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### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

REGISTER AT  
[HELPBUILDDHOPE.COM/  
 UMCBEREA](http://HELPBUILDDHOPE.COM/UMCBBEREA)

FOR THE WALL BUILD ON  
 SEPTEMBER 22-23

Individuals, families, businesses, and groups come together to frame a house for a future Habitat for Humanity home. This event is open to ages 5 and older!

Be sure to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and groups you are a part of to join us. Financial donations are also still being accepted and are very appreciated. If you know of a local business that would like to support this mission, please contact Pastor Carrie.

Questions?  
 Contact **Pastor Carrie** at  
[cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or  
 440-234-3525 x105.



THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE  
 MONTH BEGINNING AUGUST 2  
 10 AM - NOON, ROOM 13

We are so excited to be starting a new ministry at UMCB! Have you, or a loved one, ever had a time when you needed to feel the love and prayers of your church family and the love of Jesus. Imagine a shawl knitted, or crocheted, in prayer and given to you, or a loved one, by your church family. Imagine giving a shawl from your church to someone who is lonely or hurting.

We'd love for you to join us and knit or crochet prayer shawls. The knitting pattern is easy---Knit 3, purl 3.

Questions? Please contact  
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 or the **church office** at  
[info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or  
 440-234-3525x100  
 if you have any questions!



### POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND

AUGUST 16, 6 PM, PARKNOLL PLAYGROUND  
 (12 STONESTHROW DR., BEREA)

Join us for this fun play meet-up with our community! (*Raindates: The following day - follow us for updates: [facebook.com/umcberea](https://facebook.com/umcberea).)*





# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

## AUGUST ELECTION ALERT

Did you know there is a special election on August 8, 2023 with only one issue on the ballot? Early voting has begun on State Issue 1, a proposed amendment which would make it much harder to change the Ohio Constitution by a citizen-led ballot initiative. If passed, it would raise the threshold for a successful proposal from a simple majority of 50% + one to a supermajority of 60%.

The amendment also makes it drastically harder to qualify for the ballot in the first place, by requiring that a 5% threshold for signatures be reached in all 88 counties. Currently, the Ohio Constitution allows for an amendment proposal to be put before the voters if signature requirements are met in at least 44 counties. The "cure period" for collecting additional signatures would be eliminated.

The rules for amending the Ohio Constitution were adopted in 1912 at a special state convention where Theodore Roosevelt gave the keynote address. He advocated strongly for the citizens of Ohio to have this right to direct democracy. You can read the proposed amendment with arguments for and against on the Ohio League of Women Voters website (<https://www.lwvohio.org>). The Plain Dealer's editorial board has also made all its articles available to readers without a subscription at <https://tinyurl.com/PDISSUE1>.

Get the facts before you vote!

For information about how to vote, go to your local Board of Elections website.

For **Cuyahoga County**, you can find it by calling **216-443-8683** or at <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/>.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL MESSY CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 4 PM, WESLEY HALL

*"...See I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19)*

Join us as we start a new school year with a fresh start, letting go of what happened before and trusting in God to lead us in new and wonderful ways! Bring your friends to this Messy Church kick-off! We'll play, we'll worship, and of course, we'll eat! Begins Sunday, August 20 at 4 PM in Wesley Hall.

Questions? Want to help?  
Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org)  
or 440-234-3525 x105.

## AUGUST LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING BENEFITS MESSY CHURCH

This month's loose change will support the creative community of Messy Church which reaches many unchurched families with the love of God.

At Messy Church, we play, we pray, we connect and we build community. We eat, and we share. We love, and we heal. It's all in a little glitter that we discover God's grace.

You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at [umcb.org/donate](https://umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering".



## DINNER CHURCH & YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 5 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Learning a lot from our “soft launch” of Dinner Church last spring, we’re excited to move forward with this new ministry. We are moving Dinner Church to the fourth Sunday of each month at 5 PM. We are learning that weeknights are a challenge for those who work and those with children and youth. Sunday evenings allow those who work on Sunday mornings to experience church. They are also an “open” time slot that is not often used for extra-curriculars.

Dinner will be followed by a short worship experience, and then age related small groups. Adults can explore more about the night’s topic, children can enjoy faithful play, and youth group will meet for fun and friendship. The whole evening will span from 5-7 PM. We will need leaders for each of these groups.

**Our Next Dinner Church and Small Groups will be August 27 at 5 PM.**

Please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105 to learn how you can help.

### Ecumenical Youth Group

Join us the 4th Sunday of each month for  
dinner, worship, and youth group, 5-7 pm @ UMC Berea  
All Ages Welcome

[Community Groups for Kids, Youth, & Adults]

### Quarterly Events

**Gather:** Oct. 29th Pumpkin Carving & Parent Workshop  
on Youth Mental Health @ Christ United Church 5-7 pm

**Grow:** Jan. 14-15 Hero Lock-In: Exploring Heroes in Mercy & Justice.  
Overnight fun and faith! @ UMC Berea beginning at 7 pm

**Go:** June 2 Service Rally, Meeting at Coe Lake, 5-7pm

Youth will also participate in quarterly Ecumenical youth experiences.

This fall, we anticipate hosting an event focused on mental wellness, in the winter - a day retreat, and in the spring - a service event.

## EQUAL EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 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](http://equalexchange.coop).



AUGUST DONATIONS ACCEPTED IN THE BOX BY THE PARLOR KITCHENETTE

UMW delivered over 100 cans of baked beans and canned meat to Second Mile Outreach last month. A BIG thank you to everyone who donated.

SMO sponsors a "Back to School" event in August. Children come to the shop for clothing, toys, and school supplies. SWGHC will also be there to provide free blood pressure screening for the moms.

**UMW is collecting feminine hygiene products** (specifically pads and tampons). Moms will receive their goodies when they come in with their kiddos. Please place your donations in the box located by the parlor kitchenette.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



### SECOND MILE OUTREACH SPONSORS KEN-DUCKY DERBY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

5 PM - DOORS OPEN

6 PM - DINNER

7 PM - POST TIME

BEREA AMERICAN LEGION HALL (91 AMERICAN LEGION PKWY, BERA)

TICKETS \$30

Come support Second Mile Outreach on Saturday, August 26. SMO is hosting a catered meal, gift basket auction, door prizes and...DUCK RACES. ALL proceeds benefit SMO.

For tickets/more information, please contact **Carol McCleery** at 440-234-9078 or [mcmanistee7250@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com).

Thank you, in advance, for supporting Second Mile Outreach!



## 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](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com) or 440-243-5767.





### FAITH FORMATION PREVIEW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
10 AM, GATHERING PLACE

We are looking forward to our Faith Formation kick-off with “Donuts and Disciples” on Sunday, September 10 at 10 AM in the Gathering Place. Join us for a fun and faith-filled morning as we learn all about the faith formation opportunities for all ages.

Learn about the wide variety of Adult small groups and studies. Learn about youth ministry events. Meet children’s Sunday School teachers and get a tour of the rooms. Oh, and enjoy donuts as we discover all the ways you can grow in your discipleship at UMCB!

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Come join us for Thursday Night Bible study. With Sermon on the Mount we are having some challenging discussions. For instance: what God thinks of my ambitions or how to really love your enemies? Think of all the discussions we can share. Come join us on Thursday nights on zoom!

For more information, please contact  
**Mary Lynn Swartz** at  
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL Teachers & Leaders Needed



### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED

We are thanking God for a little “problem”... we have more kids than we anticipated joining us for Sunday School and other programs! We are also reimagining youth ministry and are in need of small group leaders to help with this growing ministry.

If you are young at heart, and have a heart for the young, please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105 to learn how you can support our growing ministry with young disciples.



WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 9  
6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

- OR -

FRIDAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 11  
1:30 PM, ROOM 13

Starting on Wednesday, August 9, 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](http://www.griefshare.org) and register for either program. Once you are registered, I will send you all the information you need.

For more information and to request the materials, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**MEMBERS**

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

**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)

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

... to the Family & Friends of Carol Thompson, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on Friday, July 7.

... We reach out in Christian sympathy and love to Orley & Julie Aten and the Aten Family. Stephanie Aten, Daughter-in-law of Orley & Julie, went on to rest in God's eternal peace on Wednesday, July 5.

**MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)  
 Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)  
 Janice Kavander  
 Mary Lou McKissock (Kemper 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)

**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  
 Joe Jordan (brother-in-law of Debby Haas)  
 Isaac Kowicki & Oliver Lawrence (great nephews of Cindy Osborn)  
 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)  
 William & Patricia (friends of Wendy Jelinek)

**PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please contact **Pastor Steve**  
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 or **Pastor Carrie**  
 ([cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org), 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](http://umcb.org/worshipresources) or  
 by emailing the church office at [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org).



To receive prayer concerns by email, scan the QR code or visit our website  
[umcb.org/communications](http://umcb.org/communications).

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!

Our Reflecting Rainbows VBS was a wonderful experience - 50 children joined us from around the community to learn all about how they are a part of God's story.

It was only possible by the hands and hearts of the many volunteers who joined this effort. They too, are a vital part of God's story! And what a good chapter this was! Thank you!

We are looking forward to  
TWO camps next year -  
one for younger children,  
and one for tweens.

We hope you'll plan on joining us  
for our next VBS mission!



SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### PRAYERS FOR ELIZABETH PHILOPOT ON A MISSION THIS SUMMER!

Elizabeth, one of our college students, has been on a mission trip with Woodbridge UMC (Virginia), where she is serving in Guatemala by helping build safe wood-burning stoves. They are also helping with a Mayan art program with the local school.

## Notes of THANKS

Friends thank you for your cards and prayers during and after my surgery. It is a blessing to have the church community during my recovery.

Karen Caldwell

Church,

The Knisely family just wanted to briefly say thank you for the gracious welcome that we have received from all of you. We have appreciated everything from the meals as we arrived, to the welcome lunch on our first Sunday, to the generous gift cards for helping us get settled and explore the many wonderful places of Berea. Many of you have even welcomed us beyond this in a variety of kind and heartfelt ways. For all of this we are grateful.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Steve Knisely

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### YOUTH WORK MISSION

At the time of printing, our youth: Hope, Josie, Amanda, Emily, Marcus, and Anna; and their leaders: Pastor Carrie, Terry, and Janet, are on their 2023 mission trip with other youth & leaders from Ohio. Look for a trip report and more pictures from their trip are coming soon.

*Top: East & West Ohio Conference Youth & Leaders*

*Left & Right: Packing lunches for the homeless.*

