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Pastors

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely
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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:

*Begin your day with quiet gratitude for God's grace
and listen for guidance in showing grace to others.*

Evening Prayer:

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
May angels watch me through the night,
And wake me with the morning light.
Amen.



Engage Our Faith (A Mid-Week Service of Reflection & Reset)

Wednesdays in Lent, 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.



Online Lenten Prayer

Thursdays in Lent, 8 AM and 7 PM, Online at [facebook.com/umcberea/live](https://www.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 or 440-234-3525 x101.



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 or 440-234-7211.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, March 11, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 or via Zoom

We will meet to discuss **Sister Effect** by Susan Mallory.

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



Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Can you believe that we will be starting another new book this month? This series is called Companions in Christ...The Way of Forgiveness! We will be studying, subject like Facing our Anger, Transforming Anger, Living in God's Blessing. Anyone can join us and we love to hear others opinions on these subjects! Come join us!

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



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/>



UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sager Brown Adult Mission Trip

From February 25 - March 8, 2024, twelve volunteers from The UMC of Berea and the Jefferson Ohio UMC will travel to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana. The team includes: Buck Caldwell, Janet Mallarnee, Laura Rushton, Ruthann & Russ Simon, Harland & Lorraine Waid, and Tom & Lorna Westlake. Please keep our adult mission team in your thoughts and prayers while we travel and serve others.



Open House for 2022 Help Build Hope Wall Build Home

Thursday, March 7, 11 AM - 4 PM (Key Presentation Ceremony at Noon), 669 Bever Street, Wooster

The wall from our 2022 Help Build Hope project are becoming a home. You are invited to join Habitat for Humanity in congratulating Miss Linda on the purchase of her new home with an open house on March 7 from 11 AM to 4 PM. There will be a short key presentation ceremony at NOON.

Interested in carpooling? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at canczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Messy Church - Easter Around the World

March 17, 4 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us for our annual egg hunt PLUS a special Messy Church celebration of how Easter is celebrated around the world! Get ready to get your passport stamped on this epic Easter journey! Extra volunteers for this event are greatly appreciated! This is one of our most popular Messy Church Events and we need help with nation stations, egg hiding, and hospitality!

To get more information on how to help, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at canczak@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.

Brrrr...it's freezing in here!...Phew...is anybody else burning up?

Worship spaces, offices, classrooms, gathering places, kitchens, bathrooms, hallways...

Our monthly average (2023) gas bill was \$1096.33

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

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday in Lent

Pastor Steve at Africa University

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](#)

Monday, February 26

Pastor Steve at Africa University

Morning Prayer

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

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM/ Parlor, Lunch at Bagley Grill /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Tuesday, February 27

Pastor Steve at Africa University

Morning Prayer

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

(No Tuesday Morning Bible Study)

Wednesday, February 28

Pastor Steve at Africa University

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

Lenten Mid-Week Service

7 PM / Chapel

Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study

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

Thursday, February 29

Pastor Steve at Africa University

(No Online Lenten Prayers)

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](#)

(No Online Lenten Prayers)

Friday, March 1

Pastor Steve at Africa University

Morning Prayer

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

GriefShare

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

marylynn482@gmail.com

Saturday, March 2

Pastor Steve at Africa University

UMW Executive Board

10 AM / Room 33

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Pastor Steve at Africa University

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Equal Exchange for Sale

10 AM / by the Parlor

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / Adults - First floor,

Children - Second floor, Youth - Third floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall