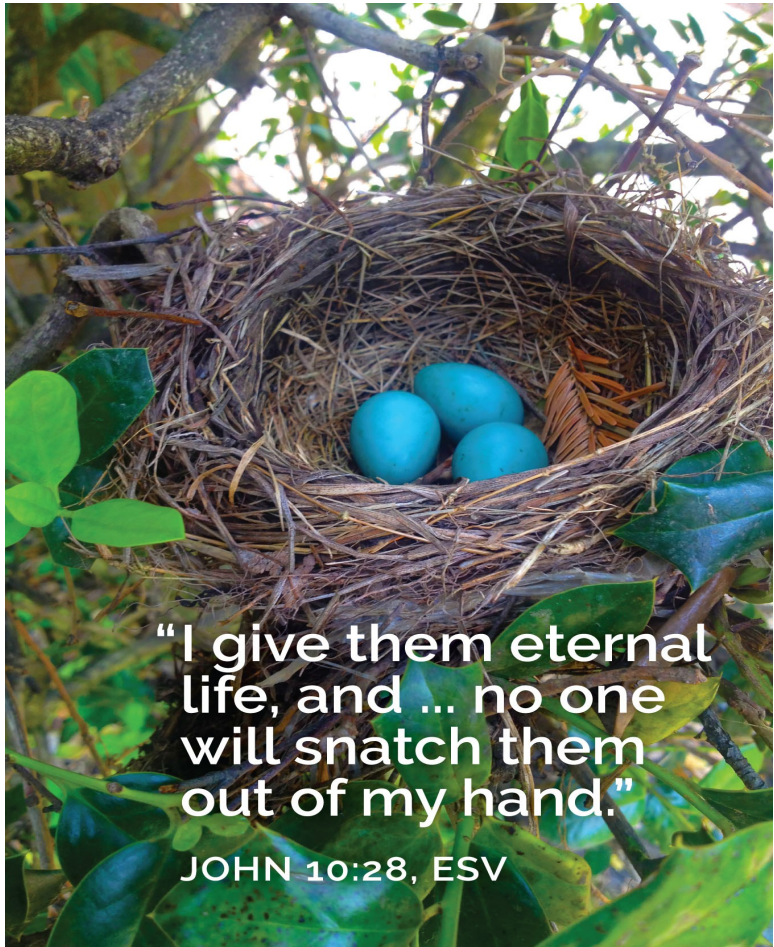


Worship Celebration



“I give them eternal life, and ... no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

JOHN 10:28, ESV

Fourth 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.*

Festival of the Christian Home

May 8, 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/live)

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

Prelude

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Paul Manz

+ Call to Worship

God, our Good Shepherd, knows each sheep, calling us by name.

We hear the voice of the risen Christ, calling us to come follow.

God, our Good Shepherd, notices our need and feeds us with wisdom and truth.

We know the voice of the risen Christ, leading us to goodness and peace.

God, our Good Shepherd, protects and guides us, showing us how to live more fully.

Let us worship the Good Shepherd together: the risen One who calls us here.

+ Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

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.*

Scripture Lesson - Galatians 6.1-9 (CEB)

⁶ Brothers and sisters, if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual should restore someone like this with a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves so you won't be tempted too. ² Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are important when they aren't, they're fooling themselves. ⁴ Each person should test their own work and be happy with doing a good job and not compare themselves with others. ⁵ Each person will have to carry their own load.

⁶ Those who are taught the word should share all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Make no mistake, God is not mocked. A person will harvest what they plant. ⁸ Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Michelle Killin-Keith
Manager of Faith Relations and Events
Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity

Choir Anthem

The Lamb

Gerald Patrick Coleman

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 joys and concerns. If you are worshipping with us online, you can share your prayer request through the "comments" section on Facebook. And throughout the week, you can share your prayer requests with Pastor Nathan (440-234-3525 x101, nhowe@umcb.org), the church office (info@umcb.org), or through our website (www.umcb.org/worshipresources).

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!

Mission Moment and Invitation to Give

Offertory Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH 138

+ Doxology *Alleluia, Alleluia* UMH 162

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia, Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’ver all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia, Give praise to his name.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Compassionate Shepherd, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude

for the generous gifts you have given:

gifts flowing from the stream of your unending grace.

Make us witnesses to your resurrection

by the way we give ourselves for others. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God’s Name

+ Hymn *Now the Green Blade Riseth* UMH 311

+ Benediction

Follow the voice of Jesus, wherever Christ will lead.

We will trust in God’s nourishment and protection,

filling us with the goodness of God’s love.

