

The Newsletter of Brecksville United Methodist Church

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Open Doors. Honest Worship.

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Grandma's Kitchen A Brecksville Tradition

Grandma's Kitchen Heats up for Home Days 2012



June 29—July 1: A special “Home Days” Edition of the *Brecksville Bulletin* touted the delectable treats available at Home Days this year, urging their readers not to miss “the United Methodist Women’s Pulled Barbecue Beef sandwiches followed by their world famous, truly delectable and highly fattening cherry pie and cherry cobbler. Remember, a Brecksville ordinance requires that they be topped off with a big scoop of ice cream.”

The folks who took that great advice were not disappointed! The United Methodist Women cooked up a storm, and the threat of rain held off. With the help of volunteers from our church family and some hungry customers, Grandma’s was a success, generating a nice sum for the UMW’s missions budget.

Last year the UMW was able to help others locally, nationally, and internationally through their fundraising. Some of the projects they support include Guidestone (formerly Berea Children’s Home), Heifer International, Brookside Center, Church Women United, Flat Rock Home, Henderson Settlement, West Side Community House, West Side Ecumenical Ministries, and Nehemiah Mission.

Do you know someone who would like to get involved in the United Methodist Women? It’s a community of women whose purpose is to know God, to develop a supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church. Call the church office for more information!

\$1 Week Campaign

As of
July 24, we have
collected \$1,466
for our
Liberia School fund.
Our goal
is \$24,000.

Learn more: www.brecksvilleumc.com

*“You’ve touched people and known it.
You’ve touched people and never may
know it. Either way, no matter what
your life feels like right now, you have
something to give. It is in giving to
one another that each one of our lives
becomes meaningful.”*

—Laura Schlessinger



Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 Outdoor Worship
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

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Rocks and Soil Samples

Comments from Rev. Clark Stein



"These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."

Matthew 7: 24-27

A man became disenchanted with the city life he was living. He decided to move to the country and start a chicken farm. He bought a farmhouse with some land around it, moved in, and bought 200 baby chicks. But they all quickly died. He bought 200 more baby chicks but, again, they all died a short time later. Puzzled and distressed, the man wrote to the county agricultural agent and described everything that had happened. He concluded his letter, "I want very much to be a successful chicken farmer. Therefore, can you tell me: Have I been planting the chicks too close together or too deep?" Whereupon the county agent wrote back and said, "I can't answer your question until you send me a soil sample."

Summer continues. I enjoy seeing you and hearing of your vacations, your reunions, your fun and play. Summer is a time when we take it easy, yet allow ourselves to be stretched a bit. In our laid back style, we allow some things to be near us, some people to enter our inner circle that might have a hard time getting in there the rest of the year.

We are part of a wonderful church that has built a house on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. No winds will blow it down. My prayer as we plan for the fall is that some of our summertime acceptance will come along into September and beyond. God has great plans for us, although I am quite certain not all of what we will experience is within our present "box." I have enjoyed a summer so far that is beyond my prior experience. I hope I am not simply asking for soil samples, but looking for new solutions, new experiences, life giving not life taking activity. I pray the rest of the summer brings you the same...

Peace enough for the day.

Pastor Clark



Old Cell Phones Earn Money for Missions.

Cell phones are manufactured using precious metals and plastics. Bring your old phones (no cords or accessories, please) to the red bin in the cloak room. Proceeds from recycling go to our missions budget!



This Month's Hike...

Join us August 5 at 2 pm at the Happy Days parking lot on Route 303 in Peninsula.

Take A Hike

We'll hike some of the ledges area there, and

the Pine Grove trail, for a total of 4-5 miles. See you there! Need more info? Contact Carole Brachna for details! 330-908-2031



More Than “Just Music”

Music is powerful. Is there a single person anywhere who could deny having been moved, at one time or another, by its incredible power? We are blessed to have a rich and diverse music program here at Brecksville UMC, and I get excited about so many aspects of our program: wonderful guests artists, concerts, great organ music, new songs from the emerging worship scene, many youth and children in worship, and about a dozen other things I could list!

From time to time, though, it is worth reminding ourselves that *worship* is at the heart of all the music we create and embrace. Whether it’s a classical performance, a crazy act for Music With a Mission, or a great hymn of the faith, all of our music sings the goodness of God and is an expression of our gratefulness for the way that God has created and gifted each of us. **It’s never “just music,” it’s worship!**

In that spirit, I invite you into Music Ministry of this church. **We need you!** When you become involved as a singer, an instrumentalist, or behind the scenes, you are becoming a part of the incredible ministry and mission of this church. It’s a high calling, but one that you will find richly rewarding as you give of your time, your energy, and your God-given talent.



