



The Outlook

University Circle United Methodist Church

All are welcome. All the time.

May 2016

chalk talk



BY DR. KENNETH W. CHALKER

As I write this article, today's *Plain Dealer* carries the front-page announcement that the Cleveland Browns' first college draft pick this year is wide receiver Corey Coleman out of Baylor University. Welcome to the Browns, Corey!

Corey Coleman is not just any ol' wide receiver. Corey Coleman is the top college receiver in the nation, with the Biletnikoff Award certifying his national top-receiver status to prove it. And, not only this, Coleman is, according to the *PD*, a "dynamic player" and very fast, running the 40-yard dash in 4.37 seconds. While that may not be like leaping tall buildings in a single bound, that's definitely *very fast!*

While it is good to hear about the Browns' good fortune in getting the nation's top receiver, and while I certainly wish Coleman well in his wide-receiving efforts, it occurs to me that "wide receiving" is not *just* a job description for a football position. "Wide receiving" is a spiritual quality that is essential, as *Exodus 20* describes, for living

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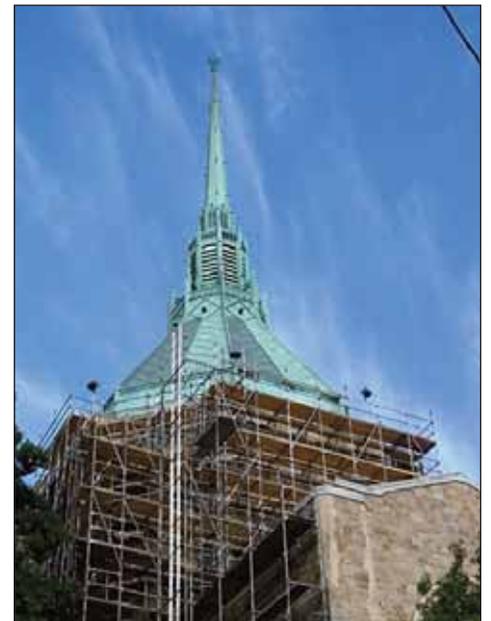
Capital and Endowment Campaign Hits New Heights

Building Restoration Receives Superb Support

Long before the congregations of Epworth-Euclid and First United Methodist Churches merged as University Circle United Methodist in 2010, the grand cathedral in which we meet, with its stone and copper façade, was constructed and ultimately dedicated on June 3, 1928. And over the decades following, the elements have taken their toll on the exterior stone and mortared joints in many parts of the building, evidenced by interior water damage as well.

As responsible custodians of this structure, our Board of Trustees and Finance Committee have researched the locations and causes of water leaks and decaying masonry and have had many of these failings restored, as confirmed over the past 18 months by the rising scaffolding and a lowering endowment balance.

Over these past few months, in response to the remaining restoration needs and limited funds now available to enable those repairs, our leadership launched a Capital and Endowment Campaign designed to address these and future structural needs. Under the direction of consultant Connie Clark of MISSION POSSIBLE: ®, more than 162 volunteers in our church family have joined this effort in some capacity by making



calls, offering written and verbal testimonials, preparing luncheon food, praying, editing and printing letters and pamphlets, speaking at informational meetings—the list goes on.

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The 2015/2016 Organ Concert: Herndon Spillman

As the fourth of four artists—all persons of color—performing in our inaugural 2015–2016 Organ Concert Series, Herndon Spillman steps to our console on Sunday, May 22 at 2pm, to offer his interpretations of repertoire spanning several centuries of baroque, French romantic and early twentieth-century composition. Of particular interest is the seldom-performed organ work, "Anguished American Easter, 1968," composed by the African-American composer, Thomas Kerr. Other composers include Maurice Duruflé, Johann Sebastian Bach, César Franck, Jehan

Alain and Charles Tournemire.

A protégé of Maurice Duruflé, Herndon Spillman is highly regarded as a skilled interpreter of this pipe organ giant's music. He studied with Duruflé for two years, and his doctoral dissertation, "The Organ Works of Maurice Duruflé," is considered an important reference when interpreting Duruflé's compositions. Herndon's album stands as the first to record Duruflé's complete organ works, receiving France's prestigious "Grand Prix du Disque." His international reputation for his interpretations of Duruflé and other

French composers has placed his recital talents in demand both here and abroad.

