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NAMING OUR COMMITMENTS FOR 2023

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

For five weeks in October, in our worship together, we explored the simple yet profound teaching of the prophet Micah, who wondered what God required of us and discerned this enduring response: *...to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God* (Micah 6.8).

These three practices—justice, kindness, and humility—provide a foundation for our lives as God’s beloved children and a description for our world becoming beloved community. As we anticipate the coming year, you are encouraged to name your commitments to these three essential practices and to participating in our life together as a community of faith, justice, kindness, and humility.

2023 Commitment Cards are being distributed through the mail and will be available on tables at the back of each worship space. Please prayerfully consider your commitments for 2023, complete a card indicating how you will practice justice, kindness, and humility in the coming year, and bring your completed card with you to worship on Sunday, November 20. You can also complete and submit your Commitment Card online at www.umcb.org/donate.

Thank you for helping to build God’s beloved community through your ongoing commitments and participation in our mission of making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

**JUST.
KIND.
HUMBLE.**

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CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

OUR GOALS FOR 2023

Our Mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This *mission* is the reason we exist and the motivation for everything we do.

Our Goals for 2023

These goals were adopted by the Church Council on September 13, 2022. They are not intended to be a rigid checklist but to represent the next faithful step in our congregation's life together and to focus our ministry and attention throughout 2023 as we continue living into our mission. *For more details regarding these goals or to express your desire to serve on a team which will help us live into them, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.*

❖ **Building beloved community throughout our neighborhood**

- Launch, evaluate, and adapt as needed a “dinner church” ministry to connect with our community.
- Explore additional service opportunities that attract community participation.
- Continue to develop ministry with college students through our United Methodist campus ministry with Baldwin Wallace University.
- Identify and engage adults with gifts for youth ministry.

❖ **Building beloved community throughout our congregation**

- Recruit and train a “connections” team to reach out to and help all members engage with the total life of the congregation, providing new and renewed connections for all members to build relationships and increase involvement.
- Specific attention will be given to re-engaging “inactive” members, connecting with those unable to be present physically for any reason, and fostering connections among our online worshipping community.

❖ **Building beloved community with creation**

- Continue to develop and grow ministries related to creation justice, including deepening community partnerships and congregational ministries that lead us to live in right relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation.
- Implement and communicate creation justice values into existing ministries.
- Educate the congregation regarding creation justice practices in their own lives and homes.

❖ **Assess and increase accessibility, inclusivity, and safety in and around our physical building**

- A small team will assess the building with attention to “first impressions,” signage inside and outside the building, and exploring options for improved communication.
- Another small team will collaborate with the Board of Trustees to explore options related to renovating the chancel area and other sections of the Sanctuary to improve accessibility, inclusivity, and safety.

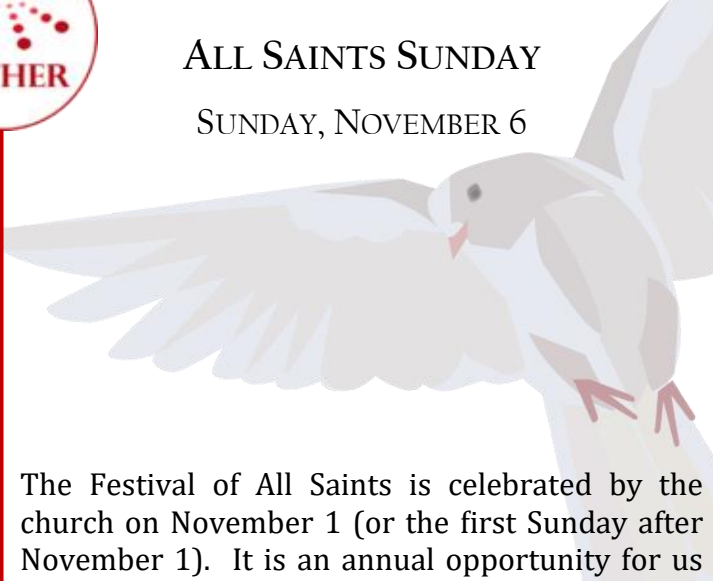
❖ **Research and evaluate options regarding our leadership structure**

- Members of the Church Council will access information and training related to a “One Board” or “Simplified Accountability” structure for our congregation's administrative committees.
- Throughout 2023, this smaller group will update the Church Council regarding progress and possibilities for implementation.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



The Festival of All Saints is celebrated by the church on November 1 (or the first Sunday after November 1). It is an annual opportunity for us to give thanks for the community of faith and to re-affirm our faith that the church consists not only in all those followers of Jesus who are living but also all those who have gone before us and all those who are yet to come.

On All Saints Sunday (November 6), we will celebrate the gift of the communion of saints during both morning worship services (9 am and 11 am), reading the names of persons connected to this congregation who have died in the past twelve months and lighting a candle for each one as we remember the eternal light of Christ that continues to shine in their lives and in ours.

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Reign of Christ or "Christ the King" Sunday is one of the most recent additions to the Christian calendar. Begun in 1925, the celebration was intended as a response to growing secularism and competing claims for our allegiance, especially as narrow ideologies and tribalistic nationalism spread across much of Europe following the First World War.

Celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year (before the new year starts on the First Sunday of Advent), Reign of Christ Sunday remains for us an opportunity to gather and reaffirm the primacy of God in our lives and throughout creation.

"Education is the great equalizer of our time. It gives hope to the hopeless and creates chances for those without."

KOFI ANNAN, GHANAIAN DIPLOMAT

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY



UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

We all have experienced challenges in recent years. Students have been dealing with grief and loss at a tender moment in their development. Many have also shown resilience and a strong spirit. Together we can express our care for them in practical ways. We can equip them to shape a future with hope and possibility. Your gift is a sign of trust that journeys alongside them.

During Advent, we are reminded of the unanticipated experience of God interrupting our everyday lives. God's love in Christian community reminds us of a deeper joy that we can be part of creating. United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations contribute to community transformation, leadership empowerment, and building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.

When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

Please give generously, partnering with the next generation to walk in God's path.

Learn More at https://youtube.com/watch?v=c1nOPVtL5EA&feature=share&utm_source=EKLEijECCKjOmKnC5liRIQ.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
7 PM, SANCTUARY & ONLINE

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBEREA/LIVE

The entire Berea community will be invited to join us in worship on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Invite your friends and neighbors, and join us as we give thanks for God's presence and share God's love with our community. Please bring with you a non-perishable food item or financial donation to be given to support the ongoing work of Berea Community Outreach, caring for our neighbors in need.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
4 PM, ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER
(24000 VALLEY PKWY, N. OLMSTED)

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 13 at 4 PM as we explore some of the trails around the Rocky River Nature Center.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, November 10** to **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org



WE PRESS ON

2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference
of The United Methodist Church

2022 NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

The first week of November, delegates from all over the North Central Jurisdiction (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa) will gather to elect and consecrate at least three new bishops. I'm honored to be a part of the East Ohio Delegation. I also request your prayers for our safe travels to Fort Wayne Indiana, for our discernment of God's call on the lives of those who have made themselves available for the Episcopacy, and for a general sense of calm and trust in this process.

This conference's main objective is to elect bishops. It is not to make decisions regarding church separations or changing language in the *Discipline*. However, the leadership that is elected will join the Council of Bishops as they lead us through changes that will eventually come with the next General Conference. That conference has not been scheduled yet due to the pandemic and the global nature of our denomination.

Like elders who itinerate, or move locations, bishops also do the same. At some point, we will be given a new bishop, and that may or may not be this year or anytime soon. Should we elect a bishop who hails from East Ohio, they will first serve outside of our conference, but could one day come back "home." All bishops elected will serve within our Jurisdiction though. While I'm still "new at this," I welcome your questions about this, and look forward to sharing my experiences with you all when I return!

Peace, Pastor Carrie

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NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE



SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Betty Atherton	Christine McMillin
Barbara Beihl	Betty Miller
Heidi Blue	Rev. Cal Myers
Carol Bodle	Donald Powers
Wilda Donegan	Lou Russell
Carol & Bruce Forster	Russ Sanderson
Debby Haas	Mary Lynn Swartz
Jan Heter	Carol Thompson
Elenore Long	Kathleen Wargelin

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
 Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
 June Demmerle (Generations)
 Jack Irely (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)
 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)
 Paul & Kathryn and children (family of Andrew &
 Christine McMillin)
 Joann Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)
 Jeanne Sowder
 Laura Swartz Steele
 Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...

... to the Family and Friends of Evelyn Chappelle who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on September 21.
 ... to the Family and Friends of Kay Henry, mother of Anita Evans, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on Friday, September 30.

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)

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 or visit our website at umcb.org/contact and subscribe in the lower right column.



CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



DIVINE INTERRUPTIONS
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP SERIES

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 – JANUARY 8, 2023

The word “advent” is from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” Throughout the season of Advent, we renew our anticipation not only to celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas but, from the larger perspective, to welcome the ultimate fullness of God’s beloved community “on earth as it is in heaven.”

The traditional readings from our scriptures during Advent include a variety of “annunciation” or “announcement” stories: stories that anticipate this arrival or fulfillment of God’s promises. The most familiar of these annunciation stories is from God’s messenger, Gabriel, to Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1.26-38). But all throughout our scriptures, God’s messengers come among God’s people to announce and describe God’s dream and intentions for our lives and for the life of creation. Often, these announcements are a substantial “divine interruption”: disrupting our normal routines and expectations and inviting us into something new.

This year, during our Advent and Christmas seasons (from the First Sunday of Advent on November 27 through Epiphany of the Lord Sunday on January 8), we will explore a few of the many annunciation stories from our scriptures, including those of Hagar, Sarah and Abraham, Hannah, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the early church, and the magi. Through these stories, we will consider the many ways God comes into our lives still, as both gracious disruption and generous invitation.

November 27
First Sunday of Advent
God’s Annunciation to Hagar
 Genesis 16.7-13

December 4
Second Sunday of Advent
God’s Annunciation to Sarah and Abraham
 Genesis 17.15-22

December 11
Third Sunday of Advent
God’s Annunciation to Hannah
 1 Samuel 1.19-28; 2.1-10

December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent
God’s Annunciation to Mary and Joseph
 Luke 1.26-38
 Matthew 1.18-25

December 24
Christmas Eve
God Accompanies Us in the Darkness
 Isaiah 9.2-7
 Luke 2.1-14(20)

December 25
Christmas Day
God Accompanies All Creation
 Colossians 1.15-20
 John 1.1-14

January 1, 2023
First Sunday after Christmas Day
God Accompanies Us
as a Compassionate Parent
 Hosea 11.1-4, 7-9
 Matthew 2.13-18

January 8, 2023
Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
God Accompanies All People
 Isaiah 60.1-6, 11
 Matthew 2.1-12



THE LONGEST NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 7 PM, SANCTUARY

The holiday season can be especially difficult for some of us, a painful reminder of what has been lost or of what has never been. All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 21 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary for a time filled with scripture, prayer, candlelight, and Holy Communion. Together, we will remember and give thanks for God's abiding presence even in the longest or loneliest of nights. Invite others, and join us.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
4 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM, SANCTUARY

We will gather together for three worship services on Saturday, December 24. Each service will include beautiful music, a message of hope, and the traditional passing of candlelight while we sing "Silent Night."

Invite your friends, family members, and neighbors, and join us as we celebrate the gift of God's presence with us in Jesus Christ at 4 PM, 7 PM, and 11 PM in the Sanctuary.

(Artwork by Tessa Canterbury)



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

The theme for the showcase between the Narthex and the Parlor this year will be ***Christmas Around the World.***

If you have any ornaments, figurines, tchotchkes, etc. that represent international holiday celebrations that you could lend for this display contact **Cass Beckman** at 440-234-4839 or cass.beckman@yahoo.com.

