

The United Methodist Church of Berea + THE CALLER



JANUARY 2024

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Church,

The beginning of the year is a wonderful time to start fresh and to reflect upon the last year. Much has been accomplished here at The United Methodist Church of Berea, so I believe we should begin the year with some encouragement. As the Apostle Paul says in 1 Thess 5:11, *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* So, let's look at some of our accomplishments this year.

We have established some new ministries this year:

- Dinner Church
- Parents & Caregivers of LGBTQ youth support group
- Preschool Storytime
- Knitting Group
- Nightly Advent Prayer Service

Strengthened/Growing Ministries/Things to Celebrate:

YOUTH

- Our ecumenical VBS was a huge success.
- Successful Youth Mission trip with East Ohio Conference to Charlotte, NC and Florida.
- Invitation to present at the Messy Church USA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Feed the Kids- Ecumenical involvement in Berea.
- At the beginning of 2023, following Pastor Carrie's lead, we transformed our Homework Helpers program into on-site tutoring of K-4 students at Grindstone Elementary School. For the spring and fall sessions, we had 7 volunteers from our church working with about 30 children on math and reading skills. The program will resume in January. Teachers have been grateful for the help, and our volunteers have formed good relationships with the students.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

- The Porch (College Ministry) established an online presence.
- The Porch formed a wonderfully diverse student ministerial team.
- The Porch began new collaborations with other Christian organizations to create on-campus events.

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- The Porch is reaching college students through tabling, prayer meetings, and Bible studies.
- Our church has built bridges and improved our overall relationship with Baldwin Wallace University.
- We opened up the Bread Ministry to BW students.

OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

- The following are donations that we gave to toward mission initiatives:
 - Help Build Hope \$1,784
 - 2nd Mile Outreach \$3,431
 - Sunday Fund \$245
 - Student Day \$115
 - Native American Mission \$900
 - Worldwide Communion Sunday \$347
 - Human Relations Day \$250
 - U.S. Disaster Relief \$1,019
 - International Relief \$2,000
 - Global Mitigation \$520
 - Sager Brown Flood Buckets \$1,000
 - Cambodian Mission Initiative \$1,250
 - Hanson House \$299
 - Giving Tree \$152

Total distributed to these missions is \$13,312.

- This is what we gave to 2nd Mile Outreach in goods: over 120 jars of spices, more than 120 cans of soup, baked beans and canned meat, condiments (catsup, mustard, mayo), feminine hygiene products, 50 birthday cake "packages", Thanksgiving dinner staples and monthly delivery of toilet paper.
- We have started our third season of bringing meals to homeless individuals sheltering overnight at Franklin Circle Christian Church on Fulton Rd. The seasonal shelters are called the Metanoia Project. This year there are 35 guests enrolled in the program, staying in two different areas of the church. Our volunteers from The UMCB take turns preparing food for the meal. Once or twice a month, from mid-November to mid-April, a small team takes the food to the site and serves the evening meal. Altogether we have about 20 volunteers who collaborate on the project.
- We have also given substantial support to a mission Cindie Moore has long been involved with in Guatemala, called the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development. It helps women to be more self-reliant. We have supported a nutrition program for malnourished children, as well as the addition of a sewing center to the building where the women meet.
- UMW sold plants, popcorn, and ornaments for missions.
- UMW also hosted monthly luncheons and guest speakers.
- Many in the church have been supported and encouraged by cards sent out by various groups/individuals in the church.
- Many were fed through our Bread Ministry.
- Many were ministered to and supported by our Stephen Ministers.

CREATION CARE

- We made a transition from gas operated to battery powered lawn equipment.
- We reduced paper product waste.
- We educated the congregation about creation justice topics through the Caller and The UMCB Creation Justice webpage.
- Earth Day Celebration- hosted East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church

MAJOR EVENTS

- Year 2 of Help Build Hope- (Framed a house for a family in need).
- Visited, donated items and painted fence pickets with Underground Railroad Codes of Freedom at Brookdale Orchard on June 3, 2023.

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- Dr. Ellen Posman from the Baldwin Wallace University Religion Department visited in November and spoke about recent conflicts in the Middle East.
- Hosted a speaker on March 19, 2023: Nick Bates, Hunger Network of Ohio, who spoke about advocacy and his organization.
- Fall Fest- Local sellers and craftspeople sold their wares and the church also sold items and food for missions- hosted by UMW.

PASTORAL TRANSITION

- Welcomed a new pastor (and cared for them when they got Mono and COVID)
- Attendance has remained steady in the midst of a pastoral transition.
- A successful transition of the parsonage from Pastor Nathan to Pastor Steve.

BUILDING RELATED

- The building remains a vital part of Berea. Important community groups like Hanson House Brain Injury, Alcoholics Anonymous, Sustainable Berea and the Boy Scouts of America regularly meet here and are supported by the staff. Baldwin Wallace University, The Southwest Community Chorus and the Post Card Club also meet here.
- The Trustees continue to monitor spending and have made several cost saving measures in 2023.

Wow! I know I am probably missing some things. However, I want to say that I am so proud of all that we are doing as a church to make our community and world a better place. We have ministered to those in need. We have preached and lived out the Gospel. We have cared for those who are mourning and those who are sick. We have served faithfully. We have welcomed those who need welcomed into the church. We have loved both God and neighbor. Please understand that what you are doing is making a difference. Thank you...thank you...thank you...for your commitment to Christ. Let us all work together to make 2024 a continued success.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve

A FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

As the leadership of UMCB, we desire to be intentionally transparent with the church finances. We have been providing some “snapshots” of these finances in our communications. We hope that these “snapshots” will help inform our discussions of the fuller picture to begin the new year. Below you will see that our giving has been significantly behind, and we have some significant reserves. It is our hope that we can come together to strengthen our finances for the future of the church and for the sake of our current ministry goals.

Projected vs. Actual Giving

Year-to-Date Giving through 12/10/2023: \$336,436
2023 Budgeted Giving: \$410,881

Reserves available as of the beginning of December:

Unrestricted Endowments: \$561,737.44 *(Can be used for normal operating expenses)*
Restricted Endowments: \$161,547.48 *(These funds are designated for specific purposes)*
Capital Fund: \$272,451.07 *(These funds are designated for building maintenance, repair, & improvements)*
Memorial Funds: \$62,091.42 *(These are other designated funds given in the memory of loved ones who have passed)*

Stay tuned as there is more to come. We are thankful for your continued generosity.



SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

MEMBERS

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

WE REACH OUT IN

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO...

... to the Family & Friends of Cora Elizabeth, beloved daughter of Jon and Rev. Beth Wilterdink (Mayfield United Methodist). Cora went on to rest in God's eternal peace Sunday, December 10. She was just 2 yrs old.

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)

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Wanda Baulin (sister of Wilda Donegan)
Marc Bittinger
Vicki (friend of Jean Brenneison)
Terre Christian (Pastor Carrie's mother)
AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)
Spencer Gehring
Sylvie Isgro-Schicker
David Knisely (father of Pastor Stephen Knisely)
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 McNichol (friend of the Knisely family)
Joann Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)
Dick Schuerger (friend of Debby Hass)
Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk, Renaissance)
Alan Wohlfield (family of Pam Antczak)

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact **Pastor Steve** sknisely@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x101) or **Pastor Carrie** (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 or by emailing the church office at info@umcb.org.

To receive prayer concerns by email, scan the QR code to the right or visit umcb.org/communications.





