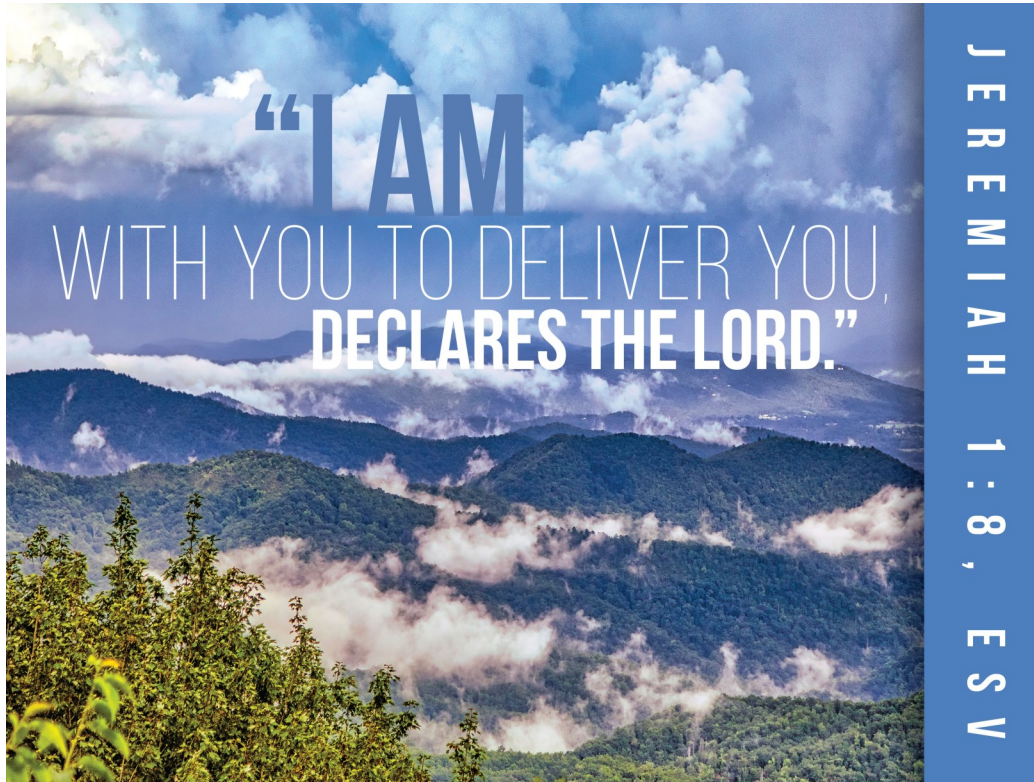


Worship Celebration



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 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 is at “high” community level, you are asked to wear a face mask at all times inside our building in accordance with CDC guidelines. Wearing a well-fitted face mask provides a layer of safety for you and for others in the room with you. Please practice love for your neighbors by wearing a face mask whenever you are indoors and in public, in our building and throughout our county.

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.

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us

Johann Gottfried Walther

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

As faithful servants of the Living God, we gather to listen deeply.

Speak, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

As faithful servants of the Living God, we gather with our minds opened.

Plant your wisdom within us and around us, God:

***in the words of scripture, in the stories of our faith,
in the face of creation, in our own hearts and minds.***

With hearts and minds ready to receive God's Spirit,

let us journey together where Christ will lead.

+ Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

+ Opening Prayer

Awaken us to your presence, God:

in this house of worship and in our longing hearts.

Some of us need healing. Touch us, and give us strength.

Some of us are feeling confused or frustrated by the news of the day.

Quiet our minds, and help us place our trust in you.

Some of us are doubting ourselves and questioning our purpose.

Call us anew to be instruments of your grace

in a world that yearns for your peace. Amen.

Grow in God's Word

Blessing of the Backpacks

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 - Jeremiah 1.4-10(CEB)

⁴The LORD's word came to me:

⁵"Before I created you in the womb I knew you;
before you were born I set you apart;
I made you a prophet to the nations."

⁶"Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak
because I'm only a child."

⁷The LORD responded,

"Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'
Where I send you, you must go;
what I tell you, you must say.

⁸Don't be afraid of them,
because I'm with you to rescue you,"
declares the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD stretched out his hand,
touched my mouth, and said to me,
“I’m putting my words in your mouth.
¹⁰ This very day I appoint you over nations and empires,
to dig up and pull down,
to destroy and demolish,
to build and plant.”

