



Worship Celebration

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Joel Raney

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

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 18.1-15 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson— Matthew 9.35-10.4 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Beautiful Savior

arr. Valerie Floeter

Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia (v. 1 and refrain)

UMH 162

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

+ Benediction

Festive Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

arr. Mary McDonald

Postlude

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

Worship Participants

Pastors
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgists
Joanne Mansfield

Music
Carmen Massaro, *Pianist*

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.**



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 peterson.barbara8@gmail.com.



Church Picnic

Sunday, July 2, Following the 10 AM Worship Service, The Front Lawn (weather-permitting)

Let's celebrate Pastor Steve's first Sunday with an all-church picnic. On Sunday, July 2, following the 10 AM service (our only worship service for that day), we'll gather outside for food, fun, and fellowship. UMCB will provide the main dish; please bring a dish to share or just come to visit.

We're planning 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!!

Questions? Please contact **Nancy Buehler** at nbuehler75@gmail.com or **440-292-6194**.

Would you like to volunteer to help, please contact Barb Peterson at **440-785-1282** or 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).
- ◇ 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

All are welcome as we begin a new book - **Sermon on the Mount**. Many questions will be answered. Come join us and learn along with us!

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



GriefShare

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**.



UMCOR Mission Trip to Sager Brown

February 25 to March 8, 2024.

We have dates for our 2024 mission trip to Sager Brown. The dates are Feb 25 to Mar 8. Your time there can be for one or both weeks.

If you are interested in going or would like more information about the trip please contact Barb Robinson (440-221-6271) or Molly Arthur (440-243-5819). Please contact us before **June 23, 2023**.



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

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.)



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 dry 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 with any questions.

Thank you for your continued interest in Creation Justice.



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.

Morning Prayer:

A Breathe Prayer

(As you breathe in) Loving God

(As you breathe out) Let me share your love this day.

Evening Prayer:

A Breathe Prayer

(As you breathe in) Thank you, God

(As you breathe out) for the blessings
and grace of this day.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, June 18

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, June 19

Juneteenth - Offices Closed

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Red Lobster

Tuesday, June 20

Tuesday Morning Walk

7 AM / Wallace Lake Parking Lot

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Wednesday, June 21

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Thursday, June 22

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

LGBTQ Caregivers Support Group

7 PM / Gathering Place / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Friday, June 23

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Saturday, June 24

Sunday, June 25

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

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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.