



Worship Celebration

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now

J. S. Bach

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

In the Garden

UMH 314

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 139.1-12; 23-24 (NRSVUE)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson — Genesis 28.10-19 (NRSVUE)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"You Met Me!"

+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

Assurance

Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Jon Spong

Doxology

UMH 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

My Hope is Built

UMH 368

+ Benediction

Postlude

He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

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

Music

Anita Evans, *Organist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Hemker by Sara Phillips.

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.**

2023 Mid-Year Giving Statements Now Available

They can be found on the counter in the Gathering Place near the coffee pots.
If you would like your statement mailed to you, please contact **Maryann Herron**,
at 440-234-3525 x103 or mherron@umcb.org.



Prayers for Our Youth on Work Mission this Week!

Please keep youth: Hope, Josie, Amanda, Emily, Marcus, and Anna; and their leaders: Pastor Carrie, Terry, and Janet, in your prayers as they serve alongside a team from East Ohio that is 50 disciples strong! Look forward to a report and pictures from their time in North Carolina and Florida next month!



GriefShare

Wednesdays Beginning August 9, 6:30 PM, via Zoom
- or - Fridays Beginning August 11, 1:30 PM, Room 13

We are looking forward to seeing new faces as we start a new session of GriefShare. You can go on www.griefshare.org and register for either program. Once you are registered, you will be sent all the information you need.

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



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, August 14, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & on Zoom

We're starting our book club on **August 14** with **Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee** by Casey Cup. Discussion leader: Karen Caldwell.

For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.



Sunday School Teachers & Youth Leaders Needed

We are thanking God for a little “problem”... we have more kids than we anticipated joining us for Sunday School and other programs! We are also reimagining youth ministry and are in need of small group leaders to help with this growing ministry.

If you are young at heart, and have a heart for the young, please reach out to
Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105
to learn how you can support our growing ministry with young disciples.



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 on the week's discussion prompt at 10AM in the Gathering Place.

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!

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Help Build Hope

Register at helpbuildhope.com/umcberea for the September 22-23 Wall Build

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!

Questions? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Equal Exchange

Sunday, August 6, 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.



UMW Collecting Feminine Hygiene Products for Second Mile Outreach

Throughout August - Donations Accepted in the Box by the Parlor Kitchenette

UMW delivered over 100 cans of baked beans and canned meat to Second Mile Outreach last month. A BIG thank you to everyone who donated.

SMO sponsors a "Back to School" event in August. Children come to the shop for clothing, toys, and school supplies. SWGHC will also be there to provide free blood pressure screening for the moms.

UMW is collecting feminine hygiene products (specifically pads and tampons). Moms will receive their goodies when they come in with their kiddos. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Morning Prayer:

God of goodness and growth,
let your love be made real in me this day.
Soften the hardened places of my heart
and crowd out any corners of greed or anxiety.
Make me be fruitful in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Loving God, I am grateful that you are steadfast
in forgiving my failures and transgressions,
that I may sojourn in the temple of your rest
and awaken again to serve your world. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, July 23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Work Mission Trip

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Carol Thompson Memorial Service

2 PM / Sanctuary

Monday, July 24

Youth Work Mission

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Max & Erma's

Tuesday, July 25

Youth Work Mission

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Wednesday, July 26

Youth Work Mission

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Thursday, July 27

Youth Work Mission

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Thursday Bible Study

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Friday, July 28

Youth Work Mission

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Saturday, July 29

Youth Work Mission Returns

Sunday, July 30

Ninth 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.*