

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

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Sharon Williams

Music

Ryan Nygeres, *Keyboardist*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*
Courtney McClain, *Choir Director*

Morning Prayer

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me,
for others, and for the world.

Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things

You are doing around and within me today.

Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus

And his confidence in me.

Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree,

Bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God, you are both judge and friend.

Even as I review my day,

I give it over to you.

I let go of the good, the bad, and the in-between,
trusting in your care for me.

I am content this night to abide in your love.

I breathe in your joy and peace.

Whatever I need, I ask of you in Jesus' name. Amen

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Pentecost Sunday is May 19

Pentecost is often considered to be when the church was born. Let this be a period of rebirth for our church. May we be energized by the Spirit to engage in a new, bold, and powerful mission. And may each of us be united together, being of one Spirit, and understanding one another no matter how diverse we may be. Oh...and don't forget to wear red on Pentecost Sunday!



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 19, Both Worship Services and Reception - 10 AM, Gathering Place

Let's celebrate our Confirmands and pray blessings on their faith journeys!



The UMCB audio/video team is looking to expand!

Always wanted to work in the exciting field of broadcast but didn't know where to start? Here is your opportunity, join the UMCB streaming team. A rewarding experience and lots of fun. For more information, contact **Mark Williams** at mwilliams@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x102.**



Youth Annual Conference

Friday, June 7 - Saturday, June 8

Join the fun June 7-8 as the youth of East Ohio gather for Youth Annual Conference 2024 at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky. If you haven't registered for this memorable and exciting event yet, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105.**



Last Day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 19

A big thank you to our Sunday School teaching team this year: Janet Mallarnee, April Thomas, Martha Mallarnee, Patty Worthem, Nancy Buehler, Chuck Dixon, and Margaret Proctor. And a big thank you to our families who brought their students to church to introduce them to Jesus and our faith community!



Sisters Embracing Oneness Summer Activities

Sisters Embracing Oneness will resume its study of Racism in the fall. For the next few months, we will focus on building relationships with a variety of activities (see the May Caller for more specifics). Women who are interested in joining us should contact **Rev. Linda Short** at 9short28@gmail.com.



Volunteers make Vacation Bible School PAWsible!

**Volunteer Training - May 16, 6 PM,
June 17-21, 2024**

Join us for a memorable VBS where kids will get to know Jesus and Church community! The children will explore the Beatitudes and stories of Jesus with our favorite pup family. As a volunteer, you can help with the games, activities, and story time all inspired by your favorite Australian family. Join us as we learn about being Healers of God's Creation. Register to volunteer at: <https://forms.gle/Ebigig2HqnyoFfCGA>.



Messy Church Carnival

Sunday, May 19, 4-6 PM, The UMCB front lawn and Wesley Hall

It's our last Messy Church of the year! Let's celebrate the love of God, the love of fun, and grow in our faith together! Alongside carnival games and food, we'll also celebrate communion together! God's table is open to everyone, and it's for sure a celebration! To get more information on how to help, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Love Your Neighbor - Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland

We will be serving a meal at the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland on **Tuesday, May 21**. We will meet to leave for Nehemiah at **11:45 AM** in the church parking lot and return by 5 PM. The meal will be provided, however, we could use some desserts to bring. To volunteer, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

We are also collecting gently used clothing and household items for their Free Store. Place donations in the bin near the Outreach Board by Room 13.



The Creation Justice Team Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18, 10 AM, Wesley Hall (During the UMW Garage Sale)

The Creation Justice Team is hosting a plant sale and needs your help. Our plant sale will consist of plant clippings from indoor plants and divisions of perennials of our, and hopefully your, indoor and outdoor plants. If you can participate, please place the plants in paper or recyclable containers (e.g., cottage cheese tub), label them, price them, and bring them to the Creation Justice Table at the Garage Sale on May 18 at 10 AM in Wesley Hall.

Proceeds from the plant sale will go to [Brookdale Orchard](http://brookdaleorchard.org). (learn more at brookdaleorchard.org.)

If you have any questions, please contact **Barb Dawson** at 440-885-1672.



UMW Garage Sale

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

Spring cleaning? 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.

Then, on May 18, stop in, shop, have lunch, and visit with friends. We will be selling J & J plant coupons (\$19) and chicken dinners (with a side dish and slice of pie). All proceeds will benefit UMW missions, locally and globally.

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 look at our **March 2024** progress. March had 5 Sundays (including Easter).

Our Operating Income was \$34,429.

Our Operating Expenses were \$37,477.

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, May 5

Sixth Sunday in Easter

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

Equal Exchange for Sale

10-11 AM / By the Parlor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, May 6

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Rival's Sports Grill /
Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Staff Parish Relations Committee

7 PM / Wesley Parlor

Tuesday, May 7

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, May 8

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / Gathering Place

GriefShare

6:30 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com

Thursday, May 9

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, May 10

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

GriefShare

1:30 PM / The UMCB Front Porch /
Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

Ascension Sunday

Festival of the Christian Home

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

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