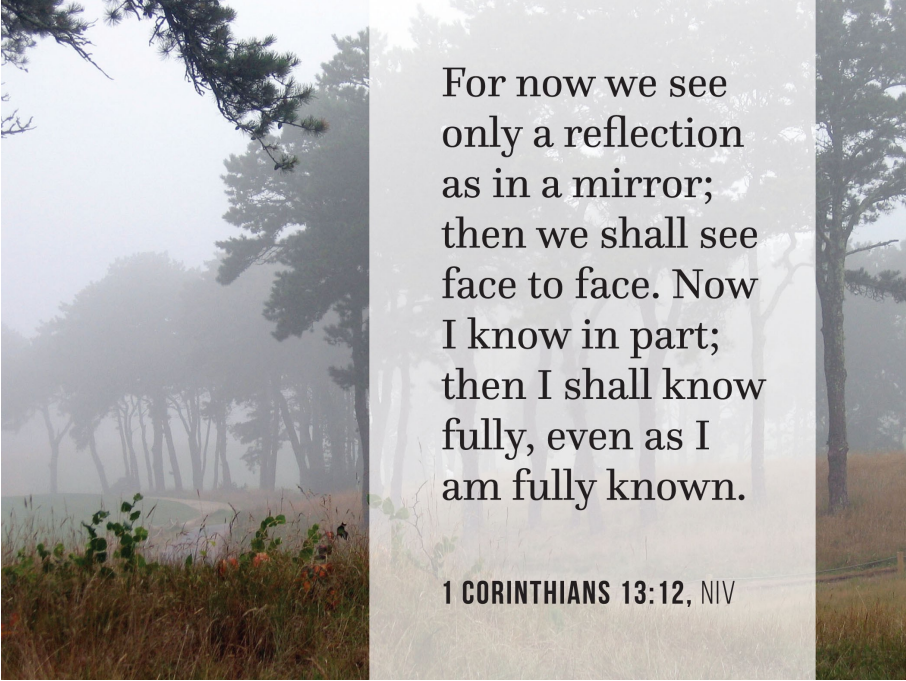


# Worship Celebration



For now we see  
only a reflection  
as in a mirror;  
then we shall see  
face to face. Now  
I know in part;  
then I shall know  
fully, even as I  
am fully known.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12, NIV

*Fourth Sunday  
after the Epiphany*

January 30, 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.*

# We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

*Bethren, We Have Met to Worship*

arr. Samuel Batt Owens

(from *5 Little Romantic Preludes on Early American Hymntunes*)

## Words of Welcome

### + Opening Prayer

*Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, for we need to feel your healing touch.*

*As we gather to worship you this day, humble our hearts, teach us patience,  
and touch us with kindness.*

*Open our minds, that we may understand ourselves as you understand us.*

*Open our hearts to your Spirit of gentleness,  
that our words may be true and our love may be generous.*

*Bind us together in a love that does not fail or fade,  
that we may bear all things, believe all things,  
and hope all things in your love, which never ends. Amen.*

### + Hymn

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vv. 1-5, 7)

UMH 57

## 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.*

### Second Lesson—1 Corinthians 13.1-13 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, <sup>5</sup> it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, <sup>6</sup> it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. <sup>9</sup> We know in part and we prophesy in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. <sup>12</sup> Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. <sup>13</sup> Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

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

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

### Gospel Lesson—Luke 4.14-30 (CEB)

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me.*

*He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to liberate the oppressed,*

<sup>19</sup> *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

<sup>20</sup> He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

<sup>22</sup> Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup> And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

<sup>28</sup> When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. <sup>29</sup> They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

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

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

## **Sermon**

### **+ Hymn**

*The Gift of Love*

UMH 408

## **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**

*Love Through Me*

Amy Carmichael, Rachel Steffenmeier

## **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**

*Source of every blessing, you are our refuge and our strength.  
Even before we were born, you have known us completely.  
You have watched over us all the days of our lives.  
Receive our offerings and the gratitude of our hearts.  
Grow the ministries of your church that we may bear your love  
into the lives of all our neighbors. Amen.*

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

**+ Hymn**

*The Summons*

TFWS 2130

**+ Benediction**

God sends us out with words of love on our lips.  
*Christ sends us out with acts of love in our deeds.*  
The Spirit sends us out with the power of love to sustain our lives.  
*We go now in the power of God's love to be ambassadors of justice and peace.*  
*Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**Postlude**

*Toccata in A minor*

Jan Pieter Sweelinck

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

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### **Worship Participants**

**Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

**Liturgist**

Laura Rushton

**Music**

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

**Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and in memory of the birthday of Nancy Baldwin Peterson, mother of Barb Peterson

### **Morning Prayer**

*(week of Sunday, January 30)*

God, you have given me the gift of another day;  
my I receive and live it in gratitude.  
Help me to be loving to others,  
to your beloved earth, and to myself.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

*(week of Sunday, January 30)*

Holy One, this day is drawing to a close.  
Be with me as I pause and ponder  
all the love I received today.  
Help me notice you in each moment.  
Give me peace, O God,  
as I give this day back to you. Amen.

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### **Read & Grow Book Discussion Group**

**Monday, February 14, 6:30-8 PM, via Zoom**

We will meet February 14 at 6:30 PM via Zoom to discuss **The Four Winds** by Kristin Hannah.

For more information and the Zoom link, please contact **Betsy Meikle**  
at [meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com) or 440-243-5767.



### **Animate Bible Study**

**Sunday Mornings, 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**.



## UMW Has the perfect gift for Valentine's Day!

**Order by February 1, Payment and pickup will be February 11**

*"Roses are red, violets are blue, UMW loves popcorn, we know you do, too!"*

Just in time for Valentine's Day, UMW is selling popcorn to help you celebrate. Flavors: Butter (\$ 6), Depot Delight (caramel and cheddar mix \$7) and a Valentine's Day special CHERRY CORDIAL (cherry popcorn drizzled with chocolate \$8)

Please contact **Carol McCleery (440-234-9078** or [mcmanistee7250@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com)) to place your order by **February 1**. Payment and pickup will be **February 11**.

Thanks, in advance, for your support.



## Equal Exchange

**Sunday, February 6, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor**

Treat your sweeties to delicious Equal Exchange chocolates for Valentine's Day... or any day. Visit our table by the Parlor on February 6 to see our offerings.

Learn more about Equal Exchange at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop).



## February's Love Your Neighbor - Pillow Collection

This month's Loving Our Neighbors project is collecting pillows for refugees through the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. To make it more fun, label your pillow "Pastor Carrie" or "Pastor Nathan". Whoever gets the most pillows labeled with their name, will be attacked by church children with pillows during the 11 AM worship service, February 27.



## February Loose Offering Benefits SCAN

Our loose change this month will benefit SCAN, one of our local food pantries. As families continue to struggle with food insecurity, your loose change will add up into meals for them. Thank you for your generosity!

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".





