

# The United Methodist Church of Berea + THE CALLER



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 19

This year, we will be celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, May 19. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word *penteconta* which simply means fifty. Fifty days after the resurrection, the Holy Spirit appeared amongst the followers of Jesus, enlivening them, and allowing people of different languages and ethnic backgrounds to understand one another, become unified, and become energized for the mission of the church. As such, Pentecost is often considered to be when the church was born.

Let this be a period of rebirth for our church. May we be energized by the Spirit to engage in a new, bold, and powerful mission. And may each of us be united together, being of one Spirit, and understanding one another no matter how diverse we may be. Oh... and don't forget to wear red on Pentecost Sunday! See you then!

### BILL MCFADDEN TO SPEAK ABOUT THE LIFE HER UP CAMPAIGN

SUNDAY, MAY 5, BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES

Church,

Bill McFadden will be visiting us on Sunday, May 5 to speak about the Lift Her Up Campaign. This mission aims to bring a young woman from a refugee camp and provide them with a four-year education at Africa University. Bill mentioned that he has been here before and has a longstanding relationship with our church. Let's welcome him on that Sunday and let us look forward to our collective participation in this vitally important mission.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Steve



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 19  
BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES  
RECEPTION - 10 AM, GATHERING PLACE

Let's celebrate this year's Confirmands  
and pray blessings on their faith journeys!  
Join us at both worship services and for a reception at 10 AM.



CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

# Congrats to Our Graduates



**Eric Wang** (*left*) and his family are from China. He is a graduate student in the Leadership in Higher Education program and will graduate from Baldwin Wallace University with Masters of Art in Education.

**Jonas Ardillo** is graduating from Baldwin Wallace University with a Bachelor of Music Education.

**Erin Perry** is graduating from Baldwin Wallace University with a Bachelor of Music Performance: Vocal. She has been accepted at Peabody School of Music.

**Elizabeth Philopot** (*Right*) is graduating from Baldwin Wallace University with a Bachelor of Music Degree, majoring in Music Therapy and and minoring in Psychology.

**Olivia Rentsch** is graduating from Case Western Reserve University.

**Jonathan Frederick Blevins** is graduating from Olmsted Falls High School. He will be attending the Farmer School of Business at Miami University.





### THE UMCB AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM IS LOOKING TO EXPAND!

Always wanted to work in the exciting field of broadcast but didn't know where to start? Here is your opportunity, join the UMCB streaming team. A rewarding experience and lots of fun.

For more information, contact **Mark Williams** at [mwilliams@umcb.org](mailto:mwilliams@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x102.

CONNECTING . . .

### CONSTRUCTION AHEAD!

Plans are being made to update the flooring in the sanctuary this summer. Standby for more details as they become available.



Church,

I wanted to thank you for all the kind notes that many of you wrote upon my return from Zimbabwe. It was such a pleasant surprise to enter my office and find my workspace plastered with handwritten welcome back letters. I read each one of them and the care and compassion of your words warmed my heart. I am grateful for all of you, and for the opportunity to minister here at UMCB.

Pastor Steve

**Cindy McCowen** donates her time each week to proof our Sunday bulletins. While I'm certain there are still mistakes on occasion, she prevents many more from making it into print.

**Joanne Mansfield** has and continues to donate her time to help organize and move our archives into protective bins and a new location on the second floor. This is a large and tedious undertaking but Joanne's historical knowledge of the church and cheerful company has lightened it significantly.

In addition, Joanne did not hesitate when asked to help cover some of the church office duties during my vacation. As a former staff member, Joanne is uniquely qualified to fill this role and I am very grateful she is willing to do so.