Praise Team: This group of instrumentalists and singers serves as worship leaders for our 8:45 Contemporary Worship on most Sundays. Music is drawn from a wide range of sources - from hymns to cutting-edge songs. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45, and teams are scheduled in advance. We are always looking for vocalists, guitarists, bass players, drummers/percussionists, and brass/woodwind/string players to lead us in our worship of God. Please contact Joy to get involved!



Chancel Choir: This dynamic ensemble serves as worship leaders for our 11:15 Traditional Worship on most Sundays. We learn a wide variety of anthems from diverse styles and genres, but most important, we invite the congregation into the worship of God. You need not be an experienced musician, as lots of guidance is provided along the way! Rehearsals are 7:30 to 9:00pm on Thursday evenings, beginning on September 20.



Handbell Choir: Bell ringing is a unique and engaging way to get involved! This ensemble provides beautiful and worshipful music about once a month at both of our services. The group is both a fun and focused group, and they meet on Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30, beginning on September 13, under the direction of Chris Toth. He is looking for “A Few Good Ringers” to join the group this fall, so contact Chris if you are interested.



Technology Team: There is so much that goes into worship each Sunday morning. Sometimes we forget that worship can’t happen without people working diligently behind the scenes to set up sound equipment, run the PowerPoint, and accomplish many other important tasks. If you have a servant heart and a love of technology, we need you! Even if you feel unsure about all the equipment, just give us a call – we will provide the training!

Whether you are a seasoned veteran or ready to jump in for the first time, I am excited to invite you into Music Ministry. If you feel a calling on your heart that isn’t listed here, let me know. We always have room for new dreams and ideas!

Blessings & see you this fall! - Joy Fenton, Director of Music



The Abbey of Genesee

November 2 - 4

Interested in a quiet, remote, prayerful weekend with your maker? Consider BUMC’s annual trip to The Abbey of Genesee, a Roman Catholic community of monks. Dedicated to the worship of God in a hidden life within the monastery following the Rule of St. Benedict, the monks there lead a life of solitude and silence, prayer and penance in a joyful spirit of faith.

Come to the Abbey and follow the worship schedule of the monks. Worship, pray, meditate, conference with a monk, hike, eat, and sleep. Your single room is furnished with a bed, a writing desk and a comfortable chair. At the prayer services, you will hear and participate in the chanting of the psalms.

You will live from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon in total silence. This may sound daunting.... And yet we remind each other that it is in silence that we can hear the still, small voice of God.

Interested in learning more? Talk to Craig Czarnota or Kendall Lancaster or check out the Abbey Website at www.geneseeabbey.org.

Call the church office to be put on the reservation list (440) 526-8938. This year’s dates are November 2-4. Suggested donation to the Abbey is \$50 per person – this includes two nights private room and all meals.

We will car pool the 4 hour trip to the abbey, which is just south of Rochester, NY. Let the church office know soon. It will fill up fast!



Vacation Bible School 2012

Last week our church was abuzz with children, youth and adults all shouting praises to God. SKY VBS took off on July 16 with 85 children (between the ages of 3 and 13) and 34 youth and adult volunteers. Through stories, crafts, games, movie and a mission outreach project the children learned some very basic Biblical truths. We learned that no matter who you are, no matter how you feel, no matter what people do, no matter what happens and no matter where you are you should always trust God.

We learned some wonderful worship songs and sang praises to God to begin and wrap up each day. Each child and adult was given a purple wristband to wear. The wristband says "LOOK FOR GOD TODAY." On Monday we asked the children to keep their eyes wide open and look for where they see God at work, something we referred to as "God Sightings." We looked for God in nature, in people and in the everyday blessings of the kids' lives. By Thursday the children were bubbling with excitement to share where they witnessed God's loving hand. Would you like a wristband to wear as a reminder to look for God every day? Ask Jenny! We have some extras.

The children also learned about children in Mali, Africa and the threat of malaria there. We named Operation Kid to Kid as our mission outreach project, and raised money for World Vision to purchase bed nets protect the children of Mali from mosquitoes. One child wisely noted that we were a God Sighting for the children of Mali. We set a lofty goal of raising enough money to purchase 75 nets. By Friday, we had raised enough to purchase 91!

Vacation Bible School is one of the largest education events of our whole church year. Many of our regularly attending children joined us, but we also were blessed to be visited by many children who call another church home. The groups worked wonderfully together and had an awesome time thinking about God's unending love and God's ever present presence in our lives. It was a wonderful, faith-filled week.

Many thanks go out to all the people who helped make VBS a success this year. We are also so grateful for your abundant and generous donations of food and props that helped defray the cost of the program.