BLESSING OF HOMES

POST-EPIPHANY
(BEGINNING
JANUARY 7, 2024)

In some parts of the world, there is a Christian custom of inviting God's blessing on dwelling places, including both homes and workplaces, and upon all who live, work, or visit there. Along with prayers for God's blessing, the front or main entrance is marked with chalk as a sign and reminder that we have invited God's presence into our homes. This tradition is rooted in the visit of the magi to the place where the Christ-child resided (Matthew 2.1-12), and so it is most appropriately practiced near or during the season after the Epiphany, on January 7.

If you would like to share in this brief and simple ritual of worship for your home, please contact **Pastor Steve** at sknisely@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101) with a day and time that would be convenient for you, beginning January 7, 2024.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

What is Human Relations Day?

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. Funds received support community developer programs that strive to build, maintain, promote and strengthen racial-ethnic minority congregations through local congregations. Funds received also support The United Methodist Voluntary Services UMVS serves as a resource to congregations, volunteer-based groups, and programs that challenge unjust political, social, and economic systems which threaten the livelihoods of people. Finally, received funds support programs that work to strengthen youth empowerment programs that provide positive avenues for youth participation in their communities.

For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important. One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. Our gifts are part of building "the beloved community."

Please consider giving generously on Sunday, January 14.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

—REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.,
BIRTH OF A NEW AGE



Include

To welcome all of God's children in God's love.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month, children will be focusing on including others in the community of faith. As a part of this, you are encouraged to help your child invite a friend to church and/or Sunday School. Both your child and their guest will receive a prize, and the good feeling of knowing what it's like to include others in God's love.

YOUTH

Youth continue to learn about the life of Christ in Confirmation class. They and their friends are also invited to join us a MLK lock-in (see below)! We will be hosting the East Ohio conference mission event, packing food for those in need to be donated to the Midwest Distribution center. We will then move into learning about heroes of justice! Youth are encouraged to dress as a superhero. We'll have a lot of fun, and grow in our faith as we learn from the saints who have gone before us in making our world a more just place.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

MISSION PROJECT AT 4 PM WITH EAST OHIO YOUTH BENEFITING THE UM MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION CENTER

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED!

HEROES OF JUSTICE LOCK-IN!

*Fun, Faith, and Saving the World...
as we learn about Saints who
worked for a more just world.
You too, can be a justice hero!
Come dressed as a super hero!*

**@UMC BEREA
JAN. 14 4 PM - JAN 15 10 AM**

Registration is limited and **ends January 7!**

Go to this link to register your student: <https://forms.gle/d3vaTk1FVhPDhFyc7>.



NEW WOMEN'S GROUP - ASPIRE!

Last fall, a group of women went to the Aspire Women's conference and decided that we'd love to stick together, grow our group, and encourage each other in our faith journeys.

Our vision: We stand on the promise that God's grace and love are enough, and that aspiring after God's purpose will affect the lives we lead as well as the people we interact with. This winter and spring, we will be working through the study, *Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle*, by Barb Roose, who was our speaker at the conference.

All are welcome to join us.

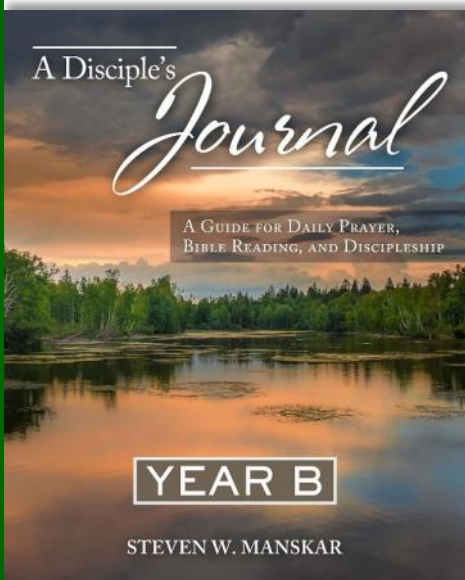
We are meeting just once a month offsite.

