

Worship Celebration

*Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

*Saturation Sunday -
Celebrating our partnership
with Africa University*

September 19, 2021 + 9 AM

TEACH
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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 United Methodist Church of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, in our relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation, **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 9AM in-person in the Sanctuary and online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos)

Sunday at 11AM in-person in Wesley Hall

Monday—Friday at 9AM (Morning Prayer) via Zoom (meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)

In accordance with CDC guidelines and our county's current "high" transmission risk, we require that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear face masks throughout their time in our building.

If you are worshipping with us from home, either by phone or online, 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

Organ Sonata

Giovanni Battista Bassani

Words of Welcome

Teach-Reach-Bless Campaign Mission Moment

+ Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us celebrate our shared ministry together.

Even though we may be miles apart, God is with all of us this day.

Let us give praise for the promises that God has for all of us
from Berea to Zimbabwe and all throughout the world.

Let us worship and celebrate, rejoicing in the goodness of God.

+ Hymn

How Can We Name Love

UMH 111

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—Psalm 1 (NRSV)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson—James 3.13—4.3, 7-8a (CEB)

¹³Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. ¹⁶Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. ¹⁷What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. ¹⁸Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

4 What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? ²You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. ³You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings....

⁷Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. ⁸Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. William McFadden
Co-Chair of the East Ohio Conference Teach-Reach-Bless Campaign

+ Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS 2171

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

As we join our hearts to lift our prayers to God, we invite you to share your concerns and joys. You can submit your prayer request any time during the week to Pastor Nathan (440-234-3525 x101, nhowe@umcb.org), the church office (440-234-3525 x100), or online at www.umcb.org/worshipresources.

Choir Anthem

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh

Order my steps in Your word, dear Lord, Lead me, guide me, every day.

Send your anointing, Father, I pray.

Order my steps in your word. Please order my steps in your word.

Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will. While You are working, help me be still.

Though Satan is busy, God is real!

Order my steps in your word. Please order my steps in your word.

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify, Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in thy sight.

Take charge of my thoughts, both day and night.

Order my steps in your Word. Please order my steps in your word.

I want to walk worthy. My calling to fulfill.

Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,

The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.

If you order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

I want to walk worthy. My calling to fulfill.

Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do your blessed will,

The world is ever changing, but you are still the same.

If you order my steps, I'll praise your name.

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Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

You are invited to give your tithes and offerings online (www.umcb.org/donate), by mailing a check to the church office, or in one of the offering plates located just inside the back wall of the Sanctuary, either on your way into or out of the worship space. Through whatever means you give, thank you for your generosity and ongoing commitment to making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

+ Doxology

UMH 95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

*God of love and service, we thank you for loving us through your grace.
Bless our gifts, that others may be loved and served through our giving.
Bless our lives, that we may love and serve one another
as you have loved and served us.
In your name, we pray and live. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

+ Benediction

Christ has no body here but ours, no hands or feet here on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which he looks on this world with kindness.
Ours are the hands through which he works.
Ours are the feet on which he moves.
Ours are the voices through which he speaks to this world with kindness.
Through our touch, our smile, our listening ear: embodied in us, Jesus is living here.
So, let us go now, filled with the spirit, into his world with kindness.
We will! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Adapted from St. Teresa of Avila, as quoted in "With Kindness," by Brian McLaren.

Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

William M. Runyan
arr. Alice Jordan

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

Worship Participants

Guest Preacher

The **Rev. Dr. William McFadden** currently serves the East Ohio Conference as co-chair of the Teach-Reach-Bless campaign, the goal of which is to raise \$1.5 million to build an on-campus women's dormitory that will provide a safe, secure environment and community of support for female students at Africa University, a pan-African United Methodist institution. Prior to this work, Rev. McFadden has served as pastor in local congregations throughout our East Ohio Conference and as a consultant for local churches and non-profit organizations, assisting in capital campaigns, planned giving programs, and strategic planning. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees at Claflin University, Ohio Wesleyan University, and the Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation, among other local and connectional organizations.