Let's squash malaria in Mali!

What is Malaria?

- ◇ Malaria is a mosquito-borne deadly disease.
- ◇ About half of the world's population is at risk for malaria.
- ◇ Every 30 seconds, a child dies from malaria.



Where's Mali?

- ◇ Mali is a country in western Africa.
- ◇ It's about twice the size of Texas.
- ◇ Mosquito infestations are heaviest in southern Mali (where the Niger River flows) especially during the rainy season.

How Can You Help?

- ◇ Join our VBS kids to help meet the goal of providing more than 1 million specially treated mosquito bed nets to at-risk kids. Drop your donation in Sunday's collection plate with a note "Malaria Nets."
- ◇ One \$6 net can protect two children for up to four years.
- ◇ For more information, go to www.ok2k.org



Preschool Volunteers

Susie Loughner, Tracy Scott, Kathy Goebel, Gail Huth, Penny Burns, Kristen Tull, Allsion Loughner, Derek Brinkmann, Stephanie Holmes, Eli Shively, Aleyna Gee, Patrick Grimone, Michael Lee, Alyssa Whitton, Sarah Ford

Elementary Volunteers

Christine Hudacek, Amy Hazelton, Megan Robrer, Jennifer Schneider, Sue Dietrich, Grace Ford, Bridget Gee, Dan Auble, Linda Crouch, Gail Meyer, Kylie Hulten, Kathy Auble, Dave Podolny, Matt Auble, Bill Webb

Middle School Volunteer

George Gee

Whole-site volunteers

Josh Tull, Kay Mendlik, Michelle Shively, Amanda Auble





Getting Ready for Sunday School Season

Rally Days are August 26 and September 2. Look for us at the table in the lobby after both the 8:30 and the 10:00 services to update your child's contact information. We have made it so easy. Even if your information has not changed please stop by the table and let us know.

Have you ever wondered why we ask you to update this information each year? Well, we are aware of a number of children who have had changes in allergies over the past year. We really need to know about that! Occasionally a parent will leave church grounds during the Sunday School hour. If your child became ill or was injured we would need to reach you and we want to know that we have your correct cell information! Many youth have gotten cell phones or email accounts, and may want to receive updates and invitations via email or text. We want to be able to reach them!!

Please take a few minutes on either August 26 or September 2 to stop by the table in the narthex and check over the attendance rosters to be sure they are complete and accurate. You can also find out more about what your child or youth will be learning this year and what adult options are coming up.

Remember Sunday School for all ages begins on September 9!

Try an on-line course!

August 1-September 1

United Methodism 101: (UM101)

UM101 is an online course designed for new United Methodists and anyone wanting to know more about the denomination. Are you a lifelong or long-term Methodist? You may be surprised at what you can learn about our denomination. The course includes 4 modules that contain many interactive features. Each module takes about 1 hour to complete. You can move through the modules at your own pace. Cost for the course is \$9.99. The course begins August 1 – September 12. No participants will be admitted once the course begins. To register:

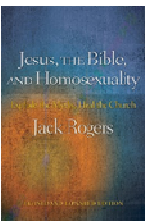
www.tinyurl.com/metho101



Book Group Title for August

Join us on the deck for summer sunshine, tasty food, and lively discussion!

The Book Group will convene around noon at Joy & Stacy's home in Strongsville [13432 Tradewinds Drive] and continue until we're ready to call it an afternoon. Grilled lunch fare and beverages will be provided; bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Families are welcome – we can have a game or movie available for kids. Please contact Joy with questions. **We hope to see some new faces this month!**



Sunday, August 26: *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality*, by Jack Rogers, Professor of Theology Emeritus, San Francisco Theological Seminary. Book Cost: \$11.56, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition* for \$9.49.

In this best seller, evangelical theologian and former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Jack Rogers makes a biblical case for equal rights for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT). The book describes Rogers' own change of mind and heart on the issue, argues for a Christ-centered reading of Scripture, debunks stereotypes about people who are LGBT, and presents ideas for how the church can heal itself and move forward again. A fascinating combination of personal narrative, theology, and church history, this book is essential reading for all concerned with the future of the church and the health of the nation.

**A free Kindle reader application is available for most smart phones, iPhone, iPod touch, tablet, or any computer. If you are someone who hesitates to accumulate more books, this might be an option for you!*



Become Part of Our Church Family

Would you like to explore what it means to be a United Methodist? Mark your calendars! Our next New Member Class will be held on Sundays, September 16, 23, 30. Sign up by contacting the church office by phone (440-526-8938) or e-mail: office@brecksvilleumc.com



Helpers Needed for

Picture Days: Sept 4 - 8.

