

# BeUMC Worship Series

June 19—July 10

During four weeks this summer, we are remembering who we are at our best: *we are the people of God called The United Methodist Church, living as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and seeking to transform the world into God's beloved community.*

## Week One: Belonging and Inclusion

We are *diverse, justice-seeking, resilient, and welcoming* people of God, serving together to build a beloved community in which all belong, all are loved, all are respected, all are engaged, and all are free to grow in their relationships with God and to serve fully in the ministry of Jesus Christ.



### ***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.**

# Worship Celebration

*Second Sunday after Pentecost + Juneteenth*

June 19, 2022 + 9 AM

## **We Gather as God's Children**

Prelude

*Voluntary V, Vivace*

John Stanley

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*Liberating God, in the midst of our brokenness and separations,  
we long for you to tend our needs, yet we resist your healing touch;  
in the midst of our confusion and doubts,  
we yearn to lay down our worry and stress, yet we cling to old grudges.  
Free us from the chains that bind us, and help us embrace the freedom you offer.  
Heal us and nourish us, O God, that we might perceive as you perceive  
and love as perfectly—as completely—as you love. Amen.*

+ Hymn

*And Are We Yet Alive*

UMH 553

+ An Affirmation of Faith

UMH 883

*We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

# 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 - Galatians 3.23-29 (CEB)

<sup>23</sup> Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, <sup>24</sup> so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

<sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

<sup>26</sup> You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

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

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

## Gospel Lesson - Luke 8.26-39 (CEB)

<sup>26</sup> Jesus and his disciples sailed to the Gerasenes' land, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a certain man met him. The man was from the city and was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had lived among the tombs, naked and homeless. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down before him. Then he shouted, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" <sup>29</sup> He said this because Jesus had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had taken possession of him, so he would be bound with leg irons and chains and placed under guard. But he would break his restraints, and the demon would force him into the wilderness.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They pleaded with him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission, <sup>33</sup> and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When those who tended the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside. <sup>35</sup> People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe. <sup>36</sup> Those people who had actually seen what had happened told them how the demon-possessed man had been delivered. <sup>37</sup> Then everyone gathered from the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave their area because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and returned across the lake. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged to come along with Jesus as one of his disciples. Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return home and tell the story of what God has done for you." So he went throughout the city proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

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

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

## Sermon

### + Hymn

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH 560

## 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 worshiping 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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)), the church office ([info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org)), or through our website ([www.umcb.org/worshipresources](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources)).*

## 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!

### Offertory Anthem

*A Place at the Table*

### + 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

***Sovereign God, you feed us by your own hand. You revive us with your waters of life.  
You call us back to life and new possibilities.  
Now accept these offerings in gratitude and praise  
for the many blessings we have received from your hand.  
Accept the gift of our love and our commitment to love others as you love us all. Amen.***

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

### + Hymn

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

UMH 519

### + Benediction

Go now, in the trust that God will feed our spirits.

***We will go in the promise of God's love for us.***

Go now, in the assurance that Christ fills our lives with hope.

***We will go in the assurance of Christ's love for all.***

Go now, in the freedom that the Spirit breaks chains that bind us.

***We will go in the freedom of the Spirit's love that binds us to each other.***

Go in peace and to make peace.

***We will! Thanks be to God.***

### Postlude

*I Love Thee, My Lord*

arr. George Shearing

***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

Barb Peterson

### Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*  
Logan Byerly, *Vocalist*  
Grace Dahl, *Vocalist*  
Lindsay Turek, *Vocalist*

### Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debbie Haas

**Morning Prayer** (week of Sunday, June 19):

Dear God, today I will be tempted  
to wander away from you.  
By your Spirit, guide me  
in the ways you want me to go.  
I may become discouraged  
by my own limitations.  
Direct my thoughts and words and actions  
so that they reflect your love for all. Amen.

**Evening Prayer** (week of Sunday, June 19):

Creator of day and night,  
as shadows lengthen,  
let me gather my thoughts and feelings before you.  
Be with those who are wakeful,  
and grant to all your peace.  
In your hope, I seek my rest. Amen.

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**Sunday Afternoon Walk**

**Sunday, June 26, 4 PM, The UMC of Berea Neighborhood**

In the spirit of this month's Vacation Bible School, our Sunday afternoon walk will be an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of God's creation right in the neighborhood of our church building. We will begin on the porch on Seminary Street at 4 PM and then walk through our neighborhood to Coe Lake, experiencing the goodness that fills the neighborhood just outside our doors. All are welcome to join us.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by **Thursday, June 23** to **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).



**Cleveland Guardians vs. New York Yankees**

**Sunday, July 3, 1:40 PM, Progressive Field**

Invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family for an afternoon at the ballpark as the Cleveland Guardians take on the New York Yankees. Tickets will be \$25 each, payable to "UMCB," and the deadline to reserve your ticket(s) is **Monday, June 27** (or whenever we run out of tickets).

For more information and to reserve your tickets,  
contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).



**An Invitation to Provide Altar Flowers**

You are invited to provide the altar flowers for our Sunday worship service. Flowers may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Use one of the forms on the bulletin board just to the left of the office hallway door or online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) to indicate your choice of date and how the flowers will be provided.

