

THE GOOD WORD



Youth Group meets Sunday
Evenings from 5 - 6 pm!

Youth Group Returns Sept. 15

Students in 6-12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday evenings from 5-6 pm for a time of joyful gathering, learning about God, and growing closer in community with one another. Each Sunday we have dinner, a time of devotionals, and a group game. While the weather cooperates we will be outside on the church's front lawn. Reach out to director of Youth Ministry, Dana Schwendeman at youth@breckvilleumc.com with any questions!



"The highest form of wisdom is kindness."

That was the message on a church sign in Alabama. It was a small, Baptist church with whitewashed siding and pickup trucks filling the grassy parking lot. I could've assumed a lot about what they believed, whether they really meant "all are welcome," and who they would be voting for in the upcoming election.

But when I read the sign, it was as if I could hear God saying, "Watch it, Heidi. They are your siblings—I created them, too."

In essence, this is what our next sermon series "Campaign for Kindness" is all about. In a world that is focused on divisiveness and "us" and "them," we must focus on how Jesus has called us to treat one another: "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The Golden Rule. A version of this teaching can be found in almost every major religion. And this universal rule holds the power to bring people together.

Lord have mercy, it's a lot easier to judge others—condemning them for thinking "this way" or "that," making ourselves superior because we are right and they are wrong. But again and again, we read in scripture that Jesus calls us to unity through love, compassion, and seeking not to judge, but to understand.

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HONEST WORSHIP

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So this fall, we are going to join other congregations around the US in the grassroots movement to Campaign for Kindness. Launched by Resurrection, a United Methodist Church in the Kansas City area, this campaign encourages people to be intentional about treating one another with kindness, even those with whom we disagree.

You'll notice that the logo for this series is a heart—the top left of it is red, the top right is blue, and the middle is purple, symbolizing unity. In this series, I will not advocate for one candidate or another; one political party or another. I will advocate for kindness. And if there's a campaign slogan, it's this: ***A vote for kindness is a step toward overcoming the polarization in our country through civility and respect.***

Our mission of “creating safe spaces” means not only is our church building a safe space, but we are safe spaces for people to feel loved, respected, and understood. One way we can achieve this is through the wisdom of kindness.

So let us learn to go and be “safe spaces!”

Take care,



Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

Pastor's Online BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS at 7 pm via Zoom. September 16 to October 21

"Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine.

Jesus knew how to tell a story to the people who gathered to listen. First century Jews lived in a world very different from today's. We'll go back in time and examine how original audiences understood Jesus' parables and how new interpretations of the parables continue to challenge and provoke contemporary readers two thousand years later.

SIGN UP AT BUMCLINKS.COM



Come explore
Basic Beliefs



Sundays at 9:30. 9/15 to 10/20

300 years ago, John Wesley, a founder of Methodism, challenged Christians to live out their faith in word and deed. How does the challenge to "live like Jesus" apply to us today? What does it mean to be United Methodist? Come ask questions and explore the answers together - with Pastor Heidi. **Sign up today!**

Visit BUMCLinks.com or email Pastor Heidi - Pastor@BrecksvilleUMC.com

Lifelong Learning 101

September 15 - September 29
at 9:30 in the Chapel

Lifelong Learning is one of our Core Values here at Brecksville UMC... the deeply held ideal that we are "unabashedly authentic in our lifelong quest to grow with God and learn with one another". What exactly does that mean to you as an individual? Spend three weeks with your church friends to dig into your own personal pathway that is leading you toward a deeper and richer relationship with God.

Let's Talk - Podcasts

Beginning September 15 at 9:30

Do you enjoy listening to podcasts? Do you have a favorite? Are you looking for something to expand your thinking while you drive to or from work? Even if you aren't sure what a podcast is, but you enjoy having meaningful conversations with your faith friends, this class is definitely for you! Join Don & Cathy Krolikowski and Max & Matt Gabor as they open up dialog about some awesome and relevant podcasts that you can access for free throughout the week. The weekly podcast suggestion will even coincide with Pastor Heidi's sermons!! Once you listen, just pop into the Parlor at 9:30 on Sunday morning to join in on the discussion.

