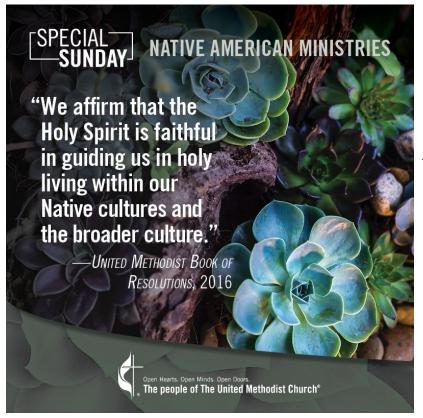
Worship Celebration



Third Sunday of Easter

The **Easter Season**, also known as the **Great Fifty Days**, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost (this year, on June 5). This is our most joyous and celebrative season and the core of the entire Christian year. Together, we focus on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the continual invitation and call from God to live as Easter people, practicing resurrection by sharing God's renewing love with the world.

Native American Ministries Day

Graduate Celebration
Sunday

May 1, 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 (<u>www.facebook.com/umcberea/live</u>)

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 "low" community level, face masks are not required in our building. Although face masks will not be required, you are welcome to continue wearing a mask if you choose to do so. Please respect the various comfort levels and risk levels of those around you. If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay connected with us from home until your symptoms are ended.

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Land Acknowledgement

On this Native American Ministries Sunday, we begin our worship together by acknowledging that our church building sits on the ancestral homeland and hunting grounds of the Erie and the Iroquois peoples, among others, whose use of this land was gradually and forcibly relinquished through a series of dictated treaties from 1765 until 1842. We celebrate the contributions of indigenous peoples, from many nations, who reside in our communities, and we affirm our faithful responsibility to pursue mutually healing relationships moving forward.

Prelude Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell

+ Opening Prayer

Wisdom of God, come and dwell among us.

We gather to hear your word and to sing your praise.

We come as we are, trusting that your grace will perfect us.

Interrupt our lives with your truth and your love.

Open our hearts, our minds, and our lives
that we may perceive your path in this world
and your presence in every person.

Make us living witnesses of your resurrecting spirit,
in which we worship and pray. Amen.

+ Hymn Christ Has Risen TFWS 2115

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 - Acts 9.1-20 (CEB)

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, ² seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

⁵ Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. 6"Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

⁷Those traveling with him stood there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

¹⁰In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Yes, Lord."

¹¹The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³ Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

¹⁵ The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

¹⁷ Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Instantly, flakes fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ After eating, he regained his strength.

He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. ²⁰ Right away, he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God. **People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - John 21.1-19 (CEB)

21 Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus^I, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

⁶ He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

⁹When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." ¹¹Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God. **People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Lead Me, Lord

(from Praise the Lord, O My Soul)

A Prayer for Graduates (pictures of and information about our graduates are on Page11)

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught your fuller way of life.

Bless these persons as they now finish this course of study.

We thank you for all those who taught and studied beside them

and for all who supported them along the way.

Walk with them as they now leave this stage of life and move forward.

Take away any anxiety and confusion of purpose.

Strengthen their many talents and skills and instill in them a confidence in your future,

where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people;

for the sake of your love in Jesus Christ, Amen.

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.

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!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Risen One 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.*

We join with every creature in heaven and on earth,

every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises, O God.

You create all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life.

You are at work in our world all the time,

transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn.

We are not always faithful to your loving purposes.

We follow our own desires, lash out in anger, and ignore your presence in each other.

You send prophets to invite us back to your love, to remind us of your call,

to show us how to care for one another.

You are always faithful, for you love your whole creation.

And so, we join that creation in praising your name as your Easter people:

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.

In your grace, you sent us Jesus to walk with us and show us your love.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your life-giving ways.

He shared with us the abundance of your love and called us to share it with all others.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, instructing them again to love one another.

He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and sharing it, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Receive and eat, and know that I am with you."

Then he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it, saying:
"This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all.
Receive and drink, and to know that I am with you."

And so, we offer our whole selves to you and your loving purposes with glad and grateful hearts, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Send your Spirit again upon us and these gifts of the earth: bread and wine. *Make them be for us the body and blood of the Risen Christ,*that we may be the body of Christ for all who yearn for your love.

