



Worship Celebration

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Prayer of Invitation

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 - John 4.5-42 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Affirmation of Faith

Come to the Well

+ Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo

Right Beside Me

Elizabeth Philpot

+ Doxology (to the tune of *Amazing Grace*, UMH 378)

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Shalom to You

UMH 666

+ Benediction

Postlude

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

John Marting, *Pianist*
Elizabeth Philpot, *Soloist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Bobbie DiNicola

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Laura Rushton.

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.**



New Members Reunion Dinner

Thursday, March 16, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

We're calling together all of our new friends who have joined the church in the last few years to share, reflect, and dream about the future of our life together at UMCB. If you became a new member in the last five years (or so), please let us know if you'll be joining us. We're excited to hear your stories and continue to be in ministry with you! Please RSVP to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**



Make a Joyful Noise!

Saturday, March 18, 3-4 PM, Chapel

All are invited to a hymn sing. Come sing hymns with us and hear the stories behind some of them. Email any questions or favorite hymn requests to Margaret.Proctor@sbcglobal.net.



Guest Preacher: Deacon Nick Bates, J.D.

Sunday, March 19, 9 AM & 11 AM Worship Services and 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

On March 19, join us for our morning worship services and hear from our guest preacher, Nick Bates, J.D., who will help us learn about how to advocate for justice and equity in our communities from the perspective of our faith.

Nick Bates has served as the director of the Hunger Network in Ohio since 2016. He comes to this work with nearly two decades of experience and expertise on state policy related to public budgets, homeless and housing issues, voting rights, and much more. He is a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital Law School (2012). Nick was ordained as a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 2014, called to ministries of advocacy and social justice.

Between our morning worship services, at 10 AM, Nick will be with us in the Fellowship Hall for deeper conversation about the ministry of faithful advocacy. Invite others, and join us!



Biking Cross Country with Ron Isgro

Saturday, March 25, Noon, Fellowship Hall, Cost = \$10 per person

Luncheon & Program sponsored by United Methodist Women (now United Women in Faith)



Read & Grow Book Discussion

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

On March 13 we will discuss "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom. The book for April 10 is "Book of Joy" by Dali Llama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or **440-243-5767**.



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 as we discuss Criminal Justice & the Death Penalty this week.



Finding Jesus in the Psalms

Sundays, 10 am, Parlor, led by Rev. Linda McCowen

or Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Room 13, led by Pastor Nathan

or Mondays, 7 pm, Room 13, led by Pastor Nathan

All youth (9th grade and up) and adults are welcome to seek Jesus in the psalms this season. Through her Lenten study, *Finding Jesus in the Psalms*, Barb Roose will guide us through a meaningful encounter with the psalms, including reflections on the life of King David and the original context of the writings, along with connections between the psalms and the life and death of Jesus. Books are \$14 and available in Room 12. (*Youth and College students need not pay for books.*)



UMCOR Special Giving Sunday is March 19

Because of United Methodists' compassionate support, God's grace is made tangible to those suffering from natural disasters and war. When you give to the UMCOR Sunday special offering, you are UMCOR's restoration of goodness and mercy in the world. Your gift ensures UMCOR can provide psychological and social support, medical care, disaster case management and physical provisions like food, water and shelter to survivors, whether in the aftermath of a natural disaster or in the middle of a war zone. UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local and governmental organizations, churches and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, even when rebuilding takes years. Please be part of restoring mercy and goodness to those who are suffering by giving generously on UMCOR Sunday.



CPR/AED Training

Tuesday, March 21 or Saturday, April 1, 9 AM - 2 PM, Cost = \$25 per person

Wear comfortable clothes, bring something to drink and a light lunch, you must be able to kneel, bring something to kneel on if you would like. If you have any questions, please contact **Julie Swartz** at swartz.j34@gmail.com.



Remember or Honor a Loved One by Supporting Our Global Partners in Mission this Easter ***Forms due to the Church Office by Monday, March 20***

This Easter, we are inviting you to give missionally and fill our worship space with symbolic new life in the form of seed paper butterflies. Each butterfly will represent a donation made in memory or honor of a person of your naming. The funds donated will support the important ministry of our global partners in mission. (There will be some lovely flowers decorating our worship space as well.)

Request butterflies by **Monday March 20** online at www.umcb.org/donate or by using the forms available at the back of each worship space. Your donation can be made by a check mailed to the church or online at www.umcb.org/donate with the memo "butterfly".

After Easter, we invite you to come take your butterfly from our display or request it be mailed to you. You can then plant your butterfly to enjoy lovely spring flowers. (Directions will be included for planting.)

Morning Prayer

God, my maker, hold me this day,
with the same hands that shaped the mountains,
the same hands that cradle the deep waters.
Keep my heart soft and open;
make my faith firm and strong.
Renew me, reform me,
recreate me in the image of Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I come to you now, O Lord,
weary from this day's journey:
thirsty for rest, hungry for peace.
Renew me in your love,
and restore me by your grace,
until I find my rest at last
by the river of the water of life. 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, March 12

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday Afternoon Walk

4 PM / Bradley Woods Reservation / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Monday, March 13

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Perkins

Read & Grow Book Discussion

6:30 PM / Room 13 & Zoom

Study: Finding Jesus in the Palms

7 PM / Parlor / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 14

Morning Prayer

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

Study: Finding Jesus in the Palms

9:30 AM / Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, March 15 (AM)

Caller Submissions Due - Submit articles to info@umcb.org or the church office mailbox.

Morning Prayer

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

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

Storytime

10 AM / Room 11 (Nursery)

The Wednesday Group

11 AM / The Gathering Place

Wednesday, March 15 cont'd (PM)

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, March 16

Morning Prayer

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM / Sanctuary / Contact Tori Penfound at

tpenfound@umcb.org

New(er) Members Reunion Dinner

6 PM / Fellowship Hall

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal

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

or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, March 17

Morning Prayer

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

GriefShare

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Saturday, March 18

Hymn Sing

3 PM / Chapel / contact [Margaret Proctor](#)

Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Conversation with Deacon Nick Bates, J.D.

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

Formation

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /

Youth - Second & Third Floors / Adults First Floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Messy Church Easter

4 PM / Wesley Hall, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary