

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.**



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**.



"Donuts & Disciples" Faith Formation Preview

Sunday, September 10, 10 AM, Gathering Place

We are looking forward to our Faith Formation kick-off with "Donuts and Disciples" on Sunday, September 10 at 10 AM in the Gathering Place. Join us for a fun and faith-filled morning as we learn all about the faith formation opportunities for all ages.

Learn about the wide variety of Adult small groups and studies. Learn about youth ministry events. Meet children's Sunday School teachers and get a tour of the rooms. Oh, and enjoy donuts as we discover all the ways you can grow in your discipleship at UMCB!



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.



GriefShare

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom - or - Fridays, 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, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or **440-409-5931**.



Popsicles on the Playground - Summer Children's Outreach

August 16, 6 PM, Parknoll Playground (Stonethrow Dr.)

Join us for this fun play meet-up with our community! (**Raindate: The following day - follow us for updates: [facebook.com/umcberea](https://www.facebook.com/umcberea)**)



New Prayer Shawl Ministry

The First & Third Wednesday of each month (next gathering on August 16), 10 AM - NOON, Room 13

Have you, or a loved one, ever had a time when you needed to feel the love and prayers of your church family and the love of Jesus. Imagine giving a shawl from your church to someone who is lonely or hurting. We'd love for you to join us in this new ministry as we knit or crochet prayer shawls. Questions? Please contact **Linda McCowen** at ismccowen@gmail.com or the **church office** at info@umcb.org or **440-234-3525x100**.



Opportunities to Support Porch BW Student Ministry
Through August 30 - Donations may be placed in the tubs by Room 13

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.

The collection tubs will be near Room 13 until August 30. For questions: contact **Judy Hammer, 216-832-8817, jhammer@umcb.org**.



Back-to-School Messy Church
Sunday, August 20, 4 PM, Wesley Hall

"...See I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19)

Join us as we start a new school year with a fresh start, letting go of what happened before and trusting in God to lead us in new and wonderful ways! Bring your friends to this Messy Church kick-off! We'll play, we'll worship, and of course, we'll eat! Begins Sunday, August 20 at 4 PM in Wesley Hall. Questions? Want to help? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Dinner Church
Sunday, August 27, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

We are moving Dinner Church to the fourth Sunday of each month from 5-7 PM. Sunday evenings allow those who work on Sunday mornings to experience church. They are also an "open" time slot that is not often used for extra-curriculars.

Dinner will be followed by a short worship experience, and then age related small groups. Adults can explore more about the night's topic, children can enjoy faithful play, and youth group will meet for fun and friendship. We will need leaders for each of these groups. Please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105** to learn how you can help.



UMW Collection to Support Second Mile Outreach
Throughout August - Donations Accepted in the box by the Parlor Kitchenette

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.



Second Mile Outreach Sponsors the "Ken-Ducky Derby"
Saturday, August 26, 5 PM - Doors open, 6 PM - Dinner, 7 PM- Post Time
Berea American Legion Hall (91 American Legion Pkwy, Berea)
Tickets \$30

SMO is hosting a catered meal, gift basket auction, door prizes and...DUCK RACES. ALL proceeds benefit SMO. Thank you, in advance, for supporting Second Mile Outreach! For tickets/more information, please contact **Carol McCleery** at **440-234-9078** or mcmanistee7250@gmail.com.

Morning Prayer:

God of my destiny,
 thank you for a new day
 in which your purpose will unfold.
 Send me now as your servant to succor the suffering
 and as your disciple to declare the good news
 of your Son.
 Help me to remember during times of testing
 that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me.
 Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Son of God,
 this day has been crowded with work and service.
 This evening, bring me alone with you
 to the mountain to pray.
 Help me to know your reassuring presence with me
 through the night hours.
 May I come to you and rest in you. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, August 14

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Goldie's Deli

Read & Grow Book Discussion

6:30 PM / Room 13 /

Contact Betsy Meikle at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com

Tuesday, August 15

Caller Submissions Due - Please submit articles to info@umcb.org or the church office mailbox.

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Wednesday, August 16

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Prayer Shawn Ministry

10 AM / Room 13 / Contact Linda McCowen at

lsmccowen@gmail.com

Popsicles on the Playground

6 PM / Parknoll Playground

GriefShare

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

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Thursday, August 17

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Thursday Bible Study

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

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Friday, August 18

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

GriefShare

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

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Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Messy Church

4 PM / Wesley Hall

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*On vacation Friday, August 11 - Friday, August 19

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*On vacation Saturday, August 5 - Saturday, August 12

***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.