



The Outlook

University Circle United Methodist Church

All are welcome. All the time.

September 2016

chalk talk



BY DR. KENNETH W. CHALKER

I have read the saying in several books. Purportedly, it is a Native American aphorism. It is this: "No wise person ever wanted to be younger." Hmm.

While I think that I can understand something of the meaning of that thought, I confess that when another summer has come to a close and the fall season begins with all its attendant schedules and events, I discover that I am not at all wise. I often think about how good it would be to be younger; to enjoy greater energy.

When I have my sacred-to-me grandpa days with now 3½-year-old Addie Grace, I covet being younger. I think about how great it would be to keep up with her longer and not have such an awareness that I get up and down from the floor or lawn or park playground things more slowly than I once did.

Grace and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary several weeks ago. I have been greatly blessed in our marriage. And, most assuredly, amazing grace continues to abound in our lives together. But there are times when I think about how wonderful it would be to be younger.

I am on the board of trustees of a local Ohio university. There is not a time that I am on that campus that I do not think about how terrific it would be to be an enrolled student on that campus now. I am not wise. I wish I could be starting over with the opportunities, amenities and availability of resources which are now open to university students. It would be a delight to have the accrued experience and perspective of life that comes with getting older and the chance to be younger in years to benefit from new adventures that being younger would facilitate.

I get it that we would not be wise in wanting to, again, go through a great many

► 'chalk talk' continued on page 6

Campaign Pledges Pass Half-Way Mark

A letter from Connie Clark, Campaign Consultant

Dear Members and Friends of University Circle United Methodist Church,

I would like to update you on the Endowment and Capital Campaign and thank you for a job well done. Our campaign committee and leadership understood that it was critical that you and other church members give first, before we could ask individuals and foundations in the greater Cleveland community to help us reach our overall campaign goal of \$1.5 million. Thus far, members of the congregation have pledged \$877,085 toward this lofty yet necessary goal. It is very important that the Church in the Circle congregational giving reach the \$1 million mark before grants and personal donations outside the church walls are sought.

One million dollars in cash and pledges, when added to the \$2 million the church body has already invested in repairs and restorations to your historic Cleveland landmark, is a \$3 million commitment. Wow! What a compelling message from a congregation your size. You should be very proud of your church family and what you have done.

Let's keep this going so we can meet our goal.

When the donations and pledges we have already received are joined by future gifts

from members of the church and community who have not yet given, critically needed restorations to your magnificent building will continue.

Please realize you have done more than replenish your church's investment portfolio for future needs. You have made it possible to continue reaching and meeting the needs of your faith family and community through programs that fulfill your mission.

I can't thank your members, staff and volunteers enough. So many unselfishly supported the campaign by giving their time, talent and gifts. You are an amazing congregation. It has truly been a pleasure to work with so many of you to preserve your awesome church building for posterity and to witness your open hearts toward each other and "the least of these." Through you, I have been able to feel your congregation's living heart and soul, moving forward as the embodiment of Christ's love.

Blessings until we meet again,
Constance M. Clark, *President*

MISSION
POSSIBLE

A Tribute to Norine Wines Sharp

On Saturday, September 10, at 10:30am, family, friends and community gather in our sanctuary to celebrate the life of Norine Wines Sharp, who, with husband Robert, was a long-time stalwart member of this congregation. Norine moved on to life eternal on July 13 of this year and will forever be remembered for her devotion to the life of this church.

As expressions of appreciation and respect for such a dedicated disciple as Norine, the musicians involved in this service will offer a portion of her musical compositions and present "I Will Sing"—a joyous choral affirmation created by noted composer Mark Miller and commissioned by University Circle United Methodist Church. It was first

performed by our Chancel Choir on Sunday, May 5, 2013, as a tribute to Norine's lifetime of leadership, stewardship and dedication.

You are invited to be a part of this memorial service as we remember, honor and celebrate one of God's most accomplished souls, Norine Wines Sharp.

[Also, a visitation for the family of Norine will take place from 6:30 to 8:30pm, Friday, September 9, in the church Parlor.]



