

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 Two:

Experiencing God's Love through Our Relationships with Each Other

We are *committed, grace-filled, Jesus-seeking, praying, and Spirit-filled* people of God, serving together to build a beloved community in which we experience our triune God in personal & communal relationships, transforming our own lives, the lives of neighbors around us, and the entire world.



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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Andantino

Orlando Gibbons

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

The Spirit of God is here,
inviting us to worship.

The Spirit of God is here,
filling each of our lives.

The Spirit of God is here,
among our gathered community.

The Spirit of God is here,
guiding us together in love, peace, and communion.

Let us worship God together.

+ Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

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 - 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14 (CEB)

² Now the LORD was going to take Elijah up to heaven in a windstorm, and Elijah and Elisha were leaving Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So both of them went on together. ⁷ Fifty members from the group of prophets also went along, but they stood at a distance. Both Elijah and Elisha stood beside the Jordan River. ⁸ Elijah then took his coat, rolled it up, and hit the water. Then the water was divided in two! Both of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "What do you want me to do for you before I'm taken away from you?"

Elisha said, "Let me have twice your spirit."

¹⁰ Elijah said, "You've made a difficult request. If you can see me when I'm taken from you, then it will be yours. If you don't see me, it won't happen."

¹¹ They were walking along, talking, when suddenly a fiery chariot and fiery horses appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went to heaven in a windstorm.

¹²Elisha was watching, and he cried out, "Oh, my father, my father! Israel's chariots and its riders!" When he could no longer see him, Elisha took hold of his clothes and ripped them in two.

¹³Then Elisha picked up the coat that had fallen from Elijah. He went back and stood beside the banks of the Jordan River. ¹⁴He took the coat that had fallen from Elijah and hit the water. He said, "Where is the LORD, Elijah's God?" And when he hit the water, it divided in two! Then Elisha crossed over.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson - Galatians 5.13-17, 22-25 (CEB)

¹³You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. ¹⁴All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.* ¹⁵But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

¹⁶I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. ¹⁷A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do....

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

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), the church office (info@umcb.org), or through our website (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), 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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

UMH 703

+ 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.***

Public Domain

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Bear fruit through the gifts we now bring, O God.

May they offer a double share of your presence to all who are touched by them.

***Bless us also, who give of ourselves generously, that we may grow in your Spirit,
sharing even more generosity and love with your world. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

We Are The Church

UMH 558

+ Benediction

Go now to bear God's fruit in all that you do!

Bring love, joy, peace, and patience to everyone you meet.

We will share kindness, gentleness, and generosity in every encounter.

In so doing, let us not only live by the Spirit but share in the Spirit with others.

We will! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Allegretto

William Bryce

***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*

Logan Byerly, *Vocalist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams

Marlynda Dziak

Debbie Haas

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Janet W. Harlamert
by Paul Harlamert, and the Laura & Craig Sperry Family.*

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, June 26):

Almighty God,
in awe I remember that you made me in your image
and breathed the Spirit of life into me.

Help me to live this day
fully open to your presence.

Let me worship you alone
with my body, mind, and spirit,
delighting in what is good. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, June 26):

O God, thank you for your care today.

As I move into evening,
help me to recall with thanksgiving
the wonders I have known,
the joy I have felt,
and the love I have received.

I pray for all those dear to me,
that they, too, may abide in your tender care.
Amen.

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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.



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 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.

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



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 or **440-409-5931**.



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.



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.

Questions? Contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at
marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



Join the Creation Justice Team

The Creation Justice Team is beginning to plan additional Creation Justice events. If you are interested in learning more about Creation Justice and would like to participate, please contact:

Barb Dawson at 440 885-1672 or bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net
or **Pastor Nathan** at 440 234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



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
- kitty litter.



Help Build Hope Wall Build

July 15 & 16, Our Parking Lot, Register at 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, 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. 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.



Support Our Local Food Pantries

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

We support our local food pantries on a continual basis. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the Sanctuary and the library anytime you are in the building. Deliveries to pantries are made regularly as we do our best to keep them stocked.

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.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 21, 1 PM - 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Come to give blood for a ticket to a Cedar Fair theme park of your choice, while supplies last! Appointments are highly encouraged.

To schedule an appointment, go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: **CedarPoint** or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.



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 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.

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)

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 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

Monday, June 27

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only / Applebee's

Tuesday, June 28

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Book Discussion: The Book of Hope

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 29

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

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 30

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

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

Friday, July 1

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, July 2

UMW Executive Board

10:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 3

Fourth 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

Cleveland Guardians Outing

1:40 PM / Progressive Field

Monday, July 4

Independence Day - Offices Closed

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only / Red Lobster

Church Office - Beth Barner

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday, Friday Beth works from home 9AM - 3 PM

ebarner@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x100

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Please Note: Beth will be on vacation July 6-13. During this time, urgent emails and voicemails left for the Church Office will be returned by one of the other staff members. All other messages will be addressed following her return on July 14.

Finance Office - Maryann Herron

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 AM – 3 PM

mherron@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x103

Facilities Manager - Mark Williams

Office Hours vary based on need

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Pastors Nathan Howe & Carrie Antczak

Office Hours vary based on need.

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Please note: Friday is a day of Sabbath for our pastors, a time to rest and restore. We kindly ask that you please refrain from calling or texting them on this day. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact the church office (440-234-3525 x100, info@umcb.org) and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.