Herndon, who uses his "Dr. Spillman" appellation sparingly, received his Bachelor of Arts in Music from Dillard University in New Orleans. Entering Indiana University as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, he studied with Oswald Ragatz to earn his master and doctoral degrees as well as Performer's Certificate.

In addition to coordinating the organ program in the School of Music at Louisiana

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During our May 1 Celebration Sunday service, members and visitors alike walked to the front of the Sanctuary to place their pledges of support before God's altar. This joyous, inspiring worship experience affirmed our congregation's commitment to the future of our church and its majestic structure. And, the capacity-crowd luncheon that followed in the Great Hall only added to the sense of oneness and purpose in this endeavor.

"The Celebration Sunday pledges of nearly 100 donors will provide an additional \$200,000 to our campaign," reports coordinator Connie Clark, "...which, when combined with 37 prior pledges, puts us within striking range of \$900,000 as we move toward reaching our \$1.5 million goal over the remainder of the year."

Connie continues, "Our church family giving is an integral part of the campaign plan; we had to give first before we could ask others who are not members to also support our efforts. We hope members and friends of the church who could not attend or have not donated will consider joining the members and other supporters who have already contributed as we strive for our goal."

Future plans include developing a follow-up team to take the campaign outside the walls of our church—to seek support from groups who use our facility, organizations we have a relationship with, and foundations and individuals with an interest in historic



Campaign Co-chairs George and Carrie Hicks with Dr. Chalker and Campaign Coordinator Connie Clark

preservation and the role our church plays in the greater Cleveland community.

Long-time member Marilou Abele offers her sentiment about this special structure: "This marvelous, awesome building we call University Circle UMC is God's house, not ours, and it stands as a beacon of Christ's Love inviting all to come and find the comfort and love they seek. This building is our sacred trust and should be maintained to

continue to be a beacon of Christ's Love for years to come."

As we move forward with our Capital and Endowment Campaign, be assured that your specific contributions are sincerely appreciated, helping us move even closer to our ultimate goal. Thank you for being a part of this important effort—one that is indeed founded in faith and driven by devotion to the mission of this caring congregation.

Organ Concert: Herndon Spillman

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State University in Baton Rouge, Herndon finds time to record on the Titanic label, which has recently issued two new albums—*A Diversity of Riches*, which features 20th-century American composers, and *French Suites for Organ*, which includes works of Clérambault, Messiaen and Duruflé.

Support for Herndon Spillman's participation and that of others in this concert series is provided through a generous grant from the Charles H. Teare and Clifford K. Kern Music Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, procured through the inspired efforts of our Assistant Director of Music and Organist, Lavert Stuart, and Interim Director of Administration, Kay Hogg.

Quoting from our grant application: "The guest artists selected for this concert series are intentionally chosen as persons of color. It is the church's hope that this series will not only inspire audiences of all ages but educate them as well that pipe organ virtuosity is not limited to Caucasian performers."

You are warmly invited to be a part of this May 22 concert at 2pm in our Sanctuary.



Herndon Spillman

DuffyLit Annual Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 14,
10:00am, in the Great Hall

Join us for a wonderful breakfast experience, including a time to petition the Lord for protection, guidance and the strength to stand firm in our faith against the challenges that affect our everyday lives. The Reverend Henry F. Curtis, IV is our guest speaker.

Experience the power of prayer when concerned citizens come together to pray, sing songs of Zion, engage in liturgical dance and listen to God's Word.

To purchase tickets (\$35) by check, money order or credit card, call 216-921-0734.

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~Aaron Collier, *Creative Marketing Strategist*

Capital & Endowment Campaign Is ON the Web

Check out the new Capital and Endowment Campaign page on our website—a one-stop shop for information about our church's restoration needs and our progress toward securing support for needed improvements to our building's structure.

This site will serve as a great “landing spot” and point of action as we take our campaign outside the walls of the church and into the Greater Cleveland community. Visual graphics, slideshows, pictures and current information will help keep our faith family and others aware of this mammoth undertaking and its underlying mission to enable us to serve others. The page also provides a way for people and/or organizations to donate directly to our campaign online from their computer, phone or tablet.

The link: <http://www.churchinthecircle.com/capital-campaign>



(l-r) Dr. Chalker, Brian Thornton, and Elaine and Bishop John Hopkins

Celebration for Bishop John and Elaine Hopkins

On the evening of April 17, our church hosted a Great Hall retirement dinner and Sanctuary concert honoring the contributions of Bishop John Hopkins and his wife, Elaine. Cleveland Orchestra cellist Brian Thornton presented an inspiring performance featuring stories about and the music of his former instructor, Holocaust survivor and renowned cellist Lev Aronson. It was a beautiful night to remember!

More social media growth!

We now have over 1,200 “Likes” on our Facebook Page and over the past 3 months have reached an average of nearly 7,500 new Facebook newsfeeds per week. In turn, we are experiencing steady growth on Twitter and Instagram, which are also attracting close to 1,000 visits per week to our website. Experience our website at www.churchinthecircle.com.

Walking for Diversity

On Saturday April 30, Church in the Circle was represented and proud to stand for diversity as part of The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio 14th annual Walk, Rock & Run. Your Marketing Director took part in a 3-mile walk around the city with hundreds of fellow Clevelanders. In service of our strategic plan and commitment to build stronger organizational ties in Cleveland, for the past year I have also served as our church's liaison to the Diversity Center. I'm also honored to be a member of the 2016 Lead Diversity class in Cleveland, representing our church and engaging in an hour-long private conversation with Mayor Frank Jackson.



Guest Speakers Galore

Some very prominent guest speakers choose to spend their Sunday mornings with the people of Church in the Circle.

- On Sunday, April 3, Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), spoke not only during Dr. Chalker's Class but offered a very powerful and revealing message during the worship service, addressing the state of education in the City of Cleveland and his role in its continual improvement. Mr.



(l-r) Lois Reisinger, Dr. Chalker, Eric Gordon and Rod Stemen

Gordon was appointed CEO in June of 2011 after having served as the district's Chief Academic Officer for four years. He is responsible for the leadership and daily management of Cleveland's 39,000-student school district.

Audio and video recordings of Mr. Gordon's guest sermon and all of Dr. Chalker's Sunday sermons are available on our website at www.churchinthecircle.com.

- Valarie J. McCall, Chief of Government and International Affairs for Cleveland's Mayor Jackson joined us Sunday, April 17, in a packed Yoder Room. She shared some very interesting facts about our city's preparations for the Republican National Convention, coming to Cleveland in July. Valarie was sponsored by our MENS Group as part of their speaker forum.



(l-r) Ed Dickson, Valarie McCall, Dr. Chalker and Dave Hundertmark

GRACENOTES

~Nathan Motta, *Music and Arts Director*

What a church year it has been! From Rally Day to Advent, from Lent to Easter, this year has been full of diverse offerings.

Gospel Choir's upbeat and moving anthems under the direction of Jeanie Vargo have been especially uplifting. Our Liturgical Dancers, led by Edna Duffy, not only lead us in the worship experience but provide inspired dance presentations throughout the year. The Bell Choir maintains its stature as one of the finest volunteer church bell choirs around, thanks to a dedicated group of musicians performing a variety of pieces, from classical to jazzy but always brassy! And our Chancel Choir remains an amazing group of singers who put in the work and time to provide great choral music every week, in styles from jazz to classical, spirituals to folk, traditional hymns to popular songs.

And let's not forget all the fantastic

individuals who make all we do possible.

Organist Lavert Stuart, guitarist Brian Misch, Jim Hogg on keyboards and the many soloists who provide music all year long. What a blessing to have such talent available to our congregation!

Want to "get in on the act?" We are looking for people to share their music and arts gifts this summer during the worship experience, especially as we gather in the more intimate Great Hall setting in July and August. If you're interested, please sign up in the Church Office.

If you have a talent for dance, please be in touch with Edna Duffy or inquire at the Church Office.

The Chancel and Gospel Choirs begin rehearsals again on September 7, and if you'd like to consider joining one or both, feel free to reach out to a choir member or to Lavert Stuart or me with your interest. We would love to add your talents to our musical expression.

Have a wonderful spring/summer season!

