

Participants

Pastors

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Joanne Mansfield

Music

Josh Kraybill, *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.**

Morning Prayer:

In the light of your new day, O God,
I rise to greet you always on the path in front of me.
Let me follow with integrity
where you will lead.
Give me courage to know the difference
between what is false and what is true.
Teach me to love my neighbor as you love me. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you are the
power above all powers,
the healer who knows our every need.
You have guided me
throughout this day
and now give me sleep to
renew my tired body and mind.

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Lent 2024 - Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14

Lent is the perfect time for us “get back to basics” of Christian life and practice. Join us in worship as we take a deep dive into what it means to accept God’s grace for us, and offer it to others. Marvel at God’s forgiveness of us, and learn more about our own journeys to forgive others. Reflect on what it means to be reconciled to God, and what hope can be found in reconciling with others.

Imposition of Ashes

8-10 AM and Noon - 2 PM

The Front Porch (on Seminary St)

We will be stationed within the porch area of UMCB. We can administer the ashes in your car, you can meet us under the porch area, or if you would like to receive them in the sanctuary, we can accompany you to the likely warmer confines of the church and minister to you there.

Ash Wednesday Service

**7 PM, Sanctuary and Online at facebook.com/umcberea/live
Bulletins will be available at umcb.org/worshipresources/**

We will gather on the solemn night as we come before the Lord to seek grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation for all that we have done and all that has occurred in our life. It is a marking point to pledge our fidelity to Christ and commit ourselves for 40 days (and beyond) to be formed into the image of Christ. We will love, worship, listen, sing, and participate as we receive the imposition of the ashes and as we partake in communion on this sacred day.

If you have questions regarding our Ash Wednesday opportunities, please contact Pastor Steve at sknisely@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

Lent 2024 Formation - Reflections on Prayer - An Illustrated Lent for all ages!

Available outside Room 12

Pick up a packet outside Room 12 to take home and grow in faith with those at home! These devotions and coloring pages encourage us to grow in our prayer life this Lent.

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



Lent 2024 Formation - Color Your Way Through Lent!

Sundays, 10 am, Wesley Parlor (in the hallway adjacent to Wesley Hall)

The Mandala group will be utilizing the **Reflections on Prayer** packet as well. They will share a short devotion, scripture, prayer and coloring. Join them in during Lent to add some color and reflection to our Lenten journey!

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





Read and Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, February 12, 6:30-8 pm, Room 13 or via Zoom

Our discussion on February 12 is about **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen.

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



Youth Work Mission

We are excited to share that we will be joining our Conference and Jurisdiction in mission again this year! Stay tuned for informational meetings. Let Pastor Carrie know NOW if you have a youth or adult chaperone who are interested in participating.

To express your interest in participating in the Youth Work Mission Journey, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Love Your Neighbor - Adopt & Appreciate a Staff Member of Grindstone Elementary

Return Cards by February 18 to the Box near the Outreach Board or the Finance Mail Slot

This month, we encourage you to “adopt” a staff member from Grindstone Elementary and write them a note of appreciation. You may choose to include a small gift or gift card. (Ideas for gift cards: Target, Dollar Tree, Coffee Shops, etc.) The last two years, the staff members have truly appreciated this. Look on the Outreach Board to choose a name (or more than one!). Return a card to the box near the board, or to the Finance mail slot if it includes a gift card. **Due date: February 18.**

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



February Loose Change Supports Second Mile Outreach

This month, our loose change offerings will support Second Mile Outreach which houses the food pantry we contribute to. In addition to your loose change, you can support their efforts by donating shelf-stable food and toiletries. You can also shop at their thrift store! To learn more about their work visit secondmileoutreach.org/.

You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing an offering to the church, or donating electronically at umcb.org/donate using the “other” box and designating it as “loose change offering”.



Messy Church - Mardi Gras

February 18, 4 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us as we celebrate God’s power, faith in Christ, and our call to seek justice! Our guests will enjoy creating parade floats together, worship focused on faith, justice, and power, and a Lenten kick-off pancake dinner! This will be a FUN one to bring your friends and neighbors together. Beads awarded to anyone showing kindness throughout the afternoon!

To get more information on how to help, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.

2023 Year End Statements

Year End Statements are currently available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed or emailed to you, please contact **Maryann Herron**, Finance Director at mherron@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x103**.

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.

12/31/23 Current Cash Balance	\$115,041	2024	
12/31/23 Investment Balance	\$1,095,523	Planned spending	\$540,148
Unrestricted Funds	\$532,460	Planned giving	\$390,000
Restricted Funds	\$183,355		
Capital Improvement	\$309,229		
Memorials	\$70,473		

Stay tuned as there is more to come. We are grateful for your constant generosity!

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Dinner Church

4 PM / Fellowship Hall

Youth Group (*following Dinner Church worship*)

6:15 PM / Room 31

Monday, January 29

Morning Prayer

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

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Oriole Cafe /
Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Missions Committee Meeting

2 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, January 30

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Wednesday, January 31

Morning Prayer

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

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / Gathering Place

GriefShare

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

Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study

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

Thursday, February 1

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, February 2

Morning Prayer

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

GriefShare

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

Saturday, February 3

UMW Executive Board

10 AM / Room 33

Barbara Scoon Memorial Service

11 AM / Sanctuary

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Equal Exchange for Sale

10 AM / Outside the Parlor

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / Adults - First floor,
Children - Second floor, Youth - Third floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Recital - Elizabeth Philpot

2 PM / Sanctuary

Church Office - Beth Barner

Mon. - Fri., 9 AM - 3 PM (*Remote on Tues. & Thurs.*)
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