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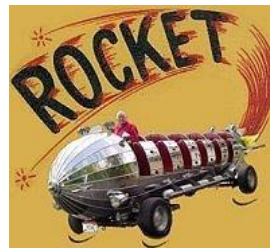
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FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 10

You're invited to a party on Brecksville square! Bring your friends and family and join the celebration as we get ready to kick off a new year of Sunday school and return to our regular worship schedule!

Join us Sunday, **September 10**, as we celebrate Grandparent's Day and the start of a new program year with our free



Fall Kick Off Celebration!

- Worship in the sanctuary at 10 o'clock.
- Potluck party on the square at 11 am. Fellowship Committee is making sloppy joes and lemonade, and will be providing plates & napkins and the like. Bring a side or dessert to share!
- Take a ride on the Euclid Beach Rocket Car (*from 11:30 am - 1 pm*).
- Be a part of our annual Church Family photo.
- Bounce House for Kids—and other surprises!
- Music by **City Lite**, a local trio (Felicia Rosati, Alan Douglass, and Steve Gordon) playing jazz, R&B, classic rock, country, pop, and more!



Fall Retreat

Interested in a quiet, remote, prayerful weekend with your maker? Reserve your spot on our trip to **The Abbey of Genesee**, a Roman Catholic community dedicated to the worship of God. The monks who live there lead a life of solitude, silence, prayer and penance in a joyful spirit of faith.

Live from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon in total silence. This may sound daunting... and yet we are reminded that it is in silence that we can hear the still, small voice of God.

Your single room is furnished with a bed, a desk and a comfortable chair. At the prayer services, you will hear and participate in the chanting of the Psalms.

Interested in learning more? Check out the Abbey Website www.geneseeabbey.org or talk to Craig Czarnota.

The Details: Dates are October 27—29, 2017. Suggested donation to the Abbey \$65 per night, per person. This includes private room and all meals. We will car pool the 4 hour trip to The Abbey, just south of Rochester, New York.

We are holding ten rooms until September 18.

Reserve yours by calling the office at 440-526-8938.

Sunday Morning Worship

September 3

8:30 Worship on the Lawn
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

September 10 Fall Kick Off

10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

September 17 and Beyond

8:45 Contemporary Worship

10:00 Classes for All Ages

11:15 Traditional Worship

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Our faith, lives and ministries take on new life when they are shared. Help us tell God's story as it unfolds in our church and community. Send news items and story ideas to the church office!



Time Marches On

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

"Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. You have made my days a few hand-breadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight. Surely everyone stands as a mere breath." Psalm 39:4-5

This passage from Psalms, as well as the events in my life the last couple of months, reminds me in a strong way that time marches on and things change. When things change for us, we often find some time to reflect on what that means and how best to move forward. As we get ready to take another run at business around here, I have learned some things anew...

I have become a creature of habit. This comes as no surprise to my family. They live with me, understand my patterns, and have adjusted to them as I have tried to adjust to theirs. Even the way that we greet one another as we walk into a room is familiar and strangely comforting. I like a newspaper in my hands every morning, and I drink coffee as I read it. I am excited about the Indians, again, and even hopeful about the Browns (it is August). Many other examples could be cited, but I liked to think I was a bit more unpredictable than I really am. It is OK though. God is good all the time. Things are different now. Time marches on.

I have been saddened by deaths this past year. I have lost friends, and have become a bit more acquainted with my own mortality. It really is what the Psalmist was getting at, I think. Time moves. We move through it, aware of the changes going on in us and around us. We care for others as best we can. Hopefully, we welcome new ones as we say goodbye to others. God is good all the time. Things are different now. Time marches ever on.

I am grateful for the ministry we share. As we begin our September together, I feel even more aware that these changes I have noted in my life, also have counterpoints in yours. Some of the changes we share in common, others are just yours or mine alone. Yet, somehow, when we gather back together, the spirit moves among us, and the spirit moves through us, and...God is good. Things are different now. Time marches on.

