

Brecksville United Methodist Church  
*A Reconciling Congregation*

# The Good Word



Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.

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## **Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, November 25 after second service**

*Let us prepare God's house for the light which will come into the world*  
Come help hang an ornament, a wreath or a ribbon, place candles in the windows, or erect a tree — there's something for those of all abilities to do as we prepare the church for Advent and for the company coming later that evening!

## **Brecksville Christmas Parade Reception 5 pm in Fellowship Hall**

*We welcome the community for family fun and fellowship!*

A cherished Brecksville tradition, The Brecksville Christmas Parade concludes on the Square with a tree lighting and fireworks. After the parade, we gather in Fellowship Hall for hot chocolate and cookies, coordinated by our Fellowship Committee and the City of Brecksville. Want to help? Please call or e-mail the office!

## All Saints' Sunday November 4



On **All Saints Sunday**, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. During both worship services, the names of the saints of the church who have died since November 2017 will be read, and the church bell will toll in each person's honor. If you have lost a loved one in the last year, please provide their name to Leslie Miller before Tuesday, Oct 30. 440-526-8938 or [leslie@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:leslie@brecksvilleumc.com).

## **Veterans Sunday is November 11 One Worship Service at 10:00 am**

Come and celebrate our Veterans and the sacrifices they made for our freedoms. All are invited to a simple celebration luncheon following the service in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to sharing this special celebration with all of you!





## Sunday Morning Worship

**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!



## How Far We Have to Go

*Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor*

Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.—Joel 1:14

### Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863

*It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.*

*We know by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?*

*We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown*

*But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us.*

*It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. - (signed) A. Lincoln October 3, 1863*

A reminder of where we have been, of the inspired words of a strong leader, and how little has changed and how far we've yet to go.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Pastor Clark*

### Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

In the Parlor at 10 am



Fellowship  
Committee

## Pull Tabs Fight Hunger

Zach Brachna's seventh grade class is collecting tabs to raise money to help send weekend bags of food home with kids who might otherwise go hungry. Bring your tabs to the jar in the Parlor!





### Teacher and Parent Resource Room Now Open

Have you ever really needed a fun game to round out your Sunday School lesson on Jonah? Or have your kids or grandkids been having some pretty interesting questions about their faith? Or do you just not know how to break the silence when it comes to faith discussions with your kids? Well, we've got a brand new space for you to check out!

The Resource Room is one of the small rooms next to room 301 on the third floor. It's outfitted with great teacher lessons (to supplement our regular curriculum) and lots of parent resources. There's comfy seating and a table if you'd like to sit and peruse your selection. Feel like you'd rather take the book home? No problem! Just fill out the borrowers log and take it for a couple weeks. It's not just books! We have DVDs which you can borrow or preview right there. Make yourself at home and use some of the resources that are available to you.



This room will also serve as quiet space for those who may be feeling sensory overload and need a place to get away from the noise and lights.

Are you an adult looking for some interesting or challenging reading on spiritual matters? Check out our Bourne Reading Room, also located off of 301, and check out our super selection of faith and spirituality books.

- Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education

### Horizon's Costume Parade

52 kids in costume will parade the halls of Brecksville UMC at 9:25 and 12:40 on Wednesday, October 31 going "door to door" to collect treats. Want to help? Come for one or both, and bring peanut free treats appropriate for 3 and 4 year olds. Come join the fun and help show families that ALL are welcome here! See you there? Contact the church office for details! 440-526-8938



### You're Invited to Thanksgiving Dinner

Thuy Ai and Minh Nguyen have seats at their Thanksgiving Table and invite those who may be alone this holiday to join them. If you live within 10 miles of the church, they can even pick you up!

Call, text or e-mail Thuy Ai to RSVP

440-263-6705

rexboutiqu@aol.com

### Church Closer Needed

After years of faithfully serving on the church closing team, Al Harper is retiring at the end of October. Are you a brave soul interested in stepping in to help, about once every five weeks? Contact the church office for details: 440-526-8938

### YOGA IN THE CHAPEL

Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
October 18—December 13

With instructor Jen Speith

This class is open to ALL levels - from never-beens to seasoned yogis. Experience a blend of yang (heat/effort) and yin (cool/surrender) appropriately adjusted for each individual.

