

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

Guest Pastor

Rev. Janis Montgomery

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Condit Dibble

Music

Alissa Bodner, *Keyboardist*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*
Courtney McClain, *Choir Director*

Morning Prayer of Petition

Faithful God, you promise to hear us when we pray to you. With confidence and boldness, I offer up to you:

- places in my life where I need your guidance and directions,
- people in my life who need your healing,
- situations in my community that need transformation,
- leaders in my world who need courage and wisdom,

May your kingdom in heaven be made real on earth. Amen.

Evening Prayer of Petition

God of restoration and life, you are ever faithful to your promise to love me and watch over me. May your promises give me greater ability to:

- set aside my stress from today,
- give thanks for the joy of today,
- receive freely the gifts of today,
- deal wisely with problems from today,
- rest fully from the burdens of today.

As I sleep, may your Spirit renew and restore my soul. 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**.



Read and Grow Book Discussion Group

Mondays, May 13 and May 20, 6:30 PM, Room 13

On May 13, we will discuss **Once Upon a Wardrobe** by Patti Callahan. Barbara Beihl will lead the discussion. On May 20, we will meet again to plan for next year. Bring your suggestions!



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>.



Loose Change Offering - Feed the Kids

This month's loose change offerings will support Feed the Kids, a summer food program to help sustain our community's children over the summer months. This money will help us to supplement our church's food donations so we can buy the many, many food items needed to complete the donation bags.

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". Thank you!



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.



Messy Church Carnival

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

It's our last Messy Church of the school 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**.



The Creation Justice Team Plant Sale

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

The Creation Justice Team's plants sale will consist of plant clippings from indoor plants and divisions of perennials. If you can donate plant clippings, 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 of the Garage Sale on May 18 at 10 AM in Wesley Hall.

Proceeds from the plant sale will go to Brookdale Orchard, (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.

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 April 2024.

Our April 2024 **Operating Income** was **\$25,848**.

Our April 2024 **Operating Expenses** were **\$58,231** (that included 4 months of our Shared Ministry \$21,685).

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 12

Ascension Sunday

Festival of the Christian Home

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 13

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Tony K's /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

Read & Grow Book Discussion

6:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Betsy Meikle at

meiklebetsyj@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 14

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 Meeting

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 15

June Caller Submissions Due - Please submit articles to info@umcb.org or the Church Office mailbox.

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10 AM / Room 13 / Contact Linda at

lsmccowen@gmail.com

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / Gathering Place

UMW Circle

Noon / Offsite / Contact Betsy Meikle at

meiklebetsyj@gmail.com

Thursday, May 16

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Missions Meeting

2 PM / Room 13

Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM / Sanctuary / Contact Tori Penfound

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Training

6 PM / Location TBD / Contact Pastor Carrie

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 17

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

UMW Earth Day/Garage Sale Set-up

Wesley Hall

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Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Messy Church Carnival

4-6 PM / The UMCB Front Lawn, Wesley Hall /

Contact Pastor Carrie