

Worship Celebration

“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 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 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.

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Elegy

James Biery

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

From our wanderings and wonderings,
we are welcomed home by God.
Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,
God comes to rescue and return us to safety.
Come to be found,
for all are welcome here.

+ Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

UMH 66

+Opening Prayer

***Mighty One, awaken us to your presence in our time of worship this day.
Renew us with your fiery Spirit.
Love us with your endless patience.
Shelter us with your amazing grace.
Transform us with your challenging word.
By your mercy and grace, make us holy and whole.
In your mercy and grace, we gather and pray. 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 - 1 Timothy 1.12-17 (CEB)

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength because he considered me faithful. So he appointed me to ministry ¹³even though I used to speak against him, attack his people, and I was proud. But I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and without faith. ¹⁴Our Lord's favor poured all over me along with the faithfulness and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I'm the biggest sinner of all. ¹⁶But this is why I was shown mercy, so that Christ Jesus could show his endless patience to me first of all. So I'm an example for those who are going to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷Now to the king of the ages, to the immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be given to him forever and always! Amen.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 15.1-10 (CEB)

¹⁵All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. ²The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders.

⁶When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' ⁷In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

⁸"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

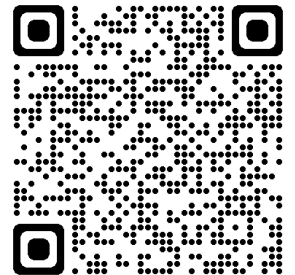
UMH 400

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!



Choir Anthem

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley
Joseph M Martin

+ 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

***Loving God, our hearts are filled with your joy.
Thank you for welcoming us home.
Thank you for finding us when we wander away
and for gathering us into the arms of your love and this community.
Work through us and through these gifts by your amazing grace. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

+ Benediction

Found by God's grace,

we go now to find others.

Loved by Christ,

we go now to share Christ's love with the world.

Accompanied by the Spirit,

we go now to accompany others with mercy and grace.

Thanks be to God. ***Amen.***

Postlude

BWV 553

J. S. Bach

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Condit Dibble

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 11):

Persistent God,
as the day begins and light increases,
let me drink deeply of your grace.
As the day unfolds,
when my heart strays from you,
call me back to you.
May your mercy flow from me.
May I be a refuge for those who wander.
May my heart be joined with those who celebrate.
May my voice speak your name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 11):

Patient God, I offer this day to you,
knowing that I was not alone,
even when I wandered
and filled my heart with noise.
As darkness falls, as I yield to sleep,
seek me again in my dreams.
Call me in ways beyond my knowing,
that I may have the strength to feed your people,
In Christ, I live and pray. Amen.

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Sunday Afternoon Walk

Today (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.



UMW Circle Resumes in September

Wednesday, September 21, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

The UMW Circle resumes meeting this month. We hope you will join us!



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, September 12, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13

Our first book discussion is on **The World That We Knew** by Alice Hoffman.

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.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays beginning September 13, 9:30 AM, Room 13

All are welcome to join us every Tuesday as we read and discuss scripture together. For the next couple months, our focus will be on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, which brings new life to us as members of the body of Christ, leading and guiding us in ways that transform us and prepare us for ministry in the world.

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



Storytime

Wednesdays, 10 AM, Room 11 (Nursery)

A new Storytime ministry will begin in September for toddlers-preschoolers. Caregivers and children will enjoy a heart-focused story, snack, and playtime.

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



GriefShare Support Group

***Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom or
Fridays, 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.



Messy Church

Sunday, September 18, 4 PM, Wesley Hall

How does science work? How does life work? Let's explore the wide world of science with fun (and of course) messy experiments! We'll jump from protons to Proverbs and learn that wisdom brings all things together for good! Bring your friends and curiosity!

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.



Connecting Creation Care with our Christian Faith

Wednesday, September 21, 7 PM

Church of the Saviour (2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, 44118)

This past June and July, a small group in our congregation participated as a "pilot group" for a new six-week study that connects the current climate crisis with our faith-filled response. On Wednesday, September 21 at 7 PM, the authors of this study—Anita and Bob Dygert-Gearhart, from Spokane, Washington—will be at Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights (2537 Lee Road) to present an overview of their curriculum.

Whether or not you participated in our small group this summer, you are welcome to join us to learn more on September 21.

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



Youth Group

Sunday, September 25, 5 PM, Tyler Field (499 Nobottom Road)

This month, the youth group will host "Kickball for a Cause" at Tyler Field (499 Nobottom Rd.), September 25, at 5 PM. The winning team gets to pick the cause we support with our \$5 donations per player. We'll wrap up with pizza and a devotion. Adult helpers are needed.

If you can join us, please let **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 !



The ABC's of LBGTQ

Tuesday, September 27, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us as we grow in our inclusivity as a church by learning more about our LGBTQ+ siblings. We'll learn about what each of those letters mean, grow in our respect and understanding, and learn how we can be strong Christian allies. Expect a focus on respectful vocabulary, a bit of history, and sharing our experiences.

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Healthcare Heroes

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

This month we collect notes of appreciation, candy, and tea for our healthcare workers. The cards will be given to Chaplain Jared Littleton to share with the staff of Lakewood Cleveland Clinic hospital.

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Church & Society (Creation Justice) Team Meeting

Sunday, September 18, 1:30 PM, Room 13

Join us at the next Church & Society (Creation Justice) meeting next Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 PM. We will build on the ideas that "grew" out of our meeting in August.

Questions? Contact **Barb Dawson** at **440- 885-1672** or bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net or Wendy Jelinek at **440- 826-9027**.



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.

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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.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, September 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Fall Formation Open House - Brunch

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Sunday Afternoon Walk

5 PM / West Creek Reservation

(2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma, OH 44134)

BW Campus Ministry (Breaking Bread Fellowship)

6 PM / Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 12

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Baker's Square

Disciples' Path

6:15 PM / Parlor / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Betsy Meikle at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](#)

Tuesday, September 13

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM/ Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Church Council

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 14

Morning Prayer

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

Storytime

10 AM/ Room 11 (Nursery)/ [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Grief Share

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

Thursday, September 15

Caller Submissions Due Submit articles to

info@umcb.org

or place in church office mailbox.

Morning Prayer

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

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM / Sanctuary / [Contact Tori Penfound](#)

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

Choir Rehearsal

7 PM / Sanctuary / Contact [Courtney Popp](#)
or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, September 16

Morning Prayer

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

Grief Share

1:30 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com](#)

Saturday, September 17

Sunday, September 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Formation

10 AM / Children - Second Floor

Youth - Second & Third Floors

Adults First Floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Church & Society (Creation Care) Meeting

1:30 PM / Room 13

Messy Church

4 PM / Wesley Hall