

# Worship Celebration

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Human Relations Sunday*

January 16, 2022 + 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](http://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.*

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## **Worship Participants**

### **Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Music**

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

### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak

### **Liturgist**

Deb Haas

# We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

*Piece for Oboe*

Guillaume-Antoine Calviere

## Words of Welcome

### + Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 36.5-9)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

***Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
O Lord, humans and animals you save!***

O God, how precious is your steadfast love!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

***They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.***

For with you is the fountain of life;  
***in your light we see light.***

### + Hymn

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

UMH 519

## 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—1 Corinthians 12.4-20, 26-27 (CEB)

<sup>4</sup> There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are different ministries and the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. <sup>8</sup> A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. <sup>11</sup> All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what the Spirit wants to each person.

<sup>12</sup> Just as the human body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Certainly the body isn't one part but many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? <sup>16</sup> If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. <sup>19</sup> If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? <sup>20</sup> But as it is, there are many parts but one body....

<sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. <sup>27</sup> You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

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

**People: *Thanks be to God***

### Gospel Lesson—John 2.1-11 (CEB)

<sup>2</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

<sup>5</sup> His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. <sup>9</sup> The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Sermon

### + Hymn

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

TFWS 2237

## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)), the church office (440-234-3525 x100), or online at [www.umcb.org/worshipresources](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources).*

### Choir Anthem

*Hiding in the Shadow of God*

Heather Sorenson

## 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](http://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.***

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### + Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Christ of everyday miracles, transform the gifts we return to you,  
that they may be gifts of abundant life and ever-flowing love  
for a world thirsting for your grace.  
In gratitude and joy, we give and we pray. Amen.***

## We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

### + Hymn

*Forward through the Ages*

UMH 555

### + Benediction

As we have been filled with God's grace, go now to fill the world.  
***We will go to fill the world with love.  
We will go to fill the world with hope.  
We will go to fill the world with Christ.***  
As we nourish others, God transforms the world through us.  
***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### Postlude

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Paul Manz

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

### **Morning Prayer**

*(week of Sunday, January 16):*

Enlivening God, each morning I am awakened  
by your goodness nudging the earth to life.

I am filled with wonder.

Your steadfast love surrounds me.

How precious is your love!

Manifest today through me the gifts of your Spirit,  
that I may rejoice in you. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

*(week of Sunday, January 16):*

As evening falls and darkness closes in,  
do not forsake us, O God.

Crown the sky with jewels of light  
that your salvation may illumine the earth.

May we all find refuge

in the shadow of your wings.

Amen.

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## **Today is Human Relations Day**



On Human Relations Day, we recognize the connections we have with our neighbors. We partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Our gifts work together for the common good, with life-affirming ministry that shares God's love.

We know how systemic inequality affects the most vulnerable people. When neighbors experience poverty and live in communities that have less access to resources, as a denomination, our gifts on Human Relations Day work together to empower faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. Thank you for partnering your spiritual and financial gifts to build up what the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called "the beloved community."

Please give generously by writing a check to this church and write "Human Relations Day offering" in the memo line or give online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and marking it "HR Day".

*(adapted from <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/special-sundays/human-relations-day-pastor-and-leader-kit>)*

### **Please Take Note**

#### **Today's Change the World Fair and Messy Church have been Postponed!**

Due to the current surge in COVID cases, we are postponing the Change the World Fair until May 2022. Please stay tuned for an exact date. We hope you will be able to join us then and continue to build your teams who are making a positive difference in our communities.

We hope to resume Messy Church in February.

#### **Next Sunday's Ecumenical Youth Group Gathering has been Cancelled!**

The Ecumenical Youth Group Gathering for next Sunday, January 23, has been cancelled.

We hope to resume Messy Church and Ecumenical Youth Group in February.





## **Blessing of Homes**

In some parts of the world, there is a Christian custom of inviting God's blessing on dwelling places, including both homes and workplaces, and upon all who live, work, or visit there. Along with prayers for God's blessing, the front or main entrance is marked with chalk as a sign and reminder that we have invited God's presence into our homes. This tradition is rooted in the visit of the magi to the place where the Christ-child resided (Matthew 2.1-12), and so it is most appropriately practiced near or during the season after the Epiphany.

