

Worship Participants

Pastors

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Liturgist

Sharon Williams

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Courtney McClain, *Choir Director*
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Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
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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!

Sunday, 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 - 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

Sunday, 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.

Free Christmas Cards Available
Starting Sunday, November 5, on the Free Cards Table in the Gathering Place.
Calendars for 2024 are also available.



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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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>

Morning Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning
giving me a new start
and another day to live for you.
The light of day reminds me
of the overwhelming love you give to us-
such that you even call us your children.
Let me live this day in gratitude,
showing your love in all that I say and do;
for the sake of your son Jesus,
in whose name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

God of heavens,
I cannot count the stars you have strewn across the sky,
nor can I measure the grace you have poured out upon me.
Thank you for the gifts of this day, for they show me your
generosity.
Thank you for its challenges, for in them I find your wisdom and
strength.
Bless all those I have met today,
and forgive me for the ways in which I have caused harm.
Keep me in your care this night;
and if I do not awaken in the morning,
receive me into the glorious company of all the saints.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, November 5

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' 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

Equal Exchange for Sale

10 AM / Outside the Parlor

The Porch

10 AM / Library

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, November 6

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

Survivor's Fellowship

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

Staff Parish Relations Committee

7 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, November 7

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, November 8

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

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, November 9

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 10

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom

GriefShare

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

Saturday, November 11

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

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The Porch

Noon-2 PM / Room 13

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