

Worship Celebration

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

B **E** **JUST.**
KIND.
HUMBLE.

*Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

*The Micah 6.8 Challenge
Week 2: Being Kind*

October 9, 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.

East Ohio Area Land Acknowledgement

We, the people of the East Ohio Area of The United Methodist Church, wish to acknowledge that our communities have been built on lands that many Indigenous peoples once called home. We pay our respect to the Leni-Lenape, Wyandotte, Shawnee, Seneca, Cayuga, Ojibwe, and Odawa peoples who lived in this area when settlers first arrived, and who were forced to relinquish their lands to the United States through a series of treaties, culminating in the Treaty of Greenville. We also honor those Leni-Lenape who established the first Christian settlements in Ohio. We remember the 96 men, women, and children of their number who were martyred at Gnadenhutten by colonial militia during the American Revolution. Finally, we recognize the contributions of the Indigenous people, from many nations, who reside in northeast Ohio. We acknowledge our responsibility to pursue mutually healing relationships.

(from <https://www.eocumc.com/multi-cultural/native-american.html>)

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Make a Joyful Noise

Mary Elizabeth McDonald

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

We gather here to remember this is our home, but not just ours.

This land we live on, this water we drink, this air we breathe;

These old mountains that hold us steady to our ground;

These forests that give us their healing green, these flowers that give us their beauty and fragrance, these fields that give us our daily bread, these stars that show us our place.

The wilderness and the tame backyards, all of it our home.

We remember the ancestors who have lived on this land, and who have shaped it:

The many indigenous peoples, the settlers, the farmers, the hunters, the immigrants, the artists, the families, the explorers, the business-people, the engineers, the builders, the scientists, the teachers, the workers, the leaders.

We inherit their choices.

We honor the animals and creatures that have made their home in this land, the ones here now, and the ones that used to be here.

We envision the future generations who will live on this land, and let their voices fill our hearts.

We gather here to remember this is our home, but not just ours.

May we choose kindness for future generations. Amen.

(adapted from <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/our-home-not-just-ours>)

+ Hymn

Where Love and Charity Prevail

UMH 549

Handbell Choir Anthem

Grazioso

Albert P. Sherman

We 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 - Micah 6.6-8 (NRSVUE)

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - John 4.4-14 (CEB)

⁴ Jesus had to go through Samaria. ⁵ He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." ⁸ His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

⁹ The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

¹⁰ Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹² You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Affirmation of Faith—"A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed"

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace
*to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one in divine love for the world.*

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.

*Today is the day God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.*

+ Choral Response

What Does the Lord Require of You

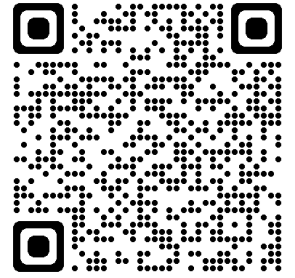
Jim Strathdee

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

What Does it Mean to be a Christian?

Mary Kay Beall, John Carter

+ 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

***Living God, through these gifts we now bring, help our world live.
Loving God, through these gifts we now bring, help our world love.
Nourish others as you have nourished us,
with your steadfast presence, your loving-kindness,
and your healing grace. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

+ Benediction

Aware of the peace of God, our creator,
who loves each of us as we are;
aware of the grace of Christ, our redeemer,
who calls each of us "beloved";
aware of the unity of the Holy Spirit,
who guides our lives always—
let us now go out in truth; go out in wisdom; go out in love:
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly in the presence of God. Amen.

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Hal Hopson

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Bobbi DiNicola

Music

Carmen Massaro, *Organist*
Victoria Penfound, *Bell Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 9):

God of endings and new beginnings,
grant me your grace and presence
to start over this day.
Awaken my attention to your presence
in all things, people, and circumstances.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 9):

Generous God,
this day is one you have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
For all the ways I have noticed you
and for all the times I have not,
thank you, thank you, thank you. Amen.

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TODAY! - Sunday Afternoon Walk at Lake Isaac **Sunday, October 9, 4 PM, Lake Isaac**

It looks like great weather for a walk so join us at Lake Isaac today at 4 PM.

Questions? Contact Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x100 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Fellowship Hour Resumes **Sundays, 10 - 11 AM, Gathering Place**

We are ready to resume a more robust fellowship hour! Just like B.C. (Before Covid), we are asking groups, committees, and families to share this time of fellowship and goodies. This entails setting up, providing light snacks, and cleaning up. Fellowship hour should be ready to go by 10 AM at the latest and be cleaned up after folks have dispersed from 11 AM worship.

You may use this time to share information about your group or committee, as well as share pictures for celebrations (like birthdays and anniversaries).

If you are unable to do the physical work of providing fellowship snacks, you may make a financial donation to cover the costs, and another volunteer can help you with the details.

To sign up for a date or get more information, please contact
Jason Antczak at 440-759-7805 or jasonantczak78@gmail.com.



Attention to everyone who has expressed an interest in Dinner for Eight for 2022-2023:

The list of participants for Dinner for Eight 2022-2023 has been finalized, including the months assigned to each group, the name of the host or hostess, and who is in each group. Please let us know if you would like the Dinner for Eight list sent to you as snail mail, with a postage stamp, or electronically, as an email. If we don't hear from you, you will receive your list as an email. Thank you for your participation.

