



"Blessed are the  
peacemakers:  
for they shall be  
called the  
children of God."

Matthew 5:9, KJV

# Worship Celebration

*Fourth Sunday  
after the Epiphany*

January 29, 2023 + 9 AM

## We Gather as God's Children

**Prelude** *Sonata in C Minor "Pathetique", Movement II* Ludwig Van Beethoven

**Words of Welcome**

**+ Opening Prayer**

**+ Hymn** *Rejoice in God's Saints* UMH 708

## 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 - Psalm 15 (CEB)**

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

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Lesson - Matthew 5.1-12 (NRSVUE)**

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

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**

**+ Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 541

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Choir Anthem** *Blessings Over Me* Pepper Choplin

**+ Doxology** UMH 95

**+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment**

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

**+ Hymn** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* UMH 584

**+ Benediction**

**Postlude** *Sailor's Song* Edvard Grieg

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

## Worship Participants

### **Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Liturgist**

Linda McCowen

### **Music**

Josh Kraybill, *Pianist*  
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas

### ***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.**



### **Women's Evening Bible Study Starting a New Book**

***Wednesdays, 7 PM, Offsite or via Zoom***

The Women's Study that meets on Wednesday evening will be starting a new book on January 25. They will be studying **The Color of Compromise** by Jemar Tisby. If you are interested in joining this study, please contact **Linda Short** at 440-785-6047 or [9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com).



### **Read & Grow Book Discussion Group**

***Monday, February 13, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & on Zoom***

On February 13, we will discuss **The Orphan House** by Ann Bennett. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at [meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com) or 440-243-5767.



### **GriefShare**

***Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom or Fridays, 1:30 PM, Room 13***

We have started a new season of Griefshare and it is going great, new friends, new challenges. Plus, it was decided because of the interest, we are also starting back to meet in person on Fridays!! Our schedule will allow for snow days. There is still time to join either session. For more information and/or Zoom details, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



### **Exploring the UMC Social Principles**

***Sunday mornings, 10am, Fellowship Hall***

All are welcome to join a hope filled group who strive to build God's beloved community through active learning. We are exploring the UMC Social Principles to understand what the Bible says, what the UMC says, what the facts are, and how we can take action. We celebrate our faith in action. Please join the conversation Sunday mornings at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall as we talk about Health and Wholeness on January 29 & February 5. Watch the e-newsletter and bulletins for upcoming topics.



### **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.



### **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.**



### **Equal Exchange Items**

Sunday, January 5, 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](http://equalexchange.coop).



### **Dinner Church**

**Wednesday, February 1, 6 PM, Wesley Hall**

What is Dinner Church? It's the original way Jesus connected with his disciples! When we come together over food and fellowship, we can share our faith and invite others to grow in faith too. Check out this testimonial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hGYaIMqVdg> "The love of a shared meal." So bring a dish - but more valuably, bring a friend or neighbor! We need your help by inviting new folks, or folks we haven't seen in awhile, to join us for dinner and faith conversations. **A sign-up sheet for food and help with set-up and clean-up is available on the Outreach board (by Room 13).**



### **Metanoia Missions**

**Volunteers & Food Donations Needed for Sundays, February 12 & 26**

The Metanoia staff works with Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless and other local agencies to identify and meet the needs of people who risk exposure to harsh conditions on the street during the winter months. Their hospitality centers at Franklin Circle Church and Bethany Presbyterian (both in Ohio City) provide temporary shelter and an evening meal for 15-20 unhoused men and women. We are signed up to serve again on **Sundays, February 12 and 26**. Volunteers, food donations, and meal suggestions are welcome! Please contact **Laura Rushton** at [jlaurush@gmail.com](mailto:jlaurush@gmail.com) or **567-303-1954** for details.



### **Messy Church**

**Sunday, February 19, 4 - 6 PM, Wesley Hall**

God is present - everywhere! Come learn about God's wonderful world, explore different countries and cultures with hands-on activities, and get your Messy Church passport stamped! Could you share about another country or world? Contact **Carolyn Williams** at [weaseltv@msn.com](mailto:weaseltv@msn.com) or **440-570-2913** to let her know you'd like to host a world station!



### **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**.



### **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.)

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](http://www.umcb.org/donate). Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.

#### **Morning Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple.  
Enable me to hear your voice  
above the distractions of this day,  
to perceive each challenge  
as an opportunity for faithful witness,  
and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do.  
Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer**

Your face, O Lord, have I sought this day,  
and your beauty have I beheld.  
I have noticed you in the person of a stranger,  
and beheld your beauty in creation.  
Thank you, and keep me ever more aware. Amen.

## Happening at The UMCB this week:

For the most current information, please visit our online monthly calendar at [www.umcb.org/upcoming-events](http://www.umcb.org/upcoming-events).

### **Sunday, January 29**

*Fourth 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

### **Monday, January 30**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:ContactPastorNathan@umcb.org)

#### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / The Oriole Cafe

#### **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 31**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:ContactPastorNathan@umcb.org)

#### **Tuesday Bible Study**

9:30 AM / Room 13

### **Wednesday, February 1**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:ContactPastorNathan@umcb.org)

#### **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, February 2**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:ContactPastorNathan@umcb.org)

#### **Handbell Choir Rehearsal**

6 PM / Sanctuary / [Contact Tori Penfound](mailto:ContactToriPenfound@umcb.org)

#### **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](mailto:CourtneyPopp@umcb.org)

or [Margaret Proctor](mailto:MargaretProctor@umcb.org)

### **Friday, February 3**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:ContactPastorNathan@umcb.org)

#### **GriefShare**

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

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

### **Saturday, February 4**

#### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, February 5**

*Fifth 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

#### **Church Office - Beth Barner**

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.** 9 AM - 3 PM

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***Pastor Carrie will be on Spiritual Renewal Leave from January 30-March 4. During this time of rest and restoration, she will not be answering calls or emails.***

***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 and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.***