After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics

October 6 to November 10, Sundays at 9:30

Have Christians lost their way when it comes to the intersection of faith & politics? It's time to reframe our political identity as we take the lead in healing what's broken. Jesus' call is clear: **We are to be salt and light in this world.** Join Jim Slagle and friends for this incredibly important study. Through short videos, individual reflections, and small group discussion we will explore how to relate to others, particularly those we disagree with, to better reflect Jesus and ways we can engage in politics to foster unity, preserve relationships, and glorify God. Sign up at BUMCLinks.com for info & updates! *Can't attend in person? There is an online, self guided study available, too.*



Sunday mornings at 9:30

Beginning October 6

What's the next step?

Schedule a time to meet with Jenny one-on-one to talk about where you feel the Spirit leading you as you take that next step in your faith journey.

Sign up at BUMCLinks.com to schedule.



Resumes Sept. 15

Sunday School

Faith & Fun for Kids
 Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30

Scan QR Code to register or visit BUMCLinks.com

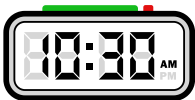






Sunday Morning at the Movies

Zootopia: Each month we will choose a secular movie to watch together over the course of four weeks. We will take time to have conversations about the lesson the movie teaches and how that aligns with our faith. We will also focus on God’s creativity in nature as we learn more about the creatures in each movie



Spouts (Follows children’s Moment)

Kids will join their teachers after Children’s Moment to learn Bible stories while playing games, making crafts and enjoying other activities that help bring the stories to life. Helping children get to know Jesus better is the greatest gift we can give them! Interested in being a part of our teaching team? Reach out to Jenny (education@brecksvilleumc.com).



Wiggle Room Open Sundays
 Mr. Matt and other *Safer Sanctuaries* trained and background checked adults are here to care for our littlest ones in the Wiggle Room.

Third Grade and Confirmation Bible Sunday

September 15 at the 10:30 service

It is a long standing tradition in the Brecksville United Methodist Church to give a Bible to children entering 3rd grade. Whether you call Brecksville UMC your spiritual home or you just visit us sometimes, we want to warmly welcome you to join us on Sunday, September 15th at the 10:30 service. The Bible will be inscribed with your child's name and be presented to them as we pray over them. There is no fee, no strings attached... we just want your children to know the stories of Jesus' transforming love and to know that they are deeply and undeniably loved by God. If you would like to have your child receive a Bible and you are able to join us on September 15th please let Jenny (education@brecksvilleumc.com) know! In that response, also let me know the way you want their name to appear in the front of their Bible.

United Women in Faith invites you to these
upcoming events! Everyone is welcome.
“Even men!”



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Make Jewelry for Cancer Patients

Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor

UWF and Eve Circle will meet Tuesday September 10 at 6:30 in the Parlor to make earrings for Ears to You, an organization that provides earrings, hats, scarves, etc. to those going through cancer treatment. We will also be collecting new ball caps (adjustment part should not be scratchy), winter hats (soft wool or cotton), and headscarves that have soft elastic with longer ties. There will be a collection bin in the coatroom if you would like to donate.

Painting Jesus

Thursday, October 3, 9:30 am

Get ready to be inspired and awed as our own artist Michael Jaszek talks about his spiritual inspirations creating beautiful paintings of Jesus. You've seen his depiction of Jesus' crucifixion. He also painted the portrait of Jesus on the latest church directory.

The Chancel Screen

Thursday, November 7, 9:30 am

Join Jenny Gee and your UWF friends for a special look at our beautiful sanctuary screen. Who is the artist behind the making of the screen? When was it installed? Who are those guys standing there with Jesus? What do all those little glass insets represent? Was the artist actually a Michigan fan?? Hear the answers to these questions and more.

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

Starting September 12 Fellowship starts at 9:30 - conversation around our study begins at 10am

Everyone is welcome, meet in the Parlor and bring your own coffee or tea. This year's study (September through December) is *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*. Join us as we explore the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Angels of Christmas uses these four angelic appearances to discuss God's presence in history and our lives today.

Join our mailing list!

Email

UWF@Brecksvilleumc.com

**Brecksville UWF meets monthly
during the school year
(typically on the first Thursday)**

We begin to gather at 9:30 am in the Parlor for light refreshments and conversation. Our program begins at 10 with a short business meeting taking place after the presentation.

**We also have two subgroups,
or Circles...**

EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle's focus is doing projects to give back to the community and to take care of our own church people in need. Watch for their meeting announcements in this newsletter, weekly bulletins, and more.



Each month, the Missions & Community Engagement Team identifies ways we can serve in mission and engage with the community. What small thing will you choose to be part of this month? **Sign up at BUMCLinks.com**



Ice Cream Social at Chippewa Place

Friday, September 13

Come help serve ice cream and visit with our neighbors at the retirement community that shares our parking lot!



Trials for Hope Work Day

Saturday, September 28

Spend a morning helping this Ohio City mission prepare hygiene bags and other donations for people in need in greater Cleveland.



Weave Sleeping Mats

Ongoing, Loom in the Parlor or work at home

Help cut plastic grocery bags for plastic yarn, or help weave mats to be delivered to Trials for Hope on September 28.



Fix a Bike or Two

Bike Fix It Day, Saturday September 14

We clean and repair donated bikes for people in need. Come spend part of a Saturday morning to help make it happen!



Bread on Bridge @ Nehemiah Mission

Tuesday, October 22

There are lots of ways to help with this feeding ministry. Plan the menu, shop for ingredients, prep the meal or help serve it. Learn more and sign up at BUMCLinks.com



Donate to Ears to You

This organization cares for people undergoing cancer treatments and our United Women in Faith are organizing a collection to help. See the wishlist at BUMCLinks.com and donate by 9/29.

Do The Small Thing

There is an old tale about a girl walking on the beach and throwing starfish back into the ocean. When someone asks her what she is doing, she states that she is saving starfish, and the person points out that she can't save them all. She replies by saying, "Yes, but I saved that one!"

I am in my second year of being co-chair for the Missions and Community Engagement Team. I am constantly looking for ways that we as a church can be God's hands and feet in and around our community in order to make a difference, and there are always so many things to be done: community events, collections, meals, and so on. I was listening to Jen Hatmaker's podcast the other day and her guests were talking about power and how we use our power. One of the guests, Megan Pillow, mentioned how it can feel so overwhelming to think about using their power to make great change, and so they use a strategy where they choose one small thing a day. This statement really struck me!

We know that we are providing so many opportunities to you and we never meant for that to feel overwhelming. We are part of a very large church and all of our members have very different interests and passions. So don't feel like you have to donate to the collection drive every single month, AND you have to sign up for every single community event, AND participate in every hands-on mission opportunity.

BUT, please do choose one thing. Do the one small thing that means something to you and use your power to help someone. Start by doing one thing a quarter, then try to do one thing a month, then maybe you can move to one thing a week.

At VBS, Kathy Auble and I led a group of 16 children who filled 140 dignity bags with trial sized items. In a matter of 20 minutes, these elementary school aged kids used their power to help 140 unhoused people. That is amazing! What can you do with your power? Which one small thing will you choose in order to make a difference?

-Submitted by Marla Knight



A Focus on Finance, Vision and Values

by Deb Watkins

At the August Leadership Board meeting, we focused a significant portion of our conversation on the finances of the Church. Changes in personnel always bring opportunities to reflect on the ways we've done business in the past, and to look for new opportunities to grow in the future. A huge thank you to Becky Paroda for her many years of service as Finance Manager. We wish her well in her new endeavors.



Highlights from the meeting included updates from the Alternate Revenue work group. The Flea @ BUMC brought in approximately \$2,200 to help the Church fill the budget gap to support its ministries. The Flea ended up being a wonderful micro-engagement opportunity to meet others in the community. A special thank you to Matt Gabor, Kim Vann, Anthony Imes and Melanie Smith for their work in making the Flea a fun, energetic, and well-organized event for our church and the broader community! Thank you to the many volunteers who helped throughout the day! Speaking of Filling the Gap, thank you to all who have donated towards the Close the Gap coupon initiative. So far, approximately \$5,000.00 has been raised!

In addition to the Alternate Revenue work group, another work group has been created to continue the work of determining the capital improvements that are needed for the future health and sustainability of the church building and property. Two immediate needs include improvements to the parking lot and replacing the roof of the building.

