

Worship Participants

Pastors

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Orley Aten

Music

Josh Kraybill, *Organist*
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Audio Video Elements

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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.**



Palm Sunday Brunch

TODAY! - Sunday, 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

TODAY - Sunday, 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**.



Vacation Bible School 2024: Blue-Attitudes

June 17-21, 2024

Registration opens April 1!

Let's explore the Beatitudes and stories of Jesus with our favorite pup family. We'll have games, activities, and story time all inspired by your favorite Australian family. Come join us as we learn about being Healers of God's Creation.

VBS is open to preschool - 3rd grade (completed).

Recommended donation is \$25/child, with \$50/family cap. No family is turned away.

Older kids want to join the fun?

They can join us as junior helpers for a discounted price (\$10).

Children and Junior Helpers register here: <https://forms.gle/52GUwcMhEWzyRdG16>.

Volunteers make VBS PAWsible!

Join us for a memorable VBS where kids will get to know Jesus and Church community! Training will be

May 16 at 6 PM. Register as a volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/Ebjigig2HqnyoFfCGA>.



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**.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

For the most current information, please visit our online monthly calendar at www.umcb.org/upcoming-events.

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

Palm Sunday Brunch

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / Adults - First floor,

Children - Second floor, Youth - Third floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Campus Ministry Bible Study

Noon / Library

Dinner Church - The Ice Cream First Supper

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

Monday, March 25

Morning Prayer

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

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Max & Erma's /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Tuesday, March 26

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Mission Meeting

2 PM / Via Zoom

Wednesday, March 27

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

Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study

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

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

Morning Prayer

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

Choir Practice

6 PM / Parlor / Contact [Courtney McClain](#)

or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Maundy Thursday Worship

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at

www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Morning Prayer

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

Berea Area Churches Crosswalk & Worship

NOON / Meet at The UMCB

12:30 PM / Sanctuary

Good Friday Worship

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at

www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Worship

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at

www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship

7 AM / Chapel

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY - Palm Sunday Prayer

God of the foolish cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,
You are not the savior we expect.
Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.
Your wisdom makes no sense to us.
We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,
But not so sure we want to follow you
into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane, to the foot of the cross.
Forgive our false assumptions.
Clarify our clouded vision.
Let us relax into the foolishness of your love, your grace.
Hosanna, hosanna.
Save us, we beseech you!

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Join Us During Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24

*Traditional Worship - 9 AM, Sanctuary and online
Modern Worship - 11 AM, Wesley Hall*

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7 PM, Sanctuary and online

Good Friday, March 29

*Community Crosswalk & Worship
Noon, Meet at the Church - 12:30 PM, Worship in Sanctuary
7 PM, Sanctuary and online*

Holy Saturday, March 30

7 PM, Sanctuary and online

Celebrate the Risen Christ with Us on Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Worship

7 AM, The Chapel

Traditional Worship

9 AM, Sanctuary and online

Modern Worship

11 AM, Wesley Hall

All are welcome. All worship spaces will be Easter lily-free.
Online Services at www.facebook.com/umcberea/live.
Bulletins and more information at www.umcb.org.