Keep your head up,

Pastor Clark

Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY is no longer collecting Campbell's Soup Labels, but they are collecting Box Tops. You can help unlock a world of opportunity for their students. All you need is a pair of scissors. Clip the symbols from products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. Learn more at www.labelsforeducation.com.



Sunday Mornings at
10 am in the Parlor
Returns September 17



New Sunday
Morning
Classes
Begin 9/17

Classes for All Ages on Sunday Mornings at 10 am
New session begins September 17

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School is open, without charge, to all children ages 6 months through Grade 7. Teachers are trained volunteers who love children, are committed to their spiritual nurture, and serve as faith journey companions. Register your child on Sunday mornings through September 10.

- Eighth Graders spend the year in the process of **Confirmation**. The confirmation year is a time of exploration, journey, and embrace of the Christian faith as one's own. Contact Dana Schwendeman or Jenny Gee to sign up! 440-526-8938.
- See the youth page of this issue for information about High School classes this fall.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

The education hour is a great time to meet and get to know a smaller group of your church family. Visitors are always welcome in every class! This fall, we have two options for adults during the education hour:

1. Back to Basics

Every week join Pastor Clark to meet one of your spiritual ancestors. You will be amazed to find that they are a lot like you. Some were heroes, some were villains but most were just everyday folks that we can learn so much from. Hear the stories of these men and women called by God to do amazing things and see how they fit into the larger narrative of our faith story.

2. Digging into our Methodist Roots

John Wesley loved God and loved people. He organized Methodist Societies to provide an avenue for believers to engage more effectively in matters of social action. Wesley was concerned with many issues of social justice including slavery, prison reform, education and the rights of the poor and of women. Early Methodist leaders followed closely in his footsteps and established our social principals. As we look to make our way forward as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and maintain our Methodist heritage we need to revisit our roots.

Join Jenny to explore Wesley's three simple rules for living the Christian life and the five means of grace that Wesley called "instituted," meaning that they are spiritual practices in which Jesus himself participated and which he encouraged his followers to do. One of the beautiful aspects of Wesley's theology is that spiritual practices are seamlessly integrated with practices of loving our neighbors well. This is why Wesley said there is no holiness but social holiness. A life of genuine prayer inevitably leads to a life of hospitality, mercy, and justice.



You are invited to participate in a two-day training event for those starting out as a Lay Servant, and those who are continuing their work as Lay Servants **Friday, October 6 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm AND Saturday, October 7 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Rockport UMC**. Registrants are required to attend both days.

Once we receive your registration and payment, we will mail you a copy of the appropriate course book - or you are welcome to pick it up in the District office! Please read all materials before your first class. Both Basic and Advanced training sessions are available.

- **The Basic Course** offering is *Lay Servant Ministries* and is intended for those new to Lay Servant Training and those who have not taken a course in 3 years or more. The book we will be using is *Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course* by Sandy Jackson with Brian Jackson.
- **The Advanced Course** offering *Leading in Prayer* is intended for those who have taken a Basic Course in the last 3 years and are active as a Lay Servant. The book we will be using is *Let the Whole Church Say Amen* by Laurence Hull Stookey.

Cost is \$35 which includes books, materials, and meals. There will be a light dinner offered on Friday, and a continental breakfast and lunch offered on Saturday.

No onsite registration available.

Register at tinyurl.com/NCD-Fall-Lay-Servant-Training or pick up a registration form in the church office.

Do you have a heart for worship and music?

We would LOVE to see you in the Music Department this fall!!

“Sing all... Sing lustily and with good courage... Sing in time... Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing... So shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.” - From John Wesley's *Select Hymns*, 1761. Page vii UMH

Chancel Choir Thursday Evenings at 7:30 pm

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 pm on Thursday evenings, beginning September 14.

Handbell Choir Thursday Evenings at 6:30

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 shares a great sense of humor and enjoyable rehearsals, and they typically meet from 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings, beginning September 14.

Men's and Women's Ensembles

Join a Sisterhood or Brotherhood of Song! Men's and Women's ensembles work on one or two pieces of music at a time and always welcome new singers! The group shares in worship at both services about once per month. Singers of all (or no!) ability are welcome and encouraged to come lift their voice in song! Men's Ensemble will continue rehearsals in September and rehearsals for Women's Ensemble will begin in October. Watch the church calendar for details.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir offers a relaxed but meaningful time for children to explore their faith through music. It's more than “just singing,” although singing is definitely an important part of what we do! We also work on rhythm, develop our music-reading ability, and play a variety of instruments. The group reinforces music skills, builds teamwork and encourages children to think personally about their own faith.



Want to learn more about singing in any of these groups? Contact Music Director Adrienne Leska at 440-526-8938 ext. 230 or music@brecksvilleumc.com.

Praise Team/Instrumentalists

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 ranging from hymns to modern 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. We are always looking for musicians who would like to share in special music for offertories and anthems. Please contact Jamie Schwedneman, Praise Team Leader, to get involved! E-mail Jamie at jschwendemail@gmail.com



Technology Team

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 the equipment, just give us a call – we will provide the training! Contact the office to volunteer, or see Paul Calovini or George Gee on Sunday mornings for more information.

Introducing Isaac Becker-Howell

We are thrilled to announce that we have added a pianist to our music ministry team! Isaac Becker-Howell will accompany our choir and will perform during both services on Sunday mornings. Isaac and his family recently returned to Ohio from Baltimore, where he taught music in an elementary school. He has degrees in piano performance from both Miami University and Baldwin-Wallace, and has served as an organist, pianist and instrumentalist at several churches in Ohio and Maryland. You will first hear him during worship on September 17. Welcome, Isaac!





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United Methodist Women Meet

School has started and UMW meetings are back! On Thursday, **September 7** we will enjoy a presentation about Habitat for Humanity by Kimberly Pride. The morning starts with fellowship and breakfast at 9:30 followed by the program at 10 am. Everyone is welcome. Join us!



Knitting Group Returns

Come to “Stitch’n Time” our church’s daytime knitting/crocheting group! We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor. Our next meeting is **September 19**. No experience necessary. Everyone is welcome! Projects include prayer shawls and lap blankets, hats and mittens, and baby blankets. Contact Sandy Crist 440.526.1494 for more information.



Asbury-Bremeth Begins New Study September 14

Bishop Reuben Job wrote that “the Christian life flourishes in community.” We know that this is true anytime we take part in a small group study. The ladies of the Asbury Bremeth Circle invite you to be a part of our community that meets on the second Thursday of each month for fellowship, laughter and faith building (the tasty treats are pretty good, too!) This year we will go back to our roots and learn from the study “*The Wesleyan Way*.” Join us. You will be so glad you did! Our first meeting is on September 14 at 10 am.

Bakin’ for Bibles

Help support the ministry of the Evening Circle by supporting their bake sale on **September 17**. Proceeds from the sale will buy Bibles for the residents of Rahab House, a safe space for women who have been victims of human trafficking. If you have questions or would like to become involved with the good work done by the women of the Evening Circle, call Lynn Hobzek 440-526-6037 or email kezboh@aol.com.



Do you shop at Acme Fresh Market?

Save your receipts! Our United Methodist Women are participating in the Acme Community Cash Back Program. Save your register tapes dated August 10 through December 30 and bring them in the labeled box in the coat room and help earn money for UMW Missions!



PB & J Drive for Brookside

This month, our focus for the Brookside Food Center collection turns to Peanut Butter and Jelly. Let’s help hungry kids of Cleveland as the school year begins. Want to help? Bring donations to the first floor collection bin.



COFFEE HOUR

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour takes place in the Parlor at 10 o’clock. Stop in and enjoy a cup of hot joe hosted by a different church committee each month.

September: Staff Parish Relations

October: Trustees

November: Music & Worship

December: Gifts & Memorials

January: Finance

February: Youth Board

March: Education

April and May need hosts!

Call the office to volunteer.