At every meeting, I leave in awe of the dedication from those serving on Leadership Board and the diverse skill sets and mindsets that have been brought together to support the mission of Brecksville United Methodist Church. Pastor Heidi keeps us focused on leaning into the Church's mission, vision and values. As much as I enjoyed serving on the prior SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee), where we focused on supporting staff, hiring, HR functions, etc., it has been rewarding and inspiring to serve on the Leadership Board. I especially enjoy hearing about the work of the Ministry Teams and the Church's staff members. It's fascinating to learn more about the work that goes on behind the scenes, and how all of the work together contributes to creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the Leadership Board members if you have any questions, and please feel free to attend a monthly Leadership Board meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the next Town Hall on Sunday, October 6, 2024, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Your 2024 Leadership Board: *Alan Schenfler (chair), Zane Burgstahler, Kristi Eberhardt, Matt Gabor, Carolyn Jatsek, Julie Kubek, Eric Louttit, Jim Slagle, Deb Watkins, and Rev. Heidi Welch.* For contact information, reach out to the church office: 440-526-8938 or info@brecksvilleumc.com

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY
10.6.2024
Q4 TOWN HALL



JOYFUL GATHERING

**2024 FALL KICK OFF
CELEBRATION**
SEPTEMBER 8
A joyful gathering!

Come one, come all!



It's a joyful gathering as we begin a new program year! Invite your friends! The Joyful Gathering Team will be grilling burgers & dogs (with vegan options). Bring a dish to share. We'll enjoy a meal together in Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 worship service. **Gather in the Sanctuary for a group photo at 11:30!** There will be music, games, a bounce house and lots of special surprises. RSVP at BUMCLinks.com

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am!



RECIPES WANTED

Joyful Gatherings, a brand new BUMC cookbook, will be available for purchase before Christmas, with *your help!*

The alternative revenue team invites you to submit up to 5 of your favorite recipes. Consider sharing a recipe from one of the following categories, or suggest a category of your own!

- *Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Main Dishes, Side Dishes, or Desserts*
- ***Favorite Potluck Recipes***
- *Cooking for one or two*
- *Gluten/ Vegan Recipes*
- *Prize Winning Pies*

Upload your recipe at BUMCLinks.com, or submit a paper copy to the office before October 6.

We are also looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of printing. If your business would like to be featured in this keepsake cookbook, please reach out to the office 440-526-8938 or info@brecksvilleumc.com

Learn more at BUMCLinks.com!



Jesus invited all kinds of people to eat together in lots of different places, knowing that in the breaking of bread people often find a chance for deeper relationship with God and one another.

The Good Grub Social Club is an opportunity for small groups to form and be intentional about dining together. Whether you are picnicking, potlucking, hosting, or dining out; whether you participate solo, with a spouse or partner, or with a family of any age; these small group of 8 adults will meet four times a year and share coordinating and hosting roles. It's an opportunity to meet new friends, connect with other people, find things you did not know you had in common, and deepen your sense of community with Brecksville United Methodist Church. ***Sign up with a sense of adventure!*** Go to BUMCLinks.com to sign up.

Registration for 2024-25 groups is open through September 22. Groups will begin meeting in October. Each group needs at least one coordinator who is willing to initiate a conversation to schedule the first gathering. Can you be that person? After that, coordinating and hosting roles are shared among the group. Group coordinators will be notified the first notified of the group assignments - by the end of September. They will then reach out to their group with a proposed meeting date in October.

Questions? Reach out to Catherine Vastartis. Need her contact info? Call the office: 440-526-8938 or info@brecksvilleumc.com



thelisteningchurch.com

“TO ANSWER BEFORE LISTENING— THAT IS FOLLY AND SHAME.”

-Proverbs 18:13

Are we a Listening Church? Are we looking at our neighbors as projects to be fixed, rather than whole people with their own dreams, gifts and relationships with God? How is God already moving in the lives of our neighbors? Would our church change if we were disciplined about listening to God, to our congregation and to our neighbors with intention? Do we find that it's safer to serve without connecting than to build relationships with the people we're serving? If listening is an act of love, are we loving our neighbors well?