By your Resurrecting Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry and mission to all the world until Christ comes again and we feast in communion at your table.

God of newness and mystery, God of wonder and love,
God of resurrection and new creation,
we praise your name and rejoice in our new life in you.

All honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup Hymn

A Place at the Table

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star over head.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice! justice, and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding to share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice! justice, and joy!

> For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice! justice, and joy!

For just and unjust, a place at the table. abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice! justice, and joy!

> For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice! justice, and joy!

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Prayer following Communion

With gratitude, O God, for the promise and gift of a new creation, we join with your Spirit in recreating our lives and this world by your love.

Where there is despair, let us work for hope.

Where there is defeat, let us work for renewal.

In the name of the Risen Christ, make us and your whole world new. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn *Christ Is Risen* UMH 307

+ Benediction

Go out from this place to feed and tend God's people.

We will go to share God's love with everyone we encounter, knowing that God is in them.

Go because you love Jesus and because Jesus loves and sends you, renewing you day by day.

Christ is risen! *Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.*

Postlude Noel Nouvelet arr. Malcolm Archer

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

Music

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

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams Marlynda Dziak Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 1):
Lord Jesus Christ,
as you met your disciples
just after daybreak on the beach,
meet us at the dawning of this new day.
As you filled their nets with fish,
fill our lives with love and grace,
more than we can ask or imagine.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 1):
Gracious God, we praise you
for the blessings of this day
and the promise of tomorrow.
Be our helper and companion
as night falls;
be our joy when the morning comes;
through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

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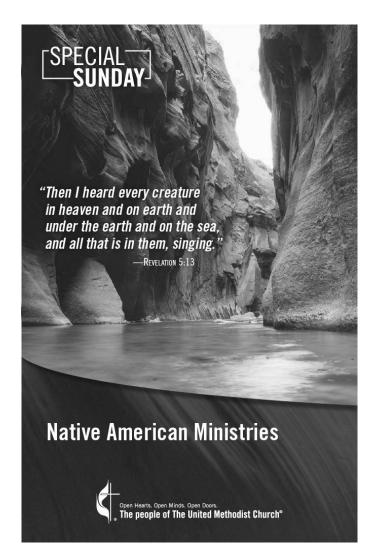
Prayer:

God, who walked with our ancestors, who walks among us now, and who will walk with our children's children for generations to come, we give you thanks for your presence.

In the air that we breathe, in the sound of rustling leaves and in the waving grass, we give you thanks for your presence.

In the sound of children's laughter, and in the songs of our elders, we give you thanks for your presence.

Source: Native American Writing Group of the Open Source Liturgy Project (Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church)



Today is Native American Ministries Day!

On Native American Ministries Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the ministries of First Americans who integrate their culture and tradition with United Methodist theology. Our special offering today equips and empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus with the fullness of their culture and heritage. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.

Please be part of reparation and celebration through your support of Native American Ministries Sunday. Consider making a generous gift by writing a check to this church with "NAMS offering" in the memo line or donating online at www.umcb.org/donate and notating "NAMS offering" on the other line.

Learn more at https://youtu.be/syPIxuJdPMw.



Help Build Hope Kick-Off

May 8 in Worship

with Guest Preacher Michelle Killin-Keith from Habitat for Humanity

We are excited to be getting closer to our Help Build Hope event where we will be constructing a house frame for a future Habitat for Humanity house, July 15-16, right in our parking lot! Registration for helping with the build days is now open! There will be opportunities for all skill and age levels to participate in helping this house come together. Ages 5 and older are welcome. Register at www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea, and then invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

We will be celebrating the start of this mission in worship on May 8th, during the Festival of the Christian home worship services. Guest preacher Michelle Killin-Keith will share with us inspiration from Habitat for Humanity. In-person registration for the event will also be available, as well as a donation display of love in the gather place.

Sunday, May 8 will be one our "one big ask" for support in completing this project. We ask that you prayerfully consider your generosity in financially supporting this mission. With the help of local sponsors and this congregation's support, the \$15,000 mission will surely bless the future family who will call this house we build, home.



Upcoming Book Discussion

At the heart of our discipleship journey—growing in our love of God and neighbor—is the ongoing challenge and opportunity to perceive ourselves and each other more fully and more truly as God's beloved children. Please join us for this conversation around books that can help us grow in this sacred work.

The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness by Gregory Boyle

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 рм, Fellowship Hall

To express your interest in participating, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or **nhowe@umcb.org**.



Griefshare

Beginning Tuesday, May 3, 1:30 PM or Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We will be starting a new session of Griefshare Support Group in May. It is a 13-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.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, May 9, 6:30-8 рм, Fellowship Hall

On May 9, we will meet in person in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8 PM. The discussion will be about **Division Two** by A.X. McMillian. You may find the book in Pastor Carrie's office for \$10.

For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at **meiklebetsyi@gmail.com** or **440-243-5767**.



Vacation Bible School Registration is now open!

Children: https://
forms.gle/89joFG8THjFqQSEd9

Volunteers (Adults and Youth):
https://forms.gle/
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Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Calling everyone who would like to join our study of **Growing Older and Wiser,** a LifeGuide Group study. We will discover how God can effectively and powerfully use those who have grown wiser with the passing years. We will be able to have our group study and then some personal reflections on what we have discussed. Please come and join us! Thank You!

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



Boss Chick n Beer Fundraiser for Help Build Hope

Wednesday, May 11, Boss Chick n Beer (120 Front Street, Berea)

On Wednesday, May 11, come join in support of the Help Build Hope project by having a meal at Boss, Chick, n Beer. Show the flyer at https://www.umcb.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/BOSS-FundraiserFLYER-UMethodist.jpg on your smartphone, print the flyer to give to the cashier, or just tell the cashier you are there to support Help Build Hope and 10% of sales from your meal will be donated.



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.



Save the Date - UMW's "Cluck and Clutter"

Saturday, May 14, 10 Am - 4 PM, Wesley Hall

On Saturday, May 14, UMW is sponsoring a "Cluck and Clutter" sale in Wesley Hall from 10 AM - 4.00 PM. Shop for a variety of treasures. Stay and buy a chicken dinner (with pasta salad and pie) and visit with friends. We'll also have J & J plant coupons for sale (\$18), as well as gourmet popcorn (Depot Delight and Lemon Pound Cake).

To reserve a table (or two or three), please contact **Nancy Buehler** at **440-234-7613** or <u>nbuehler75@gmail.com</u>). Donors will deliver, price, set up and remove their items. And please, no clothing.

All proceeds will benefit UMW missions, locally and globally.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.



Celebrating our 2022 Graduates!

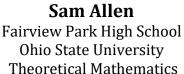
May God Bless each of these students as they launch into their next chapter in life!

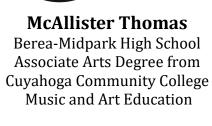


Brendan Akins
Berea-Midpark High School
Ohio State University
Music



Owen Swartz Berea-Midpark High School



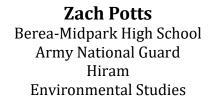




Becca MorrisonFairview Park High School
Otterbein University
Psychology



Elyssa Ulman
Berea-Midpark High School
Bowling Green State University
Accounting





Jenna Wood Berea-Midpark High School Ohio University



Congratulations also to **Dr. Jennifer Marshall**, who graduated in January with her PhD in Evaluation and Measurement from Kent State.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, May 1 - Third Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday Graduate Celebration 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

Ecumenical Youth Group (RSVP Required)

2 PM / Wesley Hall / Contact Pastor Carrie

Monday, May 2 Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM - 9:30 AM / Contact Pastor Nathan

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Falls Family Restaurant

Trustees Meeting 5 PM / TBA

Tuesday, May 3

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM – 9:30 AM / Contact Pastor Nathan

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM / Room 13, via Zoom / Contact Pastor Carrie

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, May 4

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM - 9:30 AM / Contact Pastor Nathan

Homework Helpers

4 PM/ Second Floor/ Contact Pastor Carrie

Thursday, May 5

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, May 6

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM - 9:30 AM / Contact Pastor Nathan

Saturday, May 7

UMW Executive Board

10 AM - Noon / Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 8 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Festival of the Christian Home

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / <u>Join online</u>

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / Contact Pastor Carrie

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

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

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 AM –3 PM, Tuesday, Friday: Beth works from home Email: ebarner@umcb.org or info@umcb.org, Office Phone: 440-234-3525 x100, Cell: 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.