

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.**

Worship Participants

Pastors

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely, Rev. Carrie Antczak

Guest Pastor

Rev. Janice Montgomery, *Christ United Church*

Liturgist

Sharon Williams

Music

Josh Kraybill, *Organist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams, Marlynda Dziak, Debby Haas

Prayer of the Day:

Lenten Prayer (inspired by John 2:13-22)

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed.

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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 March, 8 AM and 7 PM, Online at 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.



UMCOR (United Methodist Commission on Relief) Sunday is Sunday, March 10

Working in more than 80 countries worldwide, the United Methodist Committee on Relief provides survivors of devastating hurricanes, storms, wars, and other crises with temporary relief and long-term education, training, & support. UMCOR spends 100% of designated gifts on the projects that donors specify. None of these designated gifts support administrative or operating costs. On UMCOR Sunday, the special offerings received support UMCOR's administrative costs. These gifts lay the foundation for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere. Please consider giving generously.



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.



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.



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 serve at UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana. The team includes: Buck Caldwell, Janet Mallarnee, Margaret Proctor, Laura Rushton, Ruthann & Russ Simon, Harland & Lorraine Waid, and Tom & Lorna Westlake. Please keep our adult mission team in your thoughts and prayers while they 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.



Remember or Honor a Loved One by Supporting a Student at Africa University this Easter.

Butterfly Request Forms & Payments Due by Friday March 15.

This Easter, we are inviting you to give missionally and fill our worship space with symbolic new life in the form of seed paper butterflies. Each butterfly will represent a donation made in memory or honor of a person of your naming. The funds donated will support our effort to fully fund a young woman's education at Africa University. Request butterflies by **Friday, March 15** online at www.umcb.org/donate or by using the forms at the back of each worship space. Your donation can be made by a check mailed to the church or online at www.umcb.org/donate with the memo "butterfly".



Collections for The Porch Campus Ministry

Donations will be collected on Sundays, March 3 & 10 outside Room 13

The Porch has a Baldwin Wallace Praise Party on March 14. We are creating two raffle baskets. We will be collecting items this Sunday, March 3 and next Sunday, March 10 outside of room 13. We need the following items: snacks, candy, deck of cards, Uno, Jenga, puzzles, small board games, and "spare" gift cards from the holidays



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.

Opening those insurance and tax bills is a cringe-worthy moment, isn't it?

UMCB's average monthly (2023) tax and insurance bills were \$1995.

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

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

Monday, March 4

Morning Prayer

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

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at The Brew Kettle /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

7 PM / Wesley Parlor

Tuesday, March 5

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, March 6

Morning Prayer

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10 AM / Room 13 / Contact Linda at

lsmccowen@gmail.com

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, March 7

Online Lenten Prayers

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

[Contact Pastor Steve](#)

Morning Prayer

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

Habitat for Humanity

Key Presentation & Open House

11 AM - 4 PM / 669 Bever Street, Wooster /

[Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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](#)

Online Lenten Prayers

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

[Contact Pastor Steve](#)

Friday, March 8

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 9

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

UMCOR Sunday

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Campus Ministry Bible Study

10 AM / Library

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / Adults - First floor,

Children - Second floor, Youth - Third floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall