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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THANK YOU, METANOIA VOLUNTEERS!

As the Metanoia season comes to a close, I want to thank each of you who contributed food or service (sometimes both!) to the effort to provide meals for the men and women in the hospitality centers.

From mid-November to the end of March, we put together and served a total of 12 hearty meals (including two pizza deliveries). In December we also brought several bags of much-needed winter clothing. It was heartwarming to see our church members talking to the people we served, even some who stayed by their cots.

I truly believe that our participation in the Metanoia Project is a big part of what it means to walk in the footsteps of Christ, sharing his grace and compassion with people who live on the margins.

Thank you to all those who answered the call to volunteer, sometimes at short notice.

Please share your thoughts,
and let Laura Rushton
(jlaurush@gmail.com or
567-303-1954)
know if you would like
to be on the team next year.



AN UPDATE FROM THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jim Cobler will be retiring from his role as our custodian and groundskeeper later this summer. Please join us in praying for and expressing thanks to Jim for his work to clean and maintain our building and grounds with such a generous and friendly spirit throughout these past years.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has posted this position publicly and is working to fill it as soon as possible. Help us "spread the word." If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time (flexible hours, approximately 20-25 hours per week) custodian and groundskeeper position, the interested person should please email jobs@umcb.org for more information. Thank you.



THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Thanks for a great Sunday School year!

A special thanks to our teachers:

Megan Howe, Martha Mallarnee,
Janet Mallarnee, Nancy Buehler, Margaret
Proctor, and Chuck Dixon.

A heartfelt thank you to Judy Mollison and the Memorial Reception committee for the lovely reception after Corey's mom's memorial service. It was an enormous help to us and we really appreciated it.

Sincerely,
The Reams Family



Meet the Sharks of Grindstone Elementary's Shark Tank Invention Competition! Sandy Marek, Carol Anne McCleary, and Barb Peterson all served as judges in this year's invention project. They were impressed with the creativity of our community's future leaders!

I just wanted to take a minute to thank you and your congregation for the sweet treat bag you sent to help us make it to Spring Break! The bag of treats were such a nice surprise and a great pick me up!

Thank you!
Kathy and the Grindstone Staff

Thank you so much for the gifts of love and support you share with the teachers and students of Grindstone Elementary. It really brightens up our day!

With thanks,
Lea Pilizz Smith, Music Teacher



Welcome back from Disney to our students who performed on Easter! UMCB is represented well in Brea Midpark's Marching Band!

Great job and welcome back to:
Bailey Jelinek, Andrew Sperry, Marcus Thomas,
Josh Ulman, and Madelyn Williams.



Messy Church Goes Wild was a Wild Success!
Thanks to everyone who came out, helped, created, and
made this Messy Church a wonderful celebration of creation!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



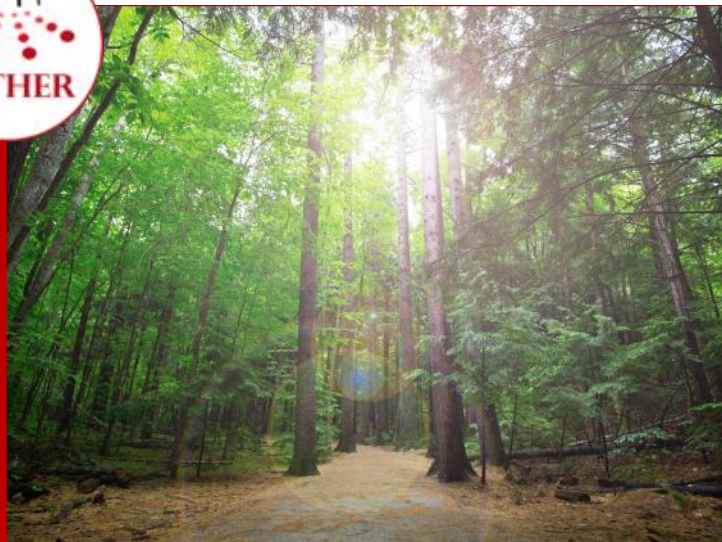
Look who graced the cover
of the April issue of
Northeast Ohio Parent -
Quinn Zeiter!

She and her brother, Luke,
were on the inside cover too.

Their proud parents are
Rebecca & Eric Zeiter.

*Photo credit to
Moments with Maurice.*





TUESDAY MORNING WALKS

TUESDAYS

7 AM, WALLACE LAKE PARKING LOT

It's always a joy to get outside and get moving. It's also a great way to care for the bodies God has given us and to experience God's presence in creation.

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 7AM. We meet in the parking lot by Wallace Lake and head out on the all-purpose trail that runs beside Valley Parkway. Join us any week!

Questions? Contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALK

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 4 PM
COLUMBIA RESERVATION
25145 ROYALTON ROAD,
COLUMBIA STATION

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation! All are welcome to join us for a walk on the trails at Columbia Reservation (25145 Royalton Road, Columbia Station) on Sunday, May 7. We will begin our walk from the parking lot at 4 PM.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, May 4** to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAREWELL & WELCOME RECEPTIONS

On **Sunday, June 11**, we will join together in one worship service at 10 AM as we thank Pastor Nathan and Megan Howe for their time with us and wish them well as they continue their ministry journey. After the service, there will be a Farewell Reception for all to join in fellowship.

On **Sunday, July 2**, we will welcome Pastor Steve, Sarah, Eli, and Eva Knisely as they begin their ministry with us. A Welcome Reception will be held between the services for us to share fellowship and greet them.

Volunteers are needed for both receptions.

If you would be interested in helping, please contact **Barb Peterson** at peterson.barbara8@gmail.com or 440-785-1282.





DAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 28

The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season and the third of the three great festivals that give shape to the Christian year (alongside Christmas and Easter). On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church as told in Acts 2. As you worship with us at 9 AM or 11 AM, you are encouraged to wear red or some other fire-inspired color.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Molly Arthur	Elenore Long
Betty Atherton	Christine McMillin
Barbara Beihl	Rev. Cal Myers
Heidi Blue	Lou Russell
Carol Bodle	<i>(Westlake Villages)</i>
Hugh Burtner	Russ Sanderson
Wilda Donegan	Pat Slater <i>(Renaissance)</i>
Nevan Eilbeck	MaryLynn Swartz
Molly Force	Carol Thompson
Carol & Bruce Forster	Ginny Thompson
Debby Haas	Kathleen Wargelin
Jan Heter <i>(Arden Courts)</i>	

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
June Demmerle (Generations)
Janice Kavander
Mary Lou McKissock (Kemper House, Strongsville)
Betty Miller (Renaissance)
Roy Miller (Western Reserve-Medina)
Pat Sarka (Wesleyan Village, Elyria)
Barbara Scoon (Vista Springs, Parma)
Von & Marilyn Smith (Renaissance)
Ruth Vrana (Generations, Strongsville)
Mary Jane & Sam Weaver (Generations)

MILITARY

J.D. Ferut (grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs) 04/17
Ryan Hopkins 9/17
Bill Lambert (son-in-law of Corky Cline) 1/13
Josh Lambert (grandson of Corky Cline) 2/21
Ben Lebrun 5/18
Zachary New (grandson of Jackie King) 10/16

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Wanda Baulin (sister of Wilda Donegan)
Dave & Jane Breakey (friends of the Brenneisons)
Marc Bittinger **
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)
Julie & Aaron Mansfield (family of Joanne Mansfield)
Paul & Kathryn and children (family of Christine and Andy McMillin)
Joann Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)
Laura Swartz Steele
Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk, Renaissance)

**WE REACH OUT IN
CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE**

... to Nevan Eilbeck and his family. Nevan's mother went on to rest in God's eternal peace.

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101 if you would like to schedule a 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, or visit our website at umcb.org/contact and subscribe in the lower right column.



May 7: Sunday School Class Parties (last day of Sunday School)

May 21: Last Confirmation class of the year

Thanks for a great Sunday School year!

We look forward to a summer of fun and faith formation!

See information regarding VBS (*below*),
Popsicles on the Playground (*page 11*),
and more!

Sunday School and Confirmation will resume in September.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS!

Welcome to Reflecting Rainbow VBS, where we will discover we are a part of God's continuing story! Inspired by the t.v. show Reading Rainbow, we will explore God's story, our own stories, and share the joy of reading all kinds of books!

Vacation Bible School is June 26-30 9:30-12:30 at The United Methodist Church of Berea (170 Seminary St.). Children may enter at 9 AM, and must be picked up by 12:30 PM. VBS is open those with preschool experience (age 3 and up) - 5th grade.

This is a cooperative VBS between local Berea Congregations - we're excited to be working with each other again for the second year in bringing faith and fun to our community!

Registration is now open! Children's spots are limited - please register early!

Registration for Children: <https://forms.gle/gKKfLi8Snzj8KGDx6>

Registration for Youth & Adult Helpers: <https://forms.gle/5h9RWo6gnXqpSh9x7>



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

SERVICE RALLY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 3 PM, AROUND BEREA

Join us Sunday, June 4 at 3 PM for our annual service rally! We'll be all around town sharing acts of kindness and then meeting back to share our stories and dinner.

Extra adult drivers are needed - please let Pastor Carrie know if you can help out at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.

SUPPORT YOUTH WORK MISSION:

NORTH CAROLINA/FLORIDA YOUTH CONFERENCE IN JULY

Youth are excited to join the East Ohio Conference in a joint mission and faith formation trip this July! They will spend the first half of the trip serving in Charlotte, NC and then head on to Florida to grow in faith at the UMC Youth2023 Conference.

Please keep this crew in your prayers: Amanda, Emily, Hope, Josie, and Marcus (not pictured). Pray for the adults leading them, too! Janet, Terry, and Pastor Carrie.

If you feel led to financially support their trip, you can send your donation to the church or donate online with *Youth Work Mission* in the other box.

Thank you for your prayerful support of our young disciples!



SINGLE-DAY SUMMER RETREAT

JULY 29, 2023

The middle of the summer can be a bummer so we are organizing a one day Simple Retreat. Join us for a get away to enjoy our Spiritual Gifts and how we can help others. Sherri Buehl will be our speaker.

Watch for more information coming in June & July!

Hope to see you there, ladies!!!



ATTENTION, LADIES!



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

MONDAYS, MAY 8 & MAY 22
6:30-8 PM, ROOM 13 & ON ZOOM

May 8: *Switchboard Soldiers*
by Jennifer Chiavri.

May 22: Planning meeting to discuss
book suggestions for next year.

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

FOR THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
A LOVED ONE

GRIEF SHARE



EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY, VIA ZOOM
OR EVERY OTHER FRIDAY, LOCATION TBA

We are doing GriefShare a bit different for the summer before beginning a new session in August! We will be meeting every other week on Zoom for Wednesday nights and for Friday afternoons, we'll be taking it outside. Whether on the church grounds or Coe Lake or even Bradley Woods, we will take time to enjoy nature and talk about what ever is on our minds. Join us and get a feel for GriefShare in new environments.

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

EXPLORING THE UMC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

SUNDAY MORNINGS
10AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

All are welcome to join a hope filled group who strive to build God's beloved community through active learning. We are exploring the UMC Social Principles to understand what the Bible says, what the UMC says, what the facts are, and how we can take action. We celebrate our faith in action.

In May, we will discuss topics in the categories of Peace with Justice, Women & Children, Civil & Human Rights, and Health and Wholeness. Please join the conversation Sunday mornings at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Welcome to the beginning of Jeremiah. Would you like to know how to make a firm commitment or to be shaped by the potter and use these ideas in your daily life?

Please come join us on Thursday nights.
Everyone is welcome!

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





SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

SUNDAYS BEGINNING JUNE 18, 10 AM, GATHERING PLACE

As most faith formation classes and groups take a break for the summer, we are excited to invite you to join us for a Summer Scripture Reading Challenge! We'll travel through Luke and Acts beginning the week of June 18. Engage in online dialogue about the weekly readings on our Facebook page, or enjoy casual conversation about the readings during the 10 AM hour in the Gathering Place. Online content from the Bible Project will help you gain a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and spur some great reflection and conversation.

We hope you'll join us in this unique summer faith formation opportunity! Stay tuned for a schedule of readings and videos!



REDUCE,
REUSE,
RECYCLE

Thank you for donating mugs for the Gathering Place. This helps us to decrease our usage of Styrofoam and paper cups. Enjoy looking through the colorful selection next time you are in the Gathering Place.

We continue to look for ways we can promote recycling not only as individuals but as a community.

Swiffer offers a free recycling program through TerraCycle for **Sweeper, Duster, and WetJet pads**. If you use these products, please consider bringing them to church for recycling. A collection bin will be in the Gathering Place.

Only the Swiffer brand pads are accepted. The pads need to be rinsed and dry before placing them in the bin. The pads will then be mailed to TerraCycle to be recycled into new products.

Please contact Cindy McCowen at 440-234-3985 or clmccowen@aol.com with any questions.

Thank you for your continued interest in Creation Justice.

*Submitted by Cindy McCowen
Church & Society / Creation Justice team*

EQUAL EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, MAY 7
10-11 AM, BY THE PARLOR

Did you know that the olives used to make Equal Exchange olive oil are indigenous to Palestine and produce one of the highest quality olive oils in the world? It can be used in cooking and even for baking!

Olive farming is important to the economy of this region of the world and its people. Many of the olive trees have been passed down through many generations so the farmers feel a deep connection to the land and the trees.

Thank you for helping to provide a fair wage for those who work hard to grow this beneficial food item and in a way that does not harm God's creation.

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

Learn more at
equalexchange.coop.





FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME- SUNDAY, MAY 14

WORSHIP

9 AM, SANCTUARY & ONLINE
11 AM WESLEY HALL

BRUNCH (BENEFITING HELP BUILD HOPE)

10 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

On May 14, we will celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home in worship, as well as celebrate family and home with a brunch between services.



Sign up at the Outreach Board (by Room 13)
or contact **Pastor Carrie** at 440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org
to sign up to bring an egg dish, pastry, or fruit.

You'll also have the opportunity to support another "home" -
a free will offering will be taken at the brunch to kick-off our fundraising efforts
for our next Help Build Hope event, September 22-23, 2023.

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Join us for a
FUNdraiser

MAX & ERMA'S

United Methodist Church of Berea Habitat for Humanity
Wednesday, May 10, 11am-4pm

★★★★★

Max & Erma's Middleburg Heights
7085 Engle Rd.
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
440-816-1626

Present this flyer to your server when you dine and a percentage of your food sales will be donated back to the organization!

VISIT MAXANDERMAS.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Offer distribution on Max & Erma's property is prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your organization's entire donation. Donation amount is not calculated on alcohol and gift card sales. Donations will not be made on past purchases. Max & Erma's 60303030s cannot be combined with coupons or other offers.



SUNDAY, MAY 21
4 - 6 PM, WESLEY HALL

It's our last Messy Church of the school year!

Join us, and bring your friends for our annual carnival and celebration of Pentecost!

If you'd like to help or have questions,
please contact **Pastor Carrie** at
440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
6 PM, WESLEY HALL

Join us for our last Dinner Church until September! We will be sharing about Psalm 23, enjoying time with friends, and of course, sharing in mealtime.

Invite a friend now to join you! This is a great way to introduce friends and neighbors to church.

Sign up to bring a dish on the Outreach board (by Room 13).

Popsicles on the Playground



POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND SUMMER CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

JUNE 14, 6 PM, COE LAKE PLAYGROUND

JULY 19, 3 PM, SPLASH PAD

AUGUST 16, 6 PM, PARKNOLL PLAYGROUND

Join us for these fun play meet-ups
with friends from

The United Methodist Church of Berea

Congregation members are welcome to join us
in welcoming our community
and handing out treats!

*(Raindates: The following day—follow us on
Facebook for updates:*

www.facebook.com/umcberea.)

MAY LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS

THE WORK OF HANSON HOUSE

HansonHouse Traumatic Brain Injury Clubhouse is the first program in Ohio based upon the true Clubhouse model of community re-entry for people with traumatic brain injury. At the present time we reach approximately 200+ people in Northern Ohio, with some kind of service, while intensively engaging a smaller group with weekly services, right here at our church. We are grateful for their ministry, and appreciate your continued support of this group.

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".

UMCB COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

As we seek to provide opportunities for all people to be involved in our ministries of worship, fellowship, teaching and learning, and engaging with our community toward compassion and justice, excellent communication is essential. Currently, we seek to provide excellent communication through multiple channels as listed in the form below.

In our ongoing effort to provide excellent communication regarding the many opportunities to be involved in our ministries, we are asking you to complete this "Communications Survey" to help us assess which communication channels are most effective in extending this invitation. You can complete the survey using the form below and placing it in the church office mailbox or the Sunday offering plate. You can also complete the survey online at <https://forms.gle/BoLP7g5yH1oo7Djp8>.

If you have any questions or additional thoughts you want to share, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101. Thank you!

Please rate each UMCB communication method in its usefulness to you.

	Do not receive, access, or read this	Rarely has information of interest	Some information of interest	My "Go To" source of information	Wait! I can get information in this format??
Sunday bulletins	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sunday announcements in Worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The screen in the Narthex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The UMCB website (www.umcb.org)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The online calendar (www.umcb.org/ upcomingevents)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The monthly Caller (Subscribe at www.umcb.org/ communications/)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The weekly e-newsletter (Subscribe at www.umcb.org/ communications/)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The UMCB Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/ UMCBEREA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bulletin boards around the building	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Printed information in the back of the worship spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Word of Mouth from the UMCB Community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>