For more information and to purchase a book, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

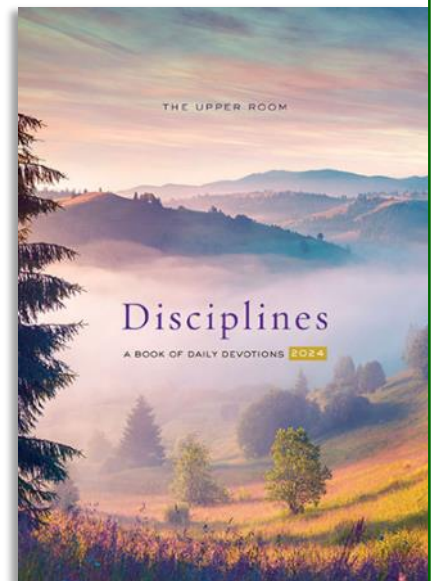
A NEW YEAR, A NEW SPIRITUAL PRACTICE...
FOUND IN THE UMCB "BOOKSTORE" IN ROOM 12.

*Looking to start out the new year with a new spiritual discipline?
Or just need a new copy for a new year?*

The Upper Room's Disciplines are now available for \$10. These books include a scripture suggestion, short devotion, and prayer for each day of the year, and follow the Revised Common Lectionary.



(For the Revised Common Lectionary Calendar, visit:
<https://www.umcb.org/revised-common-lectionary/>).



We also recommend, **A Disciple's Journal**, which also follows the lectionary, but with more room for reflection, daily prayers, and a Wesleyan emphasis to each week. Copies are \$15.



JOIN THE SISTERS EMBRACING ONENESS STUDY

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 10
7-9 PM, OFFSITE/VIA ZOOM

Sisters Embracing Oneness invites you to join them in a new study about racial justice, on Wednesdays from 7-9 PM, beginning January 10 and ending March 27. The study will be led by its author, Dr. Angelle Jones. You may participate in person at the home of Rev. Linda Short or via zoom.

To register, please contact
Rev. Linda Short at **440-785-6047**.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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

The book for January 8 is **Walk with Me** by Kate Clifford Larson. We'll meet in Room 13 at 6:30 PM in-person or on zoom (ID: 815-5894-6774, passcode: 942297).

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



PRAYERS, CANDLES, AND MANDALAS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
10 AM, WESLEY PARLOR
(LOCATED IN THE HALLWAY ADJACENT TO
WESLEY HALL CLOSEST TO SEMINARY ST.)

At the end of our Advent mandala group, we decided that we needed the quiet, the prayer, and the coloring of mandalas to continue. We agreed that the third Sunday of the month would be great.

Looking ahead, we plan to meet every Sunday during Lent.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

What should you expect?

A very short intro, scripture and prayer followed by a quiet time of coloring and meditation, and ending in reflection and prayer.

The only noise during coloring will be the sound of pencils and some very quiet music. We'll have battery operated candles, pencils (bring your own if you like), and mandalas. No books needed.

Questions?

Please contact **Rev. Linda McCowen** at
lsmccowen@gmail.com or **440-234-7211**.

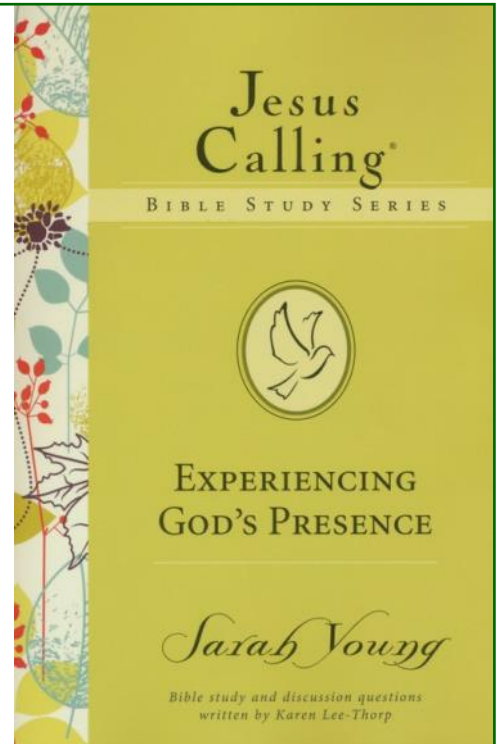


THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

This study is open to everyone. We would love to have new members join us. Some people can only make one or two sessions in a month. That is fine .. just come and enjoy!