LUNCH BUNCH

September 12 at 12 A TASTE OF HOME

What food reminds you of home?
Come enjoy a potluck buffet of favorite childhood dishes with the staff in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone’s welcome.

Please RSVP!

Sign up on Sunday or contact us:
440-526-8938 or
office@brecksvilleumc.com



Brecksville United Methodist Church *Board of Trustees Special Report*



Last year the congregation generously agreed to set up a [Planned Expense Fund \(PEF\)](#) for taking care of the Church building and parsonage. The PEF is a really different approach, enabling the Trustees to proactively address repairs and replacements, rather than just responding from emergency to emergency. The generous funding in place has allowed Trustees to make plans for dealing with expected expenses on these wonderful assets. The Trustees have a schedule of expected expenses over the next 15 years, which is posted on our [BUMC website](#) for all to see!



This year Trustees had budgeted for about \$31,000 in PEF repairs and expenditures. That included doing a significant water drainage project at the parsonage to solve a water problem. As with any budget some surprises have occurred.

The parsonage project grew significantly when we discovered that the back yard water drainage problem had actually damaged the basement walls. So the Trustees juggled their other 2017 planned work and received approval from the new Church Council to spend an additional \$7,770 from the PEF for the basement wall repairs.



Pictures of all the work at the Parsonage to solve the water and basement problems are attached. The parsonage is about 50 years old. These repairs were necessary and protect our equity in the parsonage as well as make the parsonage more functional for Pastor Stein and his family.

We have postponed some planned 2017 projects in order to prioritize the parsonage work. The PEF has worked as intended, and provided a means to do both planned work and address an immediate need.



We are closely monitoring other needs, and we have successfully completed a number of projects with volunteer labor and donated materials. Did you notice all the freshly painted exterior entry ways and beautiful new landscaping?

Trustees continue to look at what needs to be done and what funds we have to do the necessary work, being the best stewards we can of our assets.

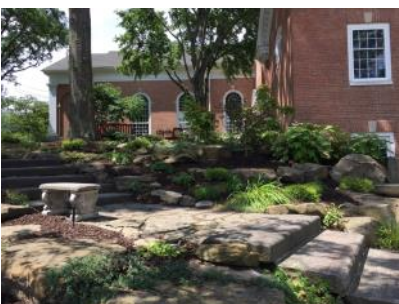
Trustees truly appreciate our congregation's continued support of our efforts. If you are currently contributing to the PEF, **THANK YOU!** And if you would like join us by starting to contribute to the Planned Expense Fund, we invite you to call the Church Office to start your contributions today.



Landscaping Update

If you have not noticed the new landscaping I suggest you take a stroll around the grounds of the Church when you get a chance. The landscaping along with East side of the Church, around the steps going up to the front yard and around the sign has been updated. The landscaping had gotten overgrown and tired. It is now new and fresh. And look at those benches....have a seat and enjoy the view.

This work was done with all volunteer labor and private donations. No budget money was used. The landscape was designed to be beautiful but also as low maintenance as practical.



In order to help maintain the beauty and keep the landscaping fresh it takes a lot of work. Every little bit helps. If you would like to help with weeds, or trimming, or with the spring and fall cleanups your help is appreciated. If you would like to "adopt" a part of the landscape to maintain that would be wonderful. Let us know what section you want to call "your own".

- Bob Lundholm, Chair, Board of Trustees

YOUTH NEWS

All Youth Dinner

Sunday, September 17 from 5-7 pm. Food, fellowship, and fun! Students entering grades 6-12 are invited to this awesome monthly event. We hope to see you there! (NOTE: There will not be high school youth group on All Youth Dinner nights.)

Middle School Youth Group *will meet on Tuesdays*

Starts back up on Sept. 19, 5-6 pm. Please note the time change for this year. We will meet in the youth room for a quick snack, devotional time, and games!

High School Youth Group *will meet on Sundays*

Starts back on Sept. 24, 7-8 pm, please note the time change for this year. Meet in the youth room for a quick snack, devotional time, and games. Come early (6:40pm) for Ukulele Worship with Dana. Bring your uke and join in!

High School Main Event

Cleveland Indians Game, Saturday, September 30
\$25. We're heading to Progressive Field for a fun night. For tickets, RSVP to Dana *before September 10*.



Sign up for the NEW MONTHLY YOUTH NEWSLETTER!

Once a month there will be an electronic newsletter sent straight to your inbox with all the detailed info about the happenings in youth ministry. It's the best way to stay up-to-date on events, studies, and missions opportunities available for students here at Brecksville UMC. Email Dana to get on the subscription list for this exciting new communication! youth@brecksvilleumc.com



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*Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237
or youth@brecksvilleumc.com*

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm in The Parlor

Join Pastor Clark and friends as we explore the Gospel of Luke.

Luke was an educated and cultured man, the first real historian to write about Jesus. He places Jesus at the heart of the first-century Jewish and Roman worlds into which the Christian gospel exploded. We know that what Jesus said, what he did and what happened to him has changed the course of history.

Sign up on Sunday or call the office to register. 440-526-8938. Books will be available by Sunday, September 17.

Cost of the book is \$10. But, if you can't afford a book right now, our Corinthian Fund will cover the cost. Sign up on Sunday, or call the church office!



Late Summer Reminder

As we all return from vacations and summer fun, this is just a quick reminder to also catch up on your pledge and contribution giving here at our wonderful Church. Your contributions are a vital part of your engagement and participation in the life our Church Family, and are a direct connection to helping spread Jesus' Love and message through our many ministries and programs. Thank you for all you do!

- Your Finance Committee



When Pastor Clark asked, “Who brings this woman to be married?” Skip Smith replied, “Her proud grandfather!” Love filled our sanctuary when Elizabeth Hoffman married her high school sweetheart, Kyle Romance, on July 29. Did you hear the church bells ringing in celebration?

On Sunday, August 20, we celebrated the baptism of Zoey Camille Tormento, daughter of Olivia and Nicholas Tormento, great-granddaughter of Loretta Timms.

Baptism ANNIVERSARIES

May the light of Jesus guide us on our paths as we share his love with the world. Amen!

Betsy Urso	9/27/1964
Sam Papp	9/8/1988
Brian Pasek	9/10/1989
Kevan Fisher	9/9/1990
Laina Culley	9/11/1994
Stephanie Holmes	9/15/1996
Darren Krolkowski	9/15/1996
Matthew Manocchio	9/21/1997
Jessica Zawada	9/22/2002
Catherine Derry	9/14/2003
Aaron Georgevich	9/12/2004
Matt Georgevich	9/12/2004
Matthew Agnew	9/20/2009
Zachary Kardos	9/4/2011
Lilliana BonTempo	9/9/2012
Kaden Juniper	9/14/2014
Lucas Juniper	9/25/2016



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Greg Eberhardt	1	Tonya Boldt	10	Audrey Fowler	21
Alan Jones	1	Mona Carlisle	10	Kara Storey	22
Mary Kate Kaminski	1	Jackie Daugherty	10	Gianna Hricko	23
David Hurder	2	Travis Papesh	10	Emma Sak	23
Ann Rittman	3	Matthew Robusto	10	Anne Rosenthal	24
Luke Dorman	4	Jinho Lee	11	Brett Hubert	26
Marilyn Huber	4	Madeline Hamilton	12	Owen Paroda	26
Tim Miller	4	Abigail Jaite	12	Jeff Schillo	26
Matthew Scheff	4	Leslie Phillips	12	John Hlay	27
Harry Wilson	5	Ruth Georgevich	13	Kathy Holmes	27
Dana Schwendeman	6	Giovanna Figer	14	Annie Madaus	27
Mariella Siemer	6	Barbara Diver	15	Jeannie McBride	27
Matt Georgevich	7	Claire Hayes	16	Matt Harper	28
Quinn Slifcak	8	Kathy Bartholomew	17	Mary Jane Matts	28
Megan Burns	9	Eleri Watkins	17	Matt Harper	29
Joe Hurst	9	Charles Wilson	18	Amy Magee	29
Jennifer Mathewson	9	Emily Vastartis	19	Kaiya Crouch	30
Sandy Whitton	9	Becky Gezze	20	Ella Davis	30
		Claire Kenney	20	Craig Kotnik	30
		James Patrick	20		
		Fred Priest	20		
		Jon Wise	20		



