

Worship Celebration



All Saints Sunday

November 6, 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

Improvisation on the Gregorian chant *O quanta qualia*

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship (from Psalm 149)

Come into God's presence with singing and praise.

We join the assembly of faithful followers.

Bring dancing and melody, joy and laughter.

We gather with the great cloud of witnesses who came before us.

Sing a new song to God, even as we remember ancient melodies.

***We embrace the saints who died in faith,
and we proclaim the foundation of our hope.***

+ Hymn

For All the Saints (vv. 1-2, 4, 6)

UMH 711

Celebrating God's Saints

Let us give thanks for these siblings in Christ, who rest from their labors in God's love:

Janet Angus	Robert "Jeff" Jeffries	George O'Brien
Allan Carlson	Cecil Kerley	Dean Rowland
Evelyn Chappelle	Barry MacDonald	Amy Schelfaut
Barbara Cobler	Mary Kay McCoig	Georgia "Jo" Swanson
Rev. Dr. Mark Collier	William Miller	Anthony Valentine
Cleda Fletcher	Frank Nelson	Eva Williamson
James Gorsline	Donna O'Brien	

And all these others whom we have known and loved and now name in our hearts before you....

Almighty God, we give you thanks for these your servants and saints whom we remember today.
Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ.

Bring us, with them, to those things no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
which you have prepared for all whom you love.

***Give us faith to look beyond sight, to feel beyond touch, to listen beyond hearing,
and knowing that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
enable us then to run with perseverance the course that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.***

In the mystery of your love, in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit, we are one with all your saints.
Bring us at last to your eternal peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 - Ephesians 1.11-23 (CEB)

¹¹We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. ¹²We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. ¹³You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. ¹⁴The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

¹⁵Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that ¹⁶I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, ¹⁹and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. ²⁰God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, ²¹far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. ²²God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, ²³which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 6.20-31 (CEB)

²⁰Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

"Happy are you who are poor,
because God's kingdom is yours.

²¹Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

²²Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

²⁴But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.

²⁵How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.

²⁶How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

²⁷"But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. ³¹Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

For All the Saints

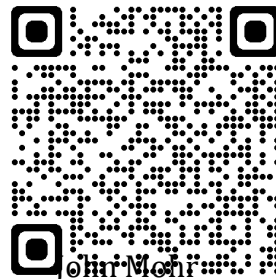
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Prayers of the People

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

Find Us Faithful

arr. Tom Fettke

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, God of all saints:

of Sarah, Rahab, and Abraham; Miriam, Aaron, and Moses; Deborah, Ruth, and Hannah;

of the priests and the prophets, in this and every age;

of Elizabeth and Zechariah; Mary and Joseph; the apostles and the martyrs;

of our mothers, fathers, and children;

of Janet, Allan, Evelyn, Barbara, Mark, Clede, James, Robert, Cecil, Barry, Mary Kay,

William, Frank, Donna, George, Dean, Amy, Georgia, Anthony, and Eva.

We thank you for calling us into the journey we call discipleship,

into the adventure we call faith, and for giving us companions such as these.

With them and with all your creation, we praise your name and join that unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You send your word made flesh in Jesus Christ to be with us:

to heal our sickness and confront our demons, to bear our violence and rise again,

to show us our true humanity through your own divinity.

On the night we betrayed him and before we killed him, Jesus gathered with the disciples.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it, and said:

“Receive, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, again gave thanks to you, shared it, and said:

“Receive, drink; this is the new covenant, given for you and for all. Do this to remember me.”

And so, to remember you, we offer ourselves now in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by your love.

Renew our communion with all your saints. Surround us in a great cloud of your witnesses.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,

and one in mission and ministry to the world,

until Christ comes in final glory,

and we share all together in your communion meal.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Handbell Anthems

Meditations of Assurance

Westminster Chimes

Rebecca & Dan Edwards

Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Rejoice in God's Saints

UMH 708

+ Benediction

Hold fast to the faith of the saints who have gone before us.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

Resist evil and injustice in whatever forms they present themselves,

In our resisting and in our serving, we belong to God.

Saints of God, go now with hope to live your love of God

through your kindness toward your neighbors.

We belong together. And we belong to God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Improvisation on the hymn tune *Sine Nominee*

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Sandy Marek

Music

David Kazimir, *Organist*
Tori Penfound, *Handbell Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer

God of blessing,
thank you for a new day to live for you.
In the company of all the saints
in heaven and on earth,
I rise now to sing your praise.
Make me a worthy companion
of my ancestors in faith,
and let me love others as I have been loved.
Amen.

Evening Prayer

Creator of the stars of night,
thank you for the gift of rest.
Forgive what wrong I have done today,
and heal any wounds I have caused.
Grant me, I pray, a peaceful rest,
that I may rise with the sun to serve you with joy.
Amen.

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Sunday Afternoon Walk

***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.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, November 10** to **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org.



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.



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!



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.



It’s not too late to join Dialogues On: Sexuality

Sundays, 10 AM, Parlor

Following up on our event last month, The ABC’s of LGBTQ, we invite adults and senior high youth to join us for “Dialogues on: Sexuality”, a series produced by Sparkhouse Publishing. In this short series, we will discuss patriarchy, shame, gender identity, church inclusivity, and sexual wholeness.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact
Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!



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.



Surviving the Holidays

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**.



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.



Equal Exchange Items

TODAY - Sunday, November 6, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

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.

Learn more at equalexchange.coop.



Church Building Clean-up Day

Saturday, November 12, 10 AM to Noon

We are blessed to have been entrusted with a large and accessible building which provides a place for our congregation to gather and to grow while connecting with our neighbors. Occasionally, part of our building can benefit from a little refreshing. Please join us from 10 AM to Noon on Saturday, November 12. Our Trustees will have a list of a variety of projects, like dusting and wiping down pews, that any of us can help with to refresh our space and better prepare it for the upcoming holiday season.



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.



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 Comm. 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) next week 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!



Sunday, November 6

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday*

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

Monday, November 7

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Jennifer's

Tuesday, November 8

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

Church Council

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 9

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, November 10

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, November 11

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, November 12

Church Clean-up Day

10 AM - Noon

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](#)

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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.