

Worship Participants

Pastors

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely, Ph.D.
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Josh Kraybill, *Organist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Sharon Williams

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.**



Please Join Us for Morning Circle!

Wednesday, September 20 (the third Wednesday of each month), 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Morning Circle will host our first meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 9.30 am in Fellowship Hall. It's a great time to meet and greet, catch up with friends, share in fellowship, and discuss our mission and program plans for the year. ALL are welcome...we'd love to see you.

If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Buehler** at **(440)234-7613** or **nbuehler75@gmail.com**.



"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*.

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at **marylynn482@gmail.com** or **440-409-5931**.



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.



Help Build Hope Wall Build

September 22-23

While the deadline has passed to receive a t-shirt, it's still not too late to join us! Register TODAY: <http://www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea> Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors too! Open to ages 5 and older! We are also still accepting financial donations to support this mission. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated!

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



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.



Everyone Deserves a Birthday!

UMW wants everyone to celebrate their special day. We are collecting cake mixes and tubs of frosting to donate to Second Mile Outreach. UMW will "wrap" the cake and frosting in a disposable baking pan... complete with sprinkles and candles. You may place your donations in the box located across from the Gathering Place. THANK YOU for your support and generosity!

If you have any questions, contact **Carol McCleery** at 440-234-9078 or mcmanistee7250@gmail.com.

Morning Prayer:

God of love,
today help us live peaceably with all.
Help us live in genuine love:
to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to love you, O God,
with our whole heart, mind, and strength,
In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Holy God,
because you have been with us this day,
we have stood on holy ground. Thank you.
We know that you will remain with us through the night.
Thank you.
In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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

No Survivors Fellowship

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Tuesday, September 5

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, September 6

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10 AM/ Room 13/ Contact Linda McCowen at

lsmccowen@gmail.com

GriefShare

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite / Contact Linda Short at

9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, September 7

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Choirs Reception

5 PM / Gathering Place

Bell Choir Practice

6 PM / Sanctuary

Thursday Bible Study

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Choir Practice

7 PM / Parlor

Friday, September 8

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

GriefShare

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Saturday, September 2

Sunday, September 3

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Donuts & Disciples Faith Formation Preview

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Church Office - Beth Barner

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9 AM – 3 PM

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

ebarner@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x100

Cell: 440-710-4498

Finance Office - Maryann Herron

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 AM – 3 PM

mherron@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x103

Facilities Manager - Mark Williams

Office Hours vary based on need.

mwilliams@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x102

BW Campus Minister - Judith Hammer

Office Hours vary based on need

jhammer@umcb.org, 440-234-3525x104

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely, Ph.D.

Office Hours vary based on need.*

sknisely@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x101

Rev. Carrie Antczak

Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach

Office Hours vary based on need.*

cantczak@umcb.org, 440-234-3525x105

**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.*