If you would like to share in this brief and simple ritual of worship for your home, please contact **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101) with a day and time that would be convenient for you.



## **Animate Bible Study**

***Sunday Mornings Beginning January 16, 10 AM, Chapel***

If Pastor Carrie's sermon on the Bible got you wondering even more questions about Bible study and the life of faith, this class may interest you! Join us for this 7-week short-term study of the Bible: how it came to be, what's really in there, and how the Bible speaks to our souls. Pastor Carrie and Rev. Linda McCowen will lead the class Sundays at 10 AM in the Chapel. Participant books are \$15.

To register, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



## **Griefshare Support Group**

***Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom***

We will be starting up a new session in January. It is a thirteen week session filled with some reading, some questions, some laughter, and a few tears - all in the comfort of your home. Come meet some new friends who share the same concerns and thoughts as you might have. We will talk about feelings, about doubts, and about problems getting back to a new normal way of life.

For more information and Zoom details, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



## **Thursday Night Bible Study**

***Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom***

Thursday Night Bible Study will begin a new study. Ladies, come learn more about the Women of the New Testament. Books will be available Sunday morning in Pastor Carrie's study table. Elizabeth's life challenges us to care for others. Women like Herodias and Sapphira warn us against turning away from God toward bitterness and dishonesty. Visit with us to learn about these delightful women.

For more information and Zoom details, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



### **January's Love Your Neighbor - Adopt-a-Grindstone Staff Member**

This month's "Love Your Neighbor" focus is appreciation of the staff at our partner school, Grindstone Elementary. You're invited to "adopt" a staff member by plucking a heart with a name off of the outreach board starting in January. Simply write a Valentine or Thank you note and place it in the box. You are also welcome to include a small gift card if you choose. Ideas include: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, 5 Below, bookstores, local restaurants, and more. (If you choose to do this, place in the finance office mail slot.) There are 72 staff members, so we need your help in making sure each staff member is adopted! You are free to take more than 1! Cards are due back by **February 6**.



### **January Loose Offering Benefits UMCOR Sager Brown**

Loose change put in the offering plates this month will benefit the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** mission station in Sager Brown. Want to learn more about UMCOR Sager Brown's outreach? See below for information about the upcoming Virtual Mission Journey. Your loose change to support this mission is appreciated! You can also support this mission by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".



### **A Virtual Mission Journey to UMCOR Sager Brown**

**Wednesday, January 19, 12:30 PM EST (1:30 PM CST)**

via Zoom: <https://gbgm.zoom.us/j/95045384234?pwd=NHcxVm1ZZllPd3M3dzBvalM4R1BWQT09>

(Meeting ID: 950 4538 4234, Passcode: 166318)

We have not been able to have volunteers on campus since the middle of March 2020, we have been conducting virtual mission journeys to keep our volunteers connected to the outreach ministry of Sager Brown. We would like to invite you to join us and invite you to pass this invitation on to other people you know who might be interested in our outreach so that they also can be introduced to Sager Brown. Please pass this invitation along! The duration of the session will be around 1.5 hours.

If you wish to attend, please email Tammie Boykin, Volunteer Services Manager at [volunteers@sagerbrown.org](mailto:volunteers@sagerbrown.org), so that we can know to expect your presence with us on January 19, 2022. If you are not able to attend and would like a link to another Virtual Mission, please also email Tammie, as there will also be other sessions at later dates.



### **Support Our Local Food Pantries**

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

Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between 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 prefer, 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](http://www.umcb.org/donate). Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, January 16

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Human Relations Sunday*

### **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

## Monday, January 17

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Offices Closed*

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Survivorship Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Tony K's

## Tuesday, January 18

### **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**

9:30 AM / Room 13 and via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

### **Griefshare**

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

## Wednesday, January 19

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **UMW Circle**

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, January 20

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **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, January 21

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## Saturday, January 22

## Sunday, January 16

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

### **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

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### **Sunday Morning Formation Opportunities**

**Sunday School** (Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

10 AM, Second Floor

**Youth Bible Study** (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

10 AM, Youth Room (RM 31)

**Animate Bible Study** (Adults)

10 AM, Chapel

**Sunday Scripture Readings Reflection** (Adults)

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

**FaithLink** (Adults)

10 AM, Room 13

### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 9 AM – 3 PM

**Tuesday, Friday:** Beth works from home

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Church office phone: 440-234-3525 x100

Work cell phone: 440-710-4498

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.