Glad Grads

Ryan Burge, son of Cynthia and Marvin, has been accepted into The Williams Honors College at The University of Akron where he plans to study Physics. Ryan is graduating 2nd in his class from Richmond Heights High School.

Brittany Carter, granddaughter of Marina Grant and niece of Lisa Taylor, is graduating from Virginia Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal and Poultry Sciences. After graduation, she will become an employee of Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Her ultimate goal is to become a professional in the equine industry.

Casey Coffey, grandson of Linda and George Kapcar, graduated from Full Sail University in Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Recording Arts.

Ayana Nicole Crawl-Bey, granddaughter of Ester, is graduating from Mount Pleasant High School in Wilmington, Delaware. She will attend Duke University in the fall.

Carmen Curran, daughter of Maureen Fleming Bargas, is graduating from Bowling Green State University with a Masters in School Counseling. She hopes to continue her employment in the Fremont School system and seek a position as a mental health/substance abuse counselor.

Georgiann Foster, daughter of Jean and Ralph Shurtleff, mother of Logan, Derek and

Tabby, aunt of Jessi Alvis, is graduating from Tri-C with an Associate Degree. She is a tax consultant with H&R Block.

Olivia Howard, daughter of Heather, graduates from Fairview Park High School and will be attending The Ohio State University in the pre-dental program.

Brianna McElrath, daughter of Dawn and Fred, graduates Beaumont School and will be attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where she's considering majoring in Political Science.

Amber Nixon, niece of Deirdre Perry, is graduating from Tennessee State University in Speech Pathology.

Gabriela Isabel Perry, granddaughter of Elaine and Larry Myers, is graduating from the University of South Carolina with a major in Public Health.

Mario Rodriguez, grandson of Marina Grant and nephew of Lisa Taylor, is graduating from Nordonia High School and will be attending Georgia Southern University majoring in Business Administration.

David Wheatley, son of Amy and Karl, completed his homeschool/high school studies this year and will attend Cleveland State University in the fall.

Alexis S. Zimmerman, granddaughter of Mary Ellen and Bob Zimmerman, graduates from Crestview High School in Florida. She will attend Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Dining Opportunities

Second Sunday Lunch (SSL)
~ June 12, 2016

Our June SSL happens at the **Siam Café Seafood Restaurant**, 3951 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland. It's one of Betz's favorites, and many of our SSL regulars love it, too.

Siam Café serves mainly Thai food, with a menu that includes soups, salads, fish, lobster, crab, poultry, beef, lamb and pork. And yes, even frog!

The restaurant is located on the northwest corner of St. Clair and E. 40th Street, with plenty of parking in their own lot.

IMPORTANT: Betz and Tim will be on vacation during this SSL, so please RSVP to Jim and Maria Longworth (440) 234-0749 or their email jamesd716@wowway.com before June 7. See you there!



Some of the "Read Across America" volunteer readers from UCUMC

Dr. Seuss Would Be Happy

Now in its 19th year as a signature project of the National Education Association, "Read Across America" made lots of kids happy at our partner school, Mary B. Martin School, on March 4 as 24 of our Church in the Circle volunteers read fun books to students in various grades. The "Cat in the Hat" hat in the photo appears because this program is generally recognized on the March 2nd birthday of author Dr. Seuss.

Many thanks to Mary Soirefman and Elaine Myers for organizing this fun activity!



Greater Cleveland Congregations is making a difference on issues that matter. By connecting individuals and organizations, GCC multiplies its power and mobilizes hundreds of people to call for social justice and institutional change in our community.

In our first “public action” as a new Greater Cleveland Congregations member, OVER 50 UNIVERSITY CIRCLE UNITED METHODISTS SHOWED UP for a GCC Action on a winter night in February at Fairmount Temple. Candidates for County Prosecutor listened to powerful testimony from members of our community, as well as GCC’s specific recommendations for criminal justice reform.

Now, we have another opportunity to show up and make our voices heard—this time, in support of our schools—at a GCC Education Action on Thursday, May 12, at 6:30pm at FDR Academy, 800 Linn Dr., Cleveland 44108. At this action meeting, GCC will present a number of issues to Cleveland Public Schools CEO Eric Gordon. Join parents, teachers, administrators and community partners to learn how to listen and act to improve the quality of education.

We’ve made a commitment to have 20 UCUMC members in attendance at the Education Action on May 12. Will you help us meet (or exceed!) our quota?

Please contact Marilyn Sutton (suttonmks@gmail.com) to let her know that you will attend. Hope you will join us on May 12!

~ Amy Wheatley, Ph.D., *Director of Education*

Focus on Education

MAY & JUNE PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

~ Amy Wheatley, Ph.D., *Director of Education*

Infants and Toddlers

Families are invited to visit our Wiggle Room whenever they need a break during the worship service. Caregivers remain with their children in the Wiggle Room. There are many toys and books for little ones, as well as an audio/video feed of the worship service for adults.

Children (pre-K to 5th grade)

Children begin the morning in worship with their families at 11:00 a.m. Activity bags for young children may be found on the “trees” just inside entrances to the sanctuary. They contain children’s worship bulletins and quiet activities to do during the service. After the opening moments of the worship service, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders and gather in the Sunday School room for stories of our faith, lively activities and play with friends. Breakfast (cereal, juice, yogurt, fruit) are served each week. Visiting friends and grandchildren are welcome!

Youth (6th to 12th grades)

Sunday, May 15, our youth lead the worship service, under the direction of Rev. Mariah Hayden and Dawn McElrath, our youth group leaders. Several youth will be confirmed on this day, and we will celebrate as they “officially” join our congregation of the United Methodist Church! With music shared and words written and spoken by our young people, as well as a special message delivered by Dr. Chalker, this worship service will be a meaningful one for everyone in our family of faith. A reception of cake and punch in the Parlor follows worship, and all are welcome. Following May 15, youth group takes a “summer vacation” and will resume in the fall.



Sharon Seyfarth Garner, left, with Deborah Garner and Megan Williams

The East Ohio Conference enabled the mission team of Rev. Sharon Seyfarth Garner, Deborah Garner and Megan Williams to visit Camphor, Liberia, to help residents improve their conditions.

In response to receiving our church’s gift of an altar cloth signed by many of our members, the recipients reciprocated with a thank-you gift of an altar cloth, shown, featuring a mandala specifically referencing the unifying power of global prayer, and signed by those touched by this ministry.

Contributions vs Operating Budget	
January–April, 2016	
Given: \$187,392	Budget: \$191,750



Easter/Holy Week Touches Hundreds

It was an inspiring resurrection celebration this year, with over 500 people attending our Holy Week and Easter Sunday services.

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“long in the land.”

One of the great things about our present-day world is having such a wide variety of really wonderful—actually, *marvelous*—things to receive! Information, arts, sports, comedy—you name it—we have seemingly unlimited access to the very best of things in all creation. Never before has it been so absolutely easy to be a recipient—a receiver—of all kinds of blessings. Never before has it been more advantageous to our growth and fullness of life to be a *wide* receiver.

A curse in our time, however, is that, even though there has never been a more advanced era in which to be a wide receiver, more and more folks seem to be *limited* receivers. Some folks never seem to expand their channel choices. Some folks focus on one station, one network, one site, and respond with only one point of view. Some folks, even though the universe has never been more accessible, have a tunnel vision so *narrow* that wide receiving of any kind is non-existent, with only laser-guided judgement on what, or even who, ought to be included or banned or even cast into outer darkness. But enough about our presidential politics.

A wide receiver...who recognizes and takes in the loving dimensions of God's kingdom...values *greatly* this privileged position of *marvelous* opportunity on this world's "playing field." A wide receiver, grateful for all the good there is to receive in life, tries to never drop this ball of opportunity, but to capture all of life's blessings and to run with great gratitude toward the goal of living life abundantly.

One of the many blessings of experiencing University Circle in the spring is watching Nature paint the Circle's countless flowers, shrubs and trees with her vibrant color. It's always a reminder that, here, we are among the nation's...the world's *top* receivers of her beauty. And we can feel blessed to receive it and compelled to run with it.

Having this perspective and grateful attitude makes so many wonderful things possible. Having this perspective and grateful attitude as wide receivers keeps our eyes on the ball of God's love, mercy and grace. Having this perspective and attitude is a transformative, spiritual condition we can and *must* be thankful we can experience.