Your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Beth Barner  
*Office Manager*

SAHRING GOD'S LOVE





## SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

*This list is updated periodically by removing names that have been listed for a significant time without any contact or new information. It is not our intention to remove anyone still in need of prayers. If you notice your name or that of a loved one has been removed and further prayers are needed, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office. Conversely, if you, your family member, or friend would like to be removed from the prayer list, please let the church office know. Thank you.*

Bruce Akins  
 Molly Arthur  
 Wanda Baulin (sister of Wilda Donegan)  
 Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)  
 Barbara Beihl  
 Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)  
 Marc Bittinger  
 Heidi Blue (Pleasant Lake Villa)  
 Carol Bodle  
 Jean & Lee Brenneison  
 Hugh Burtner  
 Terre Christian (Pastor Carrie's mother)  
 Rev. Rollin Conway  
 Phoebe Cooke (granddaughter of the Thuraus)  
 Wilda Donegan  
 Eileen Stevens Doud (daughter of Paul Harlamert)  
 AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)  
 Neven Eilbeck  
 Molly Force  
 Bruce Forster (Parkside)  
 Carol Forster (Vitalia)  
 Spencer Gehring  
 Jan Heter (Arden Courts)  
 Sylvie Isgro-Schicker  
 Larry Jelinek  
 David Knisely (father of Pastor Steve Knisely)  
 Dorene Larkey  
 Nancy Leeseberg (Justin T. Rogers Hospice)  
 Elenore Long  
 Helen Madis ( Renaissance)

Julie & Aaron Mansfield (family of Joanne Mansfield)  
 John Marting  
 Christine McMillin  
 Paul & Kathryn and children (family of the McMillins)  
 Sean McNichol (friend of the Knisely family)  
 Sean (brother of Bobby Meadows)  
 Betty Miller (Renaissance)  
 Roy Miller (Western Reserve-Medina)  
 Janet Neal (friend of Jill Bush)  
 Kim Pride (friend of Tom Marek)  
 Lou Russell (Westlake Villages)  
 Russ Sanderson  
 Pat Sarka  
 Dick Schuenger (friend of Debby Hass)  
 Linda Short  
 Pat Slater (Renaissance)  
 Joan Smith  
 Marilyn Smith (Renaissance)  
 MaryLynn Swartz  
 Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk, Renaissance)  
 Ruth Vrana (Generations, Strongsville)  
 Mary Jane & Sam Weaver (Generations)  
 Kathleen Wargelin  
 Patty Worthem

### **MILITARY**

*If your loved one is on active military duty, we would like to include them in our prayers. Please contact the church office. Thank you.*

### **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).





COMMUNITY  
YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 - SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Please be prayerful for our youth who will be building friendships and faith at this year's Youth Annual Conference.

Join the fun June 7-8 as the youth of East Ohio gather for Youth Annual Conference 2024 at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky. Friday, June 7 will be a day of waterpark fun and connecting with fellow youth from all around our East Ohio Conference. On Saturday, June 8 we will participate in hands-on missions, worship together, and experience learning sessions centered around spiritual growth and leadership development.

If you haven't registered for this memorable and exciting event yet, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

JOIN THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY!

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Come one! Come all! Men, women and teenagers, join us as we learn more about Forgiveness through Jesus. We are using the book **The Way of Forgiveness!** We will be studying such topics as facing our anger and seeking reconciliation.

Come join us on Zoom on Thursday nights at 6:30 PM.

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

SISTERS EMBRACING ONENESS  
SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Sisters Embracing Oneness will resume its study of Racism in the fall. For the next few months, we will focus on building relationships. Activities in which we will participate are:

Saturday, May 18

A visit to the Oberlin Underground Railroad Museum

Saturday, June 1

A Friendship Tea

Thursday, June 6-Monday, June 10

Civil Rights Tour

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth Celebration

We will assemble "Blessing Bags" later in the summer and have a retreat September 6 - 8.

Women who are interested in joining us, should contact **Rev. Linda Short** at [9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com).

FOR THOSE GRIEVING  
THE LOSS OF  
A LOVED ONE

GRIEF SHARE



GriefShare sessions are over for now. We will be meeting for the next few months every other week to help guide our friends over their bumps in the road and to offer hugs and smiles. Congratulations on things accomplished.

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



## LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SUNDAY, MAY 19

A big thank you to our Sunday School teaching team this year:  
Janet Mallarnee, April Thomas, Martha Mallarnee, Patty Worthem,  
Nancy Buehler, Chuck Dixon, and Margaret Proctor.

And a big thank you to our families who brought their students to church  
to introduce them to Jesus and faith community!

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



### REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 17-21

9:30 AM - 12:15 PM, THE UMC OF BEREA

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 6 PM, LOCATION TBD

Let's explore the Beatitudes and stories of Jesus with our favorite pup family. We'll have games, activities, and story time all inspired by your favorite Australian family.

Come join us as we learn about being  Healers of God's Creation.

**VBS is open to preschool - 3rd grade (completed).**  
Recommended donation is \$25/child,  
with \$50/family cap. No family is turned away.

**Older kids (4th grade and up) want to join the fun?**  
They can join us as junior helpers  
for a discounted price (\$10).

Children & Youth Helpers register at:  
<https://forms.gle/52GUwcMhEWzyRdG16>

**Volunteers make VBS PAWsible!**  
Join us for a memorable VBS where kids will get to  
know Jesus and Church community!  
Training will be May 16 at 6 PM.

Register as a volunteer at:  
<https://forms.gle/Ebjgig2HqnyoFfCGA>

Hosted by United Methodist Church of Berea, Christ United  
Church, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

## GOD SAYS I AM...



Beautiful  
Ecclesiastes 3:11



Accepted  
Romans 15:7



Bold  
1 John 5:14



Redeemed  
Galatians 3:13



Protected  
2 Thess 3:3



Courageous  
Deuteronomy 31:6



Kind  
Luke 6:27



Strong  
Isaiah 40:13



Loyal  
John 15:13





# CARNIVAL FUN & FAITH FAIR



Sunday, May 19th, 4-6 pm

United Methodist Church of Berea  
170 Seminary St., Berea



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

It's our last Messy Church of the year! Let's celebrate the love of God, the love of fun, and grow in our faith together! Alongside carnival games and food, we'll also celebrate communion together! God's table is open to everyone, and it's for sure a celebration!

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

## LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING - FEED THE KIDS

This month's loose change offerings will support Feed the Kids, a summer food program to help sustain our community's children over the summer months. This money will help us to supplement our church's food donations so we can buy the many, many food items needed to complete the donation bags.

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](http://umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering".

Thank you!



## NEHEMIAH MISSION OF CLEVELAND

We will be serving a meal at the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland on **Tuesday, May 21**. We will meet to leave for Nehemiah at **11:45 AM** in the church parking lot and return by 5 PM.

To volunteer, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

The meal will be provided, however, we could use some desserts to bring, as well as gently used clothing and household items for their Free Store.

Use the bin near the Outreach Board by Room 13 to make your donations.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT . . .



## THE CREATION JUSTICE TEAM PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 10 AM, WESLEY HALL

The Creation Justice Team is hosting a plant sale on Saturday, May 18 during the UMW garage sale. We need your help. Our plant sale will consist of plant clippings from indoor plants and divisions of perennials of our, and hopefully your, indoor and outdoor plants.

If you can participate, please:

- \* place the plants in paper or recyclable containers (e.g., cottage cheese tub)
- \* label them
- \* price them
- \* bring them to the Creation Justice Table of the garage sale on May 18 at 10 AM in Wesley Hall.

Proceeds from the plant sale will go to [Brookdale Orchard](http://Brookdale Orchard), an inner-city orchard that is sponsored, in part, by St. Matthew UMC. (Several of us from UMCB visited the Orchard last summer. Learn more at [brookdaleorchard.org](http://brookdaleorchard.org).)

*We hope to see you at the Garage Sale on May 18!*

If you have any questions, please contact **Barb Dawson** at **440 885-1672**.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

## UMW GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 10 AM - 2 PM, WESLEY HALL

Spring has sprung and UMW is ready to celebrate. On Saturday, May 18, UMW is sponsoring a Garage Sale in Wesley Hall from 10 AM - 2 PM. Stop in, shop, have lunch, and visit with friends.

### Spring cleaning?

Donate your goodies to our sale.

Please deliver, price, set up and remove your items.

(No clothing please.)

To reserve a table (or two or three), please contact

**Nancy Buehler** at **440-234-7613** or [nbuehler75@gmail.com](mailto:nbuehler75@gmail.com).

### Ready to work in the garden?

Once again, we will be selling J & J plant coupons (\$19).

### How about a picnic?

Shop, stay and buy a chicken dinner (with a side dish and slice of pie).

*All proceeds will benefit UMW missions, locally and globally.*

*Thank you for your support and encouragement.*

