

Worship Participants

Pastors

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

Liturgist

Carol McCleery

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
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Guest Preacher

Sarah Knisely

Music

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

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.**



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1

Your gifts on World Communion Sunday provide World Communion scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students from the U.S. and other countries, along with grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity and access. These funds are administered by the United Methodist General Boards of Global Ministries and Higher Education to equip gifted, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be. Please consider giving generously on October 1.



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!



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 Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

As October approaches, we are pleased to start a new chapters in a new book. We will be delving into the Book of Revelations.

Come join us on Thursdays as we learn about The Beautiful Wrath of God; Tearing Down Strongholds; The Last Battle. We are looking forward to moving in a new direction and new book. Come along and Zoom with us at 6:30 pm on Thursdays!

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Volunteers Needed for Community Meal

Wednesday, September 27

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.

To sign up for either task, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 .



Equal Exchange Minis are Spooktacular for Trick-or-Treat and Supporting Fair Wages *Sunday, October 1, 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.



Dinner Church

TODAY! September 24, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

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.



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 lsmccowen@gmail.com or the **church office** at info@umcb.org or **440-234-3525x100**.



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 and 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 or **440-234-3525 x105**.



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**.

Morning Prayer:

Dear God,
thank you for this day.
Help me hear others as I know that you always hear me.
Open my heart and
help me give myself with grateful praise
to things you have set for me today.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Dear God,
thank you for always being with me.
Rest now in me, God, so that I will wake in the morning
with praise and thanksgiving on my lips.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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](#)

Monday, September 25

Pastor Steve on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM/ Parlor, Lunch at Oriole Cafe /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Tuesday, September 26

Pastor Steve on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Wednesday, September 27

Pastor Steve on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / UMCB Parking Lot (weather permitting)

The Community Meal (Volunteer Opportunity)

4-6 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 28

Pastor Steve on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

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 29

Pastor Steve on Vacation

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 30

Pastor Steve on Vacation

Sunday, October 1

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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