



# Worship Celebration

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

February 5, 2023 + 9 AM

## We Gather as God's Children

Prelude *Moonlight Sonata* Ludwig Van Beethoven

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

## 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 5.13-20 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Celebrating Our Baptismal Covenant

+ Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* TFWS 2051

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Choir Anthem *Let It Shine!* Nancy Price, Don Besig

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn *Sois la Semilla ("You Are the Seed")* UMH 583  
Organ Music *Largo from Xerses* George Frideric Handel

Prayer following Communion

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

+ Hymn *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* TFWS 2237

+ Benediction

Postlude *Minuet from Sonata I in f minor* Ludwig Van Beethoven

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

## Worship Participants

**Pastor**  
Rev. Nathan Howe

**Liturgist**  
Sharon Williams

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

**Audio Video Elements**  
Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David Beckman by his family.

### ***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.**



#### **Fellowship Hour**

***Sundays, 10 AM, The Gathering Place***

Fellowship Hour kicked off again this school year. While we have had a few people and groups sign up so far, would really want to get everyone involved. To sign up to host a Fellowship Hour, contact **Jason Antczak** at [jasonantczak78@gmail.com](mailto:jasonantczak78@gmail.com) or 440-759-7805.



#### **Ash Wednesday Worship Services**

***Wednesday, February 22***

***NOON, Sanctuary or 7 PM, Sanctuary and online ([www.facebook.com/umcberea/live](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:9short28@gmail.com).



#### **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.



#### **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.



### **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](mailto: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!



### **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).



### **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!



### **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](http://www.umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".



### **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.)

#### **Morning Prayer**

God, open my life  
to perceive the world through your compassion.  
Open my mind  
to understand the world through your wisdom.  
Open my heart  
to receive the world through your love. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer**

Lord, if I have lived this day  
in the knowledge that perishes,  
correct my thoughts, adjust my judgments,  
and mend my foolish ways.  
Give me the mind of Christ. 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, 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

### **Monday, February 6**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Jennifer's

#### **SPRC Meeting**

7 PM / Room 13

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

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

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

### **Tuesday, February 7**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Tuesday Bible Study**

9:30 AM / Room 13

#### **Stephen Ministers**

6:30 PM / Room 13

### **Wednesday, February 8**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **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 9**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **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)

or [Margaret Proctor](mailto:MargaretProctor)

### **Friday, February 10**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **GriefShare**

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

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

### **Saturday, February 11**

### **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

#### **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.*