Two and a half hour shifts.

More details later in this newsletter.

Contact the office to sign up!

440-526-8938



MILESTONES

News of the Fellowship

Do you have news to share? Contact Melanie! office@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938

Lynn and Mark Spencer have a new grandson! "We are so blessed to have a healthy baby & mom." Erin (Spencer) & Michael are the proud new parents of Benjamin Michael Kopaigorodsky .

Janine and Nick Telischak have a new granddaughter! Welcome to the world, Gabriella Adelaide Marotto, who was born July 6 to proud parents Mike & Sarah (Telischak).



Dear Church Family, Greetings from Paris, France. I'd like to thank everyone for coming to my chili dinner to support me on this trip. Paris has been amazing. The Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame have been wonderful. Europe has been great. I hope that everyone is doing well. I can't wait to see everyone and share pictures, too!

Thanks, Matthew Manocchio



Society of St. Andrew

BUMC has received the "Partner Church Award" from the Society of St. Andrew. Last year, we gave \$1,839.33 to the organization, helping them to provide over 84 million servings of fresh fruits and vegetables to people in need by delivering over 28 million pounds of salvaged produce to hunger relief agencies. Over 30,000 people volunteered nationwide during the year to glean and help distribute produce to the poor and hungry. Learn more at:

www.endhunger.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John	Dietrich	08/01	Lois	Markley	08/14
Daniel	Jaszczak	08/01	David	Meek	08/14
Sally	Jones	08/01	Barbara	Tereshko	08/14
Letitia	Kwiatkowski	08/01	Kathy	Auble	08/15
Skip	Smith	08/01	Chuck	Gezze	08/15
Susan	Hurst	08/02	Matt	Johnson	08/17
Katrina	Orr	08/02	Karin	Meyer	08/17
Nicholas	Orr	08/02	Laverne	Ahrens	08/18
Kaitlyn	Robinson	08/02	George	Diver	08/18
Ben	Eberhardt	08/03	Nancy	Lundholm	08/18
Karen	Fisher	08/03	Sarah	Lundholm	08/18
Jeff	Hastings	08/03	Robert	Tschannen	08/18
Steven	Vastartis	08/03	Robin	Engler	08/19
John	Zawada	08/03	Joan	Olszko	08/19
Catherine	Derry	08/04	Roger	Wadsworth	08/20
Kristi	Eberhardt	08/04	Robert	Wilson	08/20
Joan	Filips	08/04	Grace	Auble	08/21
Judith	Novak	08/04	Mark	Robinson	08/21
Karen	Walburn	08/05	Nathan	Robinson	08/21
Lilly	Jatsek	08/06	Rebecca	Urso	08/21
Franklin	Pasek	08/06	Jill	Zawada	08/21
Joan	Martin	08/07	Patricia	Fowler	08/22
Mary Jane	Opatrny	08/07	Ann	Zupanc	08/22
Jeffrey	Mihalich	08/08	Chelsea	Croy	08/24
James	Rollins	08/08	Andrew	Dorman	08/24
Laina	Culley	08/09	Helen	Lee	08/26
Elizabeth	Monnin	08/09	Christopher	Nurre	08/26
Valorie	Bender	08/10	Bridget	Gee	08/27
Allison	Engler	08/10	Amelia	Guell	08/27
Ryan	Shijo	08/10	Diane	Pidwell	08/27
Maddie	Holt	08/11	Nancy	Cunningham	08/28
Heather	Manocchio	08/11	Janet	Nelson	08/28
Scott	Ramsey	08/11	Donald	Southam	08/28
Trey	Shively	08/12	Kristin	Bisco	08/29
Mark	Vastartis	08/12	James	Hocutt	08/29
John	Galik	08/13	Margaret	Haseley	08/30
Lue	Andree	08/14	Patricia	Neville	08/30
Aleyna	Gee	08/14	Andrew	Scott	08/31



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we have recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others: Look around BUMC and you may see **Claire and Dick Hayes** making a sloppy joe dinner to take to Ronald McDonald House; **Megan Culley** filling the church with her gracious gift of music and enthusiastic spirit; **Mike Hart** helping decorate Fellowship Hall for VBS and 30 other adult and youth volunteers making VBS happen!; **Alan Schuefler** doing so much for YSP and sharing with the congregation at YSP Sunday.