As people of faith, we find God’s presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings this month, we lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. People like Matt Auble who stepped in to fill a void on the mowing team; Nancy Manaska who is putting her skills and training in finance to good use by serving as a counter; Bev Gooding, Lori Ruserholtz, Linda Schmidt, Al Harper and Jeff Hastings who’s time and elbow grease have made the benches on the church lawn glow like they’re brand new; Kristi Eberhardt and Jeff & Lucy Fesler who will help make visitors welcome by delivering bread to their homes; The Kobernas, Nancy Manaska, Donna Sibits, Bev & Marilyn Huber, Aleyna Gee, Kristen Kubek and all of the folks who helped make everyone welcome on their photography days; and folks who jump in when help is needed, like Craig & Mary Kotnik and Michael Jaczak. We’re so thankful for each of you, named and un-named!

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SEPTEMBER 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Ann and Bill Rittman</i>		 <p>Happy Birthday! <i>Our church celebrates its 203rd birthday this month!</i></p>			1	2
3 Communion Sunday Last Sunday for Summer Worship 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship in the Sanctuary Summer Choir	4 Labor Day Church Offices Closed 	5 10 Staff Meeting	6 6:30 Breakfast	7 9:30 UMW 7:00 Men's Ensemble 	8	9 8 Greater Cleveland Food Bank 
10 Fall Kick Off! Grandparents' Day 10 One Worship Service 11 Potluck on the Square	11 	12 10 Staff Meeting 12 Lunch Bunch— <i>A Taste of Home</i>	13 6:30 Breakfast 4:15 Children's Choir	14 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8:30 Men's Ensemble 	15 UMW Delivery to Brookside Center <i>Last day to register for Abbey Retreat</i>	16
17 Worship Times Change 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10 Classes for All Ages 11:15 Traditional Worship Baking for Bibles Bake Sale 5 All Youth Dinner	18 7 Staff Parish Relations Committee	19 10 Staff Meeting 10 "Stitch'n'Time" Knitting Group 7 Trustees 5 Middle School Youth Group Begins	20 6:30 Breakfast 4:15 Children's Choir 7 Pastor Wednesday Night Bible Study Begins 7:30 Chancel Choir	21  	22	23
24 Third Grade Bible Sunday 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10 Classes for All Ages 11:15 Traditional Worship 6:40 Ukulele Worship 7 High School Youth Group	25 2 - 9 Pictorial Directory Photos	26 10 Staff Meeting 2 - 9 Pictorial Directory Photos 5 Middle School Youth Group 7 Finance	27 6:30 Breakfast 4:15 Children's Choir	28 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 	29 9:30 UMW Board Meeting 5 Wedding Rehearsal	30 2 Church Wedding 3—11 High School Trip to Indians Game 



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Final Summer Worship

8:30 Worship on the Lawn

10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Fall Kick Off Sunday. Grandparents Day!

10:00 One Combined Worship Service

11:00 Potluck on the Square

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

New Worship Times. Sunday School Begins.

8:45 Contemporary Worship

10:00 Classes for All Ages

11:15 Traditional Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:45 Contemporary Worship

10:00 Classes for All Ages

11:15 Traditional Worship



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Your church staff uses a long range planning calendar for church programming.

Here's a look at October and November.

Do you have changes? Get your updates in before the next Church Council meeting, October 10!

