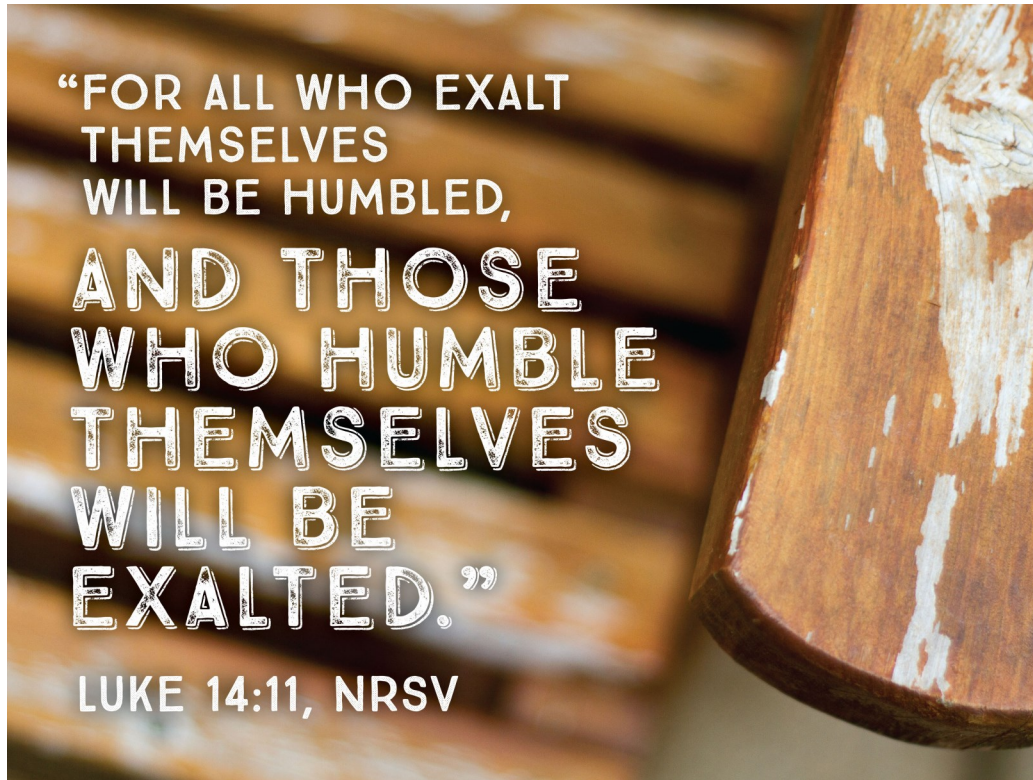


Worship Celebration



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 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

Allemande from Suite in A

Georg Philipp Telemann

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

We gather as a community of love and hospitality.

***God invites us to perceive each other—even strangers, even “enemies”—
as angels in disguise.***

We gather as a community of worship.

Praising God is more important than status, privilege, or power.

We gather as God's honored guests.

We welcome God's presence in one another as God welcomes us.

+ Hymn

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

UMH 662

+ Opening Prayer

Loving God, flow through our worship and our lives.

***Expand your love in and through each of us and through our community of faith,
that we might create a house of such hospitality and love
that all may feel truly welcome.***

***Reach out through each of us and through our community of faith,
that we might reach out beyond our walls***

to discover the abundance of your love in each person we encounter.

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 - Jeremiah 2.4-13 (CEB)

⁴ Listen to the LORD's word,
people of Judah,
all you families of the Israelite household.

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that made them wander so far?

They pursued what was worthless
and became worthless.

⁶ They didn't ask,

“Where's the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us through the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and ravines,
in a land of drought and darkness,
in a land of no return,
where no one survives?”

⁷ I brought you into a land of plenty,
to enjoy its gifts and goodness,
but you ruined my land;
you disgraced my heritage.

⁸ The priests didn't ask,
"Where's the LORD?"

Those responsible for the Instruction didn't know me;
the leaders rebelled against me;
the prophets spoke in the name of Baal,
going after what has no value.

⁹ That is why I will take you to court
and charge even your descendants,
declares the LORD.

¹⁰ Look to the west as far as the shores of Cyprus
and to the east as far as the land of Kedar.

Ask anyone there:

Has anything this odd ever taken place?

¹¹ Has a nation switched gods,
though they aren't really gods at all?

Yet my people have exchanged their glory
for what has no value.

¹² Be stunned at such a thing, you heavens;
shudder and quake,
declares the LORD.

¹³ My people have committed two crimes:
They have forsaken me, the spring of living water.
And they have dug wells, broken wells that can't hold water.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 14.1, 7-14 (CEB)

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. ⁹ The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. ¹⁰ Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. ¹¹ All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

¹² Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. ¹³ Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

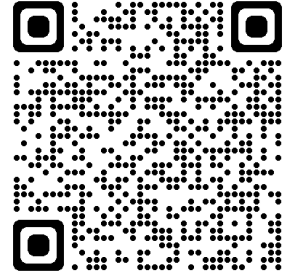
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 or scan the QR code to the right), by mailing a check to the church office, or in the offering plates that are passed through the worship space. Through whatever means you give, thank you for your generous and ongoing participation toward making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



Offertory Anthem

Pour Me Out

Ben Smith, Brandon Lake,
Daniel Bashta, and Rebekah White

+ 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

***Generous God, bless the gifts we return to you now,
that they may be gifts of abundance and grace for a world in need. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581

+ Benediction

Go to share God's love with the world.

We go to welcome each person as Christ.

Go to seek and to encounter God's presence everywhere.

We go to share God's love with the world.

Postlude

Gigue from Suite in A

Georg Philipp Telemann

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Nicole Elyse DiPaolo, *pianist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Liturgist

Rachel Huth

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 28):

God, in the freshness of the new day,
help us to retain clarity of vision
that we might seek the honor of your community
rather than the honor of our peers.
Sustain us throughout the day
that we might return to you filled by the grace
of your spirit. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 28):

God of compassion,
help us to release the regrets of this day.
Refresh us in our sleep,
that we might rise in the morning
confident in your love
and strengthened in our faith. Amen.

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Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord: Join our Music Ministry

Handbell Choir

Thursdays, beginning September 8, 6 PM, Sanctuary

The handbell choir is always looking for new joyful ringers, and you do not need to have any prior music experience to participate.

For more information, please contact **Tori Penfound** (tpenfound@umcb.org).

Choir

Thursdays, beginning September 8, 7 PM, Parlor

Our choir will sing during the 9 am worship service on Sundays in the Sanctuary.

For more information, please contact **Courtney Popp** (cpopp@umcb.org)
or **Margaret Proctor** (margaret.proctor@sbcglobal.net).

Praise Band

The **praise band**, which helps to lead our 11 AM worship service in Wesley Hall, always is open to welcoming new singers, joining their voices to help the congregation sing praise to God.

For more information, please contact **Courtney Popp** (cpopp@umcb.org).



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, September 11, 5 PM,

West Creek Reservation, 2277 West Ridgewood Dr., Parma, OH 44134

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 11 at 5 PM as we explore some of the trails around the West Creek Reservation.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, September 8**
to **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org



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, the North Lawn), **Friends & Neighbors Worship** (Sunday, 9 AM in the Sanctuary or 11 AM in Wesley Hall), and a **Faith Formation Brunch** (Sunday, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall). 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.



GriefShare Support Group

Wednesdays Starting September 7, 6:30 PM, via Zoom or

Fridays, Starting September 9, 1:30 PM, Room 13

We are starting a new GriefShare session! We are offering encouragement and help after the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend or pet.

For more information and Zoom details, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or **440-409-5931**.



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**.



A Disciple's Path

Mondays, September 12, September 19, September 26, and October 3, 6:15 PM, Parlor

A Disciple's Path is a four-week study based on a Wesleyan practice of discipleship that explores what it means to glorify God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

This study is perfect for those who are new to our congregation, who are interested in learning about membership in The United Methodist Church, or who want to deepen their relationship with Christ and the church.

For more information or to express your interest in participating,













please contact **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.

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".



Equal Exchange Items Available the First Sunday of Each Month

Sunday, September 4, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

Stop by the Equal Exchange sales table this Sunday (and each first Sunday of the month) to inquire about or buy some delicious chocolates, tea (did someone say iced tea?) or the ever popular Breakfast Blend (or decaf) coffee.

Thank you for your continued support of farmers around the world who are paid a fair wage for their hard work in producing these items in a sustainable manner. *Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society*

Learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop.



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/>.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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

Monday, August 29

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only / Maya Mexican

SPRC Meeting

7 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, August 30

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Wednesday, August 31

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Thursday, September 1

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, September 2

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28

Thirteenth 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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Cell: 440-710-4498

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 AM – 3 PM

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Facilities Manager - Mark Williams

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Pastors Nathan Howe & Carrie Antczak

Office Hours vary based on need.

nhowe@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x101

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.