YSP Youth

Amanda Auble
 Nate Bender
 Derek Brinkman
 Lauren Brinkman
 Josh Dietrich
 Christine Drescher
 Grace Ford
 Stephanie Holmes
 Brad Holmok
 Allie Kenney
 Emily Kotnik
 Darren Krolikowski
 Michael Lee
 Allison Loughner
 Sarah Lundholm
 Bailey Mendlik
 Nick Orr
 Megan Rohrer
 Eli Shively
 Russell Slifcak
 Alyssa Whitton

YSP Adults

Kyle Allen
 Matt Auble
 Cathy Drescher
 Jeff Fesler
 Lucy Fesler
 Craig Kotnik
 Alan Scheufler

Camp Volunteers

Ruth Herman
 Catherine Vastartis
 Mark Vastartis



BUMC Youth Group Completes Work Project

In the early morning hours of July 8, a group of dedicated BUMC volunteers gathered in the church parking to begin their journey to Rushville, IN. Nestled halfway between the metropolitan centers of Indianapolis, IN and Cincinnati, OH, Rush County & Rushville is an agricultural community where residents awaken to the quiet of a morning countryside and the close-knit warmth of neighbors. Its distance to larger cities is part of its grace. Yet its location has not shielded its residents from the effects of the economy with automotive parts plants closings and layoffs. In this beautiful setting, our youth had the opportunity to reach out and help both young and old alike, while making some new friends along the way.

In the course of a week, our YSP team provided home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people in need. Most project crews served the same resident for the entire week, allowing them to develop meaningful relationships. Many projects were designed to be completed during the week, allowing youth to experience the satisfaction of a job well done. Some of the projects included interior and exterior painting, building and repairing porches and wheelchair ramps, building and repairing steps, weatherization and other home repairs.

Want to know more? Ask one of the volunteers listed here about their experience!



Joy & Stacy's Wedding

Sunday, September 2, 2012

2:00pm in the Sanctuary

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to music@brecksvilleumc.com or on Facebook.

We would love to be surrounded by church family and friends as we celebrate our marriage; please join us if you are able. Absolutely no gifts... cards with favorite Scriptures, meaningful quotes, pictures, memories of one or both of us or favorite recipes would be awesome.

If you would like to do something on our behalf, please consider a donation to one of the organizations below in lieu of a gift.

Brecksville United Methodist Church Music Program/ Concert Series

www.brecksvilleumc.com

National MS Society

www.nationalmssociety.org/donate

The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals moving together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis.

Southern Poverty Law Center

www.splcenter.org/donations/donate.

The Southern Poverty Law Center is a nonprofit civil rights organization dedicated to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of society.



Can we make our numbers grow? Why not bring a friend to church or Sunday School?

Date	1st Service Attendance	2nd Service Attendance	Offering
June 24	77	153	\$7,185
July 1	84	125	\$8,087
July 8	92	100	\$5,723
July 15	85	140	\$12,533
July 22	86	114	



Outreach to our Neighbors

Beads of Hope was one of the organizations represented at our spring Fair Trade Fair. Jenny asked that we share this message from the group's founder: "Lately I have been reading in Exodus; how God preformed miracles to save the Israelites from the Egyptians. After God divided the Red Sea and saved them, they all began to PRAISE GOD! Every time I come to Uganda, I am AMAZED at all the miracles God has done. Children who were once sex slaves, child soldiers, hungry, and without hope.... NOW have a NEW LIFE! What a miracle! I have (WE HAVE) so much to praise God for! His constant provision! Healing the broken hearts of our children! Giving us a staff with a servants heart! Laughter! Joy! Hope! Peace! His goodness is everywhere! His love surrounds each life! Join us in PRAISING GOD for ALL He has done!!!

With a thankful heart....

Cindy Cunningham
Founder & Director
Village of Hope

www.villageofhopeuganda.com



Photos from Cleveland's American Indian Education Center July 12

Isaiah 58:9-11

The Message (MSG)

6-9 "This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts.

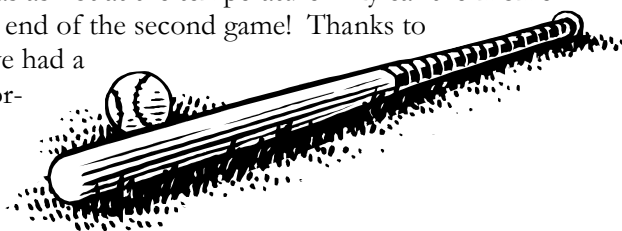
What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'

Nestled among the businesses near the intersection of Broadview and Brookpark Roads, is the American Indian Education Center. Despite its relatively small size, it is an important center of activity for the American Indians of Northeast Ohio. On Thursday nights, young people come together to participate in activities that are important in the Indian culture. Most of them are doing crafts such as making moccasins, while others are learning the art of drumming, an essential part of Native American dances, as you can see in the pictures. Because the activities go from 5 – 8 PM, the young people come right from school and are not able to get a nutritious evening meal. The Center's tight budget can not support providing a meal for the participants. So, volunteers from our church have been providing home cooked meals to these young people. Jim and Linda Rollins provided a delicious venison chili dinner in the pictures above. Previously, Karen and Cliff Thielman, Cathy and Les Buttolph, and Kyle Allen also provided the "awesome" evening meals that were very much appreciated by these industrious young people. If you would like to help us provide these meals, please contact Les Buttolph at the church or by cell (216) 536-0997.