If you would like to share the beautiful flowers from your garden, that would be lovely. Please place them on the altar at least 30 minutes before the start of the 9 AM worship service Sunday morning.

If you prefer, the church is also happy to order with our florist on your behalf. Payment for these arrangements may be made by a check with "altar flowers" and the service date on the memo line or online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact  
the **Church Office** at **440-234-3525 x100** or [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org).





## Climate Justice Short-Term Study

*Wake Up World: A Quick Curriculum for the Church on the Climate Crisis*  
*Wednesdays through July 20, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall*

Our congregation has been invited to participate as a “pilot group” for a new curriculum that connects the current climate crisis with a United Methodist faith-filled response. Participants in this six-week study will gain a basic understanding of the current crisis, will be better equipped for talking meaningfully with others about the current crisis, and will be encouraged to respond to the current crisis through faithful action.

For more information and to express your interest in participating opportunities, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).



## 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!**

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

Register to Volunteer (Adults and Youth): <https://forms.gle/N2uRy37vHnXezFuQ6>



## Book Discussion *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall & Douglas Abrams

*Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall*

In a world that often seems so troubled--amid a global pandemic, a worsening climate crisis, and deepening political divisions--how do we hold on to hope? In *The Book of Hope*, Jane Goodall draws on stories from her remarkable career and fascinating research to inspire us and guide us toward a sort of hope that endures even in seasons when much feels hopeless. Most wonderfully of all, Goodall calls each of us to action: “Let us use the gift of our lives to make this a better world.” Please join us for our conversation.

If you need help accessing a copy of the book, please contact Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x101 or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).



## Thursday Night Bible Study

*Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom*

We are learning about the Parables, 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!

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

Questions? Contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



## Griefshare

*Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, via Zoom*

Griefshare Support Group is a 13-week session filled with some reading, some questions, some laughter, and a few tears - all in the comfort of your home. 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.



## June's Love Your (Furry) Neighbor

*Place Donations in the Bin Near the Outreach board (Near Room 13)*

This month's project invites the whole congregation to join the kids of VBS in donating needed items to our animal neighbors of the Berea Animal Rescue!

Please bring any of these items to the donation box near the outreach board: cat or dog food (both wet and dry), cat or dog treats, Nylabones, or kitty litter.



## Help Build Hope Wall Build

*July 15 & 16, Our Parking Lot, Register at [www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea](http://www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea)*

A BIG thank you to everyone who has generously supported our Help Build Hope Intergenerational Mission project! While we are doing wonderfully with our fundraising efforts, we still have some gaps to fill. If you have not yet made your donation towards this future Habitat for Humanity home, we encourage you to do so now! Donations can be sent to the church by check with "Help Build Hope" in the memo line, or given online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate), using the other box with "Help Build Hope".

Whether you are nailing and building, offering hospitality, or helping with our children's activities, fill out the registration form, which can be found at [www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea](http://www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea). After you register, we ask for you to invite FOUR others by the **FOURTH of July!**

If you need assistance with registration or have questions, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at 440-234-3525 x105 or [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org).



## Metanoia Project

Our June Loose Change Offering will benefit the Metanoia Project. Please consider supporting this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, 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". Your generosity towards is greatly appreciated.

Over the summer we will be providing lunches for the educational programming of the Metanoia project - an organization that cares for those experiencing homelessness. For specific dates and needs, please contact **Laura Rushton** at 567-303-1954 or [jlaurush@gmail.com](mailto:jlaurush@gmail.com).

### Join us in worship, this week and every week:

**Sunday at 9AM** in-person in the Sanctuary and online ([www.facebook.com/umcberea/live](http://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)

***While our county remains at either a "medium" or a "low" community level rating, face masks will be optional in our building. If you are immunocompromised or at higher risk for severe disease, please consult with your healthcare provider about wearing a mask or taking other additional precautions. Higher quality masks, including N95s and KN95s, are especially encouraged as they provide additional protection both to the wearer and to those around them. If you are experiencing symptoms—including but not limited to a cough, fever or chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, or congestion—please practice caution and stay connected with us from home until your symptoms are ended.***

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Juneteenth

### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

### **Fellowship Hour via Zoom**

10 AM / Gathering Place / [Join online](#)

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

## Monday, June 20

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Beloved Neighborhood VBS**

9:30AM -12:15 PM / First Floor

### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Lunch only / Jennifer's

## Tuesday, June 21

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Beloved Neighborhood VBS**

9:30AM -12:15 PM / First Floor

## Wednesday, June 22

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Beloved Neighborhood VBS**

9:30AM -12:15 PM / First Floor

### **Climate Justice Short Term Study**

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday Griefshare**

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

## Thursday, June 23

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Beloved Neighborhood VBS**

9:30AM -12:15 PM / First Floor

### **Women's Bible Study via Zoom**

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

## Friday, June 24

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Beloved Neighborhood VBS**

9:30AM -12:15 PM / First Floor

## Saturday, June 25

## Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

### **Fellowship Hour via Zoom**

10 AM / Gathering Place / [Join online](#)

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### **Sunday Afternoon Walk**

4 PM / Meet on First Porch

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### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**

9 AM – 3 PM

**Tuesday, Friday**

Beth works from home 9AM - 3 PM

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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.