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CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 2

FOLLOWING THE 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
THE FRONT LAWN (WEATHER-PERMITTING)

Let's celebrate Pastor Steve's first Sunday with an all-church picnic. On Sunday, July 2, following the 10 AM service (our only worship service for that day), we'll gather outside for food, fun, and fellowship. The UMCB will provide the main dish; please bring a dish to share or just come to visit.

We're planning a variety of activities for ALL to enjoy. Kick off the summer, share God's bounty, and welcome Pastor Steve, Sarah, Eli, and Eva.

Hope to see you!!

Questions? Please contact **Nancy Buehler** at nbuehler75@gmail.com or 440-292-6194.

WHAT'S NEW



IN THE LIBRARY?

Our librarians are hard at work revitalizing The UMCB Library. As part of this ongoing process, there is a new checkout and return process:

1. Choose a book or item from the shelves
2. Remove the book card from the card pocket
3. Sign your name, date, and preferred contact information (e.g. email, phone number with text/call preference)
4. Place card in check out container
5. When finished with the book, place it in the return container

*The default time frame is one month. You may renew.
After two months, you will be sent a reminder.*

As our VBS program said, "explore God's story, our own stories, and share the joy of reading all kinds of books".



SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

MEMBERS

- Bruce Akins
- Molly Arthur
- Betty Atherton
- Barbara Beihl
- Heidi Blue
- Carol Bodle
- Jean Brenneison
- Hugh Burtner
- Karen Caldwell
- Wilda Donegan
- Neven Eilbeck
- Molly Force
- Carol & Bruce Forster
- Debby Haas
- Jan Heter (Arden Courts)
- Elenore Long
- Christine McMillin
- Rev. Cal Myers
- Lou Russell (Westlake Villages)
- Russ Sanderson
- Pat Slater (Renaissance)
- Joan Smith
- MaryLynn Swartz
- Carol Thompson
- Ginny Thompson
- Kathleen Wargelin

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 Jackie King)

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

- Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
- Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
- 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)

WE REACH OUT IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE

- ... to Cindie Moore, M L Moore, and the Moore Family. Gracelouise (G L) Moore went on to rest in God's eternal peace on May 19.
- ... to the Family and Friends of June Demmerle, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on June 12. A Memorial Service was held on June 23.

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)
- Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk, Renaissance)

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 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, scan the QR code or visit our website umcb.org/communications.

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023: REPORT FROM OUR LAY REPRESENTATIVES



The 54th annual conference of the East Ohio Conference was this June 8-10. Pastors Nathan and Carrie were joined by lay representatives Jeff Zeager and Rachel Huth at the John S. Knight Center in Akron to worship, take communion together, remember those who have gone before us, witness the ordination of new deacons and elders, commission our newest laity, and vote with over 800 other members of our conference.

We heard a number of updates from across the conference and saw a wide variety of ministries represented, both on the stage and at tables outside of the main conference hall. Hearing how other parishes have adapted to the challenges of declining membership and the growing needs of their communities gave hope and really pushed us to challenge how creative we were willing to get with the resources we have.

Some hard decisions were made at this conference, including the decision to redistrict from ten districts to four (effective January 1, 2024 – and no, we don't know the districts yet), and to approve the disaffiliation of 237 churches from our conference (effective July 1, 2023). But the week ended on a hopeful note: in Bishop Malone's words, we were beseeched to "pull together and let us seize this kairotic moment to seek and live into the new thing that God is doing among us."

Not content to sit in the hard decisions, the conference passed a resolution to write and put forward a statement condemning hate crimes, affirmed the Christmas Covenant forwarded by our beloved family across the globe to start rectifying the effects of colonialism on our denomination, and resolved to condemn Israel's killing of Palestinian children.

Jeff and I both encourage you to read the recap article on the EOC website, which gives an excellent (and more detailed) overview of what happened. You can also check out videos of some of the highlights of the conference (or the entirety of the business sessions) here:

<https://eocumcnews.com/2023/06/10/annual-conference-2023-faith-hope-love/>



**PRAYERS
FOR OUR
YOUTH WORK MISSION
TRIP!**

Please keep youth: Hope, Josie, Amanda, Emily, Marcus, and Anna; and their leaders: Pastor Carrie, Terry, and Janet, in your prayers as they head to North Carolina and Florida to serve together, pray together, and grow together!

They will be traveling and serving alongside a team from East Ohio, that is 50 disciples strong!

Look forward to a report and pictures next month!



SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

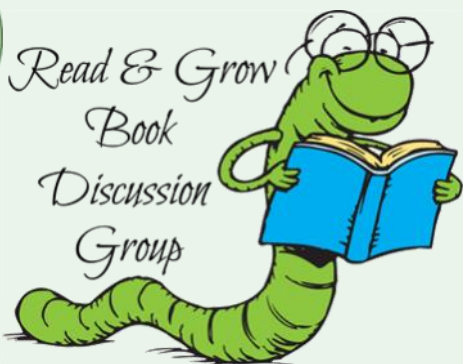
You're invited to join us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke through the Acts of the Apostles! Here's how you can participate (do as much as you like):

- ◇ Read along with the reading plan (*below*).
- ◇ Watch the Bible Project's Video that expands your understanding of the reading.
- ◇ Comment on the Facebook Discussion Prompt of the Week.
- ◇ Enjoy casual conversation with friends at 10 AM in the Gathering Place with the week's discussion prompt.

Videos available at: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/luke-acts-series/>

Want more? Check out the Podcasts! <https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/luke-acts-series/>

Read by this	Scripture	Video
July 2	Luke 9-19	The Prodigal Son
July 9	Luke 9-23	The Crucifixion of Jesus
July 16	Luke 24	The Resurrection of Jesus
July 23	Acts 1-7	Pentecost
July 30	Acts 8-12	The Apostle Paul
August 6	Acts 13-20	Paul's Missionary Journeys
August 13	Acts 21-28	Bound for Rome



READ & GROW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

MONDAY, AUGUST 14
6:30-8 PM, ROOM 13 & ON ZOOM

We're starting our book club on **August 14** with **Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee** by Casey Cup. Discussion leader: Karen Caldwell.

On **September 11**, we will discuss **The Mountains Sing** by Que Mai Pham Nguyen. Discussion leader: Janet Mallarnee.

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

GRIEF SHARE

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 5 & 19, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM - OR -
FRIDAYS, JULY 7 & 21, 1:30 PM, UMCB FRONT PORCH

(REGULAR PROGRAM RESUMES IN AUGUST)

We will be meeting for our summer sessions on Wednesdays, July 5 and 19 for our Zoom discussions and then on Fridays, July 7 and 21 for our front porch discussions! Basically, we will have two questions to discuss as well as whatever is on your minds.

Starting on Wednesday, August 2, we will resume our regular program via Zoom at 6:30 PM. Then on Friday, August 11, we will resume our meetings in Room 13 at 1:30 PM.

We are looking forward to seeing new faces. You can go on www.griefshare.org and register for either program. Once you are registered, I will send you all the information you need.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

We are into **Sermon on the Mount** with good discussions. Have you ever considered: *How to really love your enemies* or *The importance of Obeying God's law*? Come and help us explore these and more questions!



SUMMER WOMEN'S RETREAT: SPIRITUAL GIFTS WHAT TO DO... "THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING."

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 8AM - 4PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join us for a one day Retreat. It's just a day away to enjoy our Spiritual Gifts and learn how we can help others. Please join us for the answers and to enjoy meeting new Ladies!

Facilitator: Deaconess Sherri Buehl
Please bring your own lunch. Snacks & beverages will provided.
\$15.00 Registration.



For more information about these opportunities or to register for the retreat, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or **440-409-5931**



FEED THE KIDS

DONATE FOOD BEGINNING JULY 1

HELP BAG THE FOOD - JULY 16, 10 AM, GATHERING PLACE

HELP DISTRIBUTE BAGS - JULY 17, 5 PM CHRIST UNITED CHURCH

It's our turn to help "feed the kids" this summer by providing three days worth of meals to our food insecure kids. Please help in these ways as you are able:

Donate food beginning July 1. We will need: breakfast items (like pop tarts or cereal), lunch items (like individual serve pasta, easy mac, etc.), dinner items (like cup-o-noodles, canned meat, soup, etc.), juice boxes, fruit cups/pouches, and snacks. Keep in mind that easy to prepare or zero-preparation foods make it easier for children. We are preparing at least 100 bags! So the need is great! You can also donate monetarily at umcb.org/donate using the other box and designating it for "Feed the Kids" or through the church finance office.

Help bag up the food at 10 AM on Sunday, July 16. Let's beat last year's record - we packed 120 bags in 23 minutes! Many hands make light work!

Help distribute the bags to families on July 17 at Christ United Church. Distribution begins at 5 PM.

To sign up to help with the distribution, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, JULY 2
10-11 AM, BY THE PARLOR

Thank you for purchasing Equal Exchange items. When you do, you are providing 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. Learn more at equalexchange.coop.

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



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

Our Loose Change offerings this month will benefit the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. During our worship services on June 25, we heard from Rev. Michael Parish about the important work the mission is doing. This includes refugee support in addition to the other great work the mission has always done. Your generosity helps them to keep moving forward in this mission to renew our city and communities! Thank you!

You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering". All of these funds will be set aside to help purchase food for this mission.



Building Partnerships • Building Relationships • Building Community
Building Homes

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023

It's time to sign up for our
 Help Build Hope Wall Build!

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Individuals, Families, Groups, and Businesses
 come together to frame a house for a future
 Habitat for Humanity home.

Open to ages 5 and older!

Register Here:

helpbuildhope.com/umcberea



JULY 19, 3 PM, SPLASH PAD
 AUGUST 16, 6 PM, PARKNOLL PLAYGROUND

Join us for these fun
 play meet-ups with
 our community!

Our June meet up
 with a hit, and
 we're excited to
 host more!



*(Raindates: The following day - follow us for
 updates: facebook.com/umcberea.)*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

DRINK LOCAL, DRINK TAP BEACH CLEANUPS

SATURDAYS, JULY 8, AUGUST 19, AND SEPTEMBER 16
 10 AM - NOON, EDGEWATER BEACH

REGISTER REQUIRED AT DRINKLOCALDRINKTAP.ORG/ENGAGEMENT/BEACH-CLEANUPS/

Do like to spend time by Lake Erie and would you like to help protect the lake? If you do, please join with **Drink Local Drink Tap** (DLDT), a Cleveland nonprofit organization whose vision is "Inspiring the world to carefully value and protect our water as a basic necessity of life," in working toward clean water for people of the Greater Cleveland and in east Africa. As United Methodists, we know that water is an important symbol in our relationship with God and all living things need water to live so we are called to protect this precious resource.

Ways you can get involved with DLDT are to learn more about their organization and their activities on their website at drinklocaldrinktup.org/ and/or to participate in one of their upcoming **Beach Cleanups** at Edgewater Park (Perkins Beach, north of West Boulevard). **Registration is required for the cleanups:** drinklocaldrinktup.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/

Enjoy the summer weather with your family or friends near Lake Erie and partner with some new people to protect birds and fish and help clean up our great lake! I did a cleanup last year so if you have questions, please let contact me (Wendy) at snowleopard7001@yahoo.com or 440-826-9027.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek, Church & Society



BROOKDALE ORCHARD VISIT RECAP

It was a warm spring day on June 3, 2023 but under shady trees and tents, six of us from The UMCB, Mittie Imani Jordan from Brookdale Orchard (brookdaleorchard.com) and from St. Matthew UMC as well as two additional ladies from St. Matthew UMC, and six people from Next Step Ministries learned about Underground Railroad Codes of Freedom and painted them on fence pickets.

Did you know that one of the Codes of Freedom, called Crossroads, represents Cleveland, Ohio? People from The UMCB donated ten perennial plants and eight annual plants to the mission. The group also got a tour of three plots of land that are part of Brookdale Orchard and learned more about the purpose of the Orchard – turning vacant land in the neighborhood into growth opportunities – growth of food and job opportunities – and a way to build a peaceful community.

Thanks for your support of this mission. We plan to visit the Orchard again in the future.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek, Church & Society



WALK

TWO MILES



FOR SECOND MILE



Sunday July 23rd

Check-in 1:00pm

Walk: 1:30-2:30pm

Second Mile Shop will be open from 1-3pm with special sales!!

Tickets can be purchased on our website:
secondmileoutreach.org

**FUTURE EVENT: DUCK RACES
(+DINNER, RAFFLE, GIFT BASKETS,
DOOR PRIZES)**

AUGUST 26

Stay tuned for details.

Stop in the Thrift Store and check out the new set up and merchandise...something for everyone!

And, as always, thank you for your kindness and compassion.