**YOUTH
WORSHIP
WEDNESDAYS
6:30 - 9 PM**

Softball Season Comes to an End

Our Men's Softball season ended this year with two good games on July 17. We played very well against Our Lady of Guadalupe, who clobbered us twice during the season, losing 16-10. Last year we eliminated Faith Fellowship in the playoffs, this year they beat us 3-2. Our defense was as hot at the temperature. My car thermometer showed it had cooled to 94 by the end of the second game! Thanks to everyone for participating this year, we had a lot of fun and fellowship. Looking forward to next year! - Bob Lundholm





BUMC Committee Roster 2012-2013

We are thankful to those who commit to the vitality of this congregation as an integral part of the program and administrative life by serving on a committee or in a volunteer position. This month, we announce new volunteers and thank those who have served faithfully over the past year!

Administrative Board

Meets quarterly (in January, April, July, and October) to review major policies and programs of the church. Members-at-large help represent the congregation.

Chairperson, Sue Hastings. The post of Secretary is vacant. Lay Members to Annual Conference are Elizabeth Jaszczak and Jenny Gee. Lay Leader is Tim Miller. President of United Methodist Women, Ruth Herman. President of United Methodist Men, 'Skip' Smith. Church Historian, Marianne Nolan. Members-at-large: George Diver, Bob Andree, Penny Burns, Bob Wuerth, Joyce Wuerth, Jack Drescher, Ralph Slifcak. The chairperson of each committee, the church program staff, and the church business manager also serve on the administrative board.

Board of Trustees

Responsible for the care and maintenance of the church building and enhancing our space.

Chairperson, Mary Kotnik. Other members are: Ann Rittman, Kristi Eberhardt, Jamie Hocutt, Dave Dobos, John Scott, Jack Drescher, Jim Rollins, Paul Calovini. Ex Officio: Business Manager, Les Buttolph

Staff Parish Relations Committee

This group supports and encourages the clergy and staff of the church. Where human resources meet God resources.

Chairperson, Liz Fredrick. Also serving are Robin Raybuck, Scott Campbell, Claire Hayes, Leslie Miller, Alan Phillips, Mike Kubek, Craig Czarnota, Jennifer Schneider

Finance Committee

While the main responsibility is the yearly stewardship campaign, this committee oversees financial resources all year long.

Chairperson, Jason Bell. Also serving are Fran McClean, Shelly Meek, Cathy Buttolph, Cliff Thielman, Dick Hayes, Mark Hobzek, Vicki Brinkmann. The Chairperson of the Administrative Board, Sue Hastings; the Lay Leader, Tim Miller; and the Business Manager, Les Buttolph also serve on the Finance Committee.

Nominating Committee

For a couple of months each year this committee is busy discerning, nominating, and inviting to fill the leadership needs of the church.

Chairperson, Rev. Clark Stein. Also serving are Marilyn Schillo, Lucy Fesler, Brenda Calovini, Donna Sibits, Don Krolikowski, Jennifer Schneider

Gifts and Memorials Committee

Committee members are stewards of the gift funds of the church, used for various projects.

Chairperson, Jeff Hastings. Also serving are David Brown, Gerry Becker, Bill Rittman, Ruth Herman, Elinor Rowan, Sandy Crist, Julie Kubek. Ex Officio: Treasurer/Business Manager, Les Buttolph

Commission on Missions

This committee explores the many places where we can contribute financially to missions locally, nationally, and around the world. They also organize outreach opportunities in our community, and educate us on mission needs.

Chairperson, Alan Scheufler. Also serving are Dave Podolny, Bob Lundholm, Ken Wise and Janet Kleckner. Auxillary Missions Committee contacts are Donna Sibits & Catherine Vastartis

Commission On Church And Society

This committee will find ways to raise awareness and increase involvement with the social issues of the day.

This committee presently has no chairperson or members. Want to help get the ball rolling?

Commission on Education

From nursery care and Godly Play, to Sunday School rotation, youth and adult studies, COE is involved in planning and making it happen.