These items are needed by **Sunday, November 20** and will be returned before Lent. ***Please label with your name so that all are returned to their homes.***





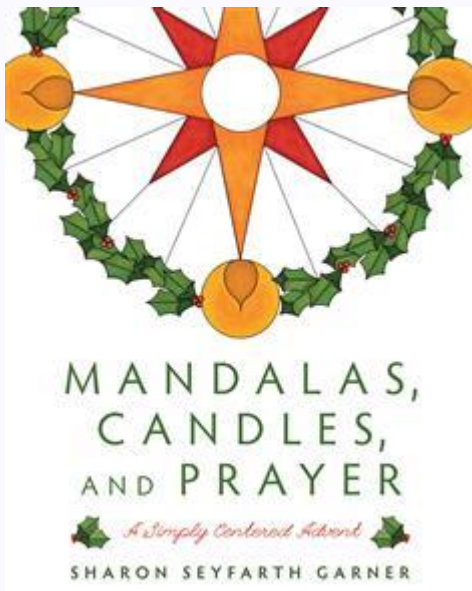
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
5 PM, ABOVE THE BARRE

Save-the-date for this fun evening of gymnastics fun, gift exchange, and pizza! Children and youth of all ages are welcome - we ask caregivers of children under 12 to stay to help supervise.

RSVP by **November 30** to Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.

ADVENT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



MANDALAS, CANDLES, AND PRAYER

SUNDAYS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 27
10 AM, PARLOR

Join us Sundays at 10 am beginning November 27 to bring color and light to the Advent Season! We'll be working contemplatively, sharing scripture, and heartfelt reflections.

Pick up a book now from room 12, for \$10. We have plenty of colored pencils, but feel free to bring your own colors of choice!

ADVENT YOGA WITH JEN MARSHALL

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 30
7 PM, PARLOR

Join us Wednesdays beginning November 30 in the Parlor at 7 PM for Advent Yoga with Jen Marshall.

Stretch your spirit and your body as we contemplate what it means to serve a God who took on flesh. No prior yoga experience necessary!

Bring a yoga/exercise mat if you have access to one; if not, a beach towel will also work.





THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN US FOR DIALOGUES ON: SEXUALITY

SUNDAYS, 10 AM, CHAPEL

Following up on our event last month, The ABC's of LGBTQ, we invite adults and senior high youth to join us for "Dialogues on: Sexuality", a series produced by Sparkhouse Publishing. In this short series, we will discuss patriarchy, shame, gender identity, church inclusivity, and sexual wholeness.

There are no participant books for this series, so registration is not needed. Videos can be previewed using your Amplify Media account.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

As our congregation grows in its discipleship, so do the number and variety of small group communities and classes.

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

FaithLink - Room 13 and Google Meet

Dialogues on Sexuality - Parlor, with Pastor Carrie

Sunday Scripture Reflections - Fellowship Hall, with Greg Rentsch

College Student Bible Study - Library, with Judy Hammer

WEEKDAY GROUPS

Morning Prayer - Monday-Friday, 9AM , on Zoom, with Pastor Nathan

Monday Women's Bible Study - Mondays, 7 PM, offsite- in home,
with Katie Flynn (kathryn.flinn@gmail.com)

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group - Second Monday of each Month, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall,
with Betsy Meikle (meiklebetsyj@gmail.com, 440-243-5767)

Tuesday Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 AM Room 13, with Pastor Nathan

Grief Share - Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, on Zoom or Fridays, 1:30 PM, Room 13
with Mary Lynn Swartz (marylynn482@gmail.com, 440-409-5931)

Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays, 7 PM, offsite-in home,
with Linda Short (9short28@gmail.com, 440-785-6047)

Thursday Bible Study - Thursdays, 6:30 PM, on Zoom,
with Mary Lynn Swartz (marylynn482@gmail.com, 440-409-5931)

To learn more about any of these groups, please contact Pastor Carrie
at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!

Interested in starting a new group?

Let us encourage and equip you - we'd be happy to help you start a new group!
Reach out to either Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105
or Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSIONS

All are welcome to join us for these upcoming book discussions meeting on two Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. Copies of the books are available through most library systems, but please contact **Pastor Nathan nhowe@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x101** if you need help accessing a copy and if you plan to participate.

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THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS: A NOVEL BY LAURIE FRANKEL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6:30 PM, PARLOR

In this novel from 2017, Frankel shares the story of a family with five boys in which the youngest feels he's something entirely different—a girl. Through the course of the story, readers are invited to reflect on the role of family and change, including the way changes often are both miraculous and hard to navigate.

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WHOLEHEARTED FAITH BY RACHEL HELD EVANS WITH JEFF CHU

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:30 PM, PARLOR

At the time of her death in 2019, at the age of 37, Rachel Held Evans was recognized widely for her theologically astute, profoundly honest, and beautifully personal books which have guided, edified, and helped to shape countless Christians as they seek to live a just and loving faith. *Wholehearted Faith* is the book she was working on at the time of her death; in it, the author wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Our study is a study in Miracles, Have you ever considered Jesus feeding the five thousand or when God tells us 'No' to be a miracle? Come join us as we find out how these were indeed miracles!!

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



READ & GROW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 6:30-8 PM, PARLOR

On November 14, we will discuss **The Last Train to London** by Meg Waite Clayton. On December 12, the discussion will focus on **Dearly** by Margaret Atwood.

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



TEACHING & LEARNING . . .



WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM
OR FRIDAYS, 1:30 PM, ROOM 13

We are offering encouragement and help after the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend or pet. New group members are welcome.



NOVEMBER 13, 2:30 PM, PARLOR

.... Are the Holidays looming ahead and you are not looking forward to them? Please come join us and we will give you some helpful hints and ideas, to help you through!

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



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT . . .



FOOD, FAITH, AND FRIENDSHIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6 PM, WESLEY HALL

Welcome to dinner! Join us for our rescheduled Dinner Church training - including dinner of course! Sign-up to bring a dish, learn more about this new ministry, and dream with us about what God might have in store for our community.

See the sign-up sheets on the Outreach Board (by Room 13) for food items and volunteers needed, or contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

EQUAL EXCHANGE ITEMS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
10-11 AM, BY THE PARLOR

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 at equalexchange.coop.





THE GIVING TREE

STARS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX
STARTING MID-NOVEMBER
GIFTS DUE BY DECEMBER 11

This program supports families in Berea by allowing community members to “adopt” a family to make their holidays a little bit more special.

Pick up star listing the requested items from the giving tree beginning in mid-November. Gifts will need to be dropped off at the church in early December, unwrapped, with the tag attached.

If you’d like to donate wrapping as well, that would be appreciated. However, we let Santa and his helpers do the wrapping!

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS THE GIVING TREE

Our loose change this month supports the Giving Tree, allowing us to purchase any items that are not spoken for. Any extra funds will be donated to Berea Community Outreach.

You can support this mission by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the “other” box and marking it “loose change offering”.



E-BIT (ENVIRONMENTAL TIDBIT) “CAN I RECYCLE ___?”

I have sometimes wondered if I can recycle a certain item. I recently attended a presentation by a staff member of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (CCSWD) (<https://cuyahogarecycles.org/>). She talked about the items that cannot be recycled (eg. garden hoses) and the **many** items that can be reused (eg. donated) or recycled. Some “odd” items that can be recycled are: electronics like laptops, cell phones, CD’s and DVD’s, cassette and VHS tapes (and their cases), holiday string lights and yard signs.

Since election season is upon us and will be over soon, you may wonder . . . what can I do with that yard sign I have for “x” candidate (or from “x” roofing company)? Well, you can reuse it to create a sign that spreads some joy or encouragement or you can recycle it year round at CCSWD. They also take the other items mentioned above.

Some communities, like Berea, have an electronics collection a couple of times a year and RET3 (<http://ret3.org/>), a nonprofit organization, accepts many electronics items. Some retailers (like Lowe’s and Home Depot), Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo/wildlife-conservation/lights-for-lions>), and many communities also recycle holiday lights at the end of the year. Check with your local retailer or city to see if/when they do these collections.

*Submitted by Wendy Jelinek
Church & Society/Creation Justice Team*



MESSY CHURCH MINECRAFT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
4 - 6 PM, WESLEY HALL

The Minecraft game is arguably the most popular game right now for children and teens...and maybe even grown-ups! At this Messy Church, our guests will learn about God the Creator as they discover we are all crafted by God. Join us as we build each other up and lean into our creativity! If you know a kid, any kid... they will want to be here! So be sure to invite them!