At University Circle United Methodist Church, we are a gathered community of faithful wide receivers. No matter where we look, rather than seeing oppressive, formidable, impenetrable defensive linemen who threaten unachievable goals, we see an open, unobstructed family of faith filled with wide-eyed optimism, envisioning a successful, joyful future. And that's because we are God's first-round picks, drafted to make great differences in the lives of not only each other but those in this *marvelous* community of which we are such a vital part. We are indeed wide receivers driven by God's loving spirit, and we're touchdown bound!

I'm glad to talk with you about this column and anything else when I "see you in church."

UCUMC OUTLOOK

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University Circle United Methodist Women

~ Cathy Day, Treasurer

Judy Sockman Honored at Annual Luncheon

The University Circle United Methodist Women hosted their Second Annual Spring Luncheon on April 30 in the Great Hall, honoring all women of our church by providing a delicious catered meal followed by a program to foster fellowship and interesting conversation. This year, the Duffy Liturgical Children's Ensemble presented the Invocation with joyful singing and dancing.

Judy Sockman was awarded the UCUMW Special Mission Pin and Certificate. Judy personifies our church theme of "All are welcome. All the time." She readily and cheerfully meets and greets anyone who enters the church building. Judy served as the staff representative for our UCUMW unit, keeping us up-to-date and informed about church activities.

Led by President Ester Crawl-Bey, the guests engaged in discussions about happiness and joy, sharing personal stories and experiences as they got to know each other better.

Evelyn Prince reported that the UMW Quadrennial Assembly will be held on May 18-20, 2018 in Columbus. UCUMW scholarships will be available to encourage participation.

President Crawl-Bey urged everyone to look at the displays in the Great Hall, exhibiting information about UCUMW mission programs and the National UMW communications. The Children's Ensemble closed the luncheon with a participatory singing and dancing Benediction.



Judy Sockman, former
UCUMC Membership
Coordinator



UMW Luncheon attendees

Did you know? Church in the Circle has an email prayer chain, over sixty members strong. If you would like to be a part of this prayer mission, email Heidi Denman McDougall at h.e.denman@gmail.com. Prayer requests are usually shared a few times per week. Thank you for praying!



OUTREACH

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Outreach Work Day

~ Doug Blank, *Outreach Committee Chair*
 (dblank3@gmail.com)

Neighborhood Garden Beds Need Filled

We need volunteers for a neighborhood service project, **Saturday, May 14, from 8:30am to 2pm** at Michael R. White Elementary School, not far from our church. Lunch is provided!

Partnering with the Famicos Foundation (the local community development corporation;

www.famicos.org), our Church in the Circle volunteers will be working with Job Corps to prepare ten raised vegetable garden beds on the school grounds. Just as in the past, this



project includes bed assembly, loading soil into beds and installing mulch—a fun opportunity to get back into the community for some hands-on work!

To participate, please contact me at UCUMCoutreach@gmail.com or 216.536.1857. Then meet at our church on the 14th at 8:30am. Thank you so much for your gifts of time and muscle power!

A note of thanks from Brianna McElrath...

I would like to thank everyone for their generous water and monetary donations to our Water Drive for Flint, Michigan. We delivered the water and were able to actually take it

out of our van and put it directly into the residents' vans, which was extremely rewarding. Their appreciation for our act as an entire church made the effort worth it! It was a life-changing and humbling project for me to be a part of, and I would like to thank you all for your role in it.

For any additional information or pictures, email me at 16bmcelrath@beaumontschool.org. Thanks again, UCUMC!



Hope Williams, right, joins Brianna McElrath, left, and her parents, Dawn and Fred McElrath, to deliver nearly 25 cases and jugs of water to residents of Flint, Michigan, on March 5.



Outreach Committee members (l-r): Jennifer Bier, Lois Reisinger, Judy Sockman, Doug Blank, Susan Achberger, Elaine Myers, Dave Hundertmark, Larry Myers and Vivian Harris

On UMCOR's Bucket List:

Fund the Midwest Mission Distribution Center

~ Susan Achberger

When disaster strikes, we often ask, "How can I help?" The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) offers a simple way for members of our church to help local and global disaster victims alike: donate dollars. And unlike with many other organizations, 100% of the money donated to UMCOR goes to support disaster victims and the less fortunate. This can be accomplished because UMCOR's operational costs are funded by the larger United Methodist Church.

