Worship Celebration

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020 + 9 AM and 11 AM



Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Berea!

As followers of Jesus Christ, who reveals a God whose love knows no boundaries, we are committed to welcoming and affirming every person as a beloved child of God. Every person—of every sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label—is welcome to participate fully in our ministries and life together as church. We hope The UMC of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, we make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Join us in worship, this week and every week:

Sunday at 9 AM in Wesley Hall (visit <u>www.umcb.org/worship</u>) Sunday at 11 AM online (<u>www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos</u>) Wednesday at 7 PM (Evening Prayer) in the Gathering Place

In preparation for worship, you are encouraged to light a candle as a reminder of God's presence.

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude Elegy on Psalm 23:6 Douglas Wagner

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

God of the past, who has fathered and mothered us, we are here to thank you.

God of the future, who always is ahead of us, we are here to trust you.

God of the present, here in the midst of us, we are here to praise you.

God of life beyond us, within us, we rejoice as we gather with all your saints. Amen.

Hymn

For All the Saints (vv. 5-2, 4, 6)

UMH 711

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Celebrating God's Saints

Let us give thanks for these sisters and brothers in Christ, to whom God has granted rest from their labors in God's love:

David Beckman	Carol Goepfert	Clarence Nealy
Thomas Christian	Charlotte Gorey	Kenneth Pogue
Donna Dial	Russell Hovorka	Marjorie Sayler
Walter Dietz	Eugene Jeffery	Victoria Thomson
Marlene Felts	Dell Lauderdale	Kenneth Williams

And all these others whom we have known and loved and now name in our hearts before you....

Almighty God, we give you thanks for these your servants and saints whom we remember today. Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ.

Bring us, with them, to those things no eye has seen, nor ear heard, which you have prepared for all whom you love.

Give us faith to look beyond sight, to feel beyond touch, to listen beyond hearting, and knowing that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, enable us then to run with perseverance the course that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

In the mystery of your love, in the power of your Holy Spirit, we are one with all your saints. *Bring us at last to your eternal peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Hymn For All the Saints TFWS 2283

For all the saints who've shown your love in how they live and where they move, for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased the Savior's fame, who sang your songs and shared your word, accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will, and showed the kingdom coming still through selfless protest, prayer, and praise, accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above. Though unacclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

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We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place, let us listen for the word of God among us. **People:** *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson—Revelation 7.9-17 (*CEB*)

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. ¹⁵This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, ¹⁷ because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God. **People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Matthew 5.1-12 (*NRSV*)

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
 - ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 - ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
 - ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 - ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 - ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 - ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 - ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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Children's Message

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Some of us may be experiencing financial hardship or uncertainty during this season, but our generosity through the life of the church remains crucial as an expression of our discipleship and to ensuring that we can maintain our commitments to mission and ministry during this uncertain time. If you already give financially online (www.umcb.org/donate) or by mailing a check to the church office, thank you! If you do not do so already, please consider giving through one of these methods now as we continue to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Hymn Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God! Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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The Great Thanksgiving

In these extraordinary circumstances, you are invited this morning to have prepared Communion elements or a simple piece of bread ready to receive as we participate together in the holy mystery of Communion, even while we remain physically apart. We will receive the elements at the same time, though not in the same place, trusting that through the presence of the Holy Spirit, our sharing is sacramental as our spirits interact with God's and with one another's. If the risen Christ really is present in all times and places, then surely Christ really is present among us even now. There is no substitute for gathering together in person; however, through God's grace, we trust that we still are held in communion with God and with one another.

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, God of all the saints:

of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Bathsheba;

of the priests and prophets, in this and every age;

of Mary and Joseph; of the apostles and the martyrs;

of our mothers, fathers, and children;

of David and Thomas, Donna and Walter, Marlene, Carol, Charlotte, and Russel;

of Eugene and Dell, Clarence and Kenneth, Marjorie, Victoria, and Kenneth;

and of all the saints whom we have known and loved—and who knew and loved us well.

We thank you for calling us into the journey we call discipleship,

into the adventure we call faith, and for giving us companions such as these.

With them—with all creation and all the communion of your saints—

now we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You sent your word made flesh in Jesus Christ to be with us:

to heal our sickness and confront our demons, to bear a cross and rise again, to show us our true humanity.

On the night before we betrayed and killed him, Jesus gathered with the disciples to share a meal of gratitude and belonging.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Receive, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, again gave thanks to you, shared it, and said:

"Receive, drink; this is the new covenant, given for you and for all. Do this to remember me."

And so, to remember you, we offer ourselves now in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by your generous love.