Cost for the class is \$40 for the eight week session. (No class on Thanksgiving.) Can't make the whole series? Drop in rate is \$7.



Join us at noon in Fellowship Hall.  
FREE IF YOU RSVP!

440-526-8938



## Whoooo's Missing? WeCONNECT

Thank you to everyone who has formed a We Connect Team. There is still time to join or make a team! Please get a card (on the piano in the parlor) make your team, turn in the card and grab your Rally Towel. Use it as a reminder to touch base with your team.

One of our jobs as members of the congregation is to care for one another. By touching base with others, you are helping care for each other. Did you ask someone to join your team that you did not know? That is *really* caring for your congregation. Reach out!

Our next theme is "Whoooo's missing?" Have you noticed that someone you normally see is missing from worship? Let the We Connect Team know by dropping their name in the offertory plate.

We will be reaching out to people by writing notes. If you would like to help by jotting some notes at home, please contact Kathy Stein

440-479-4359 or

[kathystein512@roadrunner.com](mailto:kathystein512@roadrunner.com)

**We'd love to hear your ideas!  
Join us at our next meeting  
Tuesday, Oct 30 at 7 pm!**



## Christmas Bags—Thursday, November 1

The Brecksville United Methodist Women invite you to join them for a fun project - assembling Christmas bags for the students of the Debra Ann November Early Learning Center. The morning activities will begin at 9:30 am with a continental breakfast. Our World Thank Offering will be collected. Everyone is welcome for a casual relaxing morning with friends.

The Debra Ann November Early Learning Center is located in the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library System and is one of seven Early Learning Centers operated by the Centers for Families and Children. They explain "A child's experiences during the first 2,000 days, from birth to the start of kindergarten, have a lasting impact on later success in school and life. Our 2,000 Days Pledge is an educational promise between teachers and parents that emphasizes the importance of a shared partnership and approach for putting children on the right path to high school graduation and beyond." Come help support this initiative and help spread some holiday cheer together!

## College Care Packages

The Evening UMW circle is sending college care packages to students to let them know that this church family is thinking of them. If you have a child or grandchild attending college, please give their name and address to the church office as soon as possible. The packages will be mailed in early November!

## Adopt a Girl for Christmas

West Side Sisterhood is a program of the West Side Community Center in Cleveland. Sisterhood fosters a belief in girls' self-worth based on their skills, unique talents, and spirituality rather than on appearance, popularity, sexuality or negative gender and racial stereotypes. Sisterhood encourages and challenges young women to be strong and independent, to exercise self-discipline, to respect themselves and one another, to value education, and to know when and how to give help and receive it. The United Methodist Women support this great program, and again this year are coordinating an "adopt a girl for Christmas program." If you'd like to help fill a young person's Christmas wish, sign up at church on Sunday or call Gretchen Mates at 440-526-6481.



TUNA, SALMON, SPAM,  
CHICKEN, HAM

## Canned Meat Drive

We're collecting hearty non-perishable foods for our brothers and sisters at Brookside Food Center, things like canned stews, chili, chicken, and tuna. Want to help? Bring your donations to the first floor collection bin by Thursday, Nov.15.



KIN♥  
DOM  
JESUS  
RADICAL  
LOVE  
JUSTICE  
PEACE

### Jesus' Kin-Dom, a Stewardship Message

Different. Jesus called us to be different. To be countercultural.

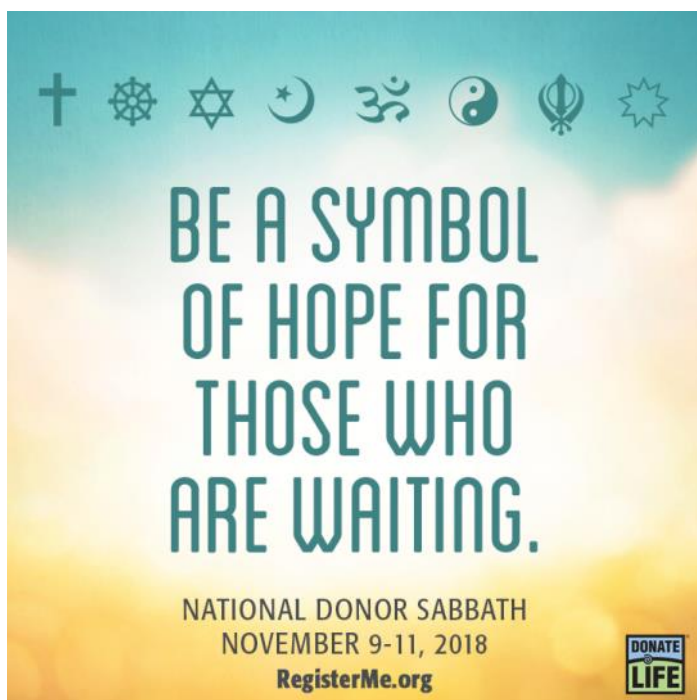
Jesus was not the warrior king the Jewish people hoped would lead them to victory over their occupiers. Instead, he brought the very radical message that we should **Love** our neighbors, seek **Justice**, and pursue **Peace**. Jesus invites us instead to be part of his special God-inspired Kin-dom.

In this fall's Stewardship Campaign, Pastor Stein is helping us explore Jesus' Radical Love, Justice and Peace. It's a three-part lesson. We will also explore how our Church Family already puts Jesus' radical teachings into action in our daily church activities and programs -- and challenge us on how we might expand our efforts for Christ.

Why take such a challenging approach? Because as children of God, you and I are called to live in this world, but not of this world. We are to be different. That's uncomfortable. But to sustain us, God helps us develop strong faith and take actions that help grow and spread Jesus' special Kin-dom.

We need you, as we strive to spread Jesus' Kin-dom. It takes strong finances to support and grow our Church's efforts to help transform lives in Jesus' name. Please help financially support our Church Family to grow Jesus' Kin-dom here at Brecksville United Methodist Church.


As we celebrate Commitment Sunday on November 4, we ask that you join us in presenting your financial pledge for 2019 as part of our Church Services.  
*- Your Finance Committee*



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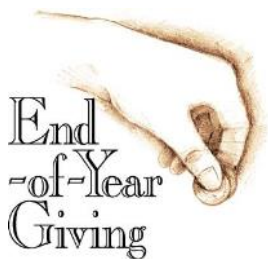


**Fall Yard Clean Up**  
Saturday, November 17

Get out your rake, pull on your gloves, and join the team on Saturday, November 17 for our fall church yard clean-up. Let's meet around 8:30 am. With enough volunteers we will be done by noon. You'll be surprised how quick the time goes when you're having a good time visiting with your church family. Try it!



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Brecksville United Methodist Church as your charity!



The end of the year is just a few short weeks away! As you plan your year end giving, please remember that gifts to the church must be received in the church office by Monday, December 31. Monthly giving statements are included in printed copies of *The Good Word* and are sent by e-mail, according to your requests.

Can't wait for the mail? You can view your giving statement anytime from our secure online portal. It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Log in to [www.onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist](http://www.onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist). Your e-mail address is your login. Your password is known only to you. If you can't remember it, follow the instructions to re-set.
2. Click Giving on the main menu.
3. You can view your past giving, see scheduled giving or even schedule a recurring gift.

Need help? Call Leslie or Melanie, 440-526-8938, Monday to Thursday 8:30—4:30 or Friday 8:30—12:30

## HOW TO GIVE TO BRECKSVILLE UMC AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TAX SAVINGS

With the tax changes that took effect in 2018, how you make your charitable gifts can have a great effect on your taxes. With careful planning, there are still avenues to gain tax benefits through charitable giving. Below are some tax saving strategies to consider before the end of the year. Please consult a financial or tax professional for guidance before making any final decisions.

