



Worship Celebration

Trinity Sunday Peace with Justice Sunday

June 4, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

St. Columba and Buinessan on Highland pipes

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

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 1.1-2.4a (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson— Matthew 28.16-20 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ **Reaffirming Our Faith** - A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed

Receiving New Members into Our Fellowship - Julie Keslar, Nancy Leesburg

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Aisling Gheal, and *Si Bheag Si Mhor* on Uilleann pipes

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Solo

So Will I

Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

TFWS 2120

Prayer following Communion

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Sending Our Graduates

+ Hymn

Come Join the Dance of Trinity

+ **Benediction** - adapted from 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Postlude

Kilmarnock, *Miss Katie Ness of Kinnyside*, and *Jenny Nettles* on Highland pipes

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Sharon Williams

Music

Carmen Massaro, *Organist*
Evan Howe, *Bagpipes*
Courtney Popp, *vocalist*

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.**



East Ohio Conference Annual Conference

June 8 – June 10, John S. Knight Center, Akron

The United Methodist Church of Berea is part of the East Ohio Annual Conference, presided over by Bishop Tracy S. Malone. Under her leadership, our annual conference will meet this year from Thursday, June 8 through Saturday, June 10 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Our gathering will be shaped and focused by the theme, “Faith, Hope, Love,” inspired by 1 Thessalonians 1.2-3. All business sessions, worship services, and celebrations of the annual conference will be livestreamed at www.eocumc.com/eoac23/livestream.

Jeff Zeager and Rachel Huth are lay members of the East Ohio Annual Conference from our congregation and will provide a report to our congregation following this year’s session.

Please hold the annual conference, its members, and our bishop in your prayers as we come together to celebrate what God is doing among and through us and to listen for God’s continuing call as we move forward in love.



Please Consider Giving Generously today for Peace with Justice Sunday

TODAY, June 4

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. It aims to make shalom visible and active in people’s lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. We will celebrate Peace with Justice when all people have access to adequate jobs, housing, education, food, health care, income support, and clean water. We will further celebrate when there is no more economic exploitation, war, political oppression, and cultural domination.

—2016 Book of Resolutions, #6139 +



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, 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. If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, June 8** to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



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.



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/>, Want more? Check out the Podcasts! <https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/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.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

All are welcome as we finish the ending of a truly remarkable man in Jeremiah. He went through a lot and suffered muchly! We will 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**.



Equal Exchange

Sunday, June 4, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

As the temperatures warm, try making delicious iced teas and coffees using Equal Exchange products. 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.



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 UMW 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. UMW kicked off spring with successful plant (all coupons were sold) and popcorn sales. We also delivered over 100 bottles/jars of catsup, mustard, mayo, olives, and pickles to Second Mile Outreach. Thank you for making a difference!

Morning Prayer

God of the living, from whom all blessings flow,
I welcome a new day with thanksgiving
because you have cared for me through the night.
Wherever you send me today, whomsoever I meet,
be in my going and in my meeting.
Grant me wisdom to cherish what you give me
and generosity to share what I receive.
Fill me with the Spirit so that I may show
courage, kindness, and compassion to all.
In waking and in sleeping, I live for you. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Triune God, these hours of light are passing into darkness.
Thank you for being with me.
Let me not forget the joys of this day.
Send your Spirit to fill my memories with peace
as I prepare for this night.
Where I have failed to follow you, forgive me.
If I have been a help to others,
let them give thanks to you.
And I will celebrate with your whole creation
when a new day you are bringing dawns. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, June 4

Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday

Graduate Sunday

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Adult Formation

First Floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Youth Group Annual Service Rally

5 PM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Monday, June 5

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Jennifer's

Staff Parish Relations Committee

7 PM / Room 13

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 6

Tuesday Morning Walk

Tuesdays / 7 AM / Wallace Lake Parking Lot /

[Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Morning Prayer

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

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, June 7

Morning Prayer

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

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at 9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, June 8

Morning Prayer

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

Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

marylynn482@gmail.com

Friday, June 9

Morning Prayer

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

Saturday, June 10

Set-up for Reception

TBS/ Wesley Hall

Sunday, June 11

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service

10 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Farewell Reception for The Howes

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.