Perine Accepts Director Role

After months of job description preparation and interviews, in May our Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) selected **Donyah Perine** as the church's Executive Director. She was introduced to the congregation during the Sunday, July 10th worship service with a reception following.

As Executive Director, Donyah's areas of responsibility include: administration, human resources, finance, budgeting, facilities management and Information Technology.

With more than 25 years of experience with LifeShare Community Blood Services, Donyah led this Lorain County non-profit to become a \$19 million organization. As Director of Financial Services, Donyah reported directly to LifeShare's President and CEO. She directed finance and accounting, fund accounting, information technology, facility maintenance, human resources and risk management for a workforce of 145 employees in seven locations.

In her short time on staff, Donyah has already instituted supportive changes in procedure and addressed newly discovered needs with a skilled, positive approach.

A native of Cincinnati and currently living in Amherst, Donyah is the mother of an adult daughter and enjoys the sport of auto racing as well as gardening and time with her family. Our church family has warmly welcomed her and offers continuing appreciation for her direction and expertise.



Donyah Perine, 2nd from left, with Marina Grant, Jan Kimball and Dave Waltermire

New Member Class Scheduled

Are you interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and University Circle UMC in particular? Then, you're invited to our New Member Class, Saturday, September 10. We gather in the Great Hall (lower level) of the church at 8:30am for "hello's" and coffee, then discover new things about our "Church in the Circle" until noon, when lunch is served. Rev. Jared Gadoski Littleton and others will guide us through this discovery process.

Contact Jeff Day (440-449-2944/jeffreyhday@yahoo.com), Heather Howard (216-421-1200/howard@churchinthecircle.com) or Aaron Collier (acollier@churchinthecircle.com) for more information. This is a great opportunity to share in the fellowship of Church in the Circle where "all are welcome all the time."



~Rev. Jared Gadoski Littleton and GCC releases Greater Cleveland Congregations is **making a difference on issues that matter**. One of them is the "Get Out the Vote" campaign (GOTV), which your delegation from University Circle UMC and other member congregations joined together this past August 25 to unanimously support.



Starting September 17, members of GCC congregations will begin canvassing on Saturdays and Sundays with the goal of knocking on 12,000 doors by election day. GCC already has commitments from an initial 260 volunteers to canvass specific neighborhoods, with a focus on listening to residents about what is important to them, identifying potential leaders and building our GCC base.

University Circle UMC has been particularly lifted up as being one of two partner congregations located near the Glenville neighborhood.

It is in the voting booth that so many justice issues are decided. And all too often, individuals most affected by injustice give up on the system and do not cast a ballot, empowering those with selfish motives to take advantage of the most vulnerable.

Each canvass will begin with substantial training, equipping each volunteer with the tools and confidence they need to go door-knocking. The [Leadership Lab](#) from LA is sending five organizers to Cleveland to help lead this campaign and canvass with us as we build connections and bring about positive change in the community.

The first canvasses are scheduled for September 17-19 and 24-25. And if you'd like to participate, please let me know (JaredLittleton@gmail.com or 440-503-9435) or contact Jan Kimball (jkimball.oh@gmail.com or 216-334-5036).

Please join us in this neighbor-making adventure!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
RALLY DAY!

Reconnect with folks whose trips and vacations have taken them to far-away places during some of our summer months. Catch up on the latest while enjoying a scrumptious "Gourmet Hot Dog" with all the fixin's! Share in this delightfully delicious Rally Day picnic prepared by the MENS group and held in the Great Hall following worship, and be reminded of why you love this unique family of faith so much. See you there!



Bob and Jennifer Adamson with Dr. Chalker, who is holding twins Kent Maxwell and Audrey May following their baptism on June 26, 2016

MarketingMatters

~Aaron Collier, *Director of Public Relations & Communication*

'Ohio Open Doors' Features Our Church

In collaboration with the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, Church in the Circle will open its doors on **September 16–18th** from 12pm to 2pm to enable the public to "Visit the Holy Oil Can Church in Cleveland." Church historian John Wheeler will give tours, and a variety of snacks and drinks will be available.



