivers and children will enjoy a heart-focused story, snack, and playtime.

MESSY CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 4 PM

Messy Church continues to play a strong role in discipleship as both a place to grow in faith and practice faith-sharing. We will encourage our folks to invite and attend with their friends.

If you have questions about any of the opportunities on this page, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105**!



YOUTH GROUP

ONCE A MONTH ON SUNDAYS, 5 PM

THIS MONTH - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT TYLER FIELD (499 NOBOTTOM ROAD)

Youth group will meet once a month on Sundays at 5 PM for fun activities, food, friendship, and faith growth. Watch the Caller for dates and specifics.

This month we will host "Kickball for a Cause" at Tyler Field (499 Nobottom Rd.), September 25, at 5 PM. The winning team gets to pick the cause we support with our \$5 donations per player. We'll wrap up with pizza and a devotion.

Adult helpers are needed.



If you can join us, please let **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!



READ & GROW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6:30-8 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Read and Grow book club will start in September on the second Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8 PM.

Our first book discussion is on September 12, **The World That We Knew** by Alice Hoffman.

On October 10, we will discuss **The Oysterville Sewing Circle** by Susan Wiggs

For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyi@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Thursday Night Bible Study is open to all who want toe explore the Bible and learn more about Jesus and ourselvesour next book in September will be on "Miracles".

For more information and Zoom details, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at **marylynn482@gmail.com** or **440-409-5931**.



SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCES FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM

Animate: Faith

CHAPEL

Led by Rev. Linda McCown.

Participant books at \$15 and are available in Room 12. College and youth books are complimentary.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

FELLOWSHIP HALL Led by Greg Rentsch.

FAITHLINK

 $Room~13~\&c~VIA~Zoom\\ Led~by~a~team,~coordinated~by~Andy~McMillan.$

WEEKDAYS

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS, 9:30 AM, ROOM 13
Led by Pastor Nathan.

GRIEFSHARE

Wednesdays Beginning September 7
6:30 pm, via Zoom
Led by MaryLynn Swartz.
Email her if you'd like to join the group
(marylynn482@gmail.com).
See Page 9 for more information.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM
Led by MaryLynn Swartz.
See Page 7 for more information.

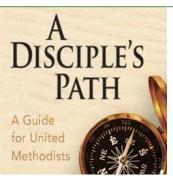
READ & GROW

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

6:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

See Page 7 for more information.



MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12, SEPTEMBER 19, SEPTEMBER 26, AND OCTOBER 3

6:15 PM, PARLOR

A Disciple's Path is a four-week study based on a Wesleyan practice of discipleship that explores what it means to glorify God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

This study is perfect for those who are new to our congregation, who are interested in learning about membership in The United Methodist Church, or who want to deepen their relationship with Christ and the church.

For more information or to express your interest in participating, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org.

CONNECTING CREATION CARE WITH OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 7 PM, CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR 2537 LEE ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, 44118

This past June and July, a small group in our congregation participated as a "pilot group" for a new six-week study that connects the current climate crisis with our faith-filled response. On Wednesday, September 21 at 7 PM, the authors of this study—Anita and Bob Dygert-Gearhart, from Spokane, Washington—will be at Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights (2537 Lee Road) to present an overview of their curriculum.

Whether or not you participated in our small group this summer, you are welcome to join us to learn more on September 21.

For more information, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or **nhowe@umcb.org.**



GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 7 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM OR

FRIDAYS, STARTING SEPTEMBER 9 1:30 PM, ROOM 13

We are starting a new GriefShare session! We are offering encouragement and help after the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend or pet.

For more information and Zoom details, contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.





A SPECIAL ONE-TIME GRIEFSHARE MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2:30 PM, PARLOR

This is a one time program for those who have lost a spouse. We will have a short introduction, watch a video and discuss the video. Please plan to come and see and view and maybe get some questions answered about your feelings and emotions and maybe the feeling of hopelessness.

For more information, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



UMW CIRCLE RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 21, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

The UMW Circle resumes meeting this month. We hope you will join us!

UMW VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10 AM - 4 PM, WESLEY HALL

Over 15+ Vendors/Crafters . . . Gift Basket Silent Auction . . . Chili Café
Unique items . . . Variety of Gift Baskets . . . Food

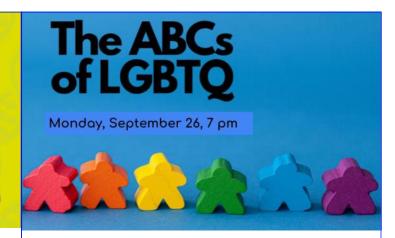
For more information, please contact **Carol McCleery** at **440-234-9078** or **mcmanistee7250@gmail.com**.

