

Worship Celebration



All Saints' Sunday

*Back to Basics:
Called to Serve -
Cultivating a Life of
Justice & Kindness*

November 7, 2021 + 9 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 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
(1-888-788-0099, 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

O God, Thou Faithful God

Paul Manz

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

God of the past, who has fathered and mothered us,

we are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is always 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.

+ Hymn

For All the Saints (vv. 1-2, 4, 6)

UMH 711

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:

Beryl Allen	Jan Harlamert	Michelle Lawrence
Richard Baker	Harry Harris	Laura Lloyd
Toby Lynn Bucci	Larry Isgro	Sam Lofton
Patricia Carter	Jo Ann Mattison	Lawrence Short
Don Clarico	Joyce McGee	Edna Thomason
Martha Collier	Bob Miller	Doug Thomson
Gene Darby	Esther O'Hearn	Bob Warner
Richard Gardener	Ken Roads	Gloria Wharton
Michael Gray	Mary Schillace	Al Wheaton
Pat Harf	Nicole Lambert	Doug White

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 hearing,
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 fellowship 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.

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—Isaiah 25.6-9 (CEB)

⁶On this mountain,
the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavor,
of choice wines well refined.
⁷He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.
⁸He will swallow up death forever.
The LORD God will wipe tears from every face;
he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹They will say on that day,
"Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!
This is the LORD, for whom we have waited;
let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson—Revelation 21.1-6a (CEB)

²¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Mark 12.28-34 (CEB)

²⁸One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

²⁹Jesus replied, "The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* ³⁰*and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* ³¹The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these."

³²The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. ³³And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

For All the Saints

TFWS 2283

Prayers of the People

As we join our hearts to lift our prayers to God, we invite you to share your joys and concerns. 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.

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!

Choir Anthem

Born to Be the Bread

Ruth Elaine Schram

The Great Thanksgiving

If you are worshiping with us from home, you are invited this morning to have some simple Communion elements ready—perhaps a bit of bread, a cracker and/or some juice—to receive as we participate together in the holy mystery of Communion. 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 is present in all times and places, then surely Christ really is present among us when we are apart. Through God’s grace, we trust that we are held in communion with God and with all the saints.

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 the prophets, in this and every age;
of Mary and Joseph; of the apostles and the martyrs;
of our mothers, fathers, and children;
of Beryl, Richard, Toby, and Patricia; Don, Martha, Gene, and Richard;
of Michael, Pat, Jan, and Harry; Larry, Jo Ann, Joyce, and Bob;
of Esther, Ken, Mary, and Nicole; Michelle, Laura, Sam, and Lawrence;
of Edna, Doug, Bob, Gloria, Al, and Doug.

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 and with all your creation, we praise your name and join that 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 send your word made flesh in Jesus Christ to be with us:
to heal our sickness and confront our demons, to bear our violence and rise again,
to show us our true humanity.

On the night we betrayed him and before we 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 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 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 goal 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 all together in your communion meal.***

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymns

Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)

TFWS 2179

Eat This Bread

UMH 628

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

UMH 708

+ Benediction

Hold fast to the faith of the saints who have gone before us.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

Resist evil and injustice in whatever forms they present themselves.

In our resisting and in our serving, we belong to God.

Saints of God, go now with hope,

to live your love of God through your kindness to your neighbors.

We belong to God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Praise Our Father

Emma Lou Diemer

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



“Back to Basics” Worship Series—Week 3: Called to Serve

Goals for cultivating a life of justice & kindness:

Together: Participate in at least 1 service project with The UMC of Berea each quarter

Alone: Practice 5 intentional acts of kindness each week

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

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

Liturgist

Condit Dibble

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of all those faithful saints who continue to encourage and accompany us.

Morning Prayer

As I live this day, O Lord,
let me be a sign of your salvation—
food for those who hunger,
comfort for those who mourn.
This I ask in the name of Jesus,
our Alpha and Omega. Amen.

Evening Prayer

As I rest this night, O Lord,
let me be a temple of your peace—
a home for your holy presence,
a sanctuary of renewal.
This I ask in the name of Jesus,
our Alpha and Omega. Amen.

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Charge Conference 2021

Saturday, November 13, 9 AM

This year's charge conference will meet on Saturday, November 13 at 9 AM. Charge conference is our annual meeting to celebrate God's activity in our congregation 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 expected to participate in this meeting with voice and vote. We will meet together in person in the building to connect with the meeting via Zoom.

Please contact Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x101) with any questions and if you plan to attend.



“Back to Basics” Worship Series

Sundays through November 21

9 AM in the Sanctuary & online, 11 AM in Wesley Hall

At The United Methodist Church of Berea, our mission is “to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Each year, during the fall, we reconsider what this mission statement means for our lives as disciples and our life together as a community of faith.

What is a disciple?

How do we mature as disciples?

How do we “make disciples” or help others to mature as disciples?

How do we transform, or make a real positive difference, in the world?

How can we become more fully engaged and flourishing as we live in the way of Christ?

Since October 24, we have been exploring a model for Christian discipleship built around five essential practices that God calls each of us to engage in both personally and together as we center our lives more fully on loving God and loving others. Join us in worship as we continue to get “back to the basics” of our mission and discipleship journey.