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 13.10-17(CEB)

¹⁰ Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn’t stand up straight. ¹² When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, “Woman, you are set free from your sickness.” ¹³ He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

¹⁴ The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, “There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day.”

¹⁵ The Lord replied, “Hypocrites! Don’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? ¹⁶ Then isn’t it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

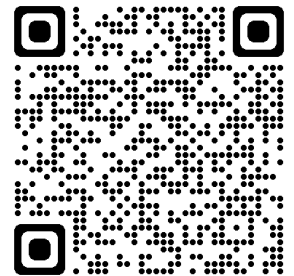
John Newton,
Chris Tomlin, & Louie Giglio

Prayers of the People & 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

Show Your Love Through Me

Elizabeth Philpot

+ 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

*Generous God, you have blessed us throughout our lives.
Receive now our offerings and every gift we give,
and use them to show others the breadth of your unfailing love. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

+ Benediction

Let us be alert and aware of Christ's peace.
Let us speak up and tell of God's goodness.
Let us reach out and share the Spirit's healing.
We go in the grace and love of God.

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Paul Harlamert

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*
Elizabeth Philpot, *Vocalist*
Grace Dahl, *Vocalist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of the graduation of the last of Richard & Karen Powell's grandchildren.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 21):

God of life and love,
we come to this new day
refreshed from the refuge of sleep and rest.
Sustain us in the coming hours,
that we might return this evening
inspired by your witness in the world
and having done your will. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 21):

Lord and keeper of our days,
give us your rest this night.
Release from us the burdens of the day.
Awaken us, refreshed for your service at the dawn,
faithful in our praise and thanksgiving.
Amen.

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Messy Church

Sunday, August 21, 4 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us August 21 for our Back-to-School Messy Church beginning at 4 PM! Invite your friends and family to join us as we get excited and encouraged for the year ahead!

If you're interested in joining this fun ministry,
please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**
to learn more about how you can be involved.



Fall Formation Open House Weekend

Saturday, September 10 - Sunday, September 11

Join us as we kick-off the 2022-2023 formation year! Events will include a **Stuffie & Dolly Sleepover** (Saturday, 7 PM), a **Bonfire Fellowship** (Saturday, 7 pm), **Friends & Neighbors Worship** (Sunday, 9 AM in the Sanctuary or 11 AM in Wesley Hall), and a **Faith Formation Brunch** (Sunday, 10 AM). Watch the September Caller and upcoming bulletins for details. Please invite at least three friends or neighbors, and attend these fun and engaging events with them!

If you feel led to help start a new group, or assist in leading a class, please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105** to discuss more.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, September 12, 6:30-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

The Read and Grow book club will start in September on the second Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8 PM.

Our first book discussion is on September 12, **The World That We Knew** by Alice Hoffman. On October 10 we will discuss **The Oysterville Sewing Circle** by Susan Wiggs.

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













School Supplies for Teachers

Donations can be placed in the bin under the Outreach Board near Room 13

This month, we are collecting school supplies for the teachers and staff at Grindstone Elementary, our partner school. Each year, teachers have to spend too much money out-of-pocket to supply their classrooms and students who come lacking all of the needed supplies.

We can support our community by donating these items this month:

-  Glue Sticks
-  Antibacterial Wipes
-  Dry Erase Markers
-  Pre-sharpened pencils
-  Gallon-sized plastic bags
-  Crayons
-  Tissues
-  Children's Headphones
-  Gift Cards to Target/Walmart/Dollar Tree (place in the financial office mail slot)
-  Notes of Encouragement



August Loose Change Offering

This month's Loose Change Offering will benefit Messy Church Support this important outreach 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".



Drink Local Drink Tap Beach Clean-up

Saturday, September 10, 10 AM - Noon, Edgewater Park

Registration Required at

<https://drinklocaldrinktaps.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-up will be held from 10 AM - Noon on Saturday, September 10. Registration is **required** for the clean-up. Register at <https://drinklocaldrinktaps.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>.

-Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society

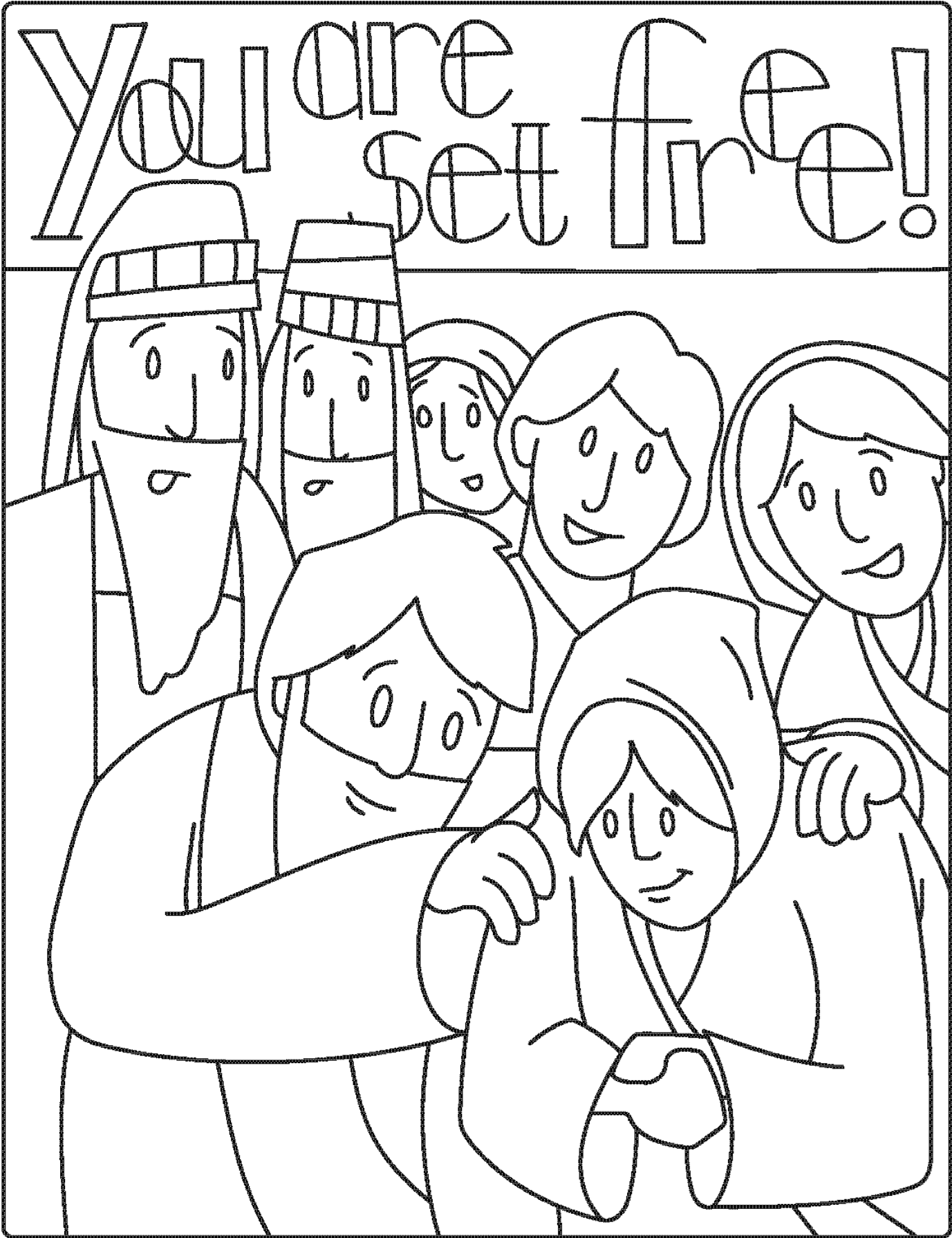


Support Our Local Food Pantries

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.



Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Back Pack Blessing

During both Worship services and at Messy Church

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Messy Church

4 PM / Wesley Hall

Monday, August 22

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only / Max & Erma's

Missions Committee

7 PM / Parlor

Tuesday, August 23

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Wednesday, August 24

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Thursday, August 25

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

Friday, August 26

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28

Twelfth 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

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

Cell: 440-710-4498

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Facilities Manager - Mark Williams

Office Hours vary based on need.

mwilliams@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x102

Pastors Nathan Howe & Carrie Antczak

Office Hours vary based on need.

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cantczak@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x105

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.