Tell your friends and join them in experiencing the incredible beauty and architecture of the place we call our spiritual home. Here is a link with all the details:

<http://www.churchinthecircle.com/ohio-open-doors>

'Circle the City with Love'



PHOTO COURTESY OF CLEVELAND.COM

Eight-year-old Madeleine Hayden from the University Circle United Methodist Church congregation during July's *Circle the City with Love* demonstration on the Hope Memorial Bridge.

Church in the Circle Fundraiser

We can help Cleveland save money while benefiting our church at the same time!

The *SaveAround* coupon book features over \$5,000 of savings on Cleveland-area purchases and services. And when you purchase your book using the link below, a portion of the sale goes directly to our church to support our continued mission of offering an OPEN, LOVING, SAFE space for ALL!

Here are your three Easy Steps:

1. Click on this link: www.churchinthecircle.com/save-around-fundraiser
2. Select your city.
3. Purchase your coupon book!

UCUMC OUTLOOK

Dr. Kenneth W. Chalker, Senior Pastor
University Circle United Methodist Church
1919 E. 107th St., Cleveland, OH 44106
www.churchinthecircle.com ■ 216.421.1200

Outlook Editor: Jim Hogg—hoggwriter@gmail.com

Photographers: Jeff Day, Jim Hogg,
David Hughes, Brian Misch

Editorial Staff: M. Abele, C. Day, E. Prince



Campers Can't Say Enough

~Heather Howard, *Office Coordinator*

Thirteen-year-olds Imani and Sean may have just returned to school to start 8th grade, but in July, they went to Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio, thanks to scholarships provided by our church's United Methodist Women. And it's clear from their enthusiastic accounts that they both turned their camping opportunities into very special adventures. Here are their comments:



Imani Miller

I signed up for the "Water Week" program. We went canoeing one day and I was in the back. The girl in the front really wanted to see the water lilies and touch them, but I was afraid we would get stuck, so I tried to go closer. We did okay. We did not tip over or get stuck. Going to a water park was fun.

This time we got to stay in the Retreat Center instead of the cabins and I liked that. There was not much I did not like. You can't stop the bugs or the heat, but there was nothing that I really didn't like. I love the food. It was really fun on the wagon ride when the counselors attacked us with water. Skit night was funny—Sean and I did a skit full of jokes and puns. One was about problems taking place in a McDonald's and at the end I said, "that was not a happy meal."

Our group had 7 campers, all going into 8th–10th grade. For the first time, everyone in the group was friends and nobody stuck to one person. We were more energetic. I have everybody on Instagram still. I don't know what program we will do next year, but we are going to ask the rest of the group and sign up together.

I'm grateful for the church for paying for me to go. I wouldn't be able to afford it. I get to go out in open air and it is really peaceful. It is a good place to make a lot of friends and to have more fun than at home.

Sean Howard

Camp Asbury staff are very nice. You can always depend on them. Even if the group is bad, the program will more than make up for it. It is a great way to get in touch with God and nature. Camp is very fun. They have a wide variety of programs.

In most cases, the cabins are pretty nice, not particularly bad or outstanding—pretty comfortable. The food is outstanding there. Even if you don't like the main course, there is a side dish and a salad bar. The camp's grounds are very beautiful. They have wonderful hiking trails. Lake Hibbard is pretty to look at in the morning.

This summer I went to two weeks at camp. The first week I signed up for Night Owls. It is a very fun program, but it is definitely the most exhausting because there is lots of walking involved, especially between the teepees where we sleep and the camp. Water Week was very fun. I enjoyed the program but what really made the week for me was the outstanding group members.

I can't thank you all enough for allowing me to go to camp again this summer. I cherish the memories that I make at that place and will always remember the great people I've met there and the wonderful times. Thank you for allowing me to enjoy such a wonderful life experience.

Ed.: Indeed, thank you to the members of our University Circle United Methodist Women for making these wonderful memories possible. It appears that your generosity was very well rewarded.

