



THE CALLER

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**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE UMCB**

**First Sundays** – Friends & Family Sunday – Bring a friend to church and enjoy the afternoon together after!

**Second Sundays** – Join us for a hike! Stay tuned for various Metropark locations throughout the year. Times vary based on season.

**Third Sundays** – Get in the MESS! Join us for Messy Church – fun and faith for all ages.

**Fourth Sundays** – You're invited! Bring a friend to Dinner Church for a shared meal and casual worship, followed by small groups and youth group.

THIS MONTH

**Sunday, October 8**

Hike at the Rocky River Nature Center  
4 PM / 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, 44070

**Sunday, October 15**

Trunk or Treat Messy Church,  
4 PM / The UMCB Parking Lot

**Sunday, October 22**

Dinner Church - Grow Theme  
5 PM / Fellowship Hall



### PRAYGROUND NOW OPEN IN THE SANCTUARY!

We are happy to see several 9 AM young worshippers enjoying the new "Prayground" in the Sanctuary. This is a great space for kids (and their caregivers!) to feel welcome in worship.

We thank the congregation for all of their support in welcoming all of God's Children!

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### BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE TO CHURCH!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Join us as we explore our Bibles together in worship! We will look at the Word of God with fresh eyes, explore how we can use our Bibles in our faith journeys, and present new Bibles to some students!

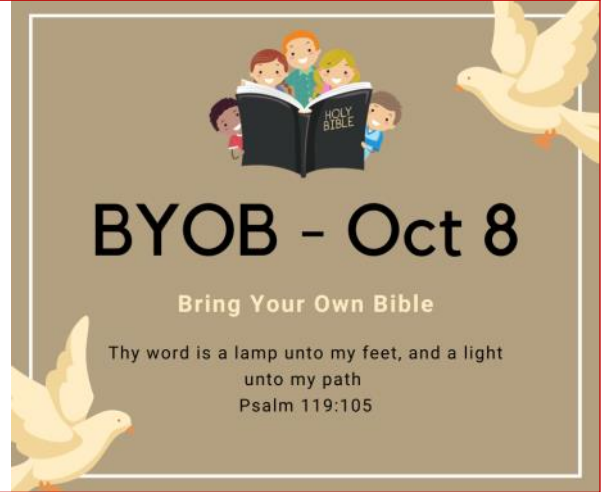


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### UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

50%

FUNDS TRAINING PROGRAMS & GRANTS

35%

RACIAL & ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIPS & MENTOR PROGRAMS

15%

FUNDS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & SCHOLARSHIPS



### SUPPORT

Donations support racial and ethnic students with scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development.

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church\*

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

On October 1 we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday, a day that is special and dear to your pastor's heart.

From the United Methodist Book of Worship it states, "Observed on the first Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches."

On this day we take communion with Christians all over the world, emphasizing the unifying and mighty work of Jesus Christ. We are not alone, but we are together in Christ. I look forward to sharing in this celebration of love and grace with each of you on this very important Sunday.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Steve



## SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

### MEMBERS

Bruce Akins	Dorene Larkey
Molly Arthur	Nancy Leeseberg
Betty Atherton	Elenore Long
Cass Beckman	John Marting
Barbara Beihl	Christine McMillin
Heidi Blue	Betty Miller (Renaissance)
Carol Bodle	Lou Russell
Jean Brenneison	(Westlake Villages)
Lee Brenneison	Russ Sanderson
Hugh Burtner	Barbara Scoon
Karen Caldwell	(Vista Springs, Parma)
Wilda Donegan	Pat Slater (Renaissance)
Neven Eilbeck	Joan Smith
Molly Force	MaryLynn Swartz
Carol & Bruce Forster	Kathleen Wargelin
Jan Heter (Arden Courts)	Sam Weaver
Larry Jelinek	Patty Worthem

### MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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

### WE REACH OUT IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...

... to the family and friends of Ginny Thompson who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on Sunday September 24. A Memorial service will be held on Monday, October 2 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

... to the Family & Friends of Rev. Dr. Calvin R. Myers, Sr., who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on Tuesday, August 29. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

### 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)

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Wanda Baulin (sister of Wilda Donegan)  
 Marc Bittinger \*\*  
 Terre Christian (Pastor Carrie's mother)  
 Pattie Dronen (mother of Sarah Knisely)  
 AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)  
 Steve & Jennifer Fried (friends of the Oberts)  
 Spencer Gehring  
 Sylvie Isgro-Schicker  
 Joe Jordan (brother-in-law of Debby Haas)  
 Sylvie Isgro-Schicker  
 Isaac Kowicki & Oliver Lawrence (great nephews of Cindy Osborn)  
 Anne M. (friend of MaryLynn Swartz)  
 Sean (brother of Bobby Meadows)  
 Julie & Aaron Mansfield (family of Joanne Mansfield)  
 Paul & Kathryn and children (family of Christine and Andy McMillin)  
 Sean McNichols (friend of the Knisely family)  
 Joann Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)  
 Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk, Renaissance)  
 William, his mother - Patricia, & their family (friends of Wendy Jelinek)  
 Alan Wohlfield (family of Pam Antczak)

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### PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact **Pastor Steve** [sknisely@umcb.org](mailto:sknisely@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x101) 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 [umcb.org/communications](http://umcb.org/communications).





### MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 3 - 4 PM, CHAPEL

All are invited to a hymn sing at 3 PM on Saturday, October 14 in the Chapel.

Come sing hymns with us and hear the stories behind some of them.

Email any questions or favorite hymn requests to **Margaret Proctor** at [Margaret.Proctor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Margaret.Proctor@sbcglobal.net).



Whoooo's Ready to Serve?

Would you like to be able to help the church, but are searching for a way?

Are you computer literate, and have a desire to help our church function from behind the scenes?

The United Methodist Church of Berea is looking for someone to be a backup to our facilities manager, Mark Williams, for times when he is unavailable to schedule operation of our heating and cooling system. This would be on a "as needed basis" and can be done from home.

The position is open to anyone with the necessary skills and a reliable computer.

For more information about the position, please contact **Tom Marek** at 440-234-6858 or [cmarek@att.net](mailto:cmarek@att.net) or Nancy Buehler at 440-234-7613 or [rbophie@wowway.com](mailto:rbophie@wowway.com).

### DINNER FOR EIGHT UPDATE

Attention all you galloping gourmets and aficionados of good home cooking: The Dinner for Eight letter is being mailed now by "snail mail". The letter includes the individual groupings and months for inviting people in your group over.

If you have any questions, please contact **Molly Force** at 440-888-8417 or [Molly.o.force@gmail.com](mailto:Molly.o.force@gmail.com) or **Debby Haas** at 330-609-3510 or [llcitw@yahoo.com](mailto:llcitw@yahoo.com).

The family of Rev. Dr. Calvin Myers is collecting pictures of Rev. Myers and you are invited to contribute your photos. They can be emailed to **Christa Myers** at [christa.fitz.myers@gmail.com](mailto:christa.fitz.myers@gmail.com). Please also share this invitation with friends who may not receive the Caller.

A Memorial Service for Rev. Myers will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.



October is Pastor Appreciation month. Both Pastor Steve and Pastor Carrie have been praying, studying, organizing, visioning, advocating, counseling, listening, and reaching out, among all their other daily routines.

A gesture of appreciation to each of them in the form of a card, e-card, note, or letter would be appropriate. Or feel free to be creative with an expression of gratitude for their commitment to our congregation and community!

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee



TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our faith formation year is off to a great start! If you have not dived in yet, we welcome you to splash in the waters of your baptism and grow in your faith in Christ. Folks of all ages are exploring their faith in various ways.

There are quite a few on Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

If you're just dipping your toes in the water, we welcome you to join us for Coffee with the Pastor in the Gathering Place. Get to know us, and we'd love to get to know you!

If you're wading out in your faith, paddle on over to FaithLink in Room 13, or down to Fellowship Hall to explore United Methodist Social Principles.

If you're feeling nudged to go deeper in your faith journey, we encourage you to participate in any of our weekday groups. I'd love to help you find the right fit.

College Students also meet on Sunday mornings in the Library and are growing in their faith together.

Wherever you are on your discipleship path, we welcome you to grow with us this year!

Blessings, Pastor Carrie ([cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x105)

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

As October approaches, we are pleased to start a new chapters in a new book. We will be delving into the Book of Revelations.

Come join us on Thursdays as we learn about The Beautiful Wrath of God; Tearing Down Strongholds; The Last Battle. We are looking forward to moving in a new direction and new book. Come along and Zoom with us at 6:30 PM on Thursdays!

