



# Worship Celebration

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Festival of the Christian Home

May 14, 2023 + 9 AM

## We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Cantilena*

Robert Lau

+ 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.***

**First Lesson**— 1 Peter 3.13-22 (CEB)

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: *Christ is risen, indeed!***

**Gospel Lesson**— John 14.15-21 (CEB)

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: *Christ is risen, indeed!***

**Sermon**

+ Hymn

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

TFWS 2223

**Prayers of the People**

**A Disciple's Prayer**

**Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings**

**Choir Anthem**

*Go Ye Into All the World*

Eugene Butler

+ Doxology

*Alleluia, Alleluia* (v. 1 and refrain)

UMH 162

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

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

+ Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

UMH 92

+ Benediction

Postlude

*Rondeau*

Jean-Joseph Mouret

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

## Worship Participants

### **Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Liturgist**

Margaret Proctor

### **Music**

Carmen Massaro, *Organist*  
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.**



### **UMCB Communications Survey**

As we seek to provide opportunities for all people to be involved in our ministries of worship, fellowship, teaching and learning, and engaging with our community toward compassion and justice, excellent communication is essential. Currently, we seek to provide excellent communication through multiple channels as listed in the form below.

In our ongoing effort to provide excellent communication regarding the many opportunities to be involved in our ministries, we are asking you to complete this “Communications Survey” to help us assess which communication channels are most effective in extending this invitation. You can complete the survey online at <https://forms.gle/BoLP7g5yH1oo7Djp8>. Alternately, physical copies are available on the tables at the back of each worship space and can be turned into the church office.

If you have any questions or additional thoughts you want to share, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101. Thank you!



### **Day of Pentecost**

***Sunday, May 28***

The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season and the third of the three great festivals that give shape to the Christian year (alongside Christmas and Easter). On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church as told in Acts 2. As you worship with us at 9 AM or 11 AM, you are encouraged to wear red or some other fire-inspired color.



### **Volunteers Needed for Farewell and Welcome Receptions**

On **Sunday, June 11**, we will join together in one worship service at 10 AM as we thank Pastor Nathan and Megan Howe for their time with us and wish them well in their new ministry journey. After the service, there will be a Farewell Reception for all to join in fellowship.

On **Sunday, July 2**, we will welcome Pastor Steve, Sarah, Eli, and Eva Knisely as they begin their ministry with us. A reception will be held between the services for us to share fellowship and great them. Volunteers are needed for both receptions. If you would be interested in helping, please contact **Barb Peterson** at [peterson.barbara8@gmail.com](mailto:peterson.barbara8@gmail.com) or 440-785-1282.



### **Spring is here and your UMW is ready to celebrate!**

**Picnic...**Please place your condiment donations for Second Mile Outreach in the picnic basket in the Narthex.

**Plants...**J and J plant coupons for available for \$18. Plan your garden and pick out your own plants!

**Popcorn...**A bag of popcorn (Depot Delight, Garlic Parmesan or Lemon Pound Cake) is just \$6.

All proceeds benefit our many mission projects. To purchase coupons or popcorn, please see /contact **Carol McCleery** at 440-234-9078 or [mcmanistee7250@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com). Thank you for your support and generosity!

### **Exploring the UMC Social Principles**

***Sunday mornings, 10 AM, 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 in May as we discuss topics in the categories of Peace with Justice, Women & Children, Civil & Human Rights, and Health and Wholeness.





### **Read & Grow Book Discussion Group**

**Monday, May 2, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & on Zoom**

This will be a planning meeting to discuss book suggestions for next year. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at [meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com) or 440-243-5767.



### **Brunch (benefiting Help Build Hope)**

**TODAY!, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall**

TODAY, we celebrate family and home with a brunch between services. You'll have the opportunity to support another "home" - a free will offering will be taken at the brunch to kick-off our fundraising efforts for our next Help Build Hope event, September 22-23, 2023.



### **Messy Church Carnival**

**Sunday, May 21, 4 - 6 PM, Wesley Hall**

It's our last Messy Church of the school year! Join us, and bring your friends for our annual carnival and celebration of Pentecost! If you'd like to help or have questions, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at 440-234-3525 x105 or [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org).



