

## ***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.**



### **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](http://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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



### **“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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105** to learn how you can support our growing ministry with young disciples.



### **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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



### **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 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. Questions? Please contact **Judy Hammer** at **216-832-8817** or [jhammer@umcb.org](mailto:jhammer@umcb.org).



### **Back-to-School Messy Church**

**TODAY - 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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



### **August Loose Change Offering Benefits Messy Church**

This month's loose change will support the creative community of Messy Church which reaches many unchurched families with the love of God. At Messy Church, we play, we pray, we connect and we build community. We eat, and we share. We love, and we heal. It's all in a little glitter that we discover God's grace. You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at [umcb.org/donate](http://umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering".



### **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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105** to learn how you can help.



### **Help Build Hope**

**Register at [helpbuildhope.com/umcberea](http://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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



### **New Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**The First & Third Wednesday of each month (next gathering on September 6), 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](mailto:ismccowen@gmail.com) or the **church office** at [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525x100**.

#### **Morning Prayer:**

Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities  
for healing and reconciliation,  
for new beginnings and restored relationships.  
Unite my heart with your will  
so that your abundant anointing will flow through me.  
Send me now with your promised blessings  
to preserve the lives of those in need. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer:**

Merciful God,  
if I have disobeyed your will,  
show me my fault,  
that I may repent of my offense  
and receive your forgiveness.  
Grant me rest, secure in the irrevocable gift of your grace,  
and let me arise for the new day alert to your call  
to follow Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## 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 / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

## Monday, August 21

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

#### **Survivors Fellowship**

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Olive Garden

## Tuesday, August 22

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

## Wednesday, August 23

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

#### **GriefShare**

6:30 PM / via Zoom/Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

## Thursday, August 24

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

#### **Thursday Bible Study**

6:30 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

#### **LGBTQ Caregivers Support Group**

7 PM / Gathering Place / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

## Friday, August 25

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

#### **GriefShare**

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

## Saturday, August 26

#### **Church & Society/Creation Justice**

11 AM -6 PM / Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, August 27

### *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

#### **Dinner Church**

5 PM / Wesley Hall

#### **Church Office - Beth Barner**

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.** 9 AM –3 PM

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#### **Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach**

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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.*