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Join us at either **8:30 am or 10:30 am** as we celebrate the joy of resurrection with a multi-sensory service including drama, beautiful music, and the sacrament of holy communion. Don't forget your flower to help decorate our beautiful resurrection cross!

### Helping Hands

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**United Methodist Church of Berea**  
170 Seminary Street, Berea OH

**Tickets: \$15 at door; \$12.50 advance**  
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For presale ticket information,  
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Our next F.R.O.G. and D.O.G. club meetings will be on 5/5/19 from 5:00-6:30.

## SPRING CLEANING?

Miss Cheryl is hoping for donations of used -but-in-good-shape toys for children 4 years and younger to our Nursery. You can drop them off to her in the Nursery on Sundays, or in front of the Nursery during the week.

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Confirmation Retreat - 4/20:

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## OUTREACH

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