



Worship Celebration

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude *He Was Despised from Messiah* G. F. Handel

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (vv. 1-3, 5) UMH 383

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.*

First Lesson - Genesis 12.1-4a (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - John 3.1-17 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Choir Anthem

God So Loved The World

Sir. John Stain

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

UMH 629

Organ Music

And Can It Be

Charles Wesley

+ Prayer following Communion

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions* TFWS 2238

+ Benediction

Postlude *Hornpipe from Water Music* G. F. Hande

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

Music

Josh Kraybill, *Pianist*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director, Vocalist*
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.**



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, March 12, 4 PM, Bradley Woods Reservation

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us as we explore the trails of the Bradley Woods Reservation, which is along the border of North Olmsted and Westlake. If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, March 9** to **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Matthew West Concert

March 12, 7 PM, Grace Baptist Church, Brunswick

You are invited to join a small group attending the Matthew West concert at Grace Baptist Church. General admission tickets are \$27/person. If you are interested, please text or call **Joy Wood** at 440-855-1470.



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. 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)



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 Worker Justice & Living Wage and Criminal Justice & the Death Penalty in the next two weeks.



Finding Jesus in the Psalms

**Sundays, 10 am, Parlor, led by Rev. Linda McCowen
or Tuesdays Beginning March 7, 9:30 am, Room 13, led by Pastor Nathan
or Mondays Beginning March 6, 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.*)



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.



Equal Exchange Items

TODAY, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

Did you give up chocolate or coffee for Lent? Then be sure to try our Equal Exchange teas.



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".

Morning Prayer

Loving God, you have given me the gift of this new day,
and you send me out to live it fully and well.
Help me be attentive to your direction and leading.
Give me courage to try new things.
Whatever this new day may hold,
I trust you to keep me in all my comings and my goings.
In Christ's name, Amen.

Evening Prayer

Gracious God, as the evening comes,
I look for you even in the shadows.
Your love stays with me through the night hours,
and I rest now in your promises.
For the day that has been, I give you thanks.
For the gift of rest, I give you praise.
After a night of rest, bring me into the light of a new day.
In gratitude, 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 5

Second 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

Monday, March 6

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / The Brew Kettle

Trustee Meeting

5 PM / Gathering Place

Study: Finding Jesus in the Palms

7 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 7

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](#)

Stephen Ministries

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, March 8

Morning Prayer

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

Storytime

10 AM / Room 11 (Nursery)

The Wednesday Group

11 AM / The Gathering Place

Dinner Church

6 PM / Wesley 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, March 9

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

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 10

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 11

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](#)

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