Renew our communion with all your saints, and remind us,

since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of your witnesses, to run with perseverance the course that is set before us,

looking to Jesus, the source and end of our faith.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,

and one in mission and ministry to the world,

until Christ comes in final glory, and we share together in your communion meal.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn Eat This Bread UMH 628

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn Rejoice in God's Saints

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

UMH 708

Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray.

Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood; our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own. They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares; what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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Benediction

We are blessed when our last option fails,

when our vision is cleared to perceive the God who is with us in new, life-giving ways.

We are blessed when we care for others and respond with kindness and compassion.

We are blessed when our hearts are filled with God—

when others perceive God in us and we perceive God everywhere.

We are blessed when we choose non-violence,

seeking good for others rather than harm.

We are blessed when we live for God, despite the hardship it might bring,

for we will find ourselves in holy company—a blest communion—of saints and prophets and all who love God.

In life and in death and in life beyond death, we are never alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude For All the Saints

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Our service of worship is ended. Our worship through service now begins.

Morning Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning, giving me a new start and another day to live for you.

The light of this new day reminds me of the overwhelming love you give to us.

Let me live this day in gratitude, showing your love in all that I say and do; for the sake of Christ, in whose name I pray, Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of the heavens,
I cannot count the stars
you have scattered across the sky,
nor can I measure the grace
you have poured out upon me.
Thank you for the gifts of this day,
for they show me your boundless generosity.
Thank you for its challenges,
for in them I find your wisdom and strength.
Bless all those whom I have met this day,
and forgive me for the ways I have caused any harm.
Keep me in your care this night, in Jesus' name,
Amen.

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Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests, and Care Leaders

Please reach out to **Pastor Nathan** (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101) if you would like to schedule an individual time to talk or if you have a specific prayer request. Likewise, if you find yourself needing food or other supplies and unable to get them, please contact me, and we will do our best to care for you. While we are apart from one another physically, we remain connected through our common mission and through our mutual concern and care. As an expression of our connection, we now have a team of "care leaders" who are making phone calls throughout the course of the week to check in, be in conversation, and share prayer requests. If you have not heard from a "care leader" yet and would like to connect this way, or if you would like to serve as a "care leader," please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org.

Staff & Office Hours

For the protection of all, our staff continues to work from home whenever possible. If you contact the staff by email or phone message, please be assured they will respond as quickly as they are able. If your business requires a visit to the church building, please call in advance to ensure a staff member will be available.



2020 Charge Conference

Monday, November 9, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

On Monday, November 9, we will gather on Zoom with ten other area congregations for our annual charge conference. This is our yearly meeting in which we gather to celebrate God's activity in our life together throughout the past year and to conduct official business in preparation for the year to come with the guidance of our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey.

All members of the Church Council are encouraged to participate in this meeting with voice and vote. If you plan to participate, please contact Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101) by November 5. Details for connecting are still being finalized.



Our Five Essential Practices: Naming Our Commitments *Sunday, November 15*

As a community of faith, we remain committed to making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We grow into the disciples God is calling each of us to be and become through the practice of "five essential practices"—worshiping, studying, serving, giving, and sharing—practices that have taken on an additional dimension this year, helping us to stay connected to one another even while we care for one another by staying physically apart.

On **Sunday, November 15**, we will renew our commitments to each of these five practices for the upcoming year. Commitment Cards will be distributed through the mail and email in late-October and will continue to be available on the website at www.umcb.org/donate. Please consider prayerfully your commitments to growing as a disciple, to our life together, and to our shared mission for 2021, and then join with us in naming those commitments for the coming year in the context of worship (in person at 9:00 AM; online at 11:00 AM) on November 15.



Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (In-Person)

Wednesdays, 7:00PM

All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Place on Wednesday evenings for brief worship services to re-center and re-focus together around scripture and prayer in the middle of the week. Please wear face masks and maintain safe social distance (six feet) from members of other households.

For more information, contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

November 9, 6:30-8:00 PM, on Zoom

We invite YOU to join us on Monday, October 12, from 6:30-8:00PM as we discuss **Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again** by Rachel Held Evans. (This book was not discussed in April 2020 because of COVID-19.)

Online at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259288501

By phone:1-888-788-0099

Meeting ID: 812 5928 8501 (no password)

If you have questions, please contact Janet Mallarnee at 440-235-7331, Betsy Meikle at 440-243-5767 or Jan Harlamert at 440-243-7126.



Surviving the Holidays

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30, via Zoom

Are you 'dreading' the Holidays? Not sure what to expect from others, even your own emotions after losing a loved one? Come join us and you will be given the tools to help you through the Holidays.

How to handle the parties, invitations...What to do about traditions and other changes coming your way...Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time.

Online: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85724185396

By Phone: 888-788-0099 **Meeting ID:** 857 2418 5396

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at **440-409-5931** or **marylynn482@gmail.com**.



