

Worship Celebration

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023 + 9 AM

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Hallelujah!

The **Easter Season**, also known as the **Great Fifty Days**, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost (this year, on May 28). This is our most joyous and celebrative season and the core of the entire Christian year. Together, we focus on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the continual invitation and call from God to live as Easter people, practicing resurrection by sharing God's renewing love with the world.

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.**

We Gather as God's Children

Proclamation of the Easter Message—Matthew 28.1-10 (*CEB*)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: *Christ is risen, indeed!*

Prelude

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel, arr. Josh Kraybill

Lighting the Christ Candle

+ Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vv. 1-4)

UMH 302

+ Reaffirming Our Baptismal Covenant

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.*

Scripture Lesson—Acts 10.34-43 (*CEB*)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: *Christ is risen, indeed!*

Scripture Lesson—Colossians 3.1-4 (*CEB*)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: *Christ is risen, indeed!*

Sermon

+ Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem

The Lamb

Gerald Patrick Coleman

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

Hymn

At the Font We Start Our Journey

TFWS 2114

Hymn

Christ Has Risen

TFWS 2115

Prayer following Communion

*With gratitude, O God, for the promise and gift of a new creation,
we join with your Spirit in recreating
our lives and this world by your love.*

Where there is despair, let us work for hope.

Where there is defeat, let us work for renewal.

In the name of the Risen Christ, make us and your whole world new. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

+ Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from Organ Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Josh Kraybill, *Piano, Organ*
Margaret Proctor,
Choir Director, Trumpet

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Carol McCleery

Morning Prayer

God of endless life,
in the light of this new day
we perceive the dawning of your new creation.
Give us wonder and delight
to enjoy this day that you have made;
through Jesus Christ, who lives. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost done.
Help us to know that you are with us--
through the promise of your word,
through the sharing of a meal,
and through the power of your Spirit
that burns within our hearts.
Bless and keep us, Amen.

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Join the Connections Teams

One of our congregation's goals for 2023 is to "build a 'connections' team to reach out to and help members engage with the total life of the congregation, providing new and renewed connections for all members to build relationships and increase involvement in ministries and mission." One of the ways we're working on that goal is to build a team who will call and connect with persons who are unable to be present physically due to scheduling, mobility, etc., as well as build connections among our online worshipping community.

We're beginning to meet that goal by starting to call persons who are homebound and persons who are in facilities. Several persons have already volunteered to make phone calls. If this is something that interests you or you would like to learn more, please contact the **Church Office** at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525x100 or **Rev. Linda McCowen** at 440-234-7211 or lsmccowen@gmail.com.

We're also beginning to foster connections among our online worshipping community through our on-line host. Rev. Linda McCowen is monitoring the on-line worship service. She is welcoming everyone to worship and giving prayer concerns to the ushers who take them to Pastor Nathan so they can be included with our morning prayers. If you'd like to be a back-up host, please contact **Rev. Linda McCowen** at 440-234-7211 or lsmccowen@gmail.com.



Mugs Needed

In our ongoing ministry of being careful stewards of God's creation, we would like to reduce our Sunday paper waste by switching from paper cups to dishwasher-safe mugs for our weekly Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Place. If you have one (or more) extra mugs at home that you would like to donate to this cause, please bring them to the Gathering Place on an upcoming Sunday morning and place them in the designated container. Thank you.



Read & Grow Book Discussion

Monday, April 10, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & on Zoom

We will discuss ***The Book of Joy*** by Dali Llama & Desmond Tutu. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.



Youth Group Choose Your Own Adventure

Sunday, April 23, Time & Location TBD (EYG is open to 4th-12th graders.)

This month, youth will get to choose our adventure! Stay tuned to the Remind App for your opportunity to vote on our outing! Times may vary depending on what adventure wins - but our adventure will be on April 23. Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We will be starting to learn about Jeremiah in April. Come join us! Everyone is welcome. We enjoy our Zoom program in the warmth of our homes. We will learn about the unique relationship between Jeremiah and the Lord, and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. For more information and Zoom details, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or **440-409-5931**.