We are starting a new book on January 11, **Jesus Calling: Experiencing God's Presence** by Sarah Young. You will be encouraged to lay down your cares and just spend time each day with your heavenly Father. As you follow the Lord's instruction to "*be still and know that I am God*" (Psalm 46:10), you will encounter His peace, be filled with His strength, gain a new perspective on your situation, and experience the full life that only He can provide.



For more information about GriefShare or Thursday Bible Study, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 10, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM -OR-
FRIDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 12, 1:30 PM, ROOM 13

We held two Surviving the Holidays events, with a good attendance for both. They were very well received! We will start again in January with two new sessions and hope that others will join us.



TLC ROOM AT BEREA MIDPARK HIGH SCHOOL



The Berea City School District serves 5,457 students in 6 school buildings across 21 square miles that includes Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, and a small portion of Olmsted Falls. Of those students, 30% of them are considered economically disadvantaged and it can be assumed that an additional group of students are hovering near that designation.

To address the needs associated with poverty, school counselors in the Berea-Midpark Middle School and High School created Titan Loving Care (TLC) rooms to “allow for our student’s basic needs to be met so they can focus on learning. The rooms are confidential and available to identified students and families in need. The school counseling department maintains and manages the items in the rooms. Students are able to ‘shop’ for basic necessities to support their overall health and wellness.”

Your support in providing for the BCSD’s most vulnerable students would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made by purchasing items on the TLC Room’s Amazon Wish list (<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KE3R10DPN9C9>). The selected items will be shipped directly to the schools (please select “TLC Rooms % Sarah Hastings as your shipping address).

Additional options include buying gift cards (grocery store or Amazon - and put in the finance office mailbox) or by donating high need items (new socks, underwear, sweat suits, coats, and hygiene items) directly in the outreach bin. A list of needed items will be posted on the outreach board near the collection bin.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Have you made everyone in your family a handmade gift filled with love? Do all of your friends have something you have made? You want to keep on doing needlework but are running out of what to do with them. What's a person to do? There are lots of places taking donations, but check out these ideas:

- ◆ Pillowcases for RyansSmiles. They give pillowcases to children's hospitals in the Cleveland area. Drop off donations at Pins and Needles on Pearl Rd (<https://www.pinsandneedles.com/charity-sewing/>).
- ◆ Placemats for Meals on Wheels. Pins and Needles on Pearl is a drop-off location. Drop off donations at Pins and Needles on Pearl Rd (<https://www.pinsandneedles.com/charity-sewing/>).
- ◆ Quilts and Blankets for Project Linus. Linus gives handmade blankets and quilts to children and youth who are seriously ill or traumatized. A donation center is in the Southland Joanns store (in the plaza on the Pearl Rd between Smith Road and West 130th).
- ◆ Quilts for Habitat. They would love queen, double or twin bed size quilts.
- ◆ Knit, crochet, or weave lap robes for our Prayer Shawl Ministry! Join us the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10 AM and NOON, Room 13, or create from home!



All of these items are made with love and prayer for the persons who will receive them.

Other ideas! Questions? Please contact me at 440-234-7211 or lsmccowen@gmail.com.

Blessings for our needles, hands, & eyes - Linda McCowen

Messy CHURCH

3rd Sundays at 4 pm
United Methodist Church of Berea

2024 PREVIEW

Jan 21
Movie & Mermaid Beach Party
Feb 18
Mardi Gras
March 17
Messy Easter
April 21
Creation Celebration
May 19
Carnival

MESSY CHURCH - MOVIE AND MERMAID BEACH PARTY!

