

## Worship Participants

### Pastors

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

### Liturgist

Orley Aten

### Music

Josh Kraybill, *Organist*  
Courtney McClain, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

### Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas

## *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.**



### **BYOB - Bring Your Own Bible to church!**

***Sunday, October 8***

Join us as we explore our Bibles together in worship! We will look at the Word of God with fresh eyes, explore how we can use our Bibles in our faith journeys, and present new Bibles to some students!



### **Sunday Afternoon Hike at the Rocky River Nature Center**

***Sunday, October 8, 4 PM, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, 44070***

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us and invited to bring a friend. We will meet in the main parking lot at the entrance to the Rocky River Nature Center.



### **Make a Joyful Noise!**

***Saturday, October 14, 3 PM, Chapel***

All are invited to a hymn sing at 3 - 4 pm on Saturday, October 14 in the Chapel. Come sing hymns with us and hear the stories behind some of them. Email any questions or favorite hymn requests to **Margaret Proctor** at [Margaret.Proctor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Margaret.Proctor@sbcglobal.net).



### **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

Both Pastor Steve and Pastor Carrie have been praying, studying, organizing, visioning, advocating, counseling, listening, and reaching out, among all their other daily routines. A gesture of appreciation to each of them in the form of a card, E-card, note, or letter would be appropriate. Or feel free to be creative with an expression of gratitude for their commitment to our congregation and community! - Staff Parish Relations Committee



### **Student Mission for Second Mile Shop**

This year instead of a Sunday school offering, we are asking students to support fellow students who are food insecure. This season, we encourage kids to bring in their favorite cereal for kids who might not always be able to get their favorite.

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umch.org](mailto:cantczak@umch.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



### **Thursday Bible Study**

***Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom***

As October approaches, we are pleased to start a new book. We will be delving into the Book of Revelations as we learn about The Beautiful Wrath of God; Tearing Down Strongholds; The Last Battle.

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



### **Equal Exchange Chocolate is Spooktacular for Treating Yourself and Supporting Fair Wages**

***Sunday, October 1, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor***

When you purchase Equal Exchange items, 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).



### **Opportunity to Serve**

Would you like to be able to help the church, but are searching for a way? Are you computer literate, and have a desire to help our church function from behind the scenes? We are looking for someone to be a backup to our facilities manager, Mark Williams, for times when he is unavailable to schedule operation of our heating and cooling system. This would be on a “as needed basis” and can be done from home. The position is open to anyone with the necessary skills and a reliable computer.

For more information, please contact **Tom Marek** at **440-234-6858** or [cmarek@att.net](mailto:cmarek@att.net).



### **Homework Helpers for Grindstone Elementary**

If you are interested in helping a young person in grades K-4 with their reading or math skills, please contact Pastor Carrie to learn more. The program will take place during the school day at Grindstone. We will soon know exact times and days. We will begin this fruitful ministry in October. Our loose change offering for October will support our partnership with Grindstone Elementary as well.

If you are interested, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



### **November Knit-off - Ready ... Set ... Knit, Crochet, or Sew**

***Final Count due to Pastor Carrie ([cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x105) by November 1***

Create hats, scarves, and mittens for those experiencing homelessness this winter. We are competing with several other churches to see who can create the most items. Count your items (mittens count as two) and report them to Pastor Carrie by November 1. Then share your creations with our local missions. The UMCB will receive the Golden Mitten Award if it creates the most items.



### **Messy Church Trunk or Treat**

***October 15, 4-6 pm, In The UMCB Parking Lot***

Last year, we welcomed over 300 people to our Trunk or Treat Messy Church! Not only did they get candy, but they also participated in Messy Church activities, and found a welcoming church community!

How can you help this year?

1. Host a trunk to hand out treats and smiles! Sign up near the Outreach Board.
2. Donate extra candy - that's a lot of kids! Donate extra candy so those hosting trunks don't need to purchase as much. Donations can be put in the bin near the Outreach Board.
3. Bring friends! Whether they are there to participate or host a trunk with you, we'd love to get to know the people you love!

Questions? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



### **Viewing and Discussion of the Documentary “13<sup>th</sup>”**

***Monday, October 16, 7-9 PM, Middleburg Heights Community UCC Fellowship Hall  
7165 Big Creek Parkway (Parking Lot is located off Big Creek Parkway)***

The Middleburg Heights Community UCC Social Justice Team has invited us to a showing of the documentary ‘13<sup>th</sup>’. The documentary will be shown on Monday, October 16 in their Fellowship Hall from 7 to 9 PM. There will be a short discussion following the movie.



### **Fall Festival**

***Saturday, October 28, 10 AM - 2 PM, Wesley Hall***

Enjoy perusing the wares of the 15+ vendors, participating in the Gift Basket Auction, and lunch from the Chlli Café. As always, ALL profits benefit the United Methodist Women's missions. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

Questions? Please contact **Carol McCleery** at **440-234-9078** or [mcmanistee7250@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com).

#### **Morning Prayer:**

Almighty God,  
give me the mind of Christ:  
drive away any selfish ambition,  
fill me with compassion and love,  
and make me a humble servant,  
that all I do and all I desire  
may be pleasing to you;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer:**

In my many accomplishments this day, make me humble;  
for my failures, give me consolation.  
In your steadfast love, uphold me,  
and for my sins, forgive me,  
that I may know your mercy  
and walk in the way of your salvation. Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## **Sunday, October 1**

***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***World Communion Sunday***

### **Traditional Worship**

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

### **Formation for All Ages**

10 AM / Adults - First floor,  
Children - Second floor, Youth - Third floor

### **Equal Exchange for Sale**

10-11 AM / By the Parlor

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

## **Monday, October 2**

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Survivor's Fellowship**

11 AM/ Parlor, Lunch at Jennifer's /  
Contact Phil Gehring at [pgehrings@att.net](mailto:pgehrings@att.net)

### **Staff Parish Relations Meeting**

7 PM / Room 13

## **Tuesday, October 2**

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

10 AM/ Room 13/ Contact [Pastor Carrie](mailto:Pastor Carrie)

### **Stephen Ministers**

6:30 PM / Room 13

## **Wednesday, October 4**

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

10 AM / Room 13 / Contact Linda McCowen at  
[lsmccowen@gmail.com](mailto:lsmccowen@gmail.com)

### **Parking Lot Fellowship**

11 AM / UMCB Parking Lot (weather permitting)

### **GriefShare**

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

### **Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study**

7 PM / Offsite / Contact Linda Short at  
[9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com)

## **Thursday, October 5**

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Storytime**

10 AM / Nursery (Room 11) / Contact [Pastor Carrie](mailto:Pastor Carrie)

### **Bell Choir Practice**

6 PM / Sanctuary / Contact [Tori Penfound](mailto:Tori Penfound)

### **Thursday Bible Study**

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

### **Choir Practice**

7 PM / Parlor / Contact [Courtney McClain](mailto:Courtney McClain)  
or [Margaret Proctor](mailto:Margaret Proctor)

## **Friday, October 6**

### **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, October 7**

### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Room 33

## **Sunday, October 8**

***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Bring Your Own Bible Sunday***

### **Traditional Worship**

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

### **Formation for All Ages**

10 AM / Adults - First floor,  
Children - Second floor, Youth - Third floor

### **The Porch BW Campus Ministry**

10 AM / Library / Contact [Judy Hammer](mailto:Judy Hammer)

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### **Hike at Rocky River Nature Center**

4 PM / Meet at the Rocky River Nature Center,  
24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted, 44070