***Next Sunday, November 14, please bring your Bible to worship
as we reflect on what it means to study scripture.***

And please also name your commitments to these five practices in 2022. You can do so by completing and bringing the 2022 Commitment Card you received in the mail with you to worship on **Sunday, November 21** or by completing and submitting your commitment form online at www.umcb.org/donate.



Open Sanctuary

This Evening (Sunday, November 7), 7 - 8:30 PM

As we prepare to enter a season of gratitude and thanksgiving, maybe your heart is a little heavy, and not quite ready. We invite you to a time of quiet reflection - a space for grief, heaviness, and heartfelt prayer. Light a prayer candle. Breathe deeply the grace of God. Write in a journal. Add to a prayer wall. Share with a pastor if you'd like in a quiet corner of the Sanctuary or the porch.

This space is for you and your Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer to have a moment.

No sign up required. Come as you are.



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, November 14, 4 PM, West Creek Reservation

All are welcome to join us for a fall walk/hike on the trails of West Creek Reservation on Sunday, November 14. We will gather in the parking lot near the Watershed Stewardship Center (2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma) and begin our walk from there.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, November 11** to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, November 8, 6:30-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

The Read and Grow book club meets in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 PM on the second Monday of the month. We have reversed the books for the next two months and will be discussing **Magic Lessons** by Alice Hoffman on November 8. On December 13, we will discuss **The Orphan's Tale** by Pam Jenoff.

If anyone has questions, please contact either
Betsy Meikle at 440-243-5767 or Janet Mallarnee at 440-235-7331.



Sunday Morning Faith Formation Opportunities

For Children/Youth

Sunday School (Preschool – 6th grade)
10 AM, Second Floor

Youth Bible Study (7th-12th grade)
10 AM, Youth Room (RM 31)

For Adults

Sunday Scripture Readings Reflection
10 AM, Fellowship Hall

FaithLink
10 AM, Room 13



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9 :30 AM, 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.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Ladies, would you like to know more about the Women of the Bible, please join us for our Thursday Evening Bible Study ... did you know that Miriam was a very critical person or that Rahab was really a good choice for a ally? Come join us and find out more interesting facts about Women of the Old Testament Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom on Thursday nights ...

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



November Loose Change Offering Supports The Giving Tree

This Berea Community Outreach program supports families in Berea by allowing community members to "adopt" a family to make their holidays a little bit more special.

You can support the selected mission by either mailing in an offering,
or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box
and marking it "loose change offering".

Thank you for your generosity!



Equal Exchange

TODAY (Sunday, November 7), 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

Visit the Equal Exchange sale on November 7 to purchase coffee, tea, and/or hot cocoa to enjoy on your average fall day or to serve with your Thanksgiving meal. While you are there, pick up some chocolate to treat yourself after washing those plentiful Thanksgiving dinner dishes.

Learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop. Thanks for your continued support of this mission!



November's Love Your Neighbor Opportunity - Leaf Raking for Our Neighbors

Saturday, November 20, 9 AM—Noon, Meet at Smith School at 8:45 AM

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, November 20 from 9 AM to Noon as we express God's love for our Berea neighbors by helping to rake leaves.

We will gather in the parking lot of the old Smith School (535 Wyleswood Drive, Berea) at 8:45 AM, receive our assigned yards from Berea Community Outreach, and depart from there.

If you plan to participate, please RSVP by the end of the day on
Wednesday, November 17
to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



Metanoia Thanksgiving Dinner

***Thanksgiving Day, November 25, Set-up at 6:30 PM, Serving Dinner at 7 PM
Franklin Circle Church***

We have the privilege this year of providing Thanksgiving dinner for those experiencing homelessness. We will be serving at Franklin Circle Church in Ohio City, a shelter program sponsored by the Metanoia Project.

We will need volunteers to cook and prepare food, as well as volunteers to serve the dinner. Set-up will be at 6:30 pm and serving begins at 7 pm. How would you like to serve - as a Chef or Server? Both will be a gift to a community in need of love and comfort this holiday season. *(Can't do this on Thanksgiving? We'll also be serving on January 23, February 20, and April 3.)*

To express your interest, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at
cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



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. 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.

Information Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations

As an expression of love for our neighbors and for the well-being of our entire community, each of us is encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when we are eligible to do so. All Ohioans age 12 and over are eligible to receive one of the vaccines. Visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/> or call 2-1-1 (United Way's 211 HelpLink) on weekdays between 8AM and 4PM to find information about where you can receive the vaccine once you are eligible.

If you have additional questions or can use assistance navigating this process, please do not hesitate to contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, November 7

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

Open Sanctuary

7 PM / Sanctuary

Monday, November 8

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Perkins

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 9

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, November 10

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Homework Helpers

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

Thursday, November 11

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Handbell Choir

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

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

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

Choir

7:00 PM / Sanctuary /

Contact [Courtney Popp](#) or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, November 12

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, November 13

Charge Conference

9 AM / Room 13

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday, Friday: Beth works from home

When working from home, Beth can be reached by email (ebarnar@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.