JANUARY 21, 4 PM, WESLEY HALL

Bring your towels and swish your tails!

Let's get together for a winter beach party and enjoy a mermaid movie! Let's talk about loving who we are and growing into the people God made us to be!

See you under the sea!

To get more information on how to help,
please contact **Pastor Carrie** at
cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

2024 SUMMER MISSION & CAMPS PREVIEW

We may be singing "Let It Snow" now... but before you know it, warm days are ahead!
As is mission and summer discipleship!



SAVE THE DATES JUNE 23 - 29, 2024 UMVIM NCJ YOUTH 2024 MISSION JOURNEY

Join youth and their leaders, from around the North Central Jurisdiction, for a mission journey filled with a social justice immersion.

AUG 1 2 PM - AUG 2ND 10 AM

@ CHRIST UNITED CHURCH

CHRIST-LIKE
CHRONICLES

INVITING
GOD INTO
YOUR STORY

TWEEN CAMP
GRADES 4-8

DINNER CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 5 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

We look forward to meeting the folks YOU will bring with you to Dinner Church this year! As we begin a new year, we'd like to renew our focus on making sure we are inviting and bringing friends with us to this outreach worship experience. Over the next few months, we'll be focusing on the Sermon on the Mount in our messages - this is a great opportunity for those who don't know Jesus well, to hear and explore his teachings. Please plan on inviting folks - 5 PM on the fourth Sunday of each month to Dinner Church - a chance to share a meal and share faith.



“UNNATURAL DISASTERS” A THREE-PART VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY SERIES

JANUARY 21, 6-7:30 PM
FLOODING IN DETROIT

FEBRUARY 18, 6-7:30 PM
HURRICANES IN PUERTO RICO

MARCH 17, 6-7:30 PM
WILDFIRES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Floods. Hurricanes. Wildfires. Droughts. As the planet warms around us, causing disasters such as these to become more extreme and more common, how can people of faith take better care of God’s creation? “Unnatural Disasters” is a series of three documentaries that will take you to places around the country where people are finding creative ways to care for the planet in the midst of devastating disasters. Sponsored by the East Ohio and West Ohio Conference, this *virtual* event is free and open to the public.

- January 21, 6-7:30 PM: *Flooding in Detroit*
- February 18, 6-7:30 PM: *Hurricanes in Puerto Rico*
- March 17, 6-7:30 PM: *Wildfires in Northern California*

Register here for all three at
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOmXwEkqhXZoDAFzu-ybMXHpfd6-KlKSndYcy6G4EPDquRvg/viewform>

Each session will begin with a brief introduction followed by the documentary then some comments from the director/producer and finally questions and group discussion.

This documentary series was written, directed and produced by Rev. Ryan and Mariellyn Grace. Rev. Ryan is a Sr. Pastor in West Ohio Conference and Mariellyn is part of the Communications Team and the Coordinator of Disaster Response for West Ohio Conference. They participated in EarthKeeper training this past spring and this is their EarthKeeper project.

This documentary series is sponsored by the EarthKeepers of East and West Ohio conferences of the United Methodist Church.

WHAT IS AN EARTHKEEPER?

In 2016, the Board of Global Ministries kicked off a new mission program—EarthKeepers which is a training program designed to help participants lead environmental projects in their communities. Training topics included:

- eco-theology,
- antiracism,
- community organizing
- and project planning.

I participated in training in 2022 and my project was our Creation Justice Fair held in April 2022. The program is open to both clergy and laity. You must have a project in mind to participate in the training. I was inspired by the training. Each training cohort becomes part of the larger EarthKeeper community providing a great source of ideas and support.

Training is offered in the spring and late summer. The next EarthKeeper training will be **March 1 – March 16**. All training is on Zoom. There are three full group sessions, two small group sessions and one one-on-one session, for a total of 8.5 hours. There is some independent learning as well.

