

Worship Celebration



*Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost*

*Back to Basics:
Called to Study-
Cultivating a Life
of Learning*

November 14, 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

Spring Intermezzo

Betty Jackson King

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*God of discernment and truth, be with us in our time of worship.
Open our minds to receive your wisdom.
Open our hearts to accept your love.
Open our spirits to embrace your ways.
Be present with us as we seek your guidance,
that we may follow always in your wisdom and truth. Amen.*

+ Hymn

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

TFWS 2004

+ Reaffirming our Faith—The Apostles' Creed

UMH 882

*We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Receiving New Members into Our Fellowship - Kathryn Flinn & Kevin Hippley

As members of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? *I will.*

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? *I will.*

Members of the household of God, I commend these people to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect their in love.
We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love.

*As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

The God of all grace, who has called us to fuller life in Christ,
establish us and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may live together in grace and peace. 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—Psalm 16.7-11 (NRSV)

- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Mark 13.1-8 (CEB)

- ¹³ As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!”
² Jesus responded, “Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”
³ Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?”
⁵ Jesus said, “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many people will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ They will deceive many people. ⁷ When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don’t be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn’t the end yet. ⁸ Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH 601

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

Steal Away

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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 abundant blessing,
may these gifts become instruments of your truth and vessels of your love;
may our offerings plant seeds of hope wherever they are planted;
may these gifts build a world of justice and peace for all.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

+ Benediction

May we continue in what we have learned and found convincing.
We will hold fast to God's word that leads us in the way of salvation.
Go forth from this place to proclaim what you have heard.
Go forth to be doers of God's word and not hearers only.
We will! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jupiter's Theme

Gustav Holst
arr. Bryan Hesford

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

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

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, November 14):

Dear God, empower me
to encourage others for the glory of your name
as I move throughout this day.
In Jesus' name, I ask it. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, November 14):

Dear God, thank you
for keeping me throughout this day.
Grant me a night of peaceful rest,
and put a song of praise in my heart
when I wake in the morning. Amen.

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

Goals for cultivating a life of learning:

Together: Participate in an ongoing small group for encouragement & accountability

Alone: Read scripture at least 5 days each week

The Practice of *Lectio Divina* (“divine or sacred reading”)

1. *Lectio* (read)— *What word or phrase speaks to you?*

Slowly read a brief passage of scripture. Read it as though you are hearing it read to you. Read it silently and aloud. Experiment by reading it with different emphases and inflections.

2. *Meditatio* (reflect)— *What does your word or phrase mean to you?*

Mull over the text; internalize the words. Listen for the phrases that stand out for you. Turn them over in your mind. Reflect on why these words capture your attention, what they bring to mind, and what they mean for you today. Jot down in your journal the meaningful words, noting any associations, reactions, feelings, or challenges.

3. *Oratio* (respond)—*How is God calling you to act in response to this passage?*

Turn your meditation from dialogue with yourself to dialogue with God, which is prayer. Share with God your reflections, questions, or feelings. Offer your thanksgiving, confession, petitions, or intercessions as they arise within during your dialogue with God. Listen for God’s response and inner nudging.

4. *Contemplatio* (rest)—*Listen silently.*

Rest your mental activity and trust yourself completely to God’s love and care. Relax in God’s presence. Pick a phrase from the text to which you can return again and again as you keep your attention on God. Allow this prayer-phrase to sustain your presence to God throughout the day. After a few minutes of “practicing the presence of God” in this way, you might close with the Lord’s Prayer, a song, or a final moment of grateful silence.

If journaling is a helpful practice for you, try to capture some of your meditation, prayer, and new insights or possibilities in a journal. Consider a small act or change in behavior you can offer today in grateful response to God’s life-giving word.

BIBLE STUDY NOTES
FOR KIDS

I LEARNED THIS ABOUT JESUS:

BIBLE VERSE:

WHAT IS GOD SAYING?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN OUR LIVES?

MY PRAYER:

S

SCRIPTURE

O

OBSERVATION

A

APPLICATION

P

PRAYER



Commitment Sunday

Next Sunday, November 21, 9 AM in the Sanctuary & online, 11 AM in Wesley Hall

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 name our commitments to these five practices in 2022. Name your commitments by completing and bringing the 2022 Commitment Card you received in the mail with you to worship **next Sunday, November 21** or by completing and submitting your commitment form online at www.umcb.org/donate.



Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 24, 7 PM, Online at www.facebook.com/umcberea/live

The entire Berea community will be invited to worship together online at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 24. Our worship together will include readings and music provided from multiple congregations in our community, and you will be invited to make a financial contribution through our congregation to support the ongoing work of Berea Community Outreach, caring for our neighbors in need. Give online at www.umcb.org/donate or by mailing a check to the church office, marking *Thanksgiving* on the description line.



Light Candles on the Advent Wreath

The season of Advent is beginning soon, and one of our worship traditions during Advent is to light candles on the Advent wreath to mark time as we move toward the Festival of Christmas. If you would like to help lead in worship in this way on November 28, December 5, December 12, or December 19, please contact Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100). You will be asked to lead the congregation in a short reading and then light the candles on the Advent wreath. This is a great opportunity for individuals, couples, friends, and/or families with children to help lead in worship.



United Methodist Student Sunday

Sunday, November 28

When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Please consider giving generously to help deserving, young adults continue their education and their faith journeys. For more information, visit <https://youtu.be/tsQ4CSmxBo>. (Taken from <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcsgiving/special-sundays>)



At Home "Hanging of the Greens"

Sunday, November 28, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

On Sunday, November 28 - the First Sunday of Advent - you are invited to participate in an at-home "hanging of the greens." We will meet via Zoom at 6:30 PM for a time of fellowship including sharing some of our favorite Christmas decorations, any stories connected with those decorations, and other traditions that help us prepare for the Christmas celebration. For more information and to RSVP and to receive the Zoom info, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100 by **Wednesday, November 24**.



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 this 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!

Advent Study - Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

Wednesdays, December 1 - December 22, 7 PM, Room 13 - OR -

Tuesdays, November 30 - December 21, 9:30 AM, Room 13

All are welcome to join us for this four-week Bible study experience to help prepare us to celebrate God's presence with us in Christ during the upcoming Christmas season. In the midst of so much cultural uncertainty and conflict, we will reflect together on the significant of the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness.

For more information and to RSVP and to receive the Zoom meeting id, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100 by the end of the day on **Wednesday, November 24.**



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

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'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 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.



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 and the library anytime you are in the building.

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

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, November 14

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

Sunday Afternoon Walk

4 PM / West Creek Reservation/ [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Monday, November 15

Caller Submissions Due

Submit articles to info@umcb.org or the church office mailbox.

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Olive Garden

Tuesday, November 16

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 17

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

Homework Helpers

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

Thursday, November 18

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 \[marylynn482@gmail.com\]\(mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com\)](#)

Choir

7:00 PM / Sanctuary /

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

Friday, November 19

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, November 20

Leaf Raking for Our Neighbors

8:45 AM / Smith School / see page 6 for details

Sunday, November 21

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

Messy Church Friendsgiving

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

Contact Pastor Nathan at

440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org

Contact Pastor Carrie at

440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org

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.