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

Video Production

Mark Williams

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 19):

As we rise, we have so much to do.
We work without realizing
that all we do can be a song of love to you
and to the ones with whom
you have surrounded us.
Lead me, O God,
so that everything I do in my life
can be done in praise to you. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 19):

As this day ends,
I hope I have done my work
with a gentleness born of your wisdom.
Thank you, God,
for the rest you will provide
and for the strength of a new morning. Amen.

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Liturgist Needed

As we continue living our new normal with regard to indoor, in-person worship opportunities for our whole congregation, you are invited to help us offer meaningful worship services both at 9 AM and 11 AM by serving as a liturgist, reading scripture lessons.

If you are interested in being a liturgist or have any questions,
please contact Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org.



Tuesday Morning Walks

Tuesdays, 7:30 AM, Meet in the Wallace Lake parking lot

It's always a joy to get outside and get moving. It's also a great way to care for the bodies God has given us and to experience God's presence in creation. All are welcome to join us on any Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. We meet in the parking lot by Wallace Lake and head out on the all-purpose trail that runs beside Valley Parkway.



Sunday Afternoon Hike

September 26, 4 PM, Columbia Reservation (25145 Royalton Road, Columbia Station)

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 26 at 4 pm as we explore Columbia Reservation.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, September 23**
to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.

Sunday Morning Formation Opportunities

For Children/Youth

Sunday School

Preschool – 6th grade
10 AM, Second Floor

*We'll gather as one big family and then break
out into smaller age-related groups.*

Youth Bible Study

7th-12th grade
10 AM, Youth Room (RM 31)
Dig deep into Bible Stories chosen by youth.

For Adults

Sunday Scripture Readings Reflection

10 AM, Fellowship Hall
*Join us for a time of reflection and discussion of
the morning's scripture readings. An informal
group with heartfelt sharing and prayer.*

FaithLink

10 AM, Room 13
*Join us for discussion on current events as they
relate to living faithfully.*





Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9 :30AM, Room 13 or via Zoom

Join us in person or via Zoom. This fall's theme is "What does it mean to belong?" This unit looks at the various ways that the Bible makes clear how we belong to God's people even when we appear to be outsiders. Several of the sessions point out where we as human beings insert distinctions that restrict membership within the community of Christ.

RSVP to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105** to receive a student workbook.



Ecumenical Youth Group

September 26, 5 PM, Wesley Hall

Ecumenical Youth Group begins its regular schedule on September 26, meeting the fourth Sunday of each month at 5 PM. Bringing together 10+ churches to form a sizable and diverse group will create more fun and build more friendships. EYG will meet at our church in Wesley Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy a bigger youth group experience! *EYG is open to 4th-6th grade tweens, and 6th-12th grade youth.*

For more information, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105!**



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Thursday Night Bible Study will be doing Women of the Old Testament by Gladys Hunt It is a twelve week study and it will take us from Eve through Esther with stops for Ruth, Abigail and other favorites ... please come join us !

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



Red Cross Blood Drive

September 30, 1-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Give Blood. Help Save Lives. The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 30, from 1 pm to 6 pm. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code, **Berea**, or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.



Supporting our Healthcare Heroes at Fairview Hospital

Join us in loving our neighbors this month by considering these ways to support our healthcare heroes:

1. Get the COVID-19 vaccination if you are able and keep masking up! We can do this together!
2. Write a short note of encouragement or have your little ones draw pictures. Address them to "Dear Healthcare Hero" so that the card can be given to heroes serving in a variety of roles. Keep in mind that the recipient may come from a different faith.
3. Donate pocket sized hand lotion, regular sized candy bars, boxes of tea (with individual wrappers so boxes can serve many workers), and bags of hershey kisses.

