



# Worship Celebration

*Second Sunday  
after the Epiphany*  
**Human Relations Day**  
January 15, 2023 + 9 AM

## We Gather as God's Children

Prelude *By the Fountain* Amanda Aldrige

Words of Welcome

+ Call Worship—A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed

+ Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

## 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 - 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - John 1.29-42 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn *The Summons* TFWS 2130

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo *How I Got Over*

+ Doxology UMH 95

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

## We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

+ Benediction

Postlude *Selections from Cotillions* Francis Johnson

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

## Worship Participants

### **Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Music**

Nicole DiPaolo, *Pianist*  
Erin Neal, *Vocalist*

### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas

### **Liturgist**

Condit Dibble

## ***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.**



### **Blessing of Homes**

In some parts of the world, there is a Christian custom of inviting God's blessing on dwelling places, including both homes and workplaces, and upon all who live, work, or visit there. Along with prayers for God's blessing, the front or main entrance is marked with chalk as a sign and reminder that we have invited God's presence into our homes. This tradition is rooted in the visit of the magi to the place where the Christ-child resided (Matthew 2.1-12), and so it is most appropriately practiced near or during the season after the Epiphany, on January 6.

If you would like to share in this brief and simple ritual of worship for your home, please contact **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101) with a day and time that would be convenient for you, beginning January 6, 2023.

### **Youth Group - Games & The Body of Christ**

**January 22, 5-6:30 PM, Wesley Hall**

It's ALL the games night! Bring a game to share if you'd like, and also enjoy large-group crazy youth group games! (Pssst... life-size hungry hungry hippos might make an appearance...) We'll have a devotion exploring what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. Bring a game night snack to share!

Youth Group brings churches from around the area together for faith, fun, and friendship. Ages 4th-12th grade are welcome, and we welcome young adult helpers! We'd love to grow our program, but could use some more adult help. If you have a passion for youth discipleship, reach out to Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-355 x104.

### **Dialogues on Sexuality Resumes**

**Sundays, 10 AM, Parlor**

We will continue our series of dialogues on sexuality. Even if you didn't join us for the first half, you're welcome to join us now as we discuss more specific topics around the Queer experience and inclusion in faith community.



### **Thursday Night Bible Study**

**Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom**

Our Bible Study is open to anyone and everyone. We will be studying **Women Rise Up** by Katey Zeh. Books will be available in Rm 12. For more information and Zoom details, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



### **GriefShare**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom**

All are welcome to join us as we talk about feelings, about doubts, and about problems getting back to a new normal way of life. (We will postpone the Friday one until the weather is decent - probably mid March.) Questions? Please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



### **Upcoming Book Discussion: *Wholehearted Faith***

**by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu**

**Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 PM, Parlor**

At the time of her death in 2019, at the age of 37, Rachel Held Evans was recognized widely for her theologically astute, profoundly honest, and beautifully personal books which have guided, edified, and helped to shape countless Christians as they seek to live a just and loving faith. *Wholehearted Faith* is the book she was working on at the time of her death; in it, the author wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. 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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x101** if you need help accessing a copy and if you plan to participate.



### **Messy Church Movie & Game Night**

**Today, 4 - 6 PM, Wesley Hall**

Join us for a sing-along movie night including board games and other family-friendly fun! All ages are welcome to join us for a night of fun and games. A taco bar will make it a real fiesta! To sign-up to help out, please sign up on the Outreach Board (by Room 13) or contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



### **Love Your Neighbor - Adopt of Staff Member of Grindstone Elementary!**

We will again be asking you to "adopt-a-teacher or staff member" of Grindstone Elementary! We ask that you write a note of appreciation, and perhaps include a small gift card. (Ideas: Dollar Tree, Target, Amazon, any coffee shop, or local restaurant). If you include a gift card, please return to the finance office drop slot for safe keeping. **Notes are due back February 1.**



### **Help Build Hope**

We hope to take part in this mission again in the summer of 2023. We need people who can help us reach out to our neighbors and local organizations to both financially support the project, as well as participate in the building. Together we can build up this community, as well as the community where this future home will go! If you would be interested in helping us as a part of the core leadership team, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



### **Metanoia Project Meals**

**Monday, January 16 and Sunday, January 22**

As winter closes in, low temperatures can be dangerous for people who lack housing. The seasonal Metanoia Project offers food and overnight shelter for unhoused people in the Ohio City neighborhood. Their hospitality centers are located at Franklin Circle Church and Bethany Presbyterian. A small team from UMCB delivers dinner to one of these centers a few times a month. You can help by donating part of the meal or joining us to serve the meal. Please contact **Laura Rushton** at [jlaurush@gmail.com](mailto:jlaurush@gmail.com) or **567-303-1954** for details regarding the time and items needed. Upcoming dates are **Monday, January 16** and **Sunday, January 22**. Monetary donations are welcome, too!

### **Morning Prayer**

You inclined your ear and heard my cry, O God.  
You have lifted me when I was low.  
Strengthen me now for service  
as I carry your light into the world. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Jesus, fill me with your peace,  
that I may be strengthened  
and may find my rest in you. Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## **Sunday, January 15**

*Second Sunday After the Epiphany*

February Caller Submissions Due - Submit articles to [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or the church office mailbox.

### **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

### **Faith & Protest: The Role of Gospel Music in Movements for Social Change**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### **Messy Church - Movie & Game Night**

4 PM / Wesley Hall, Fellowship, Sanctuary

## **Monday, January 16**

*Martin Luther King, Jr. - Church Offices Closed*

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Tony K's

### **Women's Bible Study**

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at [kathryn.flinn@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.flinn@gmail.com)

## **Tuesday, January 17**

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **Tuesday Bible Study**

9:30 AM / Room 13

### **Discipleship Collaborative**

6 PM / Room 13

### **Help Build Hope**

7 PM / Room 13

## **Wednesday, January 18**

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **Storytime**

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

### **The Wednesday Group**

11 AM / Gathering Place

### **GriefShare**

6 PM / 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](mailto:9short28@gmail.com)

## **Thursday, January 19**

### **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 / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

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

### **Choir Rehearsal**

7 PM / Parlor / Contact [Courtney Popp](#)

or [Margaret Proctor](#)

## **Friday, January 20**

### **Morning Prayer**

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

## **Saturday, January 21**

### **Leadership Training**

9 AM / Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, January 22**

*Third Sunday After the Epiphany*

### **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

### **Youth Group - Games & More Games Night**

5 PM / Wesley Hall