

Worship Participants

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Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Condit Dibble

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Audio Video Elements

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A Note from the Organist: Today's Postlude was my midterm project for my 18th century counterpoint class.
I hope you all enjoy.

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.**



Let's Take a Hike!

TODAY - November 12, 3 PM, The Lake to Lake Trail (Meet in the Parking Lot just off Eastland Rd.)

Let's enjoy the beauty of fall and the beauty of fellowship as we hike through the Lake to Lake trail.



2024 Commitments

Commitment Sunday - Next Sunday, November 19, 2023

Each year during the fall, we re-consider what this mission statement means for our lives as disciples and our life together as a community of faith. We desire to be a unified community that reflects the heart of Christ, embodying the love that Christ has for each of us. With that in mind, I am encouraging the leadership of the church to read *Living into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us*, by Christine Pohl. I am inviting the whole church to read this book together. The book itself outlines "four practices that sustain community." They are: living a life of gratitude, making and keeping commitments (this commitment form, and what it represents, is part of that), living and embodying truth, and practicing radical hospitality.

We are asking that you think about what you can do for Christ, what you can bring to this community (because you all have something to give and to bring—YOU ARE A VALUABLE CHILD OF GOD!). Together we get to share in those gifts.

The 2024 Commitment Forms are in the November Caller and available on tables at the back of each worship space. If you prefer, you may complete and submit your commitment form online at www.umcb.org/donate. Again, please prayerfully consider your commitments for 2024. I also invite you to bring this completed form with you to worship on **Sunday, November 19**. Thank you. It is an honor to serve Christ among and be in the community of Christ with you. Whatever we do, my friends, we do it together in Christ, with Christ leading the way.



Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 22, 6 PM, People's Community Church, 631 N. Rocky River Drive

Please join the Berea Area Churches for a time of gratitude and worship. All are welcome to participate in the community choir which will practice before the service at 5 PM. Donations of non-perishable food items for area food pantries are appreciated.



Understanding the Israeli/Palestine Conflict with Dr. Posman

TODAY - November 12, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Join us in Fellowship Hall with Dr. Posman, Professor of Comparative Religion at B.W., to learn and ask questions as we all try to grasp the complexities of the Israeli/Palestien conflict.



Read and Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, November 13, 6:30-8 PM,

Room 13 or via Zoom (Meeting ID: 815-5894-6774, passcode: 942297)

The book for November 13 is **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmuff.

For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.



Sign Up to Volunteer

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

When you sign up, you'll get a handy reminder sent to you 2 days before each program. You can also share this link with anyone.



November's Sunday School Mission

Cookie and Brownie mixes for Second Mile Food Pantry. Encourage your students to consider families who may not have "extra" for treats this holiday season. Bake some goodies together, enjoy the quality time, and then buy an "extra" set up supplies for a family in need of a treat and quality time as well.

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



New Season Begins at Metanoia

We are happy to announce that The Metanoia Project will relaunch their annual program on November 17 at Franklin Circle Church on Fulton Rd. As usual, churches and other community groups will supply the evening meal. All contributions are welcome, but we especially need people who are willing to be part of the serving team. With enough volunteers, we can rotate the teams so you don't have to do it every time. We are signed up for two or three meals a month, from November 25-April 13. A schedule is available by request.

Please see **Laura Rushton** or contact her at jlaurush@gmail.com or **567-303-1954** if you are interested in being part of this effort.



Community Leaf Raking Day

Saturday, November 18, 9 AM - Noon, Meet at Smith Elementary (535 Wyleswood Drive)

Each year, our church serves together and has a wonderful time doing so! Please let **Pastor Carrie** know at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105** if you plan on joining us!



Messy Church - Celebrate Blessings

Sunday, November 19, 4 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us as we celebrate our many blessings and learn about how we can do so through prayer. This is a great Messy Church to invite ALL ages to - after all, we all have blessings to be grateful for.

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Auditions for Messy Church Star Trip . . . a Christmas retelling

Auditions - Friday, December 1 and Rehearsals - Fridays, December 8 & 15, 7 PM, Sanctuary

Messy Church - December 17, 4-6 PM, Wesley Hall

December 17, Messy Church will put on it's first drama production of "Star-Trip" a retelling of the Nativity Story in the style of Star Wars. Older kids and adults are welcome to participate!

Auditions will be Friday December 1 at 7 pm, with two rehearsals the following Fridays.

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**Free Christmas Cards and 2004 Calendars are Available
on the Free Cards Table in the Gathering Place.**

Morning Prayer:

Center of all, I awake to the day you have made
with praise on my lips,
for your Spirit gives me breath.
May I live this day for the sake of Jesus,
the light of the world,
the apple of my eye,
my beginning and end. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Creator of all, you make the night
for peace and rest.
In the moon and stars we see the reflection
of your eternal light,
so whether we live or whether we die,
we know that we belong to you.
Keep watch over those who work through the night;
give peace to those who cannot sleep.
Let me surrender all anxiety and fear
to your loving embrace,
that I may awake to serve you with joy. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, November 12

Twenty-Fourth 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

The Porch

Noon-2 PM / Room 13

Let's Take a Hike!

3 PM / The Lake to Lake Trail
(Meet in the Parking Lot just off Eastland Rd.)

Monday, November 13

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM/ Parlor, Lunch at the Bob Evans/
Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Room 33, via Zoom

Finance Meeting

7 PM / Library

Tuesday, November 14

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Church Council Meeting

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 15

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

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

UMW Circle

9:30 AM ' Fellowship Hall

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / The UMCB Parking Lot (weather permitting)

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Wednesday, November 15 (cont'd)

Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite / Contact Linda Short at
9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, November 16

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, November 17

Morning Prayer

9 AM – 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

Saturday, November 18

Community Leaf Raking

9 AM / Meet at Smith School / Contact [Pastor Carrie](#)

Rev. Dr. Calvin Myers Memorial Service

11 AM / Sanctuary

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