In the name of the One who calls us and sends us,

go now to love and serve the world, for Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

Postlude *Fanfare* R. Mark Otterstad

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

Worship Participants

Guest Preacher

Michelle Killin-Keith
Manager of Faith Relations and
Events, Habitat for Humanity

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

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

Liturgist

Paul Harlamert

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 8):

Holy God, you have called a people
to be your family
out of every tribe, language, and nation,
to love and serve you daily,
in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity.
Help us to honor and respect
the dignity of difference
as we seek to be one with you and each other.
Amen

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 8):

Good Shepherd of all,
you have brought us to the close of this day;
for this gift and the blessings we now name,
we give you thanks....
All that we have and all that we are
come from you.
Trusting in your goodness, let me lie down in
peace,
ready to greet your resurrection tomorrow.
Amen.

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Building Partnerships • Building Relationships • Building Community
Building Homes

Today is Our Help Build Hope Kick-Off!

Today, we are celebrating the start of the Help Build Hope mission. We thank guest preacher Michelle Killin-Keith, who shared inspiration from Habitat for Humanity during our worship services. 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 their home.

In the Gathering Place, you'll find a donation display of love as well as in-person registration for the July 15-16 Wall Build. There will be opportunities for all skill and age levels to participate in helping this house come together. Ages 5 and older are welcome. You can also register at www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea, and then invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Help Build Hope Fundraiser

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.



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, May 22, 4 PM

Columbia Reservation (25145 Royalton Road, Columbia Station)

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by **Thursday, May 19** to
Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Upcoming Book Discussion

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

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 ***The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness*** by **Gregory Boyle**, which can help us grow in this sacred work.

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



Join us for PRIDE!

Saturday, June 4

Join us in showing our PRIDE! Supporting and encouraging the LGBTQA+ community is one way we share God's abounding love. So, we are excited to be marching in the Cleveland Pride march on June 4th for the first time! We are gathering names of those interested in joining us for either marching and/or hosting a table at the event. Final details are being worked out, but we anticipate this being an all morning and most of the afternoon commitment. We are grateful to be teaming up with Westlake UMC whose commitment to this mission field inspires us!

If you'd like to march, table host, and/or create banners, signs, and prep other materials, please contact either **Pastor Carrie** at 440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org
or **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Volunteers Needed for The 50th Anniversary Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 5, 12:30-2 PM

The Strawberry Festival will be returning this year! The 50th Anniversary of Strawberry Festival will be held on **Sunday, June 5 from 12:30-2 PM**. We will have indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) seating this year. This is a community event that requires a LOT of helping hands.

Please consider volunteering so this event can be as successful as it always has been!

Look for the volunteer sign-up board in the Narthex.

If you have questions or would like to sign up directly,
feel free to contact **Jill Bush**, the Strawberry Festival Chairperson,
at 440-667-3182 or jill.bush@gmail.com!



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, May 9, 6:30-8 PM, 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 meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.



Griefshare

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM or Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We have started 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.



Beloved Neighborhood Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 9:30 AM-12:15 PM, A Berea Church Collaboration hosted at The UMC of Berea

Welcome to the Beloved Neighborhood, where we're glad to call you neighbor! Our goal is to share the love and joy of Jesus with your family, as we bring to life the work and ministry of Mr. Rogers. This is a collaborative ministry of several Berea churches with one message: **God loves you just the way you are!**

Registration is now open!

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

Volunteers (Adults and Youth): <https://forms.gle/N2uRy37vHnXezFuQ6>



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.



May's Love Your Neighbor - Bubble Palooza!

During Annual Conference in June, congregations are encouraged to donate most wanted items for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to aid the mission in responding to disasters. This year, those items are all squeaky cleaning items!

Please donate:

- ❖ Liquid Laundry Detergent (less than 150 oz)
- ❖ Liquid House Cleaner (less than 80 oz)
- ❖ Liquid Dish soap (not dishwasher soap, and less than 64 oz.)

All items can be brought to the bins near the outreach board. We'll celebrate May 29 with a Bubble Palooza after each worship service!



Messy Church Carnival

Sunday, May 15, 4-6 PM, Wesley Hall

Bring your friends and neighbors to have the most fun NOT under a big tent! A faith-filled carnival is coming to town May 15th, right to our Messy Church! Join us at 4 pm to experience the fun, the thrills, and the amazing action of...The HOLY SPIRIT! Pentecost meets the big top in this fun filled event! We hope you'll join us and bring a friend!

Questions or want to volunteer?

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



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.



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 nbuehler75@gmail.com). 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.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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 / [Join online](#)

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, May 9

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Goldie's Dlie

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 10

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](#)

Tuesday Griefshare

1:30 PM / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com](#)

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Church Council

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 11

Help Build Hope Fundraiser

All Day / Boss Chick'n Beer

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Wednesday Griefshare

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

VBS Volunteer Training

7 PM / Fellowship Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Thursday, May 12

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 13

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Set-Up for UMW Cluck & Clutter

3-9 PM / **Sanctuary? or Wesley Hall**

Saturday, May 14

UMW Cluck & Clutter

10 AM - 4 PM / Wesley Hall

Sunday, May 15 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Caller Submissions Due - Please submit your article to info@umcb.org or the church office mailbox.

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