Children's Faith Formation for Advent

Reservations are due by November 20.

This year, we are sending very special Advent keepsake books to our families with babies - elementary students. These books contain devotions for the 25 days of December, as well as pages to write responses for several years in a row. Instead of traditional Sunday School lessons, we are encouraging families to participate in this meaningful Advent practice throughout the month. Grandchildren of members are welcome recipients as well!

To reserve a copy of this book, please email Pastor Carrie (cantczak@umcb.org) with children's names, ages, and a mailing address.



Book Discussion: The Anatomy of Peace - Resolving the Heart of Conflict Monday, November 30, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

What if conflicts at home, conflicts at work, and conflicts in the world all stem from the same root cause? What if we systematically misunderstand that root cause? And what if, as a result, we systematically perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve?

In a current context that feels increasingly divided and contentious—around partisan politics and responses to our public health emergency and systemic racism and countless other issues—**The Anatomy of Peace** by the Arbinger Institute seeks to instill hope and inspire reconciliation by encouraging us to understand and then resolve conflicts at every level by addressing the heart of that division.

On Monday, November 30 at 6:30 PM, all are welcome and encouraged to join us for a discussion of this book. Books can be found through most online sellers and through our local library system. We will meet via Zoom, so you can join the conversation by phone or online.

To express your interest in participating and to receive Zoom login information, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30pm, on Zoom

Thursday Night Bible Study will be starting a new book in November, **Matchless** by Angie Smith. Who is Jesus? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him? We live in a world where there's a lot of confusion about Jesus. Too often people want to shape Him and His message to fit their personal needs or agendas. So how can we know the truth?

Please join us!

For more information, please contact Mary Lynn Swartz at **440-409-5931** or marylynn482@gmail.com.



Children's and Youth Formation

We're off to a great start with faith formation. We would love to have you help share Bible stories with our kids! Email Pastor Carrie on how to pre-record a Bible story to be used in Sunday School.

Families with children need to join the Facebook Group found here to access family-led Sunday School: https://www.facebook.com/groups/umcbsundayschool/.

Families with Youth should note this zoom link for Live Sunday School at 12 PM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87382928705.

Please be sure to fill out this year's registration form with new vital information we'll need from each family at http://www.umcb.org/child-youth-formation-registration-page/.



Young Adult Bible Study

A young adult small group is beginning to form! They hope to meet online for Bible Study and later for fellowship and service projects. If you know a younger adult who might be interested, please invite them and share Pastor Carrie's contact information. This will be a mix of college students and young professionals.

Ouestions?

Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105**.



House Churches

Your house neighbors are waiting! We would love to add more friends to our house churches. These small groups are meeting remotely or outdoors (while weather permits) for faith formation, fellowship, and prayer. Please be sure to fill out the registration form (link here) letting us know our interests.

Complete the interest form online at

http://www.umcb.org/adult-formation-interest-form/ or contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Food Collection for Local Food Pantries

Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00PM in the UMCB Parking Lot

Collections of food for local food banks will continue with some changes. Beginning this week, the hours will change to 4:00-7:00PM and collections will take place at the red front doors of the church. When you drop of your donation pull up to the red doors. Flash your lights and beep your horn. A masked church member will come out to accept your donation. If you are not planning already to make a trip to the grocery store, please feel free to participate with a monetary donation instead, either by mailing a check to the church office or online at www.umcb.org/donate. Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.



Love Your Neighbors: Leaf Raking

November 14, 9:00AM, Meet at Smith Elementary

We encourage all who are able to join us in Berea Community Outreach's annual leaf-raking day, November 14th beginning at 9 am. We will meet at Smith Elementary to pick up local addresses of seniors or other disabled persons who are unable to attend to their lawns. This will also serve as our youth fall service project. Be sure to bring a rake, leaf blower, and any other tools you'd like. As always this year, bring a mask.

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Thanksgiving Meals for Pick-up or Delivery

Thursday, November 26, 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Call **440-234-0609** for reservations. Pick up your meal at the Peoples Community Church Parking Lot (631 North Rocky River Drive) or have it delivered to your home.

Interested in donating or volunteering? Call 440-234-0609.



Just Announced - UMW loves Popcorn!

UMW is taking pre-orders for holiday flavors...

Candy Cane (chocolate + peppermint) \$6, Santa's Snack Mix (cinnamon + apple) \$5, Depot Delight (caramel + cheddar) \$5.

Orders may be placed during UMW's "Christmas from the Trunk" events or please contact Carol McCleery at mcmanistee7250@gmail.com or 440-234-9078 to place your order. Delivery will be the week after Thanksgiving.

As always, we thank you for your support and encouragement. Women, youth, and children will benefit from your kindness and generosity.