

Participants

Pastors

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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.**

Morning Prayer:

God of glory, I greet you
at the dawning of this day.
Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus
and the good news of the gospel
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

God of glory, I greet you
at the ending of this day.
Overshadow me with your peace
so that I may rest in your presence
from the setting of the sun to its rising;
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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Lent 2024 Begins this Wednesday - 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 (Ash & Dash)

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](https://www.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**.



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**.



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, Crochet, or Knit Your Way Through Lent!

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

Join the Mandala group in during Lent to add some color, texture, and reflection to your Lenten journey! In addition to those who wish to color using the **Reflections on Prayer** packet, those who crochet or knit are invited to work on one of "God's Cozy Blankets" for The UMCB Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry. After sharing a short devotion, scripture, and prayer, everyone will meditate in silence with their chosen art.

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



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.



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.



Mmm, Mmm, GOOD! SOUP'S ON! - UMW Collection for Second Mile Outreach.

Donations may be placed in the marked box across from the Gathering Place

UMW is collecting canned soup, crackers, and peanut butter. Please place your donations in the marked box across from the Gathering Place. Items will be delivered to Second Mile Outreach. Thanks for your generosity and support.

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.

"Yikes! Your dad doesn't work for the electric company! Turn off that light!"

Sound familiar? At UMCB, we make a conscious effort to conserve energy and control our use of electricity.

Last year (2023), **our average monthly electric bill was \$1428.16.**

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

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.

Sunday, February 11
Transfiguration Sunday

Volunteer Opportunity - Metanoia Meals

Contact Laura Rushton at jlaurush@gmail.com for info

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

Monday, February 12

Morning Prayer

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

Survivor's Fellowship

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

Trustee Meeting

5 PM / Gathering Place

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, February 13

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, February 14 AM

Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes

8-10 AM / Front Porch (facing Seminary Street)

Morning Prayer

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

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / Gathering Place

Imposition of Ashes

Noon-2 PM / Front Porch (facing Seminary Street)

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Wednesday, February 14 PM*(cont'd)*

GriefShare

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

Ash Wednesday Worship

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study

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

Thursday, February 15

*Caller Submission Due - Please send articles to
info@umcb.org or place in church office mailbox.*

Morning Prayer

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

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](#)

LGBTQ+ Caregivers Support Group

7 PM / Room 13

Friday, February 16

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 17

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

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