

Worship Participants

Pastors

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

Liturgist

Jim Walters

Music

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

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of their first anniversary by Larry Jelinek and Diane Pauly.

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.**



Dinner for Eight Forming Now

Attention all you aspiring chefs and aficionados of fine cuisine: Dinner for Eight, a conversational Dinner Group sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Berea, is starting in October and we are welcoming participants! Please contact **Molly Force** at **440-888-8417** or **molly.o.force@gmail.com** if you would like to participate.



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 14 is **Brick by Brick** and on Thursday, September 21 is **Maybe God Is Like That Too**. Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Messy Church Finding Faith

TODAY - September 17, 4 PM, Wesley Hall,

Accepting Donations & Sign-ups for Trunk Hosts for October Messy Church Trunk or Treat 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.

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



Help Build Hope

September 22-23

Our Wall Build is almost here! We can't wait to see you next weekend! 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**.



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.



September Community Meal Volunteers Needed

Wednesday, 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 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**.



Dinner Church

Sunday, September 24, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall
Dinner Church has moved to the fourth Sunday of the month at 5 pm!

Dinner church is a great opportunity for you to share your faith! We ask two things of you: Bring a friend. Bring a dish. Sharing faith is really that easy - it worked for Jesus and his disciples - and it still works today. Sharing a meal, friendship, stories, and our journeys is the perfect "recipe" for growing together, and growing our community. 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. The whole evening will span from 5-7 PM. Please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105** to learn how you can help.



Loose Change Offerings Support Second Mile Shop

Second Mile Outreach is a non-profit organization providing food assistance, clothing, household goods, and furniture for people in crisis and veterans in transition throughout the greater Cleveland community. You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering".



Messy Church Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 15 - Accepting Donations & Sign-ups for Trunk Hosts Now!

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**.



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.



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:

Gracious and Loving God,
Thank you for this day.
Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day.
Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place,
and guide the work that I have to do for today.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

God,
forgive the sins I have this day committed
and banish from my heart any self-righteousness
that would withhold forgiveness of others.
For you alone are the judge of human hearts,
and your mercy is boundless. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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

Monday, September 18

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM/ Parlor, Lunch at Aladdins /
Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Tuesday, September 19

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM/ Room 13/ Contact Pastor Carrie

Wednesday, September 20

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10 AM / Room 13

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 21 (AM)

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

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Thursday, September 21 (PM)

Thursday Bible Study

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

Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Kids & Youth Support Group

7 PM / Gathering Place / Contact Pastor Carrie

Choir Practice

7 PM / Parlor / Contact Courtney McClain
or Margaret Proctor

Friday, September 22

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

GriefShare

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com

Help Build Hope

5 PM / UMCB Parking Lot

Saturday, September 23

Help Build Hope

7:30 AM / UMCB Parking Lot

Sunday, September 24

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Steve on Vacation

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Dinner Church

5 PM / Fellowship Hall

Youth Group

following Dinner Church Worship (6:15 PM) /
Room 31 / Contact Pastor Carrie



Sunday School Classes for Children

Preschool Room 21 (Blue Door)

Elementary - Room 27 (Red Door)

If you love Messy Church, you'll love Celebrate Wonder! Kids will explore Bible stories in fun and interactive ways that encourage them to wonder. This fall, units will focus on creativity, faith, and blessing.

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



Confirmation & Youth Sunday School

Students 5th grade and up - Third Floor

This class will explore the basics of faith, consider their own beliefs, and discern if Confirmation is for them. Recent "grads" of Confirmation are welcome to attend as this is the first year since the pandemic we'll be doing a full program.

Small Groups for Adult Disciples

| Group Name | Leader | Contact Info | Days/Times | Location |
|---|---------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Coffee with the Pastor | Pastor Steve | sknisely@umcb.org | Sunday, 10 AM | Gathering Place |
| College Bible Study | Judy Hammer | jhammer@umcb.org | Sunday, 10 AM | Library |
| FaithLink | Andy McMillin | axmcmillin@gmail.com | Sunday, 10 AM | Room 13 & Zoom |
| Seasonal Studies | Rev. Linda McCowen | lsmccowen@gmail.com | Sunday, 10 AM | Parlor |
| Social Principles/ Sunday Scriptures | Greg Rentsch | gregrentsch@gmail.com | Sunday, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday Fellowship | Everyone! | | Sunday, 10 AM | Gathering Place |
| Daily Prayer | Barb Dawson | bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net | Monday - Friday 9:00 AM | Zoom |
| Survivor's Fellowship | Phil Gehring | pgehrings@att.net | Mondays, 11 AM | Parlor |
| Read & Grow Book Discussion Group | Betsy Miekle | meiklebetsyj@gmail.com | 2 nd Monday, 6:30 PM | Room 13 & Zoom |
| Women's Bible Study | Katie Flinn | kathryn.flinn@gmail.com | A Weeknight TBD | Katie's Home |
| Tuesday Morning Bible Study | Pastors | sknisely@umcb.org , cantczak@umcb.org | Tuesday 9:30 AM | Room 13 |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | Rev. Linda McCowen | lsmcowen@gmail.com | 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 10:00 AM | Room 13 |
| Parking Lot Fellowship | Carol Anne McCleary | mcmnistee7250@gmail.com | Wednesday 11 AM | Church Parking lot |
| GriefShare | MaryLynn Swartz | marylynn482@gmail.com | Wednesday 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| Sisters Embracing Oneness | Rev. Linda Short | 9short28@gmail.com | Wednesday 7-8:30 pm | Linda's Home |
| Thursday Bible Study | MaryLynn Swartz | marylynn482@gmail.com | Thursday 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| GriefShare | MaryLynn Swartz | marylynn482@gmail.com | Friday 1:30 PM | Room 13 |