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

### GRIEFSHARE

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

- OR -

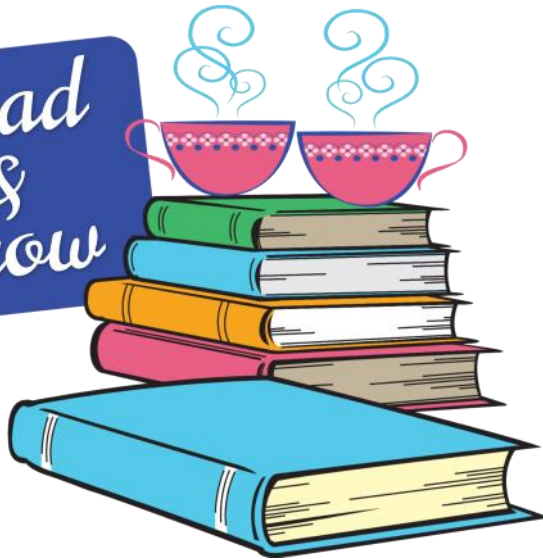
FRIDAYS, 1:30 PM, ROOM 13

We are so excited to introduce new materials a new book and new sets of video's. Come join us as we all learn more about our grieving process and share with others our struggles, our tears, our new normals and even a smile or laugh or two. Join us either through Zoom on Wednesday nights or in person on Friday afternoons!

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.



Read & Grow



READ AND GROW  
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9  
6:30-8 PM, ROOM 13 OR VIA ZOOM

On October 9, we will be discussing **The Only Woman in the Room** by Marie Benedict. We will meet in Room 13 at 6:30 PM in person or on Zoom.

For more information or the Zoom numbers, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at [meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com) or 440-243-5767.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

OCTOBER CHILDREN'S & YOUTH FORMATION NEWS

Student Mission  
Sept/Oct  
Cereal for Second Mile

Drop off on  
Second Floor  
Landing

Thank you!

This month, children will be introduced to Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and Essau! What a family! The faith word of the month is: Faith.

Youth/Confirmation will be on a similar path exploring Old Testament faith ancestors and learning about Covenant.

Classes for Preschool, Elementary, and Youth are happening every Sunday at 10 AM on the 2nd and 3rd floors - we hope your family will join us! We also have prizes for students who bring a friend with them!

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

This year instead of a Sunday school offering, we are asking students to support fellow students who are food insecure.

Each season, we will be asking for a different donation for Second Mile Ministries.

This season, we encourage kids to bring in their favorite cereal for kids who might not always be able to get their favorite.

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

**Faith**  
To believe in God's presence and to hope.

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Children's Ministry of Light & Life, 2023  
Sessions 5-8



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE



# Caregivers of LGBTQ Kids & Youth Support

@ UMC Berea  
170 Seminary St.  
7 pm

September 21 -  
Let's Talk about Sex  
October 26 -  
Faith Experience  
& Faith Communities  
November 30 -  
Holiday Check-In

## CAREGIVERS OF LGBTQ+ KIDS & YOUTH SUPPORT

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 26 & NOVEMBER 30, 7 PM, GATHERING PLACE

Would you or someone you know benefit from a support group of friends who are also raising LGBTQ+ young people? Please share our group with them! We would love to walk alongside more folks who are doing their best to love and support their kids.

Not a part of this group, but want to help or support? Please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525** to be added to a list of folks ready to advocate and encourage our community in growing in inclusivity.

## CARPOOL OR WALK SUNDAYS

SUNDAY OCTOBER, 29 AND THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF FUTURE MONTHS

Creation Care invites you to carpool or walk or bike to church on the fifth Sundays of the month. Our first opportunity for this is October 29! This is a great way to be conscious about the energy we use for transportation.

It's also a fun way to think about who you can bring to church - whether it's someone who already worships with us, or a new friend!

How many people can you fit in your car?





EQUAL EXCHANGE CHOCOLATE  
IS SPOOKTACULAR FOR  
TREATING YOURSELF  
AND SUPPORTING FAIR WAGES  
(NO TRICKS!)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1  
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).



## Homework Helpers

### FOR GRINDSTONE ELEMENTARY

We are looking forward to another great mission year with Grindstone as we provide academic help for grades K-4. If you are interested in helping a young person with their reading or math skills, please contact Pastor Carrie to learn more. The program will take place during the school day at Grindstone. We will soon know exact times and days. We will begin this fruitful ministry in October.

