

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

Carol McCleery

Music

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

Morning Prayer

God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day.
By the power of your Spirit
enable me to live in your light
and seek the holy fellowship of Jesus Christ my Lord.
Amen.

Evening Prayer

Be with me, Lord Jesus, at the evening of the day.
Enter into my heart and fill it with your peace
so that I may rejoice and rest in your presence. Amen.

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Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams, Marlynda Dziak, Debby Haas



Native American Ministries Sunday is Next Sunday, April 14

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/Ebjgig2HqnvoFfCGA>.



Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 15 (Delayed one week due to the Solar Eclipse), 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 or via Zoom

Molly Force will lead the discussion on **Lands Girls**. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.



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 using the "other" box and designating it as "loose change offering".



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 during following the clean up from 11 AM-1 PM. Be sure to visit them!



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 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.

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.

Hospital/medical bills are skyrocketing.

Our average monthly (2023) clergy hospitalization cost was \$3,326.

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

Sunday, April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Equal Exchange for Sale

10 AM / By the Parlor

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

Monday, April 8

Solar Eclipse -

Staff working from home or alternate days.

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Baker's Square /
Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Staff Parish Relations Committee

7 PM / Wesley Parlor

Tuesday, April 9

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

10 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Church Council

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 10

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / Gathering Place

Sisters Embracing Oneness Bible Study

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

Thursday, April 11

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

Choir Rehearsal

7 PM / Parlor / Contact Courtney Popp
or Margaret Proctor

Friday, April 12

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

GriefShare

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com

Saturday, April 13

Volunteer Opportunity - Metanoia Meals

Contact Laura Rushton at jlaurush@gmail.com

Soul Care Retreat

8:30 AM / Parlor / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday

Traditional Worship

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