Chairperson, Kay Mendlik. Also serving are Amanda Auble, Gail Huth, Krissy Nelson, Tracy Scott, Scott Ford, Jinho Lee, Judy McCrodden, Janine Telischak, Cynthia Guell. Director of Christian Education, Jenny Gee, Secretary: Joan Olszko. Childcare Supervisor, Angie Anderson

Want to read more? Go to www.brecksvilleumc.com

BUMC Committee Roster 2012-2013, continued

Jesus doesn't work alone.

Commission on Evangelism

This group is always looking for ways to care for visitors, welcome new members, and introduce the church to others

Chairperson, Vacant. Also serving are Leslie Phillips, Kathy Bartholomew, Catherine Vastartis, Sue Dietrich, Chuck Gezze, Becky Gezze, and Linda Rollins

Commission on Worship

The overall practices and environment of our worship services are the subject of reflection, review, and dreaming.

Chairperson, Vacant. Also serving are Grace Ford, George Gee, Marisol Wylie, Karen Thielman, Kathy Goebel, Bev Huber, Russ Goodwin, Advisors: Pastor Clark Stein and Music Director Joy Fenton

Music Board

This group works closely with the Music Director to create an excellent music program for the church and the community.

Co-chairs, Karen Schroedel and Ric Lesinski. Also serving are Kathy Louttit, Amy Piorkowski, Megan Rohrer, Marianne Nolan, Becky Chen, Michael Jaszczak. Director of Music Ministries, Joy Fenton

Youth Board

This group works closely with the Youth Director and youth leadership on programs, activities, and service opportunities.

Chairperson, Judy McBride. Also serving are Michelle Shively, Michael Lee, Sean Lundholm, George Sendrey, Emily Hastings, Christine Hudacek, Sharon Manocchio, Matt Manocchio. Director of Youth Ministries, Kyle Allen

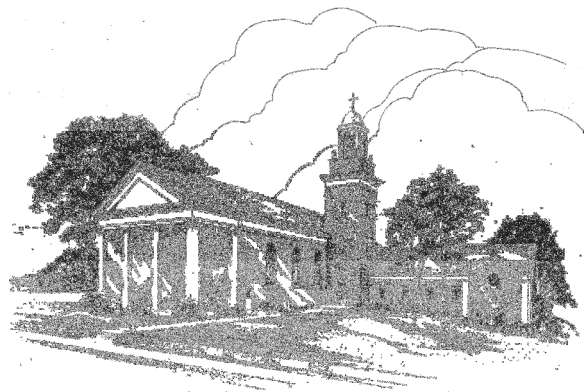
Communion Stewards: Elaine Geringer, Janet Nelson, Bob & Joan Bloch, Dave & Cec Podolny, Cathy Buttolph

Coordinator of Communications - Don Krolikowski

Scouts Coordinator, Jim Fredrick

United Methodist Men: President Austin "Skip" Smith. Treasurer Mark Spencer

United Methodist Women: President, Ruth Herman; Secretary, Elinor Rowan; Treasurer, Janet Nelson



Dear Church Family,

We are blessed to have a nominating committee that has prayerfully considered the needs of each of these committees and worked to fill each open position. But theirs is not an easy job! We are a community of busy, active people, and it takes a tremendous number of willing volunteers to carry on the ministry of this church.

In your review of the committees for this year, you have undoubtedly observed vacancies... places where we are still seeking the right person who possess a servant heart and a willingness to share their passion and ideas through evangelism, mission, worship, or a variety of other areas.

Would you prayerfully consider joining the ministry of this church by lending your time, energy and creativity to a committee?

This isn't just about putting one more thing on your calendar.

This isn't just one more meeting to attend.

We believe this is part of being in community together and working toward God's Kingdom as a church family.

We are praying that you answer the call and join us in ministry this year, knowing that God will richly bless you along the way.

Dear church family,

We want **YOU** to be a part of this year's pictorial directory!

Schedule your appointment after church on Sundays in August, or schedule right now on line. (Directions below!)



We are excited to announce that we will soon begin the process of producing our new pictorial church directory with Universal Church Directories. This directory is to help us put names and faces together, introduce our church to the community, preserve this time in our church's history and tell our story to new church families. In order to achieve these goals we need your help to make the new directory a complete representation of our church family.



Photography Dates: Tuesday, September 4— Saturday, September 8.

- ◇ Tuesday, 9/4: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- ◇ Wednesday, 9/5: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- ◇ Thursday, 9/6: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- ◇ Friday, 9/7: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- ◇ Saturday, 9/8: 10:30 am—5 pm

- All photography will take place at our church for your convenience. Immediately following photography, you will view your images electronically and select a pose for the directory.
- Each family that is photographed and selects a directory pose will receive a *complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory*. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional professional portraits to share with family and loved ones.
- Universal offers a complete professional portrait studio including a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and frames.

