

## 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

Linda Tucker

#### Music

Josh Kraybill, *Organist*  
Courtney McClain, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

#### Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas

### Morning Prayer

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal.

I thank you that when you come to your people,

you speak peace and invite faith in you.

Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life than I did yesterday.

Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others,

and eyes to see the beauty in your world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Evening Prayer

For all that has happened this day, O God, I give you thanks.

Even for the obstacles I faced, I thank you.

Especially when I wobbled in doubt, I thank you because I did not fall.

You came to hold me strong and help me take the next step.

Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms.

Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good,

Bringing me to a new day with zeal for your gifts.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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### Today is Native American Ministries Sunday

On Native American Ministries Sunday and every day, we are encouraged to participate in repairing past harm and moving forward with awareness and respect, celebrating and embracing the contributions of First Americans. Our giving may support a Native American seminary student's tuition, provide continuing education for pastors enrolled in the Native American Course of Study, secure a grant to churches who need to restore their worship space, assist the work of the annual conference's Committee on Native American Ministries, and much more. Please consider giving generously.



### Graduate Recognition Sunday

**Sunday, April 28, 10 AM, Gathering Place**

Join us at 10 AM in the Gathering Place on April 28th to celebrate all of our graduates! If you or someone you love is graduating from any level of education, please let **Pastor Carrie (cantczak@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x105)** know ASAP so we can celebrate your achievement and pray blessings over you on your next steps!



### Vacation Bible School 2024: Blue-Attitudes

**June 17-21, 2024**

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/Ebjgig2HqnyoFfCGA>.



### **Book Discussion Group**

**Monday, April 15, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 or via Zoom**

Molly Force will lead the discussion on **Land Girls**. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at [meiklebetsy@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsy@gmail.com) or 440-243-5767.



### **Love Your Neighbor: Supporting the Earth Day Festival Clean Up with Sustainable Berea**

**Saturday, April 20, Coe Lake Gazebo, 9:30 AM - 11 AM**

Come join Berea community volunteers to clean up Coe Lake from fishing lines, cigarette butts, cups, trash, etc. Bring your own gloves, bucket or bags. Some supplies will be provided as well as coffee and baked goods. The **Creation Justice Team** will also be hosting a table representing The UMC of Berea following the clean up from 11 AM-1 PM. Be sure to visit them!



### **April Loose Change Offering**

This month's loose change will benefit our fall mission "Love Your Neighbor Day". Funds will help purchase needed items to complete our mission projects for the day. We look forward to working with our congregation and community in this shared experience of loving our neighbors!

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".



### **Messy Church Goes Wild**

**Sunday, April 21, 4 PM, Coe Lake Pavilion**

Meet us at the Coe Lake Pavilion for creation care themed activities, games, and scavenger hunts in the wild of Coe Lake! Be sure to bring your friends to this special community event that will not only celebrate Earth Day but will also remind us all of our calling to care for creation. This is a joint ministry of Messy Church and our very own Creation Care Team!

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.



### **Think Spring - UMW Collections for Second Mile Outreach**

**Please place your donations in the designated box by Room 13.**

Time for a picnic and lighter meals. UMW is collecting canned meat and boxes of Betty Crocker Suddenly Salad. All donations will be delivered to Second Mile Outreach. Thank you for your generosity and support.



### **Save the Date - UMW Garage Sale**

**Saturday, May 18, 10 AM - 2 PM, Wesley Hall**

Spring has sprung and UMW is ready to celebrate. On Saturday, May 18, UMW is sponsoring a Garage Sale in Wesley Hall from 10 AM - 2 PM. Stop in, shop, have lunch, and visit with friends.

**Spring cleaning?** We have you covered. Donate your goodies to our sale. Please deliver, price, set up and remove your items. (No clothing please.) To reserve a table (or two or three), please contact **Nancy Buehler** at 440-234-7613 or [nbuehler75@gmail.com](mailto:nbuehler75@gmail.com).

**Ready to work in the garden?** We have you covered. We will be selling J & J plant coupons (\$19).

**How about a picnic?** We have you covered. Shop, stay and buy a chicken dinner (with a side dish and slice of pie).

All proceeds will benefit UMW missions, locally and globally.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

### **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 us **GATHER** for worship and fellowship.

Our monthly average (2023) spending for **worship and fellowship was \$796.16**

*This does NOT include Communion supplies (bread, juice) which are graciously donated by members of the congregation.*

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

## Happening at The UMCB this week:

For the most current information, please visit our online monthly calendar at [www.umcb.org/upcoming-events](http://www.umcb.org/upcoming-events).

### **Sunday, April 14**

***Third Sunday of Easter  
Native American Ministries Sunday***

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at  
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

#### **Formation**

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /  
Youth - Second & Third Floors / Adults - First Floor

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### **Monday, April 15**

*Caller Submissions Due - submit articles to  
[info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or the church office mailbox*

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

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

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

#### **Read & Grow Book Discussion Group**

6:30 PM / Room 13

### **Tuesday, April 16**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

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

10 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

### **Wednesday, April 17**

#### **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

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

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

### **Thursday, April 18**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

#### **Bell Choir Rehearsal**

6 PM / Sanctuary / Contact Tori Penfound

#### **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

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

#### **Choir Rehearsal**

7 PM / Parlor / Contact Courtney Popp  
or Margaret Proctor

### **Friday, April 19**

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

### **Saturday, April 20**

#### **Community Clean Up at Coe Lake**

9:30 AM / Coe Lake Gazebo

### **Sunday, April 21**

***Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Festival of God's Creation***

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#### **Formation**

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /  
Youth - Second & Third Floors / Adults - First Floor

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

#### **Campus Ministry Bible Study**

Noon / Library

#### **Messy Church Goes Wild!**

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