

Worship Celebration



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 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

Improvisations in the style of Herbert Howells on the hymn tune *Slane*

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*There is no place to turn, O God, for the comfort we desire:
no place but to you alone, O God.*

Bless us this day, that we might be a blessing to others.

Bless us this day, that we might be faithful witnesses to life in Christ.

*In our songs and prayers, in our scriptures and spoken words,
reveal your purposes through the power of your Holy Spirit.*

We are here, O Lord, and you are here.

Equip us for ministry with the faith and assurance only you can provide. Amen.

+ Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110

Celebrating Our Connection:

A Report from the North Central Jurisdictional Conference 2022

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.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 21.5-19 (CEB)

⁵Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments dedicated to God. Jesus said, ⁶“As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? What sign will show that these things are about to happen?”

⁸Jesus said, “Watch out that you aren’t deceived. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ and ‘It’s time!’ Don’t follow them. ⁹When you hear of wars and rebellions, don’t be alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end won’t happen immediately.”

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes and wide-scale food shortages and epidemics. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs in the sky. ¹²But before all this occurs, they will take you into custody and harass you because of your faith. They will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will provide you with an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴Make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance. ¹⁵I’ll give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to counter or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed by your parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends. They will execute some of you. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of my name. ¹⁸Still, not a hair on your heads will be lost. ¹⁹By holding fast, you will gain your lives.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

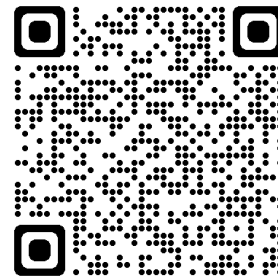
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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!



Choir Anthem

If Ye love me

Thomas Tallis

+ 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

Eternal God, we draw life in your presence.

You create and sustain us to meet the challenges of each day.

May the gifts and offerings we bring before you

reflect the light of Christ that shines in our lives, a light that heals the world.

In our living and in our giving, help us to act in concert with your ways,

that the world might perceive in us the power of your Spirit. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH 383

+ Benediction

May the strength of God go with you.

May we never tire of the work to which God calls us for the sake of beloved community.

Go now with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

***We go now to share the good news with everyone we meet,
for Christ is alive—alive in us! Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

Improvisation in the 17th Century style on the chorale *Ein feste Burg*

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Jim Walters

Music

David Kazimir, *Organist*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer

God of comfort,
we give you thanks for the dawning of a new day.
Even though we have turned from you,
you have reached for us.
Even though we have been afraid,
you have been our strength and our might.
May we draw life-giving water with joy this day,
giving thanks for the multitude of gifts
and challenges we face,
singing praises to the Lord throughout the earth.
Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of salvation,
we are reminded of the many ways
you have strengthened and supported us today.
In the midst of challenges and promise, you reach for us.
You create a new heaven and a new earth
and calls us to participate in that renewal.
Be with us and those we love this night.
And bring us through this night
to the dawning of your new day.
Amen.

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Sunday Afternoon Walk

TODAY - Sunday, November 13, 4 PM,

Rocky River Nature Center (24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted)

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 13 at 4 PM as we explore some of the trails around the Rocky River Nature Center.



Naming Our Commitments for 2023

Sunday, November 20

In our worship together, we explored the simple yet profound teaching of the prophet Micah, who wondered what God required of us and discerned this enduring response *...to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God* (Micah 6.8). These three practices—justice, kindness, and humility—provide a foundation for our lives as God's beloved children and a description for our world becoming beloved community. As we anticipate the coming year, you are encouraged to name your commitments to these three essential practices and to participating in our life together as a community of faith, justice, kindness, and humility.

Please prayerfully consider your commitments for 2023, complete the commitment card you received in the mail or submit your commitments online at www.umcb.org/donate, indicating how you will practice justice, kindness, and humility in the coming year. If you complete a physical card, please bring it with you to worship on Sunday, November 20. (Extra physical commitment cards are available at the back of each worship space.)

Thank you for helping to build God's beloved community through your ongoing commitments and participation in our mission of making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Advent/Christmas Showcase



The theme for the showcase between the Narthex and the Parlor this year will be ***Christmas Around the World***. If you have any ornaments, figurines, tchotchkes, etc. that represent international holiday celebrations that you could lend for this display contact **Cass Beckman** at 440-234-4839 or cass.beckman@yahoo.com.

These items are needed by **Sunday, November 20** and will be returned before Lent. ***Please label with your name so that all are returned to their homes.***



Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 23, 7 PM

Sanctuary & online at www.facebook.com/umcberea/live

Invite your friends and neighbors, and join us as we give thanks for God's presence and share God's love with our community. Please bring with you a non-perishable food item or financial donation to be given to support the ongoing work of Berea Community Outreach, caring for our neighbors in need.



Surviving the Holidays

TODAY - Sunday, November 13, 2:30 PM, Parlor

Are the Holidays looming ahead and you are not looking forward to them? Please come join us and we will give you some helpful hints and ideas, to help you through!

For a reservation, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, November 14, 6:30-8 PM, Parlor

We will discuss **The Last Train to London** by Meg Waite Clayton.