### **Mask Policy**

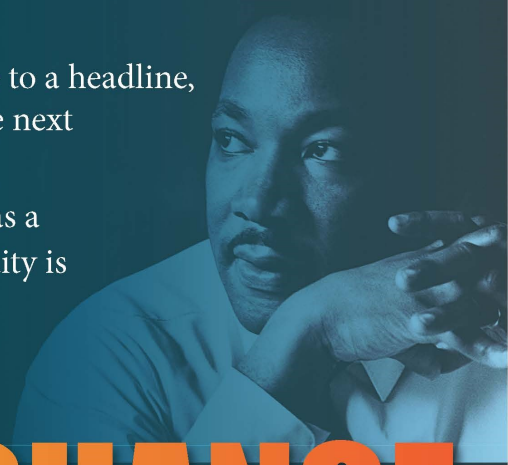
As an expression of love for our entire community, especially those with compromised immune systems or who are unable to be vaccinated, visitors to the staff are required to wear face masks regardless of their vaccination status. Masks will be provided for those who do not have them.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.



Oftentimes there is a flurry of activity in response to a headline, followed by a gradual fade into quietness until the next headline emerges.

It is our sincere hope that these events will serve as a reminder that the important work to advance equity is ongoing and will motivate us to press forward to achieve positive change during the recurring ups and downs of flashpoints.



# POSITIVE CHANGE through Chaos & Quiet

## BW Celebrates MLK Week January 17-23, 2022

### Candlelight March

January 18, 5 p.m.

Student Activities Center (SAC)



Join us for a brief presentation on the history of “marching” and its connection to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., followed by a short walk together on campus in his memory.

### BW Chapel Worship Service

Thursday, January 20, 12:15 p.m.

BW Lindsey-Crossman Chapel

56 Seminary Street, Berea, OH 44017

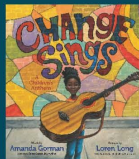


All are welcome to worship and honor the memory of Dr. King.

### StoryWalk®

January 17 – 23

Cuyahoga County Public Library  
7 Berea Commons, Berea, OH 44017



The whole family can enjoy a StoryWalk® featuring Change Sings: A Children's Anthem by Amanda Gorman; illustrated by Loren Long. Pages from the book will be mounted and displayed along the lighted brick walkway between the library's front door and Coe Lake. It will be available for reading, viewing and singing along, anytime!

### Social Change Summit

January 22, 9-12 p.m.



**VIRTUAL EVENT FOR BW STUDENTS ONLY**  
registration deadline : Sunday, January 16, 11:59 p.m.

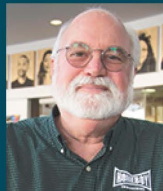
<https://bit.ly/bwscs22>

This FREE conference-style event seeks to exemplify the spirit of MLK's legacy surrounding Social Justice. This program is open to all BW students, and is designed to help students move from feelings of anxiety, apathy, and angst with current events into ACTION for social justice and positive social change.

### MLK Keynote Speaker

**Fr. Gregory Boyle,  
Homeboy Industries**

Tuesday, January 18, 7 p.m.



### VIRTUAL EVENT

[bw.edu/events/mlk-week/2022](http://bw.edu/events/mlk-week/2022)

Advanced registration is encouraged.

Fr. Greg Boyle will share what he's learned over the past three decades as the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world—that love is the answer, community is the context and tenderness is the connective tissue. Tenderness reflects the foundational notion that there are no “us and them,” only “us.” Kinship cannot happen without tenderness.

This event is part of BW's observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and an Enduring Question: The Mark Collier Lecture Series event. Sponsored by BW Center for Inclusion, BW LanchNET, and BW Academic and Cultural Events Series (ACES).

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

**ATTENTION:** As recommended by CDC guidelines, face masks are required to be worn indoors at BW by all individuals regardless of vaccination status. Gatherings on campus will have restricted capacity based on the size of the event space or facility.

For more information,  
call the Center for Inclusion at

**440-826-2395**

[bw.edu/events/mlk-week/2022](http://bw.edu/events/mlk-week/2022)

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is sponsored by BW in conjunction with the Berea community and the Campus/Community MLK Week Committee 2022.