These **big** questions were the focus of the Listening Church workshops offered recently in our conference. Rev. Luke Edwards, of the North Carolina Annual Conference, shared his Spiritual Listening Plan - a fresh and innovative approach to community assessment for churches. This plan offers a road map that can help church foster deep connections and meet the needs of the community. It all begins with listening. **Are you interested in learning more about the Listening Church?**

Email Melanie@Brecksvilleumc.com

Allyship 102: Becoming a Better Ally

September 18 from 6 - 7 pm
at the Brecksville Library

BBH Pride is offering the community the opportunity to dive deeper into new topics on growing our knowledge of the LGBTQ+ community and ways we can help support our family, friends, and neighbors by becoming a better ally. (You do not need to have attended Allyship 101 to attend this training.)

This lifelong learning is open to all members of the community to learn how to best support one another. No registration required.

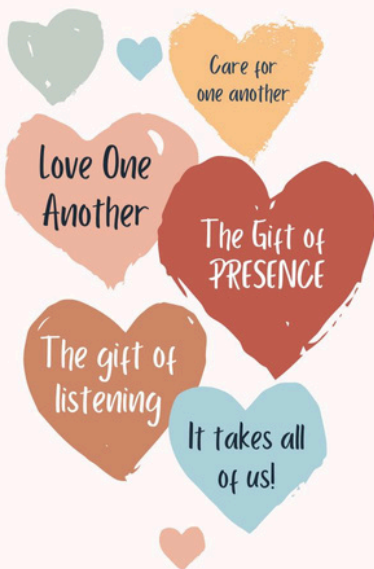


The BUMC **Pumpkin Patch** will be a weeks long fall festival right in the church yard - a truly joyful gathering place for our whole community! The Alternative Revenue Team is looking for your help with the project:

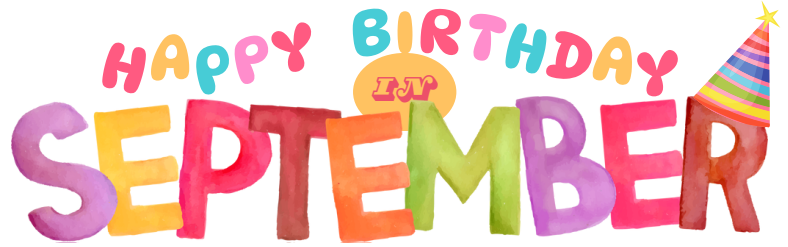
- Be on call to help unload the pumpkin truck
- Sign up to work a shift or two
- Lend your wagons, wheelbarrows and fall decorations
- Help design games or photo backdrops
- Become a pallet hunter
- Serve on the concessions team

Learn more and register at BUMCLinks.com or contact the office!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Are you called to ministries of caring? Congregational Care is the gift of presence. It does not take a divinity degree - as Christians we are ALL called to love one another. If you can devote an hour or two each month to visiting someone who is homebound, we will give you tools and resources to help. The Congregational Care Team meets quarterly, with the next meeting in September (date TBD). Email Care@BrecksvilleUMC.com to learn more - or call the office!



September

Reach out with a prayer and a note, call or text each week this month!

Week of September 1

Ann Rittman

It's her birthday this week!

200 Laurel Lake Dr Apt E373
Hudson, OH 44236-2181

Week of September 8

Jan & Larry Kaminski

Celebrating 50 years of marriage!

240 Anne Marie Ct
Hinckley, OH 44233-9227

Week of September 15

Brody Skoda

He was baptized in August & it's his first birthday!

587 Magnolia Ct
Mayfield Village, OH 44143-2308

Week of September 22

HORIZONS PRESCHOOL

Say a prayer for the new school year

65 Public Square
Brecksville, OH 44141

Week of September 29

MARILYN HUBER

A new home

Look for her new address in the bulletin.

Nominate someone who could use a reminder that they are loved and prayed over!