To sign-up to help out, please sign up on the Outreach Board (by Room 13) or contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

LEAF RAKING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 9 AM—NOON
(MEET AT SMITH SCHOOL AT 8:45 AM)

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, November 19 from 9 AM to Noon as we express God's love for our Berea neighbors by helping to rake leaves.

We will gather in the parking lot of the old Smith School (535 Wyleswood Drive) at 8:45 AM, receive our assigned yards from Berea Community Outreach, and depart from there.

If you plan to participate, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Wednesday, November 16** to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE CUPBOARD BETWEEN THE NARTHEX AND THE LIBRARY

Our collections of food continue. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the narthex (the hallway outside the Sanctuary) and the library anytime you are in the building. (If you need help finding the right location, talk to one of the pastors or other staff.)

During the school year, single serving items such as fruit cups and cheese or peanut butter crackers are especially appreciated. This is also a great time to start donating items for holiday dinners such as green beans, mushroom soup, and canned pumpkin.

If you are not planning already to make a trip to the grocery store, please feel free to participate with a monetary donation instead, either by mailing a check to the church office or online at www.umcb.org/donate. Please note "food pantry" on the description line.



FREE THANKSGIVING MEALS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
11 AM - 1 PM, PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CHURCH
(631 N. ROCKY RIVER DR, BEREA)

People's Community Church & the Berea City Club are offering free Thanksgiving Meals. Call **440-234-0609** by **November 12** to reserve your meal. **Drive-through pick-up only!**

Don't drive? Meals can be delivered in Berea. Request delivery when you call **440-234-0609** to reserve your meal.

Interested in volunteering or delivering?
Call **440-234-0609** to join the team.



WINTER "STAY ALIVE" ITEMS NEEDED

- HATS
- THICK GLOVES
- MENS AND WOMENS THERMALS SIZE M-3X
- MENS AND WOMENS TSHIRTS SIZE M-3X
- MENS AND WOMENS PANTS
- WINTER BOOTS AND TENNIS SHOES

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

SUPPORTING METANOIA MINISTRIES

Let us show love to our neighbors who are lacking adequate housing by donating needed items through Metanoia Ministries - who we have been partnering with for two years now. Items may be placed in the bin near the Outreach Board. Items need not be new, but should be clean and in excellent condition.

If you're interested in getting to know these neighbors by helping cook and serve meals this winter, please contact **Laura Rushton** at ilaurush@gmail.com or 567-303-1954.

Thank you!



Thanks for Giving

Donate blood and help save a life



URGENT NEED! Blood Drive

United Methodist Church Berea

Fellowship Hall
170 Seminary St.
Berea, OH 44017

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Berea or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Hats off to you with new merch: Come give Nov 23-27 for an exclusive Red Cross knit beanie, ltd qty!

Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
10 AM TO NOON

We are blessed to have been entrusted with a large and accessible building which provides a place for our congregation to gather and to grow while connecting with our neighbors. Occasionally, part of our building can benefit from a little refreshing. Please join us from 10 am to noon on Saturday, November 12. Our Trustees will have a list of a variety of projects, like dusting and wiping down pews, that any of us can help with to refresh our space and better prepare it for the upcoming holiday season.



TRUNK OR TREAT 2022 WAS A COMMUNITY TREAT!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered or donated candy!

We welcomed 370 guests!

Our Dad Grill Team grilled over 300 hotdogs...

Our 30 volunteers created a welcoming and fun experience...

And a mountain of candy was shared with the most adorable kids!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



Thank you for your prayers during my recent illness. My husband and I both feel truly blessed to be cared for by The UMC of Berea community.

Beth Barner,
Office Manager

We would like to thank everyone who prayed for and held good thoughts for Jamie who underwent cardiac surgery. The Master Surgeon was present not just for our family but every family who underwent a cardiac procedure that day.

God is good all the time.
All the time God is good!!

With much love and great appreciation,
Kathy & Jamie Feldman