- ▶ **Donor Advised Funds:** Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) are public charities that accept irrevocable gifts of cash or securities from individuals and distribute funds to qualified nonprofit organizations, based on the donor's interest. All gifts are tax-deductible up to IRS limits, with an additional important advantage: For long-term appreciated securities, you can deduct the current value of the shares without having to pay taxes on any capital gains. Then you can take your time to decide which charities you wish to support with your donations. In the meantime, the balance of your DAF account is invested. Any potential growth is tax-free, so you could have more funds available to give to your favorite causes. There are many financial institutions that will set up and manage a DAF. There is usually a minimum to start a DAF.
- ▶ **Donating your RMD to a qualified charity.** If you are age 70½ or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. This additional taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).
- ▶ **Donating Appreciated Securities:** Donate long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to charity. Compared with donating cash, or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction.
- ▶ **Bunching or Bundling.** This is when you surpass the itemization threshold by bundling together your tax deductions into a single year, and then take the standard deduction in interim years. This requires careful and intentional timing of expenses you want to deduct. While you can mix and match any deductions to reach the threshold, charitable giving is an easy lever to pull to put you over the top. Accelerating your giving and donating two years of contributions in one year can go a long way to helping you reach the threshold.

Please ask your financial professional if any of these strategies can work for you.

- *The Brecksville UMC Finance Committee*





# YOUTH NEWS

## A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER

### A Peek Inside Youth Group

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL 3x10 Sandwich

Join us Sundays from 6-7 pm in a high energy environment designed to keep attention, build community, and foster confidence. We play three ten minute games focusing on team-building, creativity, and using up some of that extra middle-school energy. We sandwich our games between two community and faith building activities. Students feel cared for coming and going from their time at youth group. Snacks are provided each week and bringing friends is always encouraged!

#### HIGH SCHOOL Can I Ask That?

Sundays from 7-8 pm you'll find a welcoming group embracing tough conversations with a light heart. We are exploring Fuller Youth Institute's *Can I Ask That?* series, where students are encouraged to ask questions they have about faith, God, and the bible. *Can I Ask That?* revolves around the belief that "doubt isn't toxic to faith, silence is." With open hearts and minds we are growing closer to one another and God. We end our time together with a fun group game and a trip to our prayer request wall. We hope to empower students to step into their school week feeling loved, enlightened, and relaxed. There's always room for more in this group and we would be happy to have you join us!

#### All Youth Dinner November 4 from 5-7 pm

**On the menu: Make Your Own Pizzas.** Come into the kitchen and design the perfect pizza just for you! We will bake it fresh and serve it up piping hot. There's something for everyone at this dinner! **Our service project this month** is Christmas Gifting for Flat Rock Homes! During our dinner we will construct a one of a kind Christmas tree to be displayed on the second floor and gift request tags will be handed out to students. Gifts can be purchased and placed under the tree between November 5-19. We are excited to make this a very special Christmas for the individuals at Flat Rock Homes!

#### Energize Youth Overnight November 3-4

It's that time of year again! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to travel with us to Christ UMC in Newcomerstown for a fun night of energizing worship, yummy food, fun games, and getting to know new friends! But the fun doesn't stop when the clock strikes midnight. We're staying over for a lock-in with our Newcomerstown friends. This event is 100% FREE and friends are welcome. RSVP is required to attend so let Dana know you're coming ([youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com)) before October 31! *Are you an adult who might be willing to drive/chaperone this event? Send Dana an email. She's looking for some awesome adult volunteers!*

#### Project Feed November 11

Let's pack some meals and make a difference! The Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) is hosting a packing party at Wadsworth Middle School and we are lending a hand. You've never seen "world-changing" quite like this. Through a fast-paced assembly line, students fill, seal, and pack meals for families all over the globe. Bring a canned good and \$5 to participate. *RSVP to Dana before November 8!*

#### Days of Radical Thanks November 11-16

You've heard of our "Week of Gratitude?" Get ready for something RADICAL! What did Jesus have to say about giving thanks and