Please join us in celebrating this time in the life of our church.

Church Directory Committee

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, and click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter **OH1338** in the Church Code field and enter **brecksville** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. To set appointment by phone call **(888)-742-5823**. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Dawnbrkr 6:30 pm Youth Worship 6:30 Wed Wheels	2 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Men's Group 7 Men's Ensem.	3 7 Emmaus Reunion 9 Men's Bible Study 6 Music Picnic	
5 <i>Communion</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship 2 Hiking Club	6	7 11 Staff Meeting	8 6:30 Dawnbrkr 6:30 pm Youth Worship 6:30 Wed Wheels	9 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Men's Group	10 7 Emmaus Reunion 9 Men's Bible Study	11
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26 <i>Rally Day I</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship 12 Summer Book Discussion Group	27 7 American Guild of Organ- ists Meeting	28 9:30 Staff Meeting	29 6:30 Dawnbrkr 6:30 pm Youth Worship 6:30 Wed Wheels  BBH First Day of School	30 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Men's Group	31 7 Emmaus Reunion 9 Men's Bible Study 9:30 UMW Board Meeting	<p>Save the date! Ice Cream Social Sept. 9</p> 

This Month's Scripture Focus:

Find this month's scriptures on the home page of the church website: www.brecksvilleumc.com

United Methodist News

The Latest from the United Methodist News Service

Young adults submit devotions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Young Adult Network has collected several devotions by young adults for young adults. The essays can be used for discussion groups or personal study. Applications also are being sought for new contributors. Interested? Check out www.globalyoungpeople.org.

Rewriting the Book of Discipline

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It's said that the two items no one wants to see being made are laws and sausages. Perhaps the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the denomination's law book, should be added to that list. It takes almost six months — and a process defined by the rules of the General Conference — before the denomination knows exactly what happened after its big legislative assembly. When the revisions are done, a "redline edition" showing the changes is sent to the Council of Bishops, boards and agencies. After that comes the revision of the revision. Look for the new Book of Discipline in January 2013.

Shoeboxes of Christmas joy

SHEYENNE, N.D. — It won't be long before treat-filled shoeboxes will begin arriving. By Christmas, these shoeboxes will be filled with gifts for the children living on impoverished reservations in North Dakota and South Dakota. Last Christmas, missionaries Mike and Libby Flowers gave away 5,652 shoeboxes. This year, they're hoping to give out seven times that many. Learn more by clicking "Shoebox" at www.spiritlakeministrycenter.org.

Ironman pastor shows 'Anything is Possible'

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Pastor Scott Sharp was in a rut—physically, emotionally and spiritually. The 44-year-old knew he had to do something and that "anything was possible." Sharp is now vying to be in the Ironman World Championship in Hawaii. Supporters can go to Facebook to watch his video and vote on his behalf before July 3. Read his story at <http://umns.umc.org>.

Debby's waters slowly leaving Florida

APOPKA, Fla.— As Tropical Storm Debby moved into the Atlantic on June 27, United Methodists began assessing the damages and what needs to be done to help affected communities. The slow-moving storm drenched Florida with rain for nearly four days, flooding parts of the state from the west coast to Jacksonville. Until waters recede, however, there's no way of knowing the extent of damage, said Pam Garrison, manager of the Florida Conference Disaster Recovery office.

West Ohio pulls off 'a current-day miracle'

LAKESIDE, Ohio — In what one pastor called "a current-day miracle," the West Ohio Annual (regional) Conference raised more than \$1 million at its yearly meeting to buy a Cessna airplane for the Wings of the Morning aviation ministry. The airplane will be used to deliver medicine, mosquito nets, doctors, nurses and Bibles to villages in the Democratic Republic of Congo that are inaccessible by car.

Churches respond to U.S. storms

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Challenged by a swath of severe summer storms and sweltering temperatures the first week of July, United Methodists immediately opened their churches as cooling/relief centers and went to work removing debris. The death toll from the severe weather was in the teens. There are many ways to contribute to the United Methodist Committee on Relief's efforts in disaster relief. For more information, go to www.umcor.org or call 1-800-554-8583.

Cash donations best for wildfire aid

NEW YORK — The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has issued \$10,000 in emergency grants to three annual conferences hardest hit by the "profound disaster" of this summer's horrific wildfires. "After a fire, people have a very small chance of finding anything that is not destroyed," says UMCOR consultant Gordon Knuckey. He and other experts say cash donations are best, because they enable responders and survivors to purchase locally as needs change. UMCOR has set up a special Disaster Response relief account (Advance #901670) to aid in recovery efforts.



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