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SENDS RAIN ON THE RIGHTEOUS
AND ON THE UNRIGHTEOUS.

MATTHEW 5:45, NRSV

Worship Celebration

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude *Adagio from Sonata 1, op. 2* Ludwig Van Beethoven

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

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 - Matthew 5.21 - 48 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Choir Anthem *This is My World* Pepper Choplin, Brant Adams

+ Doxology UMH 95

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

+ Benediction

Postlude *Finale from Sonata 1, op. 2* Ludwig Van Beethoven

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

Worship Participants

Pastor
Rev. Nathan Howe

Liturgist
Carol McCleery

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.**



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Support UMCOR Relief Efforts in Turkey & Syria

On Monday, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey and heavily impacted northwest Syria. Aftershocks and another 7.5 magnitude earthquake followed. More than 11,000 people were killed, with the toll continuing to rise. UMCOR & its partners are at work providing humanitarian aid.

To contribute to UMCOR's relief efforts in Turkey & Syria, designate "earthquake" on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. You can also make a contribution at www.umcb.org/donate by clicking the *Other* box and designating "earthquake" on the *Note* line.



Ash Wednesday Worship Services

Wednesday, February 22

NOON, Sanctuary or 7 PM, Sanctuary and online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/live)

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on February 22. Join us in worship in the Sanctuary at NOON for an abbreviated worship service or in the Sanctuary or online at 7 PM for a worship service including music and Holy Communion. Both worship services will include the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and intent for our hearts and lives to be changed through God's grace.



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 or 440-243-5767.



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 just started 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.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We have started a new study about social issues. The book, **Women Rise Up**, deals with how women from the Bible were mistreated. Come join us and learn about the injustices done to the women of olden times, many of which are still happening in our times! For more information and Zoom details, please contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



Ecumenical Youth Group - Escape the Church!

Sunday, February 26, 5 PM, Wesley Hall (EYG is open to 4th-12th graders.)

Pastor Janis Montgomery (butcheje@gmail.com) from Christ United Church leads this month as Pastor Carrie is on Spiritual Renewal. Join us February 22 at 5 PM for an escape room game - Escape the Church! Using Bible clues and more teams will compete to get out first! Bring a snack to share!



Metanoia Missions

Volunteers & Food Donations Needed for Sunday, February 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 **Sunday, February 26**. Volunteers, food donations, and meal suggestions are welcome! Please contact **Laura Rushton** at 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 or **440-570-2913** to let her know you'd like to host a world station!



Tutors needed for Homework Helpers 2.0!

Location: Grindstone Elementary School

Students: K-4, needing help in possibly both math and reading

Day/Time: Wednesdays, March 15-May 10, choose between a morning or afternoon 1 hour slot. You will meet with two students, one at a time, for half an hour each.

Background Checks: Fingerprinting will be required but at no cost to you.

Why we're optimistic about this: The school is partnering with us! Which means we don't have to search for kids, they are selected by teachers as the ones needing some help. Teachers will be providing the materials. And we don't need to worry about transportation for the kids - they'll already be there!

Grindstone is hopeful that this spring session will be a "beta test" for an even larger program next year, which we'll get to help build. So very exciting! ***If you're available to serve as a daytime tutor, please let us know as soon as possible so we can start matching tutors to students. To learn more about serving, contact Laura Rushton at jlaurush@gmail.com or 567-303-1954.***



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 or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Loose Change Offering

This month's loose change benefits SCAN Hunger Center. SCAN serves our surrounding southwest suburb. They are located at 398 W. Bagley Rd., unit #7. If you are in need of food assistance, you can check the website to see if you qualify: <https://scanhunger.weebly.com/qualify.html>. You can support this mission by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".

Morning Prayer

Holy God, I greet this day with gratitude
and with the determination to choose the good.
Help me to walk with you in blessing,
in integrity, and in love,
as I share the light of Christ with my neighbors. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Lord Jesus, it is night,
yet my mind is racing fast.
With gratitude for the blessings of this day
and worry for so much left undone,
I trust that you are with me.
Calm my anxiety, fill me with peace,
and help me to choose the way of rest in you. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

For the most current information, please visit our online monthly calendar at www.umcb.org/upcoming-events.

Sunday, February 12

Sixth 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 & Society

1:30 PM / Room 13

Monday, February 13

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Applebee's

Read & Grow Book Discussion

6:30 PM / Room 13 & Zoom

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 14

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Bible Study

9:30 AM / Room 13

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, February 15

Caller Submissions Due - Please Submit articles to info@umcb.org or in the Church Office mailbox.

Morning Prayer

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

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

GriefShare

6 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at 9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, February 16

Morning Prayer

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

Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

marylynn482@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal

7 PM / Parlor / Contact [Courtney Popp](mailto:CourtneyPopp@umcb.org)

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

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 18

Sunday, February 19

Transfiguration 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

Messy Church - Around the World

4 PM / Wesley Hall

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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.