

Participants

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Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of all women by the UMW.

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.**



Today is Human Relations Day

What is Human Relations Day? Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important. One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. Our gifts are part of building "the beloved community." Please consider giving generously.



Children's Sunday School Theme: Include

This month, children will be focusing on including others in the community of faith. As a part of this, you are encouraged to help your child invite a friend to church and/or Sunday School. Both your child and their guest will receive a prize, and the good feeling of knowing what it's like to include others in God's love.



Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

This study is open to everyone. We would love to have new members join us. Some people can only make one or two sessions in a month. That is fine .. just come and enjoy! We are starting a new book, **Jesus Calling: Experiencing God's Presence** by Sarah Young. You will be encouraged to lay down your cares and just spend time each day with your heavenly Father. As you follow the Lord's instruction to "*be still and know that I am God*" (Psalm 46:10), you will encounter His peace, be filled with His strength, gain a new perspective on your situation, and experience the full life that only He can provide.

For more information, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or **440-409-5931**.



New Women's Group - Aspire!

Last fall, a group of women went to the Aspire Women's conference and decided that we'd love to stick together, grow our group, and encourage each other in our faith journeys.

Our vision: We stand on the promise that God's grace and love are enough, and that aspiring after God's purpose will affect the lives we lead as well as the people we interact with. This winter and spring, we will be working through the study, *Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle*, by Barb Roose, who was our speaker at the conference. All are welcome to join us. We are meeting just once a month offsite.

For more info & to purchase a book, contact **Pastor Carrie** (cantczak@umcb.org , **440-234-3525 x105**).



GriefShare

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom or Fridays, 1:30 PM, Room 13

We will start again in January with two new sessions and hope that others will join us.

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Prayers, Candles, and Mandalas

Sunday, January 21 and the third Sunday of each month, 10 AM,

Wesley Parlor (located in the hallway adjacent to Wesley Hall closest to Seminary St.)

Advent is over but the quiet, the prayer, and the coloring of mandalas to continue. **Everyone is welcome to join us!** What should you expect? A very short intro, scripture and prayer followed by a quiet time of coloring and meditation, and ending in reflection and prayer. The only noise during coloring will be the sound of pencils and some very quiet music. We'll have battery operated candles, pencils (bring your own if you like), and mandalas. No books needed.

Questions? Please contact **Rev. Linda McCowen** at lsmccowen@gmail.com or **440-234-7211**.



You are Invited to a UMW Luncheon/Program

Wednesday, January 17, Noon, Fellowship Hall

UMW is hosting a luncheon/program at Noon on Wednesday, January 17. Our speaker is a representative from the Alzheimer's Association and will share some new developments in the treatment and care of those struggling with Alzheimer's. We will also learn about resources that are available to help us navigate the challenges of Alzheimer's. We would love to have you join us... \$5 for a light lunch and program.



"Dressing Up" for the New Year

UMW is partnering with Second Mile Outreach in a New Year's food collection: bottled salad dressings and cooking oil. Please place your donations in the marked box across from the Gathering Place. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Happy New Year!!



Messy Church - Movie and Mermaid Beach Party!

January 21, 4 PM, Fellowship Hall Hall

Bring your towels and swish your tails for a winter beach party and a mermaid movie! Let's talk about loving who we are and growing into the people God made us to be! *See you under the sea!*

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Dinner Church

Sunday, January 28, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

We look forward to meeting the folks YOU will bring with you to Dinner Church this year! As we begin a new year, we'd like to renew our focus on making sure we are inviting and bringing friends with us to this outreach worship experience. Over the next few months, we'll be focusing on the Sermon on the Mount in our messages - this is a great opportunity for those who don't know Jesus well, to hear and explore his teachings. Please plan on inviting folks - a chance to share a meal and share faith.



Love Your Neighbors Project - TLC Room at Berea Midpark High School

The TLC rooms are confidential and available to identified students and families in need. The school counseling department maintains and manages the items in the rooms. Students are able to 'shop' for basic necessities to support their overall health and wellness." Your support in providing for the BCSD's most vulnerable students would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made by purchasing items on the TLC Room's Amazon Wish list (<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KE3R1ODPNZC9>). The selected items will be shipped directly to the schools (please select "TLC Rooms % Sarah Hastings as your shipping address). Additional options include buying gift cards (grocery store or Amazon - and put in the finance office mailbox) or by donating high need items (new socks, underwear, sweat suits, coats, and hygiene items) directly in the outreach bin. A list of needed items will be posted on the outreach board near the collection bin.

Morning Prayer:

Living God maker of light,
thank you for the gift of this day.
Let me be a light in our world
so that people will look at me
and see the goodness of your Creation;
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Evening Prayer:

Living God, maker of light,
Thank you for the gift of this night.
Let me be at peace in your presence
So that I may rest, be restored,
And arise to praise your glory;
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Day
UMW 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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

EYG Heroes of Justice Lock-in

4 PM / Wesley Hall

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Offices Closed

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Steve](#)

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Tony K's /
Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Tuesday, January 16

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Steve](#)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Aspire Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM / Café Aroma

Wednesday, January 17 Morning

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Steve](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10 AM / Room 13 / Contact Linda at
lsmccowen@gmail.com

UMW Luncheon & Program

Noon / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 17 Evening

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, January 18

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Steve](#)

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, January 19

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Steve](#)

GriefShare

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

Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Traditional Worship

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Children - Second floor, Youth - Third floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

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4 PM / Fellowship Hall