October 2017	
Evening Circle Project in support of women in the military Brookside Drive Focus: Paper Products (Paper towels, napkins, TP, etc.)	
Sunday, 10/1	World Communion Sunday. New Member Sunday
	Thursday, October 5 – UMW Meeting. Open M speaker Friday and Saturday, October 6 & 7 – North Coast District Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Training at Rockport UMC in Rocky River
Sunday, 10/8	18th Sunday After Pentecost. Clergy appreciation day. All youth dinner.
	Tuesday, October 10 – Lunch Bunch Thursday, October 12 – Asbury Bremeth Circle Friday, October 13 – No school. NEOEA Day. Football scoreboard sponsorship
Sunday, 10/15	Laity Sunday. Stewardship Campaign, Week 1
	UMW Pumpkin Pie Sale Began at this time last year. Are we doing it again? Thursday, October 19 – Good Word Deadline. Saturday, October 21 – Halloween on the Heights
Sunday, 10/22	20th Sunday After Pentecost. Stewardship Campaign, Week 2
	Tuesday, October 24 – SPRC Consult with the D.S. Thursday, October 26 – Good Word publishes October 27, 28 & 29 – Abbey of Genesee Retreat Saturday, October 28 – The Legend of Sleepy Hollow at Lantern Theater
Sunday, 10/29	Stewardship Campaign, Week 3. Commitment Sunday.
	Tuesday, October 31 is Halloween

November 2017	
Evening Circle Project: College Care Packages Brookside Drive Focus: Canned Meats	
	Wednesday, November 1 – All Saints Day Thursday, November 2 – UMW Meeting. Craft project. Saturday, November 4 – Charge Conference at Church of the Saviour UMC
Sunday, 11/5	Communion Sunday. All Saints Sunday. Daylight Savings Time Ends.
	Tuesday, November 7, Election Day. North Royalton Moms Club meets here. Thursday, November 9 – Asbury Bremeth Circle Brecksville Broadview Heights HS Jazz Ensemble Concert?
Sunday, 11/12	Veterans Sunday. One service at 10 am. Luncheon at 11 am. Organ/tissue donor Sunday
	Tuesday, November 14, Lunch Bunch. Thursday, November 16 – Good Word Deadline
Sunday, 11/19	(National) Bible Sunday. Pearl Road Dinner.
	Wednesday, November 22 – Good Word publishes Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day Friday, November 24 – Church Offices Closed
Sunday, 11/26	Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. United Methodist Student Day (offering). Hanging of the Greens! Brecksville Christmas Parade and Reception

Our faith, lives and ministries take on new life when they are shared. Help us tell God's story as it unfolds in our church and community. Send news items and story ideas to the church office!

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A New School Year Begins!

A new school year is a time of change. Kids are meeting new teachers and classmates, teachers are meeting new colleagues and students and families are adjusting to new schedules. We can try to make that transition easier by praying to God and giving thanks for the people in our schools!

On Thursday, August 19, our Christian Education and Youth Directors, Jenny Gee and Dana Schwendeman, said "thank you" to the teachers and staff of Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District by serving coffee, iced coffee and lemon water at teacher training day.

During both services on Sunday, August 27, we will have a blessing of the backpacks. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks, literal or figurative, to church as we fill them with well wishes for the start of the school year.

We wish everyone a great 2017-18 school year!



Volunteer with your church family at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Come spend a Saturday morning with your church family helping our hungry neighbors. Sign up at church on Sunday, or call the office: 440-526-8938

Did you know... The percentage of seniors eligible for food assistance in the food bank's six-county service area is:
Ashland County - 33% Ashtabula County - 43% Cuyahoga County - 35% Geauga County - 20% Lake County - 27%
Richland County - 35%

Beginning Waltz Lessons



Sundays
September 17 – October 22

2:00 to 3:30 PM Beginning Waltz
3:30 to 4:30 PM Review of Other Rhythms

Learn choreographed dances with cues

Cost: \$35.00 per person
*One price for both segments
Cash or check by the 2nd lesson*

Brecksville United Methodist Church
65 Public Square
Brecksville, OH 44141

Instructor: Amy Riehl

For more information contact
440-334-0347 (text preferred)

