

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

Liturgist

Barb Peterson

Music

Carmen Massaro, *Organist*
Courtney McClain, *Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Morning Prayer

Loving God, you offer the gift of new life each day.
Open my heart to receive this grace that I may be wholly yours,
then give me the courage to share this gift wherever I go
as I seek to walk in your way
of mercy, forgiveness, and newness of life. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Forgiving God, who makes all things new,
you know where I have flourished this day,
and you know where I have failed.
Help me to know that in all my challenges there is a seed of hope.
May I rest in peace this night and awake refreshed
to greet the newness of your day. Amen.

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Join Us During Holy Week and As We Celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday - March 24

Traditional Service - 9 AM, Sanctuary or online
Modern Service - 11 AM, Wesley Hall

Maundy Thursday - March 28

7 PM, Sanctuary or online Come join us as we commemorate words and actions from the final meal that Jesus had with his disciples before his death and resurrection. We will take communion, engage in a ritual of washing of hands, share in the words of Christ, and prepare for the other services of Holy Week.

Holy Saturday - March 30

7 PM, Sanctuary or Online at [facebook.com/umcberea/live](https://www.facebook.com/umcberea/live)

This day remembers the period of time that Jesus spent in the tomb. This night's service will ask us to consider various theological themes associated with this event and how it relates to our lives.

Easter Sunday - March 31

Sunrise - 7 AM, Chapel

Traditional - 9 AM, Sanctuary or online at [facebook.com/umcberea/live](https://www.facebook.com/umcberea/live)

Modern - 11 AM, Wesley Hall

This is the day we have all been waiting for when we get to celebrate with joyful hearts and proclaim that "He is Risen." The faith of the early Christians was centered around proclaiming how the risen Lord has gained victory over death. We join in that grand tradition and join the chorus of Christians world wide and throughout history who worship the risen Christ.

Good Friday - March 29

Berea Area Churches Crosswalk & Worship

Noon, Meet at The UMC of Berea

12:30 PM, Worship Service in Sanctuary

Join the Berea Area Churches as we carry the cross through our neighborhood, followed by a brief service at 12:30 PM. We will begin and end at our church. Please help us be good hosts by letting Pastor Carrie know if you can help with hospitality.

7 PM, Sanctuary Good Friday is a day that is centered upon the cross and the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This service will reflect upon those events and upon the pain of the cross.



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](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 and Holy Week worship opportunities, please contact Pastor Steve at sknisely@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



Women's Soul Care Retreat

Saturday, April 13, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, The UMCB Parlor

Registration ends Saturday, April 6

You're invited! Let us gather for a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal. Take this opportunity to leave your to-do list behind with your dirty clothes in the hamper and dirty dishes in the sink. Make time for YOU as we experience a Soul Care Retreat with learning, sharing, laughing, and relaxing. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex. For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



Messy Church - Easter Around the World

TODAY - 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 cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Palm Sunday Brunch

March 24, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 10 AM (between services) for a potluck brunch which will benefit "Love Your Neighbor Day" this fall. At this meal, we are excited to share with you our plans to host a day full of hands-on service opportunities that will bless our community. Bring a dish to share if you are able, and participate in the love offering to fund this community-wide mission project.



Dinner Church -The Ice Cream First Supper & Introduction to Fresh Expressions

March 24, 5-7 PM - Fellowship Hall

5 PM: Celebrating the Last Supper with Jesus later that week, we'll celebrate The Ice Cream First Supper and reflect on our past year's journey with Jesus. ***Bring savory snacks and appetizers to share after our ice-cream first course!*** **6 PM:** Kids and Teens will then enjoy a special Easter movie - together! Meanwhile, adults will then begin a new journey - where we explore what it means to be and make disciples of Jesus. Volunteers needed for a special set up. Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

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.

Let's take a quick look back at February 2024...

Operating Income: \$ 36,208

Expenses: \$ 40,408

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

Sunday, March 17
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at
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 - Easter Around the World

4 PM / First Floor / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Monday, March 18

Morning Prayer

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

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Bob Evans /
Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Tuesday, March 19

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Wednesday, March 20

Morning Prayer

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

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Wesley Parlor

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 21

Online Lenten Prayers

8 AM / 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

Choir Practice

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

LGBTQ+ Caregivers Support Group

7 PM / Room 13

Online Lenten Prayers

8 AM / www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos /

[Contact Pastor Steve](#)

Friday, March 22

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 23

Volunteer Opportunity - Metanoia Meals

contact Laura Rushton at jlaurush@gmail.com

Campus Ministry Retreat

10 AM - 4 PM / First Floor

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at
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Palm Sunday Brunch

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

Formation for All Ages

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

Campus Ministry Bible Study

10 AM / Library

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

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