

Worship Participants

Pastors

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

Guest Preacher

Eric Wang

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

Music

Megan Denman, *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.**



“Prayers for Peace” Service

***Tuesday, October 24, 7 PM, Middleburg Heights Community Church (UCC)
7165 Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130***

Middleburg Heights Community Church (UCC) will be hosting a ‘Prayers for Peace’ Service on Tuesday, October 24 at 7PM in their sanctuary. They have invited someone from both the Jewish and the Islamic community to be present and participate in the service.



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 community! - Staff Parish Relations Committee



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**.



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@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

As October approaches, we are pleased to start a 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** or **440-409-5931**.



Dinner Church

Sunday, October 22, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

Our theme for the evening will be “Grow” and how we grow in our faith and discipleship. Bring a dish, but **more importantly, bring a friend or neighbor**. The goal of this meal is to bring together folks who have not been to church in awhile, or are curious about faith. Who can you invite? The table is open and ready to host more friends! Adult Discussion & Desserts, Kids Club, and Youth Group all start around 6:15 pm.

Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105** to learn how you can help



Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Kids & Youth Support

Thursdays, October 26 & November 30, 7 PM, 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. Our topic for October is faith experience and faith communities.

Questions or want to learn about ways to help and support? Please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525.



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

Final Count due to Pastor Carrie (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.



Carpool or Walk Sundays

Sunday October, 29 and each Fifth Sunday

Creation Care invites you to carpool or walk or bike to church on the fifth Sundays of the month. Our first opportunity for this is October 29! This is a great way to be conscious about the energy we use for transportation. It's also a fun way to think about who you can bring to church - whether it's someone who already worships with us, or a new friend! How many people can you fit in your car?



New Way to Sign Up to Volunteer

We'd love your help! We are trying a more efficient way to give you the opportunity to sign up to volunteer with upcoming events like Messy Church, Youth Group, and other discipleship and outreach programs.

In the link below, you'll find "slots" for all of these opportunities. You can also share this link with anyone.

When you sign up, you'll get a handy reminder sent to you 2 days before each program. We hope this will help you to organize your calendar, find balance in all that you do, and help us to make sure we have the adults we need for ministries we offer our community.

Fall Opportunities to Serve or

go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B45A5AB2BA1FE3-44684967-fall>



UMW Gives Thanks!

Donations may be placed in the box across from the Gathering Place

In partnership with Second Mile Outreach, we will be collecting Thanksgiving goodies...all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal (mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, canned green beans, cranberry sauce...). Clients will get a dinner box when they pick up their turkey.

Our congregation is so generous and supportive. We are truly blessed. Thank you!

Morning Prayer:

[silence]
I listen quietly, Lord,
and the morning sounds of creation draw me to you.
It is then that I hear your voice,
"I am pleased with you and I know you by name."
Sometimes it is difficult
to fully receive your pleasure in me,
to grasp that you are fond of me,
even when I have nothing to show for myself.
May I remember that I am yours today. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

[silence]
I fold up this day with gratitude,
holding close to my heart those
whose faith helped carry me through this day. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, October 22

Twenty-first 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

The Porch BW Campus Ministry

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Swanson Memorial Service

2 PM / Chapel

Dinner Church

5 PM / Fellowship Hall

Youth Group (following Dinner Church worship)

6:15 PM / Room 31

Monday, October 23

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Bagley Grill /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Mission Meeting

7 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, October 24

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Wednesday, October 25

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

Reception Committee Meeting

9:30 AM / Room 13

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / The UMCB Parking Lot (weather permitting)

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, October 26

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

Storytime

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

Bell Choir Practice

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

Thursday Bible Study

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

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7 PM / Gathering Place / Contact [Pastor Carrie](mailto:PastorCarrie)

Choir Practice

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

Friday, October 27

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

GriefShare

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

UMW Set-up

4-6 PM / Wesley Hall

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EYG Pumpkin Carving /

Parent Workshop on Mental Health

5 PM / Christ United Church / Contact [Pastor Carrie](mailto:PastorCarrie)