

Announcements & Calendar for the Week of August 27, 2023



Story Time

Thursday, August 31 at 10 AM, Nursery Room 11

Caregivers and toddlers-preschoolers are welcome to join us for a heart-centered story, activity, and snack! Our story on August 31 will be **The Girl With Big Big Questions**. Join us again on Thursday, September 7 for **Strictly No Elephants**, on Thursday, September 14 for **Brick by Brick**, and on Thursday, September 21 for **Maybe God Is Like That Too**.

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



“Donuts & Disciples” Faith Formation Preview

Sunday, September 10, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

We are looking forward to our Faith Formation kick-off with “Donuts and Disciples” on Sunday, September 10 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. 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!



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, September 11, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & via Zoom

We will discuss **The Mountains Sing** by Que Mai Pham Nguyen. Discussion leader: Janet Mallarnee.

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



Women’s Bible Study

The goal of this women’s small group study will be to read and discuss scripture, pray together, get to know each other, and provide spiritual companionship. It will meet in-person on a weeknight to be determined. Interested? Please contact **Katie Flinn** at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com.



GriefShare

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom - or - Fridays, 1:30 PM, Room 13

We are so excited to introduce new materials a new book and new sets of video’s. Come join us as we all learn more about our grieving process and share with others our struggles, our tears, our new normals and even a smile or laugh or two. 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.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We finishing our discussions of **Sermon on the Mount** and will be delving into the book of Revelations. Come join us as we learn about *Worship the All-Powerful Lamb, Living Faithfully, or Doing Mission in Hard Times*.

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Dinner Church

TODAY, 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 contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 to learn how you can help.



Help Build Hope

Last Chance - Register by August 30 to receive a t-shirt!

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



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 would love for you to join us in this new ministry as we knit and crochet prayer shawls.

Questions? Please contact **Linda McCowen** at ismccowen@gmail.com or the **church office** at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525x100.



September Community Meal Volunteers Needed

Wednesdays, September 13 & September 27, 4-6 PM, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

It is our turn to help with the Community Meal that is offered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We need volunteers to help hand out meals-to-go on September 13 and 27 from 4-6 pm. We also need 100 prepackaged desserts to go with each event.

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 to sign up for either task.



Homework Helpers for Grindstone Elementary

We are again looking forward to serving our community's children by tutoring at Grindstone Elementary this fall! We are seeking folks available for tutoring during the day. Can you help a young child with reading? Can you help with math fact flashcards? We'd love to have you join this mission! This year, Kiwanis will also be joining this effort, and we're excited to see the program grow. We anticipate an early October start. Interested? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Kids & Youth Support

Next Gathering - Thursday, September 21, 7 pm, The Gathering Place

Would you or someone you know benefit from a support group of friends who are also raising LGBTQ+ young people? Please share our group with them! We would love to walk alongside more folks who are doing their best to love and support their kids. Not a part of this group, but want to help or support?

Please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 to be added to a list of folks ready to advocate & encourage our community in growing in inclusivity.

Morning Prayer:

Today, O God,
help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.
It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Holy God,
for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you,
I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory;
for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you,
I ask your forgiveness
and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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 / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Monday, August 28

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Rivals Sports Grill

Missions Meeting

7 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, August 29

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Safe Sanctuary Training

7 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, August 30

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

GriefShare

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

Thursday, August 31

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, September 1

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, September 2

UMW Executive Board

10 AM / Room 33

Sunday, September 3

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, September 4

Labor Day - Offices Closed

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

No Survivors Fellowship

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite / Contact Katie Flinn at
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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.*