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org)  
or 440-234-3525 x105  
to let her know you are interested.



October 15, 4-6 pm

IN THE UMCB PARKING LOT

Last year, we welcomed over 300 people to our Trunk or Treat Messy Church! Not only did they get candy, but they also participated in Messy Church activities, and found a welcoming church community!

How can you help this year?

1. Host a trunk and hand out treats and smiles! Sign up near the Outreach Board.
2. Donate extra candy - that's a lot of kids! Donate extra candy so those hosting trunks don't need to purchase as much. Donations can be put in the bin near the Outreach Board.
3. Bring friends! Whether they are there to participate or host a trunk with you, we'd love to get to know the people you love!

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

## OCTOBER LOOSE CHANGE SUPPORTS GRINDSTONE PARTNERSHIP

This month's loose change benefits our mission partner school, Grindstone Elementary. Your loose change will bring love and witness to our community's children and the staff at Grindstone.

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





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 5 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

This month, Dinner Church will be on October 22 at 5 PM. Our theme for the evening will be “Grow” and how we grow in our faith and discipleship. Bring a dish, but **more importantly, bring a friend or neighbor**. The goal of this meal is to bring together folks who have not been to church in awhile, or are curious about faith. Who can you invite? The table is open and ready to host more friends!

Adult Discussion & Desserts, Kids Club, and Youth Group all start around 6:15 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.

## VIEWING AND DISCUSSION OF THE DOCUMENTARY “13<sup>TH</sup>”

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7-9 PM,  
MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS COMMUNITY UCC FELLOWSHIP HALL,  
7165 BIG CREEK PARKWAY (PARKING LOT IS LOCATED OFF BIG CREEK PARKWAY)

The Middleburg Heights Community UCC Social Justice Team has invited us to a showing of the documentary ‘13<sup>th</sup>’. The documentary will be shown on Monday, October 16 in their Fellowship Hall from 7 to 9 PM. There will be a short discussion following the movie.

Here is a synopsis of the movie from Wikipedia:

*'13<sup>th</sup> is a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States";[3] it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.'*

Submitted by Barb Dawson  
Church & Society/  
Creation Justice Team



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 4 & 18  
10 AM - NOON, ROOM 13

Do you knit or crochet? Are you interested in using your gift to bless others? Would you like to combine your gift with prayer? If so, consider joining our prayer shawl ministry! We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month and you can join us in person or at home.

If you have questions, please contact Linda McCowen at [lsmccowen@gmail.com](mailto:lsmccowen@gmail.com), see Linda on Sunday morning, or join us on a Wednesday morning!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE



## FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28  
10 AM - 2 PM, WESLEY HALL

**Vendors: Over 15+ vendors...  
come check them out!**

**Gift Basket Auction**

**Chili Café**

Sponsored by: United Methodist Women

As always, ALL profits benefit our missions. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

If you have any questions, please contact

**Carol McCleery**  
at 440-234-9078 or  
[mcmanistee7250@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com).

## NOVEMBER KNIT-OFF

Create mittens, hats, and scarves for ministries you support that care for those experiencing homelessness this winter.

How does it work?

1. **Gather** some folks - or work on your own - and create cold weather items.
2. **Count** your creations and report back to Pastor Carrie ([cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org)) with your church name and number of items (Yes, Mittens can count as two...)
3. **Share** your creations with ministries you already support - shelters, food distribution ministries, etc.

**Start Your Needles: October 1**  
**Final Count due: November 30**

**Winning Church receives  
the Golden Mitten Award!**



**Get ready- set - knit, crochet, or sew!**  
**We are competing with several other churches.**  
**Who can create more items for those in need  
of staying warm?**  
**The UMCB can do it!**

UMW / WOMEN IN FAITH

## UMW GIVES THANKS!

DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE BOX  
ACROSS FROM THE GATHERING PLACE

In partnership with Second Mile Outreach, we will be collecting Thanksgiving goodies... all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal (mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, canned green beans, cranberry sauce...). Clients will get a dinner box when they pick up their turkey.

Donations may be placed in the box in the hall across from the Gathering place. Collection will begin in October.

Our congregation is so generous and supportive. We are truly blessed. Thank you!