Email

prayer@brecksvilleumc.com

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| 1 Mary Kaminski | 13 Jessica Vastartis | 23 Gianna Hricko |
| 1 Samantha Bellone | 14 Doug Huth | 24 Anne Rosenthal |
| 3 Ann Rittman | 16 Claire Hayes | 24 Russ Dieringer |
| 4 Luke Dorman | 16 Nikolai Vastartis | 25 Kelly Cramblett |
| 4 Tim Miller | 17 Kathy Bartholomew | 25 Kayla Cramblett |
| 4 Marilyn Huber | 17 Ash Watkins | 26 Jeff Schillo |
| 4 Augie Mihalek | 18 Charles Wilson | 26 Brett Hubert |
| 5 Harry Wilson | 18 Gary Traicoff | 26 Owen Paroda |
| 6 Dana Schwendeman | 19 Emily Vastartis | 26 Austin Pribble |
| 8 Quinn Slifcak | 19 Joshua Stacher | 27 Kathy Holmes |
| 8 Max Mellott | 19 Meredith Weber | 27 Jeannie McBride |
| 9 Ellie Ritterbusch | 20 Claire Kenney | 28 Matt Harper |
| 9 Sandy Whitton | 20 James Patrick | 28 Mary Jane Matts |
| 10 Tonya Boldt | 20 Brody Skoda | 29 Matt Harper |
| 10 Jackie Daugherty | 20 Janet Gravette | 29 Amy Magee |
| 11 Jinho Lee | 21 Audrey Fowler | 29 Cora Miller |
| | 23 Emma Sak | 30 Craig Kotnik |
| | | 30 Kaiya Crouch |
| | | 30 Ella Davis |



Brecksville UMC is a thriving community of faith because of people like you who care for one another and reach out in service to those who are in need. People like those who recently signed up for our meal train for a family in need. Thank you, Brenda Calovini, Terry Close, Leslie

Hoffman & Family, Sharon Judson, Nancy Knowlton, Sarah Pribble, Kristin Rutter and Catherine Vastartis. The Brecksville Flea @ BUMC was so much fun and a great success - both in helping us close the budget gap and building relationships with our community. Thank you Kim Vann, Matt Gabor, Jeff & Scott Hastings, Anthy Imes and Melanie Smith for all of your hard work on the event. Caring for people who are grieving is a meaningful ministry. We are so thankful for those who have stepped up recently to help with funeral receptions, including Sylvia Fox, Liz Fredrick, Joyce Girod, Catherine Vastartis, Carly Kubek, Gail Huth, Elizabeth Jaszczak and Ann Zupanc. We also lift up a prayer of thanks for the Bendlak family and their willingness to create a warm welcome to all people by hosting morning coffee. What a gift of hospitality to the whole church. Thank you all, named and unnamed!

Happy September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Worship	2 LABOR DAY! OFFICE CLOSED	3 10:30 Staff Mtg 2:30 Communion at Chippewa Place	4 First day for Horizon's Preschool! 6:30 Breakfast	5 2 Mission Food Prep 6:30 Choir Practice	6	7
8 Campaign for Kindness Begins 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fall Kick Off Potluck Picnic	9 10:30 Lectio Divina 5-8 Sew4Good 7 PM PASTOR'S ONLINE BIBLE STUDY	10 10:30 Staff Mtg  United Women in Faith 6:30 EVE CIRCLE AND UWF MEETING <i>Now meeting the second Tuesday of each month!</i>	11 6:30 Breakfast	12 10 Asbury Bremeth 2 Mission Food Prep 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Leadership Board	13 12 to 2 Chippewa Place Ice Cream Social	14 BIKE FIX IT DAY! HELP GET SPOKES TO FOLKS! 
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29 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 9:30 Classes for All Ages Begin 10:30 Worship 5 PM YOUTH GROUP	30 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 PM PASTOR'S ONLINE BIBLE STUDY	 THE PUMPKINS <i>are coming!</i> LEARN MORE AT BRECKSVILLEUMC.COM				

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Advent Arts Team Forming

This year's Advent Worship Series "*Words For the Beginning*" is intended to feel like a blanket wrapped around you, providing warmth and comfort as we begin again. The visual elements of the series, which begins December 1, will feature a quilt square icon each week. We have a team of talented quilters and sewists, lead by Liz Fredrick and Linda Moore, inviting people of ALL abilities to come help construct quilting squares which will be used in worship during Advent - then stitched together to create lap quilts for those who are ailing. No matter if you are just learning to sew or you are an experienced stitcher, if you have a little time to spare or a lot, there is a way for you to be part of this beautiful project. Quilting is a craft rooted in community and storytelling. ***Come be part of it.*** SIGN UP at BUMC Links (or contact the office) to join the project mailing list! ***ALL are welcome!***



Open Doors.

*Welcoming all
 of God's children.*

Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace diversity as a gift. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Brecksville United Methodist Church as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.