

Worship Participants

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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.**



“Donuts & Disciples” Faith Formation Preview

TODAY!, 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.



Story Time

Thursdays, 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 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.



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.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We are 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.



Messy Church

September 17, 4 PM, Wesley Hall, October 15 - Accepting Donations & Sign-ups for Trunk Hosts Now!

In September, we’ll explore the story of the Prodigal Son through the lens of a childhood favorite - *Finding Nemo*. Join us as we are “Finding Faith” together at Messy Church, September 17 at 4 PM.

October’s Messy Church Trunk or Treat comes early this year, on October 15! So we are starting NOW to collect candy and to sign friends up to host a trunk! See the Outreach Board (next to Room 13) to leave your sweet donations, or to sign up to hand out candy!

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



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.



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.

Morning Prayer:

O God of this and every morning,
as I begin this day, call my name;
as I step into this day, guide my feet;
as I live this day, care for those I love;
as I learn this day, teach me your ways.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

God of stars and planets
the setting sun ends this day for us
as it rises on a new day for others.
For us and them, be light in every darkness.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, September 10

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

Monday, September 11

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM/ Parlor, Lunch at Tony K's /

Contact Phil Ghering at pgherings@att.net

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM/ Room 13 & via Zoom / contact Betsy Meikle at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com

Staff Parish Relations Committee

7 PM/ Parlor

Tuesday, September 12

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM/ Room 13/ Contact [Pastor Carrie](#)

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Church Council Meeting

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 13

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM/ UMCB Parking Lot (weather permitting)

The Community Meal (Volunteer Opportunity)

4 PM / St. Paul's Lutheran / Contact [Pastor Carrie](#)

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 14

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Storytime

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

Bell Choir Practice

6 PM / Sanctuary / Contact [Tori Penfound](#)

Thursday Bible Study

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

Choir Practice

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

Friday, September 15

Caller Submission Due - Submit articles to info@umcb.org or the Church Office mailbox.

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 16

Sunday, September 17

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Messy Church - Finding Faith

4 PM / Wesley Hall