GRACENOTES

~Nathan Motta, *Music and Arts Director*

The TOP 10 REASONS to Join a UCUMC Music & Arts Ensemble:

10. Robes hide embarrassing coffee stains (and in some cases shorts and t-shirts).
9. There's no pressure! Come for a week, miss a few... just come when you can!
8. No one can hear you sing in the shower. Share your voice!
7. Dancing in the shower is dangerous. You may get your fill of singing in the shower, but dancing is most safe under the direction of Edna Duffy and our Liturgical Dancers. Join them!
6. Fight the stigma of the "Frozen Chosen" and kick it in the Gospel Choir! They encourage toe-tapping and hand clapping.
5. Members of the Chancel Choir get a backstage pass to the chancel every Sunday.
4. We do it all! Don't like classical music? No problem! Love "dead white guy" music? Great, we do that too! From spirituals to classical, hymn settings, to contemporary Christian, we do everything. You might even treat yourself to some Beatles or some Broadway musicals on a given Sunday.
3. Nine out of ten doctors say ringing bells relieves stress by banging out frustration.
2. Get a front-row seat to Lavert's flying fingers on various keyboards.
1. They don't pass the offering plate in the chancel.

Cleveland Messiah Chorus Performs at UCUMC

~Lavert Stuart, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

The 94th annual performance of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" will be performed in the Sanctuary of University Circle United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 20, 2016, at 4pm by the Cleveland Messiah Chorus under the direction of Virginia Wieland-Mast, with Lavert Stuart, organist, and the Cleveland School of the Arts Chamber Orchestra.

The Chorus is financed by dues, patrons, donations and a free-will offering taken at each year's performance.

The Cleveland Messiah Chorus, dedicated to the annual performance of Handel's Messiah, was founded by William Albert Hughes, Director of Music at Franklin Circle Church. Its first performance was under his direction on December 31, 1922. Membership in the Chorus is open to all singers, with no audition required. If you are interested in participating in this performance, speak with Lavert Stuart or email him at ls44106@hotmail.com.



Congressman LaTourette Remembered

University Circle United Methodist Church welcomed the family, friends and associates of former Congressman Steven Clare LaTourette during an August 15 memorial service held in his honor.

Mr. LaTourette spent a portion of his childhood attending classes and services in the former Epworth-Euclid United Methodist Church and arranged with Dr. Chalker to have his service "in the church where I grew up."

Mr. LaTourette began his career as a public defender and in private practice before becoming Lake County prosecutor in 1988. From 1995 to 2013 Mr. LaTourette proudly and honorably represented northeast Ohio as a member of Congress. He leaves a distinguished and respected legacy, not only here at home but in our nation's capital and beyond.



Dining Opportunities

Second Sunday Lunch (SSL) September 11, 2016

This month, SSL falls on the 15th anniversary of 9/11. Let's commemorate this Patriot Day by gathering in an "all American" restaurant—the Market Garden Brewery on West 25th. Established in 2011 and featuring Cleveland's first American beer garden, Market Garden is located next door to the 100-year-old West Side Market in Ohio City.

A special Sunday Brunch menu includes French Toast, Pressed Waffle Sandwich, Breakfast Burrito, Pastrami Hash, Fruit Waffles, Assorted Omelets, Fried Chicken Waffles, Scotch Eggs, Ohio Beef Burger and more. Prices range from \$6 to \$12.

RSVP to Betz Richards (440) 235-9343 or email chefbetz1@aol.com by Sept. 6.

October 9, 2016

As the Edgewater Yacht Club goes through an extensive renovation during December, our "Christmas Lunch" invitation from John and Jan Stahl to eat at the Club has been graciously changed to October.

Prices range from \$5 to \$12 for Salads, Pizzas, Burgers, Sandwiches and Small Plates; entrées are priced from \$10 to \$18.

RSVP to Betz Richards @ 440-235-9343, or email: chefbetz1@aol.com by October 4.



United Methodist Women

Let's start thinking Christmas! University Circle United Methodist Women will again be selling pecans—a favorite for holiday baking. This year there will be an opportunity to **pre-order** so you are sure to have all the pecans you want for the holidays. Normally, the price is \$12/pound, but if you pre-order 2 pounds or more, the price drops to only \$11/pound! Watch for the order form soon.



Spiritual Formation Opportunities

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

Fall Sunday Programming for ALL Ages Begins September 25!

Church in the Circle seeks to support and nurture the lifelong spiritual growth of children, youth and adults alike. Our Sunday morning programming informs, engages and inspires people to follow in the way of Jesus and to see themselves as part of God's ongoing story.

CHILDREN & YOUTH.....

~Wiggle Room (Infants, Toddlers and Families)

10:45am-12:30pm (main floor adjacent to the sanctuary)
A space for families and young children to be together during the worship service. This room has a variety of books and toys to engage young children and an audio/video feed of the worship service for adults.

~Child Care Before Worship (Preschool through 5th grade)—Leaders: Cynthia Burge, Karl Wheatley

9:30-10:45am (mezzanine-level classroom, lower 107th St. entrance)
Supervised play for children whose family members are participating in adult classes or activities before worship.



~Sunday School (Preschool through 5th grade)—Leaders: Amy Wheatley, Cynthia Burge, Karl Wheatley

11:15am-12:30 pm (mezzanine-level classroom, lower 107th St. entrance)
Children begin their Sunday morning in worship with their families, then join their adult leaders to go to Sunday School, where we encourage caring relationships as we eat breakfast, play, sing and pray together. We explore Jesus' life and teachings through art, games, cooking, drama, music, science and stories. Children participate in the worship service for special times of music and celebration and for communion on the first Sunday of the month.

~Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)—Leader: Rev. Mariah Hayden

~High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)—Leader: Dawn McElrath

10:30am-12:30pm (Youth Room, second floor)
Youth explore faith and current events through discussion, games, video, service projects and occasional guest speakers. We attend

worship on the first Sunday of every month and participate in the life of our church as greeters, communion servers and liturgists/readers.

~Faith Seekers (Youth Grades 8-12)—Leader: Rev. Mariah Hayden

A special experience for youth who are interested in exploring membership (Confirmation) in the United Methodist Church. (May meet additionally to Sundays)

ADULTS.....

~“Exploring Church Doctrine While Celebrating More Important Things”

Begins September 18th—9:30-10:30am (Yoder Room)
Dr. Chalker, our senior pastor, uses the Sunday scripture as the basis for this class, which includes lively questions and opportunities for discussion on the life and times of Jesus and what that means for the lives we lead now.

~“Invitation to Journey”

Begins October 2—9:00am-10:00am (Parlor)
Heidi Denman, Minister of Pastoral Care, uses a variety of books and video series for this class, which explores faith, prayer and the Bible's direction for our time. There is always engaging discussion and opportunity for personal reflection.

Contributions Update

Operations Budget

January–August 2016

Budget: \$388,427

Given: \$371,758

Capital Campaign

2016–2019

Pledged: \$877,085

Given toward Pledges: \$207,337



Lois Reisinger with friend Holly Kay Hitchcock below the “Christ the Redeemer” statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where they attended the Summer Olympics.

chalk talk

► *continued from page 1*

things that occur while growing up and up and up. But it is certainly equally true, for me at least, that the thought that, for many things, it's "too late" or that some things are over is very unsettling. When I officially "retired" and walked across the stage at Hoover Auditorium at Annual Conference at Lakeside with Grace this past June, there was an unexpected sense of cold reality that some things were indeed OVER. Over.

Well, enough of this. I am not wise.

Perhaps this is another reason why the life and teachings and promises of Jesus are so very engaging and life-giving. The message is that we are always on the edge of life in abundance. In the things that really matter, time is not running out. There is instead always a fullness of time and new occasions which hold out the promise that so much of life is unrevealed until its season, and our seasons are always, and will always be, changing. So, bring on the fall...and the winter...and another spring.

I embrace that hope with the youthful passion of a child of God.

See you in church!