## Support Our Local Food Pantries

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

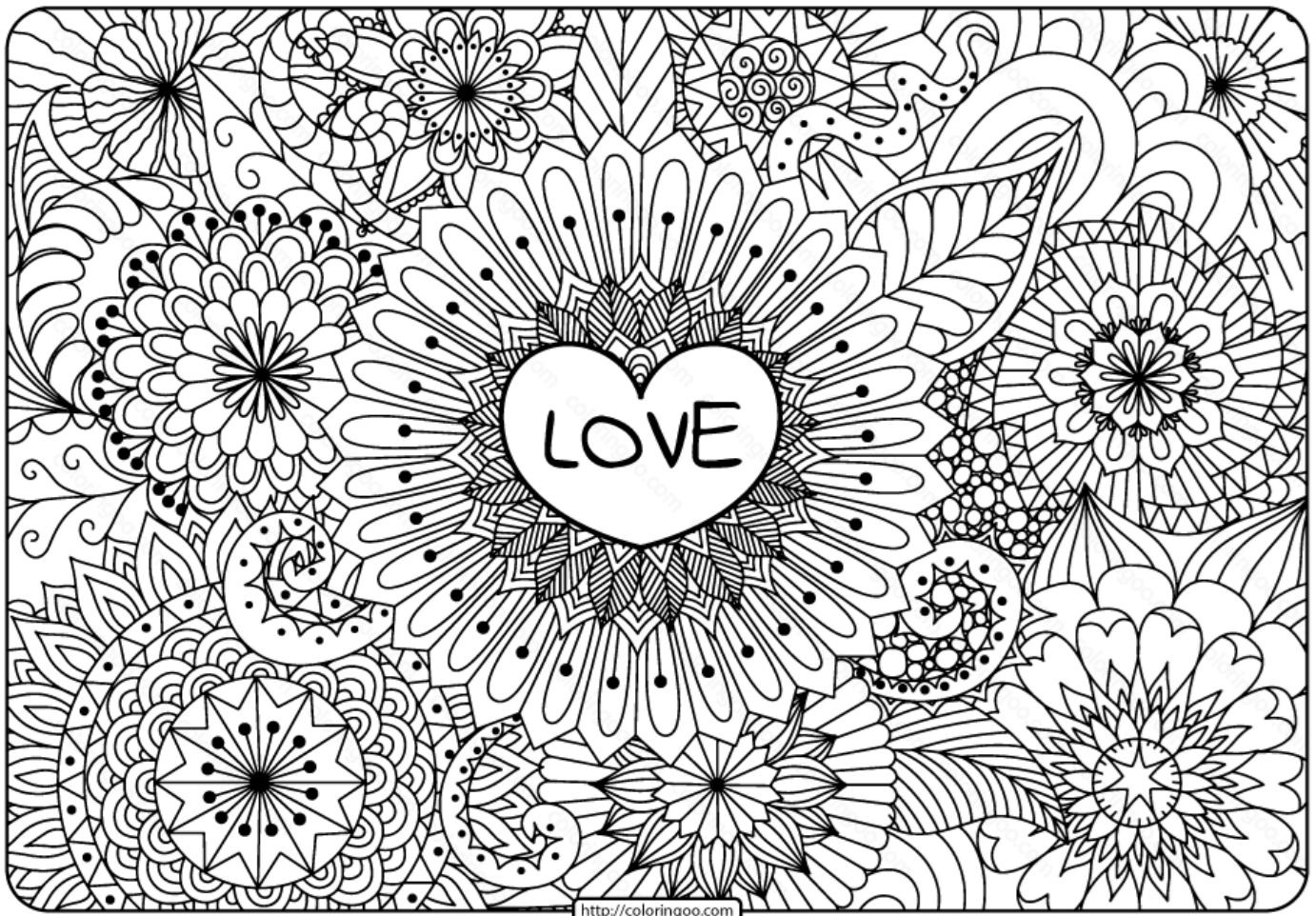
Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the Sanctuary and the library anytime you are in the building. (If you need help finding the right location, talk to one of the pastors or other staff.) If you prefer, please feel free to participate with a monetary donation instead, 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.



## 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 5 and over are eligible to receive one of the vaccines. Visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-provider-dashboard> 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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, January 30

*Fourth 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

### **Creation Justice Fair Team Meeting**

1:30 PM / Room 13

### **The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)**

7 PM / Chapel

## Monday, January 31

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Survivorship Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at O'Charley's

## Tuesday, February 1

### **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](#)

### **Stephen Ministers**

6:30 PM / Room 13

### **Discipleship Fellowship**

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, February 2

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## Thursday, February 3

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Handbells**

6 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, February 4

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## Saturday, February 5

### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, February 6

*Fifth 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

### **The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)**

7 PM / Chapel

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### **Church Office Hours**

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

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

*Email: [ebarner@umcb.org](mailto:ebarner@umcb.org) or [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org)*

*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.