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



Upcoming Book Discussion

This Is How It Always Is: A Novel by Laurie Frankel

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 PM, Parlor

In this novel from 2017, Frankel shares the story of a family with five boys in which the youngest feels he's something entirely different—a girl. Through the course of the story, readers are invited to reflect on the role of family and change, including the way changes often are both miraculous and hard to navigate. All are welcome to join us.

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



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 23, 2022, Fellowship Hall

Donate blood and help save a life.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: **Berea** or call **1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**.



The Giving Tree

Stars available in Narthex starting Mid-November, Gifts Due by December 11

This program supports families in Berea by allowing community members to “adopt” a family to make their holidays a little bit more special. Pick up star listing the requested items from the giving tree beginning in mid-November. Gifts will need to be dropped off at the church in early December, unwrapped, with the tag attached. If you’d like to donate wrapping as well, that would be appreciated. However, we let Santa and his helpers do the wrapping!

Our Loose Change offering for November will also support the Giving Tree and Berea Community Outreach.



Messy Church Minecraft

Sunday, November 20, 4 - 6 PM, Wesley Hall

The Minecraft game is arguably the most popular game right now for children and teens...and maybe even grown-ups! At this Messy Church, our guests will learn about God the Creator as they discover we are all crafted by God. Join us as we build each other up and lean into our creativity! If you know a kid, any kid... they will want to be here! So be sure to invite them!

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**.



Free Thanksgiving Meals

Thursday, November 24, 11 AM- 1 PM

People’s Community Church(631 N. Rocky River Dr)

People’s Community Church & the Berea City Club are offering free Thanksgiving Meals. Interested in volunteering or delivering? Call 440-234-0609 to join the team. To reserve you meal (*drive-through pick-up only*) or to request a meal be delivered (Berea residents only), call **440-234-0609** to reserve your meal.

WINTER "STAY ALIVE" ITEMS NEEDED

- HATS
- THICK GLOVES
- MENS AND WOMENS THERMALS SIZE M-3X
- MENS AND WOMENS TSHIRTS SIZE M-3X
- MENS AND WOMENS PANTS
- WINTER BOOTS AND TENNIS SHOES

Love Your Neighbor -

Supporting Metanoia Ministries

Let us show love to our neighbors who are lacking adequate housing by donating needed items through Metanoia Ministries - who we have been partnering with for two years now. Items may be placed in the bin near the Outreach Board. Items need not be new, but should be clean and in excellent condition.

If you’re interested in getting to know these neighbors by helping cook and serve meals this winter, please contact **Laura Rushton** at jlaurush@gmail.com or **567-303-1954**.

Thank you!



Support Our Local Food Pantries

Donations can be left in the cupboard between the Narthex and the Library

Our collections of food continue. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the narthex (the hallway outside the Sanctuary) and the library anytime you are in the building. (If you need help finding the right location, talk to one of the pastors or other staff.)

During the school year, single serving items such as fruit cups and cheese or peanut butter crackers are especially appreciated. This is also a great time to start donating items for holiday dinners such as green beans, mushroom soup, and canned pumpkin.

If you are not planning already to make a trip to the grocery store, 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.



Cleaning Kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Thank you for your amazing generosity of supplies and monetary donations for the UMCOR Cleaning Kits! We have six full buckets plus 22 additional items thanks to your heartfelt response to be in ministry to transform the world. Considering the estimated cost of each kit is \$75, that is a huge donation!

The supplies will be taken to Eastbrook Mission Barn (PA) to replenish the depleted inventory. From there they will be transferred to wherever they are needed. UMCOR has already delivered over 3,000 kits to Kentucky and countless kits to FL and other areas in need.

Thank you!

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Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9 AM –3 PM

Tues., Fri. *From Home* 9AM - 3 PM

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Pastor Nathan Howe & Carrie Antczak

Office Hours vary based on need.

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Finance Office - Maryann Herron

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 AM –3 PM

mherron@umcb.org 440-234-3525 x103

Facilities Manager - Mark Williams

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.

Happening at The United Methodist Church of Berea this week:

Sunday, November 13

Twenty-third 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

Surviving the Holidays (Griefshare)

2 PM / Parlor / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com

Sunday Afternoon Walk

4 PM / Rocky River Nature Center

Monday, November 14

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Applebee's

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Parlor

SPRC

7 PM / Room 13

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study / contact Katie Flynn at
kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 15

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

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Bible Study

9:30 AM / Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Discipleship Collaborative

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 16

Morning Prayer

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

UMW Circle

9 AM / Fellowship Hall

Storytime

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

Grief Share

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

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite / contact Linda Short at
9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, November 17

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
\[marylynn482@gmail.com\]\(mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com\)](#)

Choir Rehearsal

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

Friday, November 18

Morning Prayer

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

Grief Share

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

Saturday, November 19

Leaf Raking for Our Neighbors

8:45 AM / Meet at Smith School

Sunday, November 20

Reign of Christ Sunday

Naming Our Commitments for 2023

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

Messy Church - Minecraft

4 PM / Wesley Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)