



# Worship Celebration

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023 + 9 AM

### We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*  
(sung to the tune of *For All the Saints*, UMH 711)

UMH 610

### 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**— Acts 7.55-60 (CEB)

Leader: Christ is risen!

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

**Second Lesson**— 1 Peter 2.2-10 (CEB)

Leader: Christ is risen!

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

Sermon

**Celebrating Our Baptismal Covenant**

**Baptism with the Laying on of Hands** - Teagan O'Brien

+ Hymn

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

TFWS 2051

Prayers of the People

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

**Choir Anthem**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

T. O. Chisholm, W. M. Runyon  
arr. Mark Hayes

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

UMH 618

Hymn

*Be Still, My Soul*

UMH 534

Prayer following Communion

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

+ Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH 529

+ Benediction

Postlude

***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**  
Maeve Woehrman, *Pianist*  
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

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

## Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism

Teagan O'Brien is the child of Brittany Bornancin O'Brien & Dennis O'Brien.  
John & Terri Bornancin are the proud Grandparents.

## ***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.**



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

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with the Farewell Reception for Pastor Nathan and Megan Howe on **Sunday, June 11**, and the Welcome Reception for Pastor Steve, Sarah, Eli, and Eva Knisely on **Sunday, July 2**. There will be **one service at 10 AM** on these Sundays with receptions immediately following. More volunteers would be appreciated for set-up the day before and the day of each reception. Each volunteer will be contacted closer to the dates with specific information.

Also, would you like to help welcome Pastor Steve in another manner? SPRC is encouraging you to volunteer your home for a small group gathering to get to know Pastor Steve and vice versa. These could be scheduled over the summer, at a mutually convenient date and time.

All are welcome! Interested? Curious? Please contact **Barb Peterson**, SPRC Chair, at [peterson.barbara8@gmail.com](mailto:peterson.barbara8@gmail.com) or **440-785-1282**.



### **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!



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

**Picnic...**we are donating condiments to Second Mile Outreach. Please place your donations 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!



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

***Mondays, May 8 & May 22, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & on Zoom***

**May 8: *Switchboard Soldiers*** by Jennifer Chiavri.

**May 22:** 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.



### **Equal Exchange**

***TODAY! Sunday, May 7, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor***

Did you know that the olives used to make Equal Exchange olive oil are indigenous to Palestine and produce one of the highest quality olive oils in the world? It can be used in cooking and even for baking!

Thank you for helping to provide a fair wage for those who work hard to grow this beneficial food item and in a way that does not harm God's creation. Learn more at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop)



### **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".



### **Help Build Hope Fundraiser**

***Wednesday, May 10, 11 am - 9 pm, Max & Erma's, 7085 Engle Rd, 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 to your server when you dine and a portion of the sales will be donated to our Help Build Hope Wall Build (Sept. 22-23, 2023).



### **Festival of the Christian Home- Worship & Brunch (benefiting Help Build Hope)**

***Sunday, May 14, 9 AM & 11 AM Worship and 10 AM, Fellowship Hall***

On May 14, we will celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home in worship, as well as celebrate family and home with a brunch between services. You'll also 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.

Sign up at the Outreach Board (by Room 13) or contact **Pastor Carrie** at 440-234-3525 x105 or [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) to sign up to bring an egg dish, pastry, or fruit.



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

***June 26-30, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Registration is open (Children's spots are limited so register now!)***

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!

VBS is open those with preschool experience (age 3 and up) - 5th grade. 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!

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

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

#### ***Morning Prayer***

Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day,  
let not my heart be troubled.  
Help me to trust with conviction  
that you are with me, and I am in you,  
and you are in God. Amen.

#### ***Evening Prayer***

Faithful God, my rock and my fortress,  
into your hands I commit my spirit.  
As darkness falls,  
let your face shine upon me  
and keep me in your steadfast love. Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, May 7

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

#### **Formation**

*Last Day of Sunday School*

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

#### **Sunday Afternoon Walk**

4 pm / Columbia Reservation, 25145 Royalton Road,  
Columbia Station / RSVP by the **Thursday, May 4** to

[Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

## Monday, May 8

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Rivals Sports Grill

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

6:30 PM / Room 13 & via Zoom / Contact Betsy Meikle at  
[meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com)

### **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 9

### **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](#)

### **Sustainable Berea**

6:30 PM / Room 13

## Wednesday, May 10

### **Help Build Hope Fundraiser at Max & Erma's**

11 AM - 9 PM / See previous page for details

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **The Wednesday Group**

11 AM / Gathering Place

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

7 PM / Offsite /

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

## Thursday, May 11

### **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](mailto:tpenfound@umcb.org)

### **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 12

### **Morning Prayer**

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

## Saturday, May 13

## 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

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

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.** 9 AM - 3 PM

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

Office Hours vary based on need.

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