

Worship Celebration

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023 + 10 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Majesty

Jack Hayford

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vv. 1-5, 7)

UMH 57

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 12.1-9 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson— Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Celebrating Our Baptismal Covenant

Baptism with the Laying on of Hands - Quinn Zeiter, Maliya Grace Carretta, Samuel James Christy

+ Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

TFWS 2051

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Choir & HandBell Offertory Anthem

Be Still, My Soul (UMH 534)

Katherina von Schlegel, Jean Sibelius

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn

Oceans

Houston, Crocker, Lighthelm

Hymn

You Say

Norman, Ingram, Daigle, Donehey, Mabury

Prayer following Communion

An Order of Farewell

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Go Forth for God

UMH 670

+ Benediction

Postlude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgists

Condit Dibble
Carol McCleery
Mary Potts

Music

Scott Turner, *Organist*
Victoria Penfound, *Handbell Director*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism

Quinn Zeiter is the child of Eric and Rebecca Zeiter
Maliya Grace Carretta is the child of Michael Richard and Grace Carretta
Samuel James Christy is the child of Jennifer Lynn Pennington and Robert Samuel Christy

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Nathan and Megan Howe as we celebrate their time in ministry with The United Methodist Church of Berea from their UMCB church Family.

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

TODAY, June 11, 4 pm, West Creek Reservation (2277 Ridgewood Drive, Parma)

Enjoy God's creation--outside and in each other. All are welcome to join us for a walk on the trails of West Creek Reservation (2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma). We will meet in the parking lot near the Watershed Stewardship Center at 4 PM.



Help Welcome Pastor Steve and the Knisely Family

We'd like to introduce Pastor Steve and his family to Berea! Gift cards are a great way to explore local restaurants, stores, and activities. SPRC is presenting the gift cards to Pastor Steve and his family at the July 2 Church Picnic . If you'd like to donate a gift card, please purchase and give to Nancy Buehler by **Sunday, June 25**. Let's show the Knisely family some Berea hospitality!

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 at [**peterson.barbara8@gmail.com**](mailto:peterson.barbara8@gmail.com).



Volunteers Needed for Welcome Reception

Welcome to the Knisely's - Sunday, July 2 following the 10 AM Worship Service (There will be one 10 AM worship service so we can all worship together.)

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with the Welcome Reception for Pastor Steve, Sarah, Eli, and Eva Knisely on **Sunday, July 2**. There will be **one service at 10 AM** with receptions immediately following. More volunteers would be appreciated for set-up the day before and the day of each reception. Interested? Curious? Please contact Barb Peterson at **440-785-1282** or [**peterson.barbara8@gmail.com**](mailto:peterson.barbara8@gmail.com).



June UWM Collection for Second Mile Outreach

UMW is now collecting **canned baked beans and canned meat**...please place your donations in the picnic basket in the Narthex. Thank you All for your support and generosity.



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).
- ◇ 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/>



GriefShare

Beginning now - Every Other Wednesday, via Zoom or Every Other Friday, The UMCB Front Porch

We are doing GriefShare a bit different for the summer before beginning a new session in August! We will be meeting every other week on Zoom for Wednesday nights and for Friday afternoons, we'll be taking it outside. Whether on the church grounds or Coe Lake or even Bradley Woods, we will take time to enjoy nature and talk about what ever is on our minds. Join us and get a feel for GriefShare in new environments.

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



Donations Requested for the Porch BW Ministry

Donations may be placed in the collection tubs near Room 13 until June 30

The Porch BW Student Ministry is calling you for two projects: (1) we need gently worn adult t-shirts to make handmade t-shirt bags at our BW Welcome Back Table, and (2) The Porch is collaborating with the BW to gather school supplies for first-generation students, who make up about 25 percent of the entering class. You'll find a list of recommended supplies on the table in the Narthex. For questions, please contact **Judy Hammer** at 216-832-8817 or jhammer@umcb.org.



June Loose Change Offering Supports Feed the Kids

We are excited to be participating in the cooperative mission to "Feed the Kids" this summer, once again! The need is greater than ever for children as over the summer months, families struggle with food insecurity. We will need a LOT of donations to make this happen. We plan on making 100 bags of three days worth of meals for children. You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering". All of these funds will be set aside to help purchase food for this mission. You can help by donating items come July 1. Thank you for caring for our kids!



Popsicles on the Playground Summer Children's Outreach

June 14, 6 PM, Coe Lake Playground; July 19, 3 PM, Splash Pad; August 16, 6 PM, Parknoll Playground

Join us for these fun play meet-ups with friends from The United Methodist Church of Berea Congregation members are welcome to join us in welcoming our community and handing out treats! (***Raindates: The following day—follow us on Facebook for updates: www.facebook.com/umcberea***)

Morning Prayer

Holy Presence, make me more aware of your presence today.
Awaken my senses to the wonders of your creation.
Fill me with compassion for each person I meet.
Protect me from the harm others would cause me,
and make me watchful so that I do not harm others.
Fill me with the love of Christ,
and let others know your presence through me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Maker of day and night,
creator of sun, moon, and all that is,
thank you for your presence throughout this day.
Guard me now through the night.
Grant me peace, rest, and renewal while I sleep.
And let me awaken to a new day tomorrow,
joining my voice with all creation
in giving you thanks and praise. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, June 11

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship

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

Farewell Reception for The Howes

Following worship

Monday, June 12

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Applebees

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 13

Tuesday Morning Walk

7 AM / Wallace Lake Parking Lot

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, June 14

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Popsicles on the Playground

6 PM / Coe Lake Playground

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at 9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, June 15

*July Caller Submissions Due - Submit articles to
info@umcb.org or the church office.*

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com

Friday, June 16

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Saturday, June 17

Sunday, June 18

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

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

Adult Formation

First Floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Church Office - Beth Barner

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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.*