Custodial Duties Assumed by Solon Janitorial

With budgetary concerns at the forefront, the church's Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), which deals with personnel issues and is chaired by Jan Kimball, took steps this past June to eliminate the position of Property Manager, resulting in the departure of Chuck Huene.

Karl Clark, formerly on the church's Care Team, is now an employee of Solon Janitorial Services, Inc., which had been interviewed by SPRC and contractually hired to assume custodial and event set-up responsibilities under the direction of Donyah Perine, our Executive Director. Karl's workday is usually spent in our church. His brother, Desmond Clark, remains a church employee, working with Solon Janitorial as needed and tending to other facility needs.

UCUMC member Keith Hamilton, who is with Solon Janitorial, works with Donyah to make certain each day's work schedule is completed. He has also volunteered his time to identify needs and make code-related improvements to the facility.

The needs of the former First Church facility will be addressed as schedules allow.

Care and Prayer



~Heidi E. Denman McDougall, M.Div., Minister of Pastoral Care

Pastoral care, more than anything else, involves coming alongside when someone is hurting. Whether the pain is physical or spiritual, my calling is to be sure you are never alone. Our location, so close to the major hospitals, makes us the "go-to church" on Sunday when someone arrives from out of town for medical attention. Our reach goes far beyond our beautiful cathedral.

Over the course of my four years as Minister of Pastoral Care, I have walked with folks from Montana, Michigan, Florida, Virginia, the Carolinas and even St. Croix. Some of these friends have become family; several are now part of our email prayer chain. As John Wesley reminds us, "The world is our parish." At Church in the Circle, we truly try to live by those words.

* * * * *

Looking for a Bible study or small group to join, to enhance your faith walk and journey with others? How about one of these?

- **Invitation to Journey** gathers at 9:00 Sunday morning in the Parlor to grapple with the questions life throws at us. We work with DVD studies from John Ortberg, Adam Hamilton and more. We seldom find definitive answers, but in asking questions, we stretch and grow our faith and beliefs. All are welcome, especially *you*.
- **Panera** at Tiedeman and I-480 is a midweek destination, providing an opportunity to gather over a cup of coffee, look together at the lectionary for the next week, pray for one another and leave refreshed. We meet at 8:30am, and there is always a seat for *you*.
- Early birds find their way to **Einstein's Bagels** in Lakewood, at the corner of Detroit and St. Charles. We meet at 6:45 for coffee (unless, like me, you don't need coffee to wake up), bagels, Scripture and prayer. We are on our way at 7:30, ready to take on the day. *You* are welcome to join us.

* * * * *

She showed up first on a Monday afternoon, just hanging out in our beautiful sanctuary. She was drawn by the welcoming messages on our sign, taken in by the glorious architecture we might sometimes take for granted. We talked architecture. She asked questions; I made up answers; we both laughed. The next day, I got a note: *Thanks for the architecture "lesson"!*

A few weeks later, there was a phone call. *Could we meet? I'd really like to talk.* More time in that same pew, more questions—serious ones this time. A troubled young woman wondering if she was even on God's radar any more. A few tears, a hug...and she disappeared.

On a whim, I sent her an email. *Just checking in.* Her response was quick and troubling. The darkness was heavy, she said, and she just wasn't sure she wanted to live. She was in the ER; all was definitely not well. From there, a few days in a mental health setting; her silence was deafening. I prayed. Many of you prayed, as well. Then it came—her awe-filling story of encountering God in the darkness.

She asked, over and over again, *God, where, where, WHERE ARE YOU?* And then little things began popping into her mind—little crazy "coincidences" like stopping in to sit in a beautiful sanctuary. And this young woman who felt abandoned began to understand, for the first time, what the true, crazy Love of God can feel like.

You never know where God is going to work. And that, friends, is pastoral ministry at its finest. Thanks be to God.

Our sincere thanks to our clergy who presented sermons on Sundays when Dr. Chalker was on vacation this summer...



Heidi E. Denman McDougall, M.Div.



Rev. Sharon Seyfarth Garner



Rev. Jim Longworth



Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

...and a warm "thank you" to Rev. Jerry Kalb (right) from Painesville for offering his Sunday message in August.