### **May Loose Change Offering Supports The Work of Hanson House**

HansonHouse Traumatic Brain Injury Clubhouse is the first program in Ohio based upon the true Clubhouse model of community re-entry for people with traumatic brain injury. At the present time we reach approximately 200+ people in Northern Ohio, with some kind of service, while intensively engaging a smaller group with weekly services, right here at our church. We are grateful for their ministry, and appreciate your continued support of this group. 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".



### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - Swiffer Pad Recycling Program**

**Swiffer** offers a free recycling program through TerraCycle for **Sweeper, Duster, and WetJet pads**. If you use these products, please consider bringing them to church for recycling. A collection bin will be in the Gathering Place. Only the Swiffer brand pads are accepted. The pads need to be rinsed and dried before placing them in the bin. The pads will then be mailed to TerraCycle to be recycled into new products. Please contact **Cindy McCowen** at 440-234-3985 or [clmccowen@aol.com](mailto:clmccowen@aol.com) with any questions. Thank you for your continued interest in Creation Justice.



### **Youth Service Rally**

**Sunday, June 4, 3 PM, Around Berea**

Join us Sunday, June 4 at 3 PM for our annual service rally! We'll be all around town sharing acts of kindness and then meeting back to share our stories and dinner. Extra adult drivers are needed - please let **Pastor Carrie** know if you can help out at 440-234-3525 x105 or [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org).



### **Register now for Reflecting Rainbow Vacation Bible School**

**June 26-30, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Volunteers register at <https://forms.gle/q1hSQHfBdoKfKff68>**

**Children's registrations have reached maximum capacity! To be added to the wait list, please contact Pastor Carrie at 440-234-3525 x105 or [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org).**

Welcome to Reflecting Rainbow VBS, where we will discover we are a part of God's continuing story! Inspired by the t.v. show Reading Rainbow, we will explore God's story, our own stories, and share the joy of reading all kinds of books! This is a cooperative VBS between local Berea Congregations - we're excited to be working with each other again for the second year in bringing faith and fun to our community!

#### **Morning Prayer**

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath  
that is mine today in Christ.  
Make me eager to do good and to resist evil,  
and grant me the wisdom to know the difference.  
Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do  
that I may share the hope that is within me  
in gentleness and reverence to Christ. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer**

O God, in whom we live and move and exist,  
you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer;  
you set my feet on steady ground.  
As I rest in you tonight, sanctify me in Christ,  
and fill me with your strength,  
that I may rise to love and serve you,  
and greet another day. Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, May 14

***Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Festival of the Christian Home***

### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

### **Brunch Benefiting Help Build Hope**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall/ See previous page for details

### **Formation**

10 AM / Youth - Second & Third Floors /  
Adults First Floor

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

## Monday, May 15

*Caller Submissions Due - Submit Articles to  
[info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or the Church mailbox.*

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Tony K's

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

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

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

## Tuesday, May 16

### **Tuesday Morning Walks**

Tuesdays / 7 AM / Wallace Lake Parking Lot /  
[Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

### **Morning Prayer**

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

## Wednesday, May 17

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **UMW Circle**

9:30 AM / Perk Cup

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

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at [9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com)

## Thursday, May 18

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **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](#)  
or [Margaret Proctor](#)

## Friday, May 19

### **Morning Prayer**

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

## Saturday, May 20

## Sunday, May 21

***Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday***

### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at  
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

### **Adult Formation**

First Floor

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### **Messy Church Carnival**

4 PM / Front Lawn, First Floor / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

### **Church Office - Beth Barner**

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.** 9 AM – 3 PM

**Tues., Fri.** *From Home* 9AM - 3 PM

[ebarner@umcb.org](mailto:ebarner@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x100

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### **Finance Office - Maryann Herron**

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### **Facilities Manager - Mark Williams**

Office Hours vary based on need.

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### **Pastors Nathan Howe & Carrie Antczak**

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***Please note: Friday is a day of Sabbath for our pastors, a time to rest and restore. We kindly ask that you please refrain from calling or texting them on this day. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact the church office and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.***