Here is a link for more information and for the application:

<https://umcmmission.org/earthkeepers/>

**Applications are due
February 1, 2024.**

If you have any questions or want to know more about EarthKeepers, please reach out to me –
Barb Dawson, 440 885-1672.



LOOSE CHANGE SUPPORTS SAGER BROWN MISSION DEPOT (UMCOR)

This month, your loose change will support the mission of Sager Brown Mission Depot, located in Louisiana, and is a mission of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers (including a team from our church!) prepare approximately \$4 million in relief supplies for shipment from the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in response to disasters in the United States.

To learn more, visit:

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-supply-depots/>

Keep our mission team in prayer as well, as this spring they venture to Sager Brown to be of service.

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



"DRESSING UP" FOR THE NEW YEAR

UMW is partnering with Second Mile Outreach in a New Year's food collection: **bottled salad dressings and cooking oil**. Please place your donations in the marked box across from the Gathering Place.

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year!!



YOU'RE INVITED - UMW LUNCHEON/PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, NOON, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Tired of holiday leftovers?

Need a break from cooking?

UMW is hosting a luncheon/program at **NOON** on **Wednesday, January 17**. Our speaker is a representative from the Alzheimer's Association and will share some new developments in the treatment and care of those struggling with Alzheimer's. We will also learn about resources that are available to help us navigate the challenges of Alzheimer's.

We would love to have you join us...

\$5 for a light lunch and program.

Hope to see you on January 17!



MESSY CHURCH WORSHIP AND PAGEANT

On Sunday, December 17, Messy Church put on it's first drama production of "Star-Trip" a retelling of the Nativity Story in the style of Star Wars.

Here a few pictures from this very special afternoon.



Star Light, Star Bright - Giving for Local Missions

More than \$1400 was given in memory or in honor of loved ones during the Advent/Christmas season.
Each loved one was honored with a star on our Star Light, Star Bright tree in the Gathering Place.
The donations will bless the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland and Berea Community Outreach.
Thank you for your generosity.

Given in Memory of

Jo Ann Boggs, Carol Thompson, Georgia & Allan Swanson,
and Cal Myers by the Choir

Carol Hemker, Pat Reese, Linda Donahue, Barb Rochford,
Carol Isgro, Lydia Proctor, Nick Wik, Dick Vale,
Laurie Garvin, Karen Maslyk, Charlotte Harlamert,
Carol and Maclyn Ball, Carol Geopfert, Boyd Warnsman,
Mary Pendell, Mary Gay, Ruth Haber, Bruce Hardy,
Harriet Adams, Nancy Gehring, Paul Swaddling,
Harriet & Dan Lansell, Jim and Carolyn Miser,
Dr. John Robinson, Dr. Warren Berryman,
Dr. Margaret Scharf, Dr. Warren Scharf, Gloria Wharton,
Ken Williams, Roger Smith, and Dean Rowland
by the Choir.