Rev. Jerry Kalb



Judy Sockman, Della Magee, Barbara and Jim Pheneger and Evelyn Prince

Thank you for making the Mary B. Martin School Supply Collection another success!

A generous collection of nearly 3,150 school supply items was delivered to Mary B. Martin School from University Circle Church where the principal and an appreciative group of teachers received them. The school’s Action Team Coach, Tracy Lee Glenn, emailed: “These are wonderful! What a great partnership between school and community!”

Additionally, a delicious “Back to School Brunch” was served to the grateful staff. THANK YOU to all who generously donated school supplies and/or funds for supplies.



Teachers and UCUMC volunteers enjoying Back-to-School Brunch

Special thanks to Barbara and Jim Pheneger, Mary Ellen Zimmerman, Evelyn Prince, Judy Sockman, Kitty Gregory and Jeff Day for their very valuable assistance in the delivery of school supplies and their help with the Back to School Brunch. Working efficiently and tirelessly to assure the success of both projects were coordinators Mary Soirefman, Elaine Myers, and Della Magee.

OUTREACH CORNER

Don’t Forget

...our weekly canned food collection for the **Cory UMC Food Pantry**. Hunger and nutrition are significant issues in our community, and each can of food we supply represents a meal for at least one Cleveland-area resident in need of food. And it’s easy to participate. Just pick up an extra can or dry-goods box each week at the grocery store, bring it to church and drop it in the “big blue bin.” That’s it! You’ll have contributed to the dozens of food items our congregation provides to Cory each week. THANK YOU!



4th Annual UCUMC Harvest Party



Thursday, October 27, will be our 4th annual neighborhood Harvest Party. If you haven’t previously participated, it’s a Halloween style celebration for school-age children, many of whom live within walking distance of the church. We decorate the Great Hall, host games and contests and provide pizza and snacks for the kids and their families. It’s an effort that requires dozens of volunteers to decorate, staff the activities, serve food, set up and clean up. Anyone interested in working this or any other Outreach projects should contact Doug Blank (UCUMCOutreach@gmail.com or 216.536.1857). The Committee is always open to new volunteers, especially for this annual significant and very rewarding undertaking!

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 (j_bier@hotmail.com) for more information, and thank you for your support!



**University Circle
United Methodist Church**
1919 E. 107th St.
Cleveland, OH 44106

What's Happening in the Circle

September

- 4 Worship, 10am, Great Hall
- 5 Labor Day—Church office closed
- 7 Trustees, 6pm, Reception Room
- 9 Visitation for family of Norine Sharp, 6:30–8:30pm, Parlor
- 10 New Member Gathering, 9am-noon, Great Hall
Memorial Service for Norine Sharp, 10:30am, Sanctuary
- 11 Worship, 11am, Sanctuary
Second Sunday Lunch
- 13 SPPRC, 6pm, Yoder Room
- 14 Choir Rehearsals resume, 6pm Bells, 7:15 Choir
- 18 Worship at 11am, Sanctuary
Rally Day
- 20 Finance, 6pm, Reception Room
- 25 Worship, 11am, Sanctuary
SPPRC, 12:30pm, Yoder Room
Neighborhood Lunch, 1pm, Great Hall
- 27 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon

October

- 2 Outreach, 9:15am, Great Hall
Worship, 11am, Sanctuary
Administrative Council Meeting, 12:30pm, Yoder Room
- 9 Worship, 11am, Sanctuary
Second Sunday Lunch
- 11 SPPRC, 6pm, Yoder Room
- 12 Trustees, 6pm, Reception Room
- 16 Worship at 11am, Sanctuary
- 18 Finance, 6pm, Reception Room
- 23 Worship, 11am, Sanctuary
- 25 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon
- 27 Harvest Party, 6pm, Great Hall
- 30 Worship, 11am, Sanctuary
Neighborhood Lunch, 1pm, Great Hall

~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
- Liturgical Dance Rehearsals, 12:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

RALLY DAY!