

## Participants

### **Pastors**

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Liturgist**

Orley Aten

### **Music**

Josh Kraybill, *Organist*  
Victoria Penfound, *Bell 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.**

#### **Morning Prayer:**

God of ancient covenants,  
Your steadfast love and faithfulness  
Are still new every morning.  
I thank you that I can begin this day  
in the confidence of your abiding love and unending mercy.  
Help me to treat others-  
Family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and even strangers-  
With love and mercy in our encounters today.  
When I disappoint or am discordant,  
Help me to show love to others.  
Open my eyes to the places, people, and circumstances  
in which your kingdom has come near.  
I pray in the name of your beloved son,  
Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer:**

God of peace,  
as the day draws to a close  
and the evening draws in around me,  
I think of the creatures of the earth  
that also seek rest in the hours of the night.  
You love them even as you love me,  
and your covenant faithfulness covers all of us.  
So, with the birds of the air, the beasts of the field,  
and the tiny ones who burrow in the ground,  
I offer you all thanks and praise:  
for your unending goodness;  
for the beauty of our home, the earth;  
for your gift of life instead of a deserved destruction.  
As your colorful bow now rests in the clouds,  
so may we color the earth with the ways of peace  
until all creation rests with you in completeness.  
In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

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#### **Lent 2024- Engage our Faith (A Mid-Week Service of Reflection & Reset)**

***Wednesdays Beginning February 21, 7 PM, The Chapel***

During this season of Lent we will be offering a regular Wednesday night service in the Chapel at 7pm as a way to reflect, reset, and stay engaged in our walk with Christ. The service will vary from week to week with offerings of communion, group engagement, moments of reflection, times of prayer, as well as other spiritual practices and moments.



#### **Lenten Prayer**

***Tuesdays, February 20 and March 5,12,19, & 26, 8 AM, Online at [facebook.com/umcberea/live](https://facebook.com/umcberea/live)***

***Thursdays, February 22 & 29 and March 7,14,& 21, 7 PM, Online at [facebook.com/umcberea/live](https://facebook.com/umcberea/live)***

Similar to what was offered in Advent, we will spend approximately 10-20 minutes in prayer, reading Scripture, and engaging in various practices of spiritual formation.

If you have questions regarding our Lenten Worship & Fellowship opportunities,  
please contact Pastor Steve at [sknisely@umcb.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 [ismccowen@gmail.com](mailto:ismccowen@gmail.com) or **440-234-7211**.



## **Messy Church - Mardi Gras**

**TODAY - Sunday, 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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



## **Dinner Church - Sermon on the Mount**

**Sunday, February 25, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall**

The goal of Dinner Church is to create a space which is welcoming and easy-going so that our community can be introduced and matured in Christ. Upcoming months will focus on the Sermon on the Mount - the foundational teachings of Jesus and a great place to start for those who are unfamiliar with Jesus. *I ask that you commit to inviting at least one person or family to Dinner this month. It's also still a potluck for us who are showing hospitality - so have fun coming up with yummy winter dishes!*

We will begin our series including this video, which you can check out ahead of time if you'd like!

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/sermon-on-the-mount/>



## **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/](http://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](http://umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering".



## **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.

***Flush...wash...mop...clean...repeat...***

UMCB opens the red doors for worship and a variety of activities, for our members and for community groups. **Our average (2023) monthly water bill was \$197.66.**

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

## **Sunday, February 18**

### ***First Sunday in Lent***

#### **Volunteer Opportunity - Metanoia Meals**

Contact Laura Rushton at [jlارش@gmail.com](mailto:jlارش@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

#### **Messy Church - Mardi Gras**

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

## **Monday, February 19**

*President's Day - Church Offices Closed*

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Survivor's Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Red Lobster /  
Contact Phil Gehring at [pgehrings@att.net](mailto:pgehrings@att.net)

## **Tuesday, February 20**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

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

#### **Aspire Women's Study**

6:30 PM / Aroma Café / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

## **Wednesday, February 21**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **UMW Circle**

9:30 AM / Parlor

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

10 AM / Room 13 / Contact Linda at  
[lsmccowen@gmail.com](mailto:lsmccowen@gmail.com)

#### **Parking Lot Fellowship**

11 AM / Gathering Place

#### **GriefShare**

6:30 PM / via Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at  
[marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

#### **Lenten Mid-Week Service**

7 PM / Chapel

#### **Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study**

7 PM / Contact Linda Short at [9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com)

## **Thursday, February 22**

#### **Online Lenten Prayers**

8 AM / <http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos> /  
[Contact Pastor Steve](#)

#### **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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

#### **Choir Practice**

7 PM / Parlor / Contact [Courtney McClain](#)  
or [Margaret Proctor](#)

#### **Online Lenten Prayers**

7 PM / <http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos> /  
[Contact Pastor Steve](#)

## **Friday, February 23**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **GriefShare**

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at  
[marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

## **Saturday, February 24**

## **Sunday, February 25**

### ***Second Sunday in Lent***

#### **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

#### **Second Mile Outreach Magic Show**

2 PM / Berea - Midpark HS Auditorium /  
<https://SMOMAGICSHOW.eventbrite.com>

#### **Dinner Church**

5 PM / Fellowship Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

#### **Youth Group (following Dinner Church worship)**

6:15 PM / Room 31 / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)