



**UMCM**  
**Messenger**

**April 2021**



# OPEN M

A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope

## Open M Keeps On In Spite of.....

We serve lunch at Open M on Thursday, April 29. As in the last few months , these will be bag lunches handed out to people outside the building. We needed only 30 last month and we aren't anticipating the count to be much higher this month. We dropped the lunches off and they were distributed at the food pantry. Stimulus money has helped folks so the food pantry isn't as busy as usual.

In March, we used the long-frozen meatballs and sauce from last year's cancelled work trip fundraiser dinner to make cold meatball subs, with the sub roll packed separately. We also included packaged fruit, chips, and homemade cookies from church members. If you have ideas for the bag lunches or want to help in any way , such as taking the bags down to Open M on that morning, call Carolyn Hansinger at (330)-467-1836, text to 440-821-0943 or e-mail [cmhansinger@aol.com](mailto:cmhansinger@aol.com).

Open M is eager to find companies who participate in a matching gift program. If your company contributes to charities, please check with your H.R. department and suggest Open M.

If you've volunteered in any way at Open M you're invited to the Zoom volunteer appreciation program of magic with Michael Mage on **Thursday, April 22 at 6 pm**. **Please RSVP by April 19 to [j.rist@openm.org](mailto:j.rist@openm.org)**. Jess Rist is the volunteer coordinator and if you have interest in helping or even finding out what are the current greatest needs, please e-mail her for ideas at [j.rist@openm.org](mailto:j.rist@openm.org).

- *Carolyn Hansinger*



## SENIOR COALITION

[www.westernreservehospital.org](http://www.westernreservehospital.org)

# FREE SENIOR EVENTS!



LIVE

AND DRIVE-THRU

Register at [hospitalevents@westernreservehospital.org](mailto:hospitalevents@westernreservehospital.org) or by calling (330) 926-3445. Each event requires registration including name, home address, phone number and email if applicable.

### APRIL 29, 3 - 4 P.M. – "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"

This one will really hit it out of the park. Bob DiBiasio, Sr. Vice President-Public Affairs for the Cleveland Indians, will share his stories from the field.

- Join us for Facebook Live
- Each registered senior will receive a baseball-themed swag bag delivered to their home
- Deadline to register is April 22

### MAY 7, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. – "SENIOR DRIVE-THRU FARMERS' MARKET"

Stow City Hall – 3760 Darrow Road, Stow

Enjoy fresh Spring produce along with new recipes to try.

- Each registered senior will receive a swag bag full of produce and other items from our sponsors
- Deadline to register is April 30
- Registered seniors will receive a time for pick-up



City of Stow

### MAY 21, 12 - 1 P.M. – "PRODUCE PICK-UP"

Quirk Cultural Center - 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls

Visit bountiful tables of produce and pick-up some new things to try.

- Each registered senior will receive a swag bag full of produce and other items from our sponsors
- Deadline to register is May 14
- Registered seniors will receive a time for pick-up



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### JUNE 17, 3 - 4 P.M. – "LET'S ParTEA!"

Explore the history and uses of tea with a presentation by Kathy Romito, Community Outreach Manager, Western Reserve Hospital. You can even wear your favorite hat!

- Join us for Facebook Live
- Each registered senior will receive a swag bag with tea and cookies as well as other items from our sponsors delivered to their home
- Deadline to register is June 10

### JULY 14, 3 - 4 P.M. – "YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD FOR ICE CREAM"

Quirk Cultural Center - 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls

Ice cream and all the toppings ready to take home and enjoy!

- Each registered senior will receive a swag bag of items from our sponsors
- Deadline to register is July 7
- Registered seniors will receive a time for pick-up



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Follow the Western Reserve Hospital Serving Seniors page ([www.facebook.com/WRHservingseniors](http://www.facebook.com/WRHservingseniors)) to receive information about upcoming events and news.

## *Congratulations and Farewell*

After eight years of serving as director of the UMCM bell choir, Bronze Reflections, Mary Lord will be stepping down from her position as of May 1, 2021.

We are thankful for her service and we wish her also wish to congratulate Mary on her upcoming taking place on May 1.



## **"Adopt -A- Flower- Bed"**

Marilyn Walko needs volunteers to help pull weeds and care for flower beds.

Please contact Marilyn  
(216) 543-7020.



The **family of Charles Exton** would like to thank all those who made donations to the church in Chuck's memory.



*congrats!* —————  
YOU DID IT

Congratulations to **Tony Bianchi**, our music director turned video mixer for recently earning six information technology certifications from My Computer Career, an accredited career school in Raleigh, NC. When our praise team and choirs were forced to stop rehearsing due to the Covid 19 pandemic Tony jumped into a brand new venture creating streaming Sunday services so our church could still worship God together. Seven months ago he decided to take online classes to be certified in CompTIA, Microsoft and Linux technologies while working his full time job and managing our worship services! His high scores earned him World Class Information Technology Professional status, equivalent to being on the Dean's List! He reports, "God has been good and very present during this process."

*congrats!* —————  
YOU DID IT



## UCB – April 2021 Update

The Unified Church Board continues to meet monthly to discuss the operations of the church under one board. We are working things out as they arise while fine tuning the processes that we have established. The minutes are prepared by Laurel Samsonas and are available to any member of the congregation. They can be found on the UMCM website under the “Members Only” tab. However, if you would like a copy, please do not hesitate to send Laurel an email.

At the April meeting, we continued to discuss our church re-opening from the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board felt Russ and his committee did a great job with re-opening on Easter Sunday. There were about 150 people in attendance for the service. We are gradually opening the building to church and spiritually based groups. The Creative Tech Team also did a great job of setting up the TV screens and associated technology in the Holbrook Room and Fellowship Hall to ensure that people had plenty of space to social distance while worshipping. The church will continue to offer online worship through Facebook, YouTube, and the website even though people will be welcomed to come inside the church. We ask that you participate anyway in which you are comfortable.

The UCB created a Transition Task Group that is charged with making the transition from Russ’ ministry to Pastor Lorrin’s ministry as seamless as possible. This group has been working on several activities that will occur in June and July. More information will be made available soon.



## UCB – April 2021 Update

In the meantime, the East Ohio Conference has developed some aids for our congregation to use to help with the transition. There is a lot of good information provided. Copies of some of these documents will be made available for you and placed on the Welcome Center counter. This will be the first time our church will have a woman pastor as well as one who is relatively younger than her predecessors.

### Here are just a few reminders:

1. Treat her as our pastor first, and do not focus on her gender. Avoid using the terms: “woman pastor” or “lady pastor”.
2. Even though she may be our children’s or grandchildren’s age, please do not treat her as such. Pastor Lorrin is very accomplished in her ministry thus far and that is why she was selected for our church.
3. Some things at our church may not fit our new pastor, so be flexible when you see things changing to accommodate her and her family.
4. Pastor Lorrin will be balancing her ministry, family, and a move all in the next several months. Please be patient during the adjustment time.

If you have any questions about the UCB activities or the Transition Task Group, please feel free to email or call me at [peggysprag@aol.com](mailto:peggysprag@aol.com) or 330-472-4358.

Peggy Spraggins, Chair

Mark your calendars for this year's

Vacation Bible School (VBS)!

**Sunday, June 27- Thursday, July 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

The theme is

**"Discovery on Adventure Island..."**



From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from their Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories.



**Registration opens soon.**

**Spread the word to extended  
family, friends, and neighbors**

**Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade!**

## MARCH INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

### Consolidated Income & Expense

Expenses	2021 Budget**	Total Expenses	Year-to-Date	
		Mar	2021	2020
Personnel*	\$223,585	\$20,018	\$62,543	\$67,787
Office*	\$23,668	\$2,787	\$7,280	\$7,404
Mortgage*	\$57,119	\$4,967	\$29,713	\$14,470
Facility*	\$62,298	\$8,886	\$21,493	\$37,456
Parsonage*	\$11,331	\$575	\$5,009	\$3,814
Misc & Bank Fees*	\$2,000	\$205	\$765	\$517
Apportionments*	\$71,062	\$5,765	\$19,296	\$7,668
Spiritual*	\$8,561	\$7,823	\$10,111	\$26,894
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$459,624</b>	<b>\$51,026</b>	<b>\$156,210</b>	<b>\$166,010</b>

Contributions	\$39,824	\$125,658	\$159,416
Investment Income	\$2,566	\$3,861	(\$6,085)
Miscellaneous Income***	\$4,230	\$44,667	\$11,472
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$46,620</b>	<b>\$174,186</b>	<b>\$164,803</b>

Income more/(less) than need	(\$4,406)	\$17,976	(\$17,409)
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Description of Associated Expenses

- \* Personnel: Salaries, Insurance, Benefits, Travel & Expense
- \* Office: Equipment Leases & Office Supplies
- \* Mortgage: New sanctuary
- \* Facility: Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance
- \* Parsonage: Taxes, Maintenance, & Utilities
- \* Misc and bank fees: Banking and brokerage fees
- \* Apportionments: UMCNEO Conference Support
- \* Spiritual: Church Music, Education, & Missions

\*\* Budget reduced to reflect PPP loan contribution.

\*\*\* Miscellaneous income includes \$40,972 for a non-reoccurring PPP loan. If loan is not forgiven, Budget is understated and YTD turns negative.



## **Employment Opportunity**

Valley Christian Academy, a PK-8 Christian school in Aurora , is currently seeking to fill a substitute position, which may become a full time teaching position in our first-grade classroom in the fall. This position will be available beginning in April and continue through May.

If you are interested, please log on to the VCA webpage ([www.valleychristian.com](http://www.valleychristian.com)) and look under the “About Us” tab to find the instructions on submitting an application.

We are seeking candidates with appropriate licensure and experience who want to honor God in the workplace. Please call the school for additional information (330)-562-8191.

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