



Worship Celebration

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Canon in D/In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified* J.Pachelbel/Bob Kilpatrick

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

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 21.8-21 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson— Psalm 86.1-17 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn *Nearer, My God, to Thee* UMH 528

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Above All* Lenny Leblanc/Paul Baloche

Doxology *Alleluia, Alleluia* (v. 1 and refrain) UMH 162

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

+ Benediction

Postlude *Upon this Rock* Gloria Gaither/Dony McGuire

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

Worship Participants

Guest Preacher

Rev. Michael Parisher, Deacon
The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland

Liturgists

Jim Walters

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Pastor

Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Scott Turner, *Pianist*

The alter flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Jan Harlamert by her husband, Paul Harlamert.

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.**



Reminder: There will be one worship service **next Sunday, July 2 at 10 AM** as we welcome Pastor Steve Knisely & Family and begin our ministry together at The United Methodist Church of Berea. Please join us following the service for a church picnic.



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**.



Picnic Volunteers to Meet Sunday Morning

Sunday, July 2, 8:30 AM

As we look forward to celebrating the arrival of Pastor Steve and family, remember that the potluck picnic will be Sunday, July 2nd, following the one service at 10 AM. SPRC asks that the volunteers for that Sunday plan to arrive about 8:30 AM to help with set up. We are not able to set up on Saturday, however. Thanks to everyone!

Would you like to volunteer to help, please contact Barb Peterson at **440-785-1282** or peterson.barbara8@gmail.com



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.



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 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.

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



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 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 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 or 440-234-3525 x105.



Equal Exchange

Sunday, July 2, 10-11 am, by the Parlor

Thank you for purchasing Equal Exchange items. When you do, you are providing 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.

Morning Prayer:

O God, I praise you as I arise this morning.
You are the giver of all life,
and you provide for what you have made.
Be with me this day, and teach me to be thankful.
Move me to be generous toward others,
sharing material goods, time, patience, and kindness.
By your Holy Spirit, let me speak peace, do peace, and be peace,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Creator of heavens and earth,
I thank you for the day just past
and for the night that lies ahead.
I pray for your forgiveness for things I did
that were harmful toward myself or others
and for missed opportunities to show your love.
Let me rest tonight, trusting in the grace of Christ.
Restore me, and let me rise to a new day,
giving you thanks and praise. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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

Monday, June 26

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Vacation Bible School: Reflecting Rainbow

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM / First Floor

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Bagley Grill

Tuesday, June 27

Tuesday Morning Walk

7 AM / Wallace Lake Parking Lot

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Vacation Bible School: Reflecting Rainbow

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM / First Floor

Wednesday, June 28

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Vacation Bible School: Reflecting Rainbow

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM / First Floor

Thursday, June 29

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Vacation Bible School: Reflecting Rainbow

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM / First Floor

Thursday 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 30

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Vacation Bible School: Reflecting Rainbow

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM / First Floor

Saturday, July 1

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

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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.*