

Worship Celebration

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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)

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. 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, July 31

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, August 1

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only / Bob Evans

Trustees Meeting

5 PM / TBA

Tuesday, August 2

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Discipleship Collaborative

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 3

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Short Term Study

7 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Thursday, August 4

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Emergency Preparedness Meeting

10 AM / Room 13

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

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

Friday, August 5

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, August 6

UMW Executive Board

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 7

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Church Office - Beth Barner

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM,
Tuesday, Friday Beth works from home 9AM - 3 PM
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 AM – 3 PM
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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.

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Sarabande from Partita no. 1 in B^b

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

Love that Never Ceases

Energy Who animates the Cosmos

Wellspring of Abundance—

You do not withhold, you do not hoard;

You break bread and there is enough.

Singular Love

Unending Hope

Mysterious Peace—

We gather together, longing for You.

Amen.

+ Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

+Opening Prayer

***We witness Your wonder, Divine Cosmos, when new technology reveals to us the ancient:
mountainscapes of orange nebulae,
stars glowing even as they fade,
the history of galaxies unfolding.***

***Oh, that we could live with ease as the miraculous matter and energy we are,
offering each other wonder as it has been offered to us.***

Show us the way, Holy Creator. 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.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 12.13-21 (CEB)

¹³Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

¹⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. ¹⁷He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! ¹⁸Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

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

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Jane Laurie Borthwick, Jason Ingram, Jean Sibelius, Kari Jobe, Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel

+ 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 Dedication

***Living Christ, you tell us stories about how to have spiritual abundance
—welcoming the stranger, attending to those who need medical care,
sharing what we have, spending time in soulful solitude.
May we live out your legacy of practical and extravagant love.
Bless our offerings to this purpose. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

+ Benediction

May we die to harmful ways like a star collapsing, beautiful in our unraveling.
May we open to the life-giving like a galaxy spreading out, brilliant in our becoming.
The Love that breathes the Milky Way, expands our lungs too—
How can we not go with God?

Postlude

Gigue from Partita no. 1 in B^b

J. S. Bach

***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

Sandy Marek

Music

Nicole E. DiPaolo, *Pianist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

*The altar arrangement is given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Lori Horton Ashbaugh on his birthday by the Donahue Family.*

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 31):

Loving God, as I embark on the adventure
of this new day,
I will imagine you as my parent,
teaching me to walk with cords of human kindness,
a tether as you lead me along.
Therefore, I will not fear failure
or worry that I won't measure up.
Your love is more than enough. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 31):

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
Thank you for bringing me home to you.
As I fall asleep, help me to consider
your steadfast love for me and for all. Amen.

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



Donate a Vase

The florist who makes the lovely arrangements for our altar likes to use and reuse vases. By using vases donated to the church, he can also purchase more flowers for the arrangements our congregation has ordered. If you have larger vases (regardless of shape or color) that you would be willing to donate, they would be greatly appreciated. You can leave donated vases on the table in the Sacristy (to the right of the Chancel area in the Sanctuary) or in the church office hallway. Thank you!



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!

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



New 3-Week Study - *Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities:*

Reflections on gun violence from Micah 4.1-4

Wednesdays August 3, 10, and 17, 7 PM, Room 13

Throughout our scriptures and our faith tradition, we learn and are reminded that God deplores violence of every kind. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. Yet the prevalence of guns in our nation makes violence both more deadly and more frequent. Domestic violence becomes more deadly when a gun is present in the home. Rates of suicide are higher in households where guns are accessible. If we hope to end the epidemic of gun violence, we need a cultural shift as well as a policy shift.

The prophet Micah casts a hopeful vision of the future in which nations will "beat their swords into iron plows, and their spears into pruning hooks" (Micah 4.3). In response to this vision, The United Methodist Church urges all "congregations to advocate at the local and national level for laws that prevent or reduce gun violence." As a part of our congregation's faithful response, you are invited to join us for a three-week Bible study prepared by the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church and based on Micah 4.1-4.

For more information or to express your intent to participate, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

All are welcome. Please join us.



Drink Local Drink Tap Beach Clean-ups

Saturdays, August 13, and September 10, 10 AM - Noon, Edgewater Park

Registration Required at

<https://drinklocaldrinks.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>

Enjoy the summer weather with your family near Lake Erie and partner with some new people to protect birds and fish and help clean up our great lake! Join Drink Local Drink Tap for their summer beach clean-ups will be held from 10 AM - Noon on Saturdays August 13 and September 10. Registration is **required** for the clean-ups. Register at <https://drinklocaldrinks.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>. -Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society



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.