

Blessed
is the
one
who
trusts in the LORD,
whose
confidence
is in
him.

JEREMIAH 17:7, NIV

Worship Celebration

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 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)

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

The Snow is Dancing
(from **Children's Corner**)

Claude Debussy

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*Shepherd of our souls, guide us through times of difficulty,
and help us find your solace and peace.
Forgive us in times of sorrow and separation,
and lead us into your redeeming love.
Resurrect us in times of death and despair,
and lead us into newness of life,
that we may be the blessing that we seek
for everyone we meet. Amen.*

+ Hymn

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

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— Jeremiah 17.5-10 (NRSV)

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Lesson— Luke 6.17-26 (NRSV)

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon

+ Hymn

My Life Flows On (how Can I Keep from Singing)

TFWS 2212

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), the church office (440-234-3525 x100), or online at www.umcb.org/worshipresources.

Choir Anthem

Blessings Over Me

Pepper Choplin

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.***

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

*Blessed God, with these gifts, bring food to the hungry,
hope to the despairing, and comfort to those who sorrow.
Bless these gifts and our lives,
that we may be blessings of hope for your world. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

+ Benediction

Go from this place as those who are blessed.

We will live in the fullness of God's love.

Go from this place as trees planted beside living waters.

We will drink deeply in the presence of Christ.

Go from this place to bring blessings and to be blessings.

We will go with joy, sharing the Spirit's peace with everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Robert Hobby

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Sandy Marek

Music

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

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, February 13):
Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this day.
Guide my steps as I face choices
to care for the earth or not,
to show compassion toward others or not,
to care for myself or not,
to be true to Christ or not.
May each choice draw me closer to you. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, February 13):
Tonight, I come home to you in prayer, O God.
Thank you for guiding me throughout this day,
even when I was not aware of it.
Now I give this day back to you,
entrusting all that I did
and all that I left undone
to your compassionate care.
May I rest now in your peace. 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 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 or 440-234-3525 x105.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, February 1 – March 1, 9:30 AM, Room 13 or Zoom

Each Tuesday morning, February 1 through March 1, all are welcome to join us in Room 13 or via Zoom (meeting id: 820 9742 9994) for a weekly Bible study focusing on the theme of "Engage." Together, through scripture and conversation, we will explore a variety of ways that we can experience God's presence and participate with God through our actions. There is an optional student book that will be available.

For more information, to get a book, and/or to express interest in participating, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



New Member Class

Beginning in Lent

Lent begins March 2, and that week classes will also begin for those exploring new membership or those who wish to renew their discipleship journey. Participants will join the church or recommit on Easter Sunday.

Contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101 to share your interest in participating.



Animate: Spiritual Practices

Beginning in Lent

We also hope to offer a Sunday morning and weekday evening (via Zoom) opportunity to participate in the class “Animate: Spiritual Practices”. This class will explore 7 practices that bring us closer to God: Prayer, Food, Worship, Sacraments, Money, Service, and Community. Those currently participating in Animate: Bible are welcome to join, as well as those new to the Animate series.

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org
or **440-234-3525 x105** to share your interest.



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 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 or **440-409-5931**.



Sew for the Earth Gathering

Saturday, February 26, 1-4 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join the Creation Justice Team on Saturday, February 26 from 1 to 4 PM in Fellowship Hall to sew cloth napkins for the Sew for the Earth project. Napkins will be offered to participants that attend our Creation Justice Fair on April 23, 2022. Sewers and non-sewers are needed. If you are interested in participating at church or if you are interested but cannot come to church on February 26, please contact Barb Dawson at 440 885-1672.



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 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. Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.



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.



Messy Church

Sunday, February 20, 4-6 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us February 20 at 4 PM for a Messy Church celebrating all of the ways we express love and acceptance to all of God's children! Dinner will be served to-go. Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun afternoon of faith and friendship!

Questions or want to volunteer?

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Homework Helpers

Begins March 2, for 9 Wednesdays

We are sharpening our pencils, and gathering our supplies and volunteers! We are excited to welcome a new group of students in March for homework help and tutoring. Last fall, we had seven students join us for our first session, and we're anticipating up to 25 new students this spring! If you enjoy working with students, please let us know if you'll join us in this mission to help our community children. We serve children K-12th grade - whether you enjoy working with the littles or the teens, we'll find you a great match!

Email **Laura Rushton** at jlaurush@gmail.com
or **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org to learn more.



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 or 440-234-3525 x101.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, February 13

Sixth 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

Swanson Memorial Service

3:30 PM / Sanctuary

The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)

7 PM / Chapel

Monday, February 14

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Applebee's

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / via Zoom / Contact [Betsy Meikle](#)

Tuesday, February 15

Caller Submissions Due—Submit articles to info@umcb.org or place in the church office mailbox.

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

Wednesday, February 16

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall / [Betsy Meikle](#)

Thursday, February 17

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

Choir

7:00 PM / Sanctuary /

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

Friday, February 18

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, February 19

Sunday, February 20

Seventh 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

Messy Church

4 PM / 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 or 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.