



Worship Celebration

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst, arr. A. Giamanco

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

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 145.8-14 (NRSVUE)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30(NRSVUE)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"The Gift of Rest"

+Hymn

Come, All of You

UMH 350

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Andante

Johannes Brahms, arr. L. Smith

Doxology

UMH 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

+ Benediction

Postlude

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

***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

YounJung Cha, *Pianist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Carol Anne McCleery

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.**



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

Wednesday, 19, 6:30 PM, via Zoom - or - Friday, July 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.

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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 be provided.

To register, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or **440-409-5931**.



Prayers for Our Youth Work Mission Trip - July 25-28!

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



Feed the Kids

Donate Food Now by Room 13

Help Bag the Food - July 16, 10 AM, Gathering Place

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**.



Loose Change Offering

Our Loose Change offerings this month will benefit the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. During our worship services on June 25, we heard from Rev. Michael Parishier about the important work the mission is doing. This includes refugee support in addition to the other great work the mission has always done. Your generosity helps them to keep moving forward in this mission to renew our city and communities! Thank you!

You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering". All of these funds will be set aside to help purchase food for this mission.



Popsicles on the Playground - Summer Children's Outreach

July 19, 3 PM, Splash Pad and August 16, 6 PM, Parknoll Playground

Our June meet up with a hit, and we're excited to host more! Join us for these fun play meet-ups with our community! (**Raindates: The following day - follow us for updates: facebook.com/umcberea.**)



Help Build Hope

September 22-23, 2023, Register Here: helpbuildhope.com/umcberea

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!



Second Mile Outreach "Walk Two Miles for Second Mile"

Sunday, July 23, Check in 1 PM, Walk 1:30-2:30 PM, 1480 West Bagley Road Berea, OH 44017

Tickets can be purchased on their website: secondmileoutreach.org.

The Second Mile Shop will be open 1-3 pm with special sales.

Morning Prayer:

Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity,
I thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal.
Renew in the whole Church
that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom
which will unite all Christians
in one mission to the world.
May we all grow up together into him who is our head,
the Savior of the World. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

You made the day for works of light
and the night for the refreshment of our bodies
Keep me now in Christ; grant me a peaceful evening,
a night free from sin;
and bring me at last to everlasting life.
Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit
I offer you all glory, honor, and worship
now and forever. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, July 9

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, July 10

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Perkins

Staff Parish Relations Meeting

7 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, July 11

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

Church Council

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 12

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Thursday, July 13

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Red Cross Blood Drive

1 - 6 PM / Fellowship Hall

Thursday Bible Study

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

Friday, July 14

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Saturday, July 15

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

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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.*