Cora Wilterdink by The Antczak Family

Margaret & Edwin Arthur by Molly Arthur

Geraldine Peters by Molly Arthur

Dave Beckman by Pat Beckman

Jean Tharp by Amelia Caldwell

Ginny Thompson by Karen Caldwell

Loved Ones by Barbara Evans

Bob and Helen Graham
by Bill, George, & James Graham and Families

Janet Harlamert by Paul Harlamert

Thomas & Adele Hippley by Katie Flinn & Kevin Hippley

Marilyn Jelinek
by Larry, Wendy & Keli Jelinek and Diane Pauley

Calvin Pauley
by Larry, Wendy & Keli Jelinek and Diane Pauley

Don Kuskin

by Larry, Wendy & Keli Jelinek and Diane Pauley

Walter & Eleanor Kuskin

by Larry, Wendy & Keli Jelinek and Diane Pauley

Mary Vlach

by Larry, Wendy & Keli Jelinek and Diane Pauley

Frances & John Kubicek

by Larry, Wendy & Keli Jelinek and Diane Pauley

Helen & Edward Jelinek

by Larry, Wendy & Keli Jelinek and Diane Pauley

John Kappeler by Carol Kappeler

Helen Mallarnee by Martha Mallarnee

Ginny Thompson by Sandy Marek

Claudia Mejak by Sandy Marek

Bobby Meadows, Sr. by Bobby & Kathy Meadows

Kayla Haller Bobby & Kathy Meadows

Sharon Garrigan Bobby & Kathy Meadows

Roger Mook by Sally Mook

Marion Wynne by Sally Mook

John Wynne by Sally Mook

Fran & George Mook by Sally Mook

My Husband, Kenny by Susan Pogue

Lydia Proctor with love by
Margaret Proctor and Her Family

Steve, Beverly, and Alice Holland with love
by Margaret Proctor



Given in Memory of (cont'd)

Carol Hemker with love by Margaret Proctor
Jan Harlamert with love by Margaret Proctor
Rev. Dr. Calvin R. Myers by love from Margaret Proctor
Dear Friends - Dick & Louise Dettmer
by Larry & Beth Reams
Dear Friends - Jerry & Sarah Bowmen
by Larry & Beth Reams
Our Parents - Joe & Ellen Reams
by Larry & Beth Reams
Our Parents - Don & Sally Williams
by Larry & Beth Reams
Cheryl Cheff by The Reams Family
Jill Burkhart by Beth Reams
Dave Robinson by Barb Robinson
Parents and Grandparent by Barb Robinson
Jim Rollins, Sr. by Sue Rollins
My Mother - Jean Boyer by Sue Rollins
Dean Rowland by Lin Rowland
Lin's Parents - Ray & Virginia Greenough by Lin Rowland
Dean's Parents - Robert and Donna Rowland
by Lin Rowland
Grandson - Philip Rowland by Lin Rowland
Robert & Joanne Hahn by Laura Rushton
Russell Todd Simon by Russ & Ruthann Simon
Ruth & Victor Petras by Russ & Ruthann Simon
Marie & Joseph Simon by Russ & Ruthann Simon
Roger Smith by Joan Smith
Ken Strebelow by Joan Smith
Beloved Mother & Grandmother, Lydia C. Proctor
by Carol Proctor Stepancik
Our Parents and Grandparents
by Jerry & MaryLynn Swartz

Given in Honor of

Loved Ones by Barbara Evans
Roy Mallarnee by Martha Mallarnee
David Proctor with love
by Margaret Proctor and His Family.
Dr. Barbara MacGregor from Margaret Proctor
My Church Family at The United Methodist Church
of Berea from Margaret Proctor
Our Children & Grandchildren -
Don & Corey, Charlie Rayne, Sarah, & Emma
by Larry & Beth Reams
Our Families
by Barb Peterson & Tim Riggle
Julie, Larry, Owen, and Josie Swartz by Barb Robinson
Jim & Dawn Rollins by Sue Rollins
Matthew & Jen Rollins by Sue Rollins
My Grandchildren - Logan, Amelia, & Lucas Rollins
by Sue Rollins
My Brother - Herb Boyer by Sue Rollins
My Many Wonderful Friends & Neighbors by Sue Rollins
My Granddaughter - Skylar Rowland by Lin Rowland
My Friends & Family by Lin Rowland
My family by Carol Proctor Stepancik
David Proctor, Sr. by Carol Proctor Stepancik
My Daughters & Their Spouses by Carol Proctor Stepancik
My Siblings and Their Spouses by Carol Proctor Stepancik
All My Nieces and Nephews by Carol Proctor Stepancik
Robbie Robinson by Jerry & MaryLynn Swartz
Dave Robinson by Jerry & MaryLynn Swartz
Carol Kappeler by Sam & Mary Jane Weaver