As always, ALL profits benefit our missions.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

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MESSY CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 4 PM, WESLEY HALL

How does science work? How does life work? Let's explore the wide world of science with fun (and of course) messy experiments! We'll jump from protons to Proverbs and learn that wisdom brings all things together for good! Bring your friends and curiosity!

If you're interested in joining this fun ministry, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 to learn more about how you can be involved.

THE ABC'S OF LBGTQ

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 7 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as we grow in our inclusivity as a church by learning more about our LGBTQ+ siblings. We'll learn about what each of those letters mean, grow in our respect and understanding, and learn how we can be strong Christian allies. Expect a focus on respectful vocabulary, a bit of history, and sharing our experiences.

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105**.



HEALTHCARE HEROES

DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED
IN THE BIN NEAR THE
OUTREACH BOARD BY ROOM 13

This month we collect notes of appreciation, candy, and tea for our healthcare workers.

This year's cards will be given to Chaplain Jared Littleton to share with the staff of Lakewood Cleveland Clinic hospital.

Donations can be placed in the bin near the outreach board.

Questions?
Please contact **Pastor Carrie**at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525** x**105**.





OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GOD'S CREATION



CHURCH & SOCIETY (CREATION JUSTICE) TEAM MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 1:30 PM, ROOM 13

Join us at the next Church & Society (Creation Justice) meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 1:30 PM. We will build on the ideas that "grew" out of our meeting in August.

Questions?
Contact **Barb Dawson**at **440-885-1672** or **bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net**

or

Wendy Jelinek at **440-826-9027**.

EDGEWATER BEACH CLEAN-UP WITH DRINK LOCAL, DRINK TAP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 10 AM - NOON PERKINS BEACH AT EDGEWATER PARK

If you'd like to spend a little time at the beach before fall weather sets in, join others who care about keeping our Great Lake clean for animals and for people, too.

Sign up for the final 2022 Beach Clean-Up hosted by Drink Local Drink Tap. It will be held Saturday, September 10, from 10 AM - Noon at Perkins Beach at Edgewater. (Meet at Upper Edgewater in Perkins Beach parking lot.)

Registration is *required* for the clean-up.

https://drinklocaldrinktap.org/
engagement/beach-cleanups/

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society

THIS MONTH'S LOOSE CHANGE OFFERINGS SUPPORTS THE SECOND MILE OUTREACH AND CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES.

Second Mile Outreach (SMO) Fun Facts - Did you know:

- ☐ Fran Millword founded Church Street Ministries (CSM) in 1986?
- ☐ SMO is the second largest partner in the Cleveland Food Bank?
- $\hfill\Box$ In June 2022, 545 (152 seniors) were served 6540 meals?
- $\ \square$ SMO continues to deliver furtinture to veterans in need?
- ☐ Starting **August 19**, SMO will provide backpacks/school supplies to the food pantry children?
- ☐ SMNO received a grant from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to help with a new refrigerator and signage?
- ☐ There are wo upcoming fundraisers SMO's Duck Races are **August 27** and the Fashion Show is **September 18**?

Join us in supporting this important outreach by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".



EQUAL EXCHANGE ITEMS AVAILABLE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 10-11 AM, BY THE PARLOR

Stop by the Equal Exchange sales table this Sunday (and each first Sunday of the month) to inquire about or buy some delicious chocolates, tea (did someone say iced tea?) or the ever popular Breakfast Blend (or decaf) coffee.

Thank you for your continued support of farmers around the world who are paid a fair wage for their hard work in producing these items in a sustainable manner.

Learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop.

Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society



MEET THE NEW EAST OHIO CONFERENCE CAMPUS MINISTER FOR BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY

Hello there! I am Judy Hammer, a life-long learner and teacher, who strives daily to live as Jesus commands us to "Love one another" (John 13;34). While I spent my career in higher education as a teacher and administrator, later in life, I felt called to redirect my life to serving God by earning a degree in pastoral counseling and then working as the campus liaison for the CWRU Interreligious Council and as a coordinator of youth ministry at a local church. I feel completely blessed to be here as part of The Porch team.

Favorite Things to Do: teaching college English courses for those newly arrived to the USA, riding on our motorcycle down country roads, taking art courses to explore a new found love of painting, and tending to our garden and backyard pond--home to our bale of turtles, including Henry, Charlotte, Leonard, and Thomas!

You can reach **Judy** at **ihammer@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x104.**

Fellow parishioners,

A short note to let you know how much a truly appreciated the cards, phone calls and prayers. They meant to very much to me. So many times, they came at the exact moment when I needed that little boost. Thanks again.

I am getting along much better and hope to see you all very soon.

Much love to all. Debby Haas



THANK YOU FROM THE PORCH CAMPUS MINISTRY

Judy and the student ministers, Anna and Daniel, wish to thank the congregation for their contributions for the August 22 Grab-and-Go-Breakfast!

We know that our church community is keeping this ministry in their prayers!

SEPTEMBER 2022