Upcoming Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 PM, Parlor

Join us for a conversation about the book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Copies of *Braiding Sweetgrass* are available through most library systems, but please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101** if you need help accessing a copy.



Save the Dates for Reflecting Rainbow Vacation Bible School

June 26-30, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Registration Opens TODAY!

Children Register Here: <https://forms.gle/9bU9hFowGRrUVVgx8>

Volunteers Register Here: <https://forms.gle/q1hSQHfBdoKfKff68>



Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation

Saturday, April 22, 9:30 AM -2:30 PM, The United Methodist Church of Berea

Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation is an event designed to inform you, your church, and your community how to respond to our current climate realities. Experts and local organizers will share their perspectives offering insight on how we can live into a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world for all. The whole Earth is God's good creation and we have been granted stewardship of it. We, as people of faith, have responsibility for how God's creation is used – and need to accept our role in how it has been abused. It's time to rise and meet our stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. Register at www.eocumc.com/eventregistration.



Help Build Hope Fundraiser

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 11 AM - 8 PM, Five Guys, 17695 Bagley Road, Middleburg Hts.

Present one of the fliers on the table at the back of each worship space or mention you are there to support The United Methodist Church of Berea. When using the app or ordering online, please put the word "fundraiser" after your name. Five Guys will donate 25% of your purchase to the our Help Build Hope Mission.



Messy Church Goes Wild

Sunday, April 16, 4 - 6 PM, Wesley Hall

Let's go wild with showing our earth some love! Join us for this Earth Day themed Messy Church and discover the wildness of creation and wildness of God's love. There will be activities for all ages, even adults! Everyone is welcome - come ready to get your hands dirty from planting seeds! See the April Caller for a list of items needed for April's Messy Church.. (We are upcycling, so everything should be used or leftover.)

If you'd like to help or have questions, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, April 9 ***Easter Sunday***

Sunrise Worship

7 AM / North Lawn / *Bring a Lawn Chair*

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, April 10

Easter Holiday for Staff - Offices Closed

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Baker's Square

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, April 11

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, April 12

Morning Prayer

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

Memorials Committee

11 AM / Room 13

The Wednesday Group

11 AM / The Gathering Place

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at 9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, April 13

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, April 14

Morning Prayer

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

Saturday, April 15

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

Cheff Memorial & Reception

2 PM / Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

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 Goes Wild

4-6 PM / Wesley Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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Let's do good to all people.

Galatians 6:10, NASB



The seed paper butterflies that decorated our altar on Easter represent donations made in memory or honor of a loved one. The generous donations totaled over \$800. These funds will support the important ministry of our global partners in mission. May the flowers that grow from these butterflies remind you of God's beauty and grace abounding in our congregation, and around the world.

Butterflies given in Loving Memory of:

Carol Hemker, Pat Reese, Linda Donahue, Barb Rochford,
Carol Isgro, Lydia Proctor, Nick Wik, Dick Vale,
Laurie Garvin, Karen Maslyk, Charlotte Harlamert,
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John Kappeler by Sandy Marek
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Our Loved One Who Have Gone Before
by Barb Peterson & Tom Riggle
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Lydia Proctor with love by Margaret Proctor & Her Family
Steve, Beverly, & Alice Holland by Margaret Proctor
Carol Hemker by Margaret Proctor
Jan Harlamert by Margaret Proctor
Rev. Dr. John Caddey by Margaret Proctor
Our Parents, Don & Sally Williams and Joe & Ellen Reams
Dear Friends, Dick & Louise Dettmer and
Jerry & Sarah Bowman by Larry & Beth Reams
A courageous lady, Cheryl Cheff by Larry & Beth Reams

Beloved lifelong friend, Jull Burkhart
by Larry & Beth Reams

Dave Robinson and Parents by Barb Robinson

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by Carol P. Stepancik

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by Rick & Wendy Tully

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My Girls & Grandgirls by Barbara Evans

Nathan & Megan Howe by Maryann Herron

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My Family and Friends by Susan Pogue

Dr. David Proctor by Margaret Proctor & His Family

Dr. Barbara MacGregor by Margaret Proctor

Rev. Nathan & Megan Howe by Margaret Proctor

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by Larry & Beth Reams

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