



# Worship Celebration

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023 + 10 AM

### We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

**Prelude** *Sonata in D Major, KV 311: II. Andante con espressione* W.A. Mozart

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* UMH 557

### 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**— Psalm 100 (NRSVUE)

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

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Lesson**— Mark 8:27-30 (NRSVUE)

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

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon** *"Who Can It Be Now?"*

**Order for the Celebration of an Appointment**

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Choir & Handbell Offertory Anthem** *It Is Well* Horatio G. Spafford, Philip P. Bliss  
(UMH 377) arr. Tori Penfound

**Invitation to Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing the Bread & Cup**

**Hymn** *How Great Is Our God*  
**Hymn** *The Blessing*

**Prayer following Communion**

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

+ Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593

+ Benediction

**Postlude** *Sonata: Minuet, K. 471* Domenico Scarlatti

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

## Worship Participants

### **Pastors**

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely, Ph.D.  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Liturgist**

Barbara Peterson

### **Music**

Eric Charnofsky, *Pianist*  
Tori Penfound, *Handbell Director*  
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas

The alter flowers are given to the Glory of God and honor of The Knisely Family as they begin their ministry journey with The United Methodist Church of Berea.

### ***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.**



### **Church Picnic TODAY!**

***Sunday, July 2, Following the 10 AM Worship Service, Wesley hall***

Let's celebrate Pastor Steve's first Sunday with an all-church picnic. Following worship today, we'll gather for food, fun, and fellowship. There will be a variety of activities for ALL to enjoy. Kick off the summer, share God's bounty, and welcome Pastor Steve, Sarah, Eli, and Eva. Hope to see you!!



### **Help Welcome Pastor Steve with a gathering in your home**

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.

If you would like to provide your home for a gathering, please contact Barb Peterson at **440-785-1282** or **[peterson.barbara8@gmail.com](mailto:peterson.barbara8@gmail.com)**.



### **Summer Bible Reading Challenge**

You're invited to join us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke through the Acts of the Apostles! Here's how you can participate (Do as much as you like!):

- ◇ Read along with the reading plan (which can be found in the June Caller or the weekly e-newsletter).
- ◇ Watch the Bible Project's Video that expands your understanding of the reading. (**<https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/luke-acts-series/>**)
- ◇ Comment on the Facebook Discussion Prompt of the Week.
- ◇ Enjoy casual conversation with friends at 10 AM in the Gathering Place with the week's discussion prompt.

Want more? Check out the Podcasts! **<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/luke-acts-series/>**



### **Thursday Night Bible Study**

***Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom***

We are into **Sermon on the Mount** with good discussions. Have you ever considered: *How to really love your enemies* or *The importance of Obeying God's law*? Come and help us explore these and more questions!

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at **[marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)** or **440-409-5931**.



### **GriefShare**

***Wednesdays, July 5 & 19, 6:30 PM, via Zoom - or - Fridays, July 7 & 21, 1:30 PM, UMCB Front Porch***

We will be meeting for our summer sessions on July 5 and 19 for Wednesdays' zoom and then on Fridays, July 7 and 21 for our front porch discussions! Basically, we will have two questions to discuss as well as whatever is on your minds.

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**Summer Women’s Retreat: Spiritual Gifts What to do...“The gift that keeps on giving.”  
Saturday, July 29, 8am - 4pm, Fellowship Hall, \$15.00 Registration**

Come join us for a one day Retreat. It’s just a day away to enjoy our Spiritual Gifts and learning how we can help others. Please join us for the answers and to enjoy meeting new Ladies!

Facilitator: Deaconess Sherri Buehl. Please bring your own lunch. Snacks & beverages will provided.

To register, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



**Feed the Kids**

**Donate Food Beginning July 1, Help Bag the Food - July 16, 10 AM, Gathering Place, and Help Distribute Bags - July 17, 5 PM Christ United Church**

It’s our turn to help “feed the kids” this summer by providing three days worth of meals to our food insecure kids. Please help in these ways as you are able:

Donate food beginning July 1. We will need: breakfast items (like pop tarts or cereal), lunch items (like individual serve pasta, easy mac, etc.), dinner items (Like cup-o-noodles, canned meat, soup, etc.), juice boxes, fruit cups/pouches, and snacks. Keep in mind that easy to prepare or zero-preparation foods make it easier for children. We are preparing at least 100 bags! So the need is great! We are preparing at least 100 bags! So the need is great! You can also donate monetarily at [umcb.org/donate](http://umcb.org/donate) using the other box and designating it for “Feed the Kids” or through the church finance office.

Help bag up the food on Sunday, July 16. Let’s beat last year’s record - we packed 120 bags in 23 minutes! Many hands make light work!

Help distribute the bags to families on July 17 at Christ United Church. To sign up to help with the distribution, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



**Popsicles on the Playground - Summer Children’s Outreach  
July 19, 3 PM, Splash Pad and August 16, 6 PM, Parknoll Playground**

Our June meet up with a hit, and we’re excited to host more! Join us for these fun play meet-ups with our community! (**Raindates: The following day - follow us for updates: [facebook.com/umcberea](https://facebook.com/umcberea)**)



**Help Build Hope**

**September 22-23, 2023, Register Here: [helpbuildhope.com/umcberea](http://helpbuildhope.com/umcberea)**

It’s time to sign up for our Help Build Hope Wall Build! Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors! Individuals, Families, Groups, and Businesses come together to frame a house for a future Habitat for Humanity home. Open to ages 5 and older!



**Second Mile Outreach “Walk Two Miles for Second Mile”**

**Sunday, July 23, Check in 1 PM, Walk 1:30-2:30 PM, 1480 West Bagley Road Berea, OH 44017**

Tickets can be purchased on their website: [secondmileoutreach.org](http://secondmileoutreach.org).

The Second Mile Shop will be open 1-3 pm with special sales.

**Morning Prayer:**

Eternal God, hallowed be your name.  
Early in the morning, before I begin my work, I praise your glory.  
Renew my body as fresh as the morning flowers.  
Open my inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the darkness.  
Deliver me from all captivity.  
Like birds of the sky,  
    give me wings of freedom to begin a new journey.  
As a mighty stream running continuously,  
    restore justice and freedom day by day.  
I thank you for the gift of this morning,  
    and a new day to work with you. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:**

O creator and mighty God,  
    you have promised strength for the weak,  
    rest for the laborers, light for the way,  
    grace for the trials, help from above,  
    unfailing sympathy, undying love.  
O creator and Mighty God,  
    help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, July 2

### *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

#### **Picnic Set-up**

8:30 AM

#### **Worship Service**

10 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

#### **All Church Picnic**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

## Monday, July 3

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Survivors Fellowship**

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Brew Kettle

## Tuesday, July 4

*Independence Day - Offices Closed*

### **Tuesday Morning Walk**

7 AM / Wallace Lake Parking Lot

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Stephen Ministers**

6:30 PM / Room 13

## Wednesday, July 5

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

## Thursday, July 6

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Thursday Bible Study**

6:30 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at  
[marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

## Friday, July 7

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

## Saturday, July 8

## Sunday, July 9

### *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

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

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.** 9 AM – 3 PM

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

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

**Mon., Wed., Fri.** 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Office Hours vary based on need.

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### **Dr. Steve Knisely**

Office Hours vary based on need.\*

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### **Rev. Carrie Antczak**

### **Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach**

Office Hours vary based on need.\*

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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.*