

## ***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 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](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.



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



### **Equal Exchange**

***TODAY - 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](http://equalexchange.coop).



### **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/umcherea](https://www.facebook.com/umcherea).)



### **New Prayer Shawl Ministry**

***The First & Third Wednesday of each month, 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 [lsmccowen@gmail.com](mailto:lsmccowen@gmail.com) or the **church office** at [info@umcb.org](mailto: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](mailto:jhammer@umcb.org)**.



## 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**.



## 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](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".



## 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](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com).

### Morning Prayer:

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day  
Go with me now as I walk with you.  
Show me the world and its people through your eyes of compassion.  
Bless me, break me, and move through me to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

### Evening Prayer:

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties, struggles, and unfinished business at your feet.  
Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you.  
Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, August 6

### *Tenth 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 7

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

#### **Survivors Fellowship**

11:30 AM / Lunch Only - Baker's Square

#### **SPRC Meeting**

7 PM / Room 13

## Tuesday, August 8

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

#### **Sustainable Berea**

6:30 PM / Room 13

## Wednesday, August 9

#### **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 10

#### **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)

## Friday, August 11

#### **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 12

#### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Room 33

## 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

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

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.** 9 AM – 3 PM

**Tues., Fri.** *From Home* 9AM - 3 PM

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#### **Dr. Stephen J. Knisely, Ph.D.**

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

#### **Rev. Carrie Antczak**

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

Office Hours vary based on need.\*

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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.*