

## Worship Participants

### **Pastors**

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

### **Liturgist**

Linda McCowen

### **Music**

Josh Kraybill, *Organist*  
Courtney McClain, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*  
Jonas Ardillo, *Vocalist*

### **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.**



### **2024 Commitments**

#### ***Commitment Sunday - TODAY, 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](http://www.umcb.org/donate). Again, please prayerfully consider your commitments for 2024.

### **Financial Snapshot**

As the leadership of UMCB, we desire to be intentionally transparent with the church finances. Over the coming months, we will be providing some “snapshots” of these finances in our church communications. Together, these “snapshots” will help inform our discussions of the fuller picture in the new year.

**October-** \$25,814 incoming (\$36,666 outgoing)

**November-** \$11,261 incoming (2 Sundays)

Electricity for the church is approximately \$18,500 per year.

Stay tuned as there is more to come.



### **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.



### **United Methodist Student Sunday**

#### ***Next Sunday, November 26***

When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Please consider giving generously to help deserving, young adults continue their education and their faith journeys. (Taken from <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/specialsundays>)



## **Mandalas, Candles, and Prayer**

***Sundays Beginning December 3, 10 AM, Wesley Parlor***

Color, pray, and reflect as we journey once again through the peaceful spiritual discipline of Mandala work. Join Rev. Linda McCown and friends for reflective group work. Or, pick up a book from Room 11 (outside Carrie's office) for your own personal devotion during the season.



## **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.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

### **Volunteer for Our Outreach Programs Online**

**<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.



## **Messy Church - Celebrate Blessings**

***TODAY, 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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## **Dinner Church- Thanksgiving Style!**

***Sunday, November 26, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall***

Cook one extra casserole and stick in the freezer until Sunday! OR use up those leftovers in a creative way! Join us for a Thanksgiving style Dinner Church, where everyone is a part of the family - God's family. We'll share our blessings, challenges, and hopes during worship, then enjoy a family game night after! All ages together for this special Dinner Church.

Please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105 to learn how you can help.



## **Stock up with Stocking Stuffers from Equal Exchange**

***Sunday, December 3, 10-11 AM, Outside the Parlor***

Equal Exchange chocolates make great stocking stuffers. Don't do stockings? That's okay. Equal Exchange also has hot cocoa, coffee, and teas to warm your Advent and make Christmas extra cozy! Help provide 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. Buy and enjoy Equal Exchange teas, coffees, and more. Learn more at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop).

### **Morning Prayer:**

I give thanks this day for the gift of Christ  
and the privilege to follow in his way.  
This is the greatest life-giving treasure  
that I am called to steward;  
may I share this as freely as I have received it  
from the One who gave himself  
for the life of the world.  
May I be continually awakened  
to your love this day. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer:**

God, I do not like to confront what I cannot control;  
I shrink before my own limitations and human frailty.  
Help me to trust in your steadfast constancy  
and know that your sovereign goodness is all that I need.  
Teach me to number my days  
so that I may grow wise in heart,  
knowing that, no matter their length,  
I dwell in you eternally. Amen.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, November 19

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Commitment Sunday**

### **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**

10 AM / Library

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### **Messy Church - Celebrate Blessings**

4 PM / Wesley Hall / Contact [Pastor Carrie](mailto:Pastor Carrie)

## Monday, November 20

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Survivor's Fellowship**

11 AM/ Parlor, Lunch at the Max & Erma's /  
Contact Phil Gehring at [pgehrings@att.net](mailto:pgehrings@att.net)

## Tuesday, November 21

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

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

### **Church Office - Beth Barner**

**Mon., Tues. (remote), Wed., Thurs., Fri. (remote)** 9 AM-3 PM  
[ebarner@umcb.org](mailto:ebarner@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x100  
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### **Finance Office - Maryann Herron**

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### **Facilities Manager - Mark Williams**

Office Hours vary based on need.  
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### **BW Campus Minister - Judith Hammer**

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### **Dr. Stephen J. Knisely, Ph.D.**

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### **Rev. Carrie Antczak**

### **Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach**

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## Wednesday, November 22

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

### **Parking Lot Fellowship**

11 AM / The Gathering Place

### **Community Choir Rehearsal for Thanksgiving Service**

5-6 PM / People's Community Church  
631 N. Rocky River Drive

### **Berea Area Churches Community Thanksgiving Service**

7 PM / People's Community Church  
631 N. Rocky River Drive

## Thursday, November 23

*Thanksgiving Day - Church Offices Closed*

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

## Friday, November 24

*Church Offices Closed*

### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom

## Saturday, November 25

## Sunday, November 26

*Reign of Christ Sunday*

*Thanksgiving Sunday*

*United Methodist Student Day*

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*\*Please note: Friday is a day of Sabbath for our pastors, a time to rest and restore. We kindly ask that you please refrain from calling or texting them on this day. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact the church office and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.*