A Loving your Neighbors box will be available near the Outreach board near the offices. We will also put out supplies for notes in the Gathering Place during the month of September. Thank you to everyone who is doing their best to bring about health and wholeness to our community! And thank you to Rev. Lisa Morrison, Spiritual Director of Fairview Hospital for helping us with this mission of thanks!



Support Our Local Food Pantries

Donations can be left in the cupboard between the Narthex and the Library

Our collections of food to support our neighbors through local food pantries continue, but no longer on Wednesday evenings. Instead, please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the narthex (the hallway outside the Sanctuary) and the library anytime you are in the building. (If you need help finding the right location, talk to one of the pastors or other staff.)

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.



Launching the Homework Helpers After School Program

As we get ready to kick off our after-school program on September 22nd, we welcome your prayers as we begin something new and exciting that will support our community's young people. We are still accepting applications from students to participate in our program.

For an application form, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!



Loose Change Offering for September

September's Loose Change Offering will support Sayler Christmas Shop. Is it beginning to look a lot like Christmas? Only four months away! What a great time to start setting aside some change to make a difference in the holidays of children supported by OhioGuidestone. Jingle all the way to church to get in the Christmas generosity spirit!

As a congregation committed to mission, our loose change offering gives a "boost" to the missions and programs that are strengthening our church and communities near and far. Each month, you can support by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".



Crafts, Chili, & Clean Clutter

October 9, 10 AM - 4 PM, Wesley Hall & Hallway

Please join us for craft tables, ceramic ornaments, and gourmet popcorn in the Wesley Hallway. Clean clutter will be on tables in Wesley Hall, and this may include plants, books, toys, appliances, tools, kitchen utensils, and china. Two delicious kinds of chili (meat and vegetarian) may be purchased in Wesley Hall near the kitchenette. For your convenience, it will be packaged with cornbread and dessert to go.

Masks are required for this one of a kind event, and all proceeds will be donated to UMW missions.

Clean Clutter donors are expected to deliver, set up, and price their own items. The set-up will be Friday, October 8, from 3-7 PM. Donors will also need to retrieve any unsold items between 4 - 6 PM Saturday, October 9. *Please remember: No clothing, jewelry, food, or baked goods will be accepted.*

All donors and shoppers are greatly appreciated for participating in this mission fund-raiser!

To make a reservation for a Clean Clutter table, please contact **Nancy Buehler** by **September 24**, at 440-23417613 or nbuehler75@gmail.com.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, September 19

Saturation Sunday -
Celebrating our Partnership with Africa University

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / [Join online](#)

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Creation Justice Fair Team

1 PM / Room 13

Monday, September 20

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Aladdins

Tuesday, September 21

Morning Walk

7:30 AM / Wallace Lake / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9 AM / Room 13, on Zoom / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Wednesday, September 22

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall / [Contact Nancy Buehler](#)

Homework Helpers

4 PM / Second Floor / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Thursday, September 23

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Handbell Choir

6:00 PM / Sanctuary / [Contact Tori Lero](#)

Women's Study via Zoom

6:30 PM / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com](#)

Choir

7:00 P /, Sanctuary / Contact [Courtney Popp](#) or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, September 24

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Saturday, September 25

Sunday, September 26

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / [Join online](#)

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Modern Worship

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Ecumenical Youth Group

5 PM / Wesley Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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Church Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday: Beth works from home

Wednesday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Friday: Beth works from home

When working from home, Beth can be reached by email (ebartner@umcb.org) or cell phone (440-710-4498).

She will also return voicemails left on the church office phone (440-234-3525 x100).

Many of our staff members have hours based on need. If your business requires a visit to the church, it may be helpful to call in advance to ensure the staff member you wish to see will be available.

Office Mask Policy

As an expression of love for our entire community, especially those with compromised immune systems or who are unable to be vaccinated, visitors to the staff offices are required to wear face masks regardless of their vaccination status. Masks will be provided for those who do not have them.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.