In large part, UMCOR provides aid in the form of Relief Supply Kits, including health kits, cleaning buckets and school kits.

Health kits include items such as a washcloth, soap and a toothbrush and paste. After the 2012 tsunami hit Japan, UMCOR sent 17,000 health kits via U.S. Navy transport to our Japanese brothers and sisters so they could care for themselves.

Cleaning buckets—like the one the Outreach Committee displays each summer—include items such as a clothes line, detergent, all-purpose cleaner and bug spray, all packed into a 5-gallon bucket. These buckets are distributed to natural disaster victims to help them clean up their homes and begin to rebuild their lives.

UMCOR also makes school kits for both teachers and students who cannot afford school supplies. While many of these kits have been sent to places like Haiti, many more have gone to students and teachers right here in the states. Last summer UMCOR's Facebook page featured pictures of Appalachian students thrilled to be receiving kits filled with new supplies for school. (For more Relief Supply Kit information, visit <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>.)

Our Outreach Committee fundraiser helps the Illinois-based UMCOR supply depot, Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC), purchase supplies for and then assemble and distribute Relief Supply Kits. With your financial donations combined, I will deliver to the East Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside a check for UMCOR when I attend during the week of June 12. The bigger the check, the better, so please donate and help UMCOR complete its bucket list! As always, thank you.

Neighborhood Lunch is held the last Sunday of every month at 1pm in the Great Hall, providing a full meal to hungry folks in our neighborhood and beyond. A sign-up sheet on the red bulletin board in the office hallway lets you sign up to contribute specific food items; you can also make a cash donation or stay after worship to greet and serve our guests. Contact Jennifer Bier for more information, and thank you for your support!



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What's Happening in the Circle

May

- 14 Outreach Work Day
DuffyLit Prayer Breakfast, 10am,
Great Hall
- 15 Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday
Outreach, 9:30am, Reception Room
Youth Sunday Worship, 11am
Membership Development
Committee, 12:30pm, Yoder Room
- 17 Finance Committee, 6pm, Reception
Room
- 22 Worship, 11am
Administrative Council Meeting,
12:30pm
Organ Concert, 2pm, Sanctuary
- 24 SPPR Committee, 6pm, Yoder Room
- 29 Worship, 11am
Neighborhood Lunch, 1:30pm,
Great Hall

- 30 Church office closed for Memorial Day
- 31 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon, Reception
Room

June

- 4 DuffyLit Dance Recital, 3pm
- 5 Worship with Communion, 11am
All-Church Potluck, 12:30, Great Hall
- 8 Trustees, 6pm, Reception Room
- 12 Worship, 11am
SSL, 12:30pm
- 14 SPPR Committee, 6pm, Yoder Room
- 19 Worship, 11am
- 21 Finance Committee, 6pm, Reception Room
- 26 Worship, 11am
Neighborhood Lunch, 1:30pm, Great Hall
- 28 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon, Reception
Room
SPPR Committee, 6pm, Yoder Room

~ Summer Worship Schedule ~

Now through June 28: Sanctuary, 11am
July 3 through September 4: Great Hall, 10am

~SUNDAYS~

Invitation to Journey, 9am, Parlor
Dr. Chalker's class, 9:30am, Yoder Room
Worship service, 11am, Sanctuary
Children attend worship until Sunday School
at 11:20am
Middle School and High School Youth meet
during worship (summer pause)
Liturgical Dance Rehearsals, 12:30pm

~ONGOING~

Worship, Sundays, 11am in our Sanctuary
Neighborhood Basketball, Tuesdays and
Wednesdays, 4-8pm, Gym
Neighborhood Lunch, last Sundays, 1pm,
Great Hall
First-Sunday Potlucks, first Sundays,
12:30pm, Great Hall
Last-Tuesday Lunch Bunch, last Tuesdays,
noon, Reception Room
SSL (Second-Sunday Lunches), at local
restaurants following worship
Dance rehearsals for children and youth,
Sundays, 12:30pm, in the DuffyLit Studio
at our church; see Edna Duffy for
information