Molly Force (Molly.o.force@gmail.com or 1-440-888-8417)
or Debbie Haas (1-330-609-3510 or llcitw@yahoo.com).



A Special One-Time GriefShare Meeting

Sunday, October 9, 2:30 PM, Parlor

This is a one time program for those who have lost a spouse. We will have a short introduction, watch a video and discuss the video. Please plan to come and see and view and maybe get some questions answered about your feelings and emotions and maybe the feeling of hopelessness.

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



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, October 10, 6:30-8 PM, Parlor

The Read and Grow Book Discussion Group will meet in the Parlor hereafter. 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.



Women's Small Group Study

Monday evenings at 7 PM

We invite you to join us to do a close reading of one chapter of the Bible, pray together, and enjoy each other's company. No homework.

If interested, please email **Katie Flinn** at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Thursday Night Bible Study is open to all who want to explore the Bible and learn more about Jesus and ourselves ...our next book in September will be on "Miracles".

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



Book Discussion *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 PM, Parlor

In April 2015, Desmond Tutu visited the Dalai Lama to celebrate the latter's eightieth birthday and to look back on their long lives with the goal to respond to this question: *How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?* Through their personal stories, interactions with one another, and sharing of spiritual practices, we are invited into a set of "Joy Practices" that can help anchor our own emotional and spiritual journeys. Join us in the Parlor on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 PM for a discussion of this book.

Copies are available through most library systems,
but contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101
if you plan to attend or need help accessing a copy.



Fill the Truck

Sunday, October 16, 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM, Outside the Church

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a "Fill the Truck" event to benefit Second Mile Outreach. Bring your non-perishable donations and drop them off on your way into church.

The truck will be parked during Trunk or Treat...stop by again and donate another bag!
Thank you for your support



Trunk-or-Treat & Messy Church

Sunday, October 16, 4 - 6 PM, UMCB Parking Lot (Weather Permitting)

It's the second most wonderful time of the year! Trunk or treat will be part of our Messy Church celebration! Here's how you can be a part of the fun:

- Donate candy.
- Sign-up to host a trunk!
- Sign-up to help with games on the lawn.
- Help us "Fill the Truck" for Second Mile Ministries' food pantry. *See the previous announcement for more information.*

Rainy day? Not to fear – We'll use Wesley Hall and you can decorate a table.

To sign-up to help out, please sign up on the Outreach Board (by Room 13) or contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Help Those Affected by Floods With UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

Return with Requested Items by Sunday, October 23

Do you want to help persons affected by the recent floods in Kentucky and Puerto Rico? Now is your chance to fill up cleaning buckets for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief)!

The Church and Society Committee (aka The Creation Justice Team) is placing a Giving Tree in the Narthex before and after the 9 am worship celebration and outside Wesley Hall before and after the 11 am worship celebration. Each tag on the tree has a requested item. You are invited to choose a tag or two, purchase the item(s) and bring them back to the church on or before **Sunday, October 23**. UMCOR is very specific about what goes in the buckets as all buckets need to have the exact same items.

Remember, all items need to be returned by **Sunday, October 23** so the Creation Justice Team can assemble the cleaning buckets before the scheduled pickup by UMCOR at Strongsville UMC.

Questions? Please contact **Cindy McCowen** at clmccowen@aol.com or **440-234-3985** or **Wendy Jelinek** at **440-826-9027**.



Loose Change Offering Supports the Grindstone Partnership/Sunshine Fund

Join us in supporting 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".



June 2023 Mission Journey to Cambodia

June 15- June 30, 2023, Team Meeting - Sunday, October 30, 5 PM, Parlor

We are now excited to begin planning a return trip to Cambodia in June 2023, and you are invited! Our anticipated dates are June 15-June 30, providing nearly two weeks in Cambodia to tour some of the country, to connect with United Methodist missionaries and Methodist churches, and to experience the incredible ways God is working among the Cambodian people. Our first team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 30 at 5 pm in our Parlor.

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



UMW Fall Festival

Saturday, October 29, 10 AM - 4 PM, Wesley Hall

Come check out . . . over 15+ Vendors Gift Basket Auction Chili Café.

ALL proceeds benefit UMW-supported missions. THANK YOU for your support!

Sponsored by: United Methodist Women

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, October 9

Eighteenth 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

Grief Sharing

2 PM / Parlor / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

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Sunday Afternoon Walk

4 PM / Lake Isaac

BW Campus Ministry

6 PM / Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Monday, October 10

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Nathan

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Rivals Sports Grill

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Parlor / Contact Betsy Meikle at

meiklebetsyj@gmail.com

Women's Small Group Study

7 PM / Contact Katie Flinn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12

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, October 13

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, October 14

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, October 15

*Caller Submissions Due - Please submit articles to
info@umcb.org or the church office mailbox.*

Sunday, October 16

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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8:30AM - 6:30 PM / UMCB Parking Lot

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4-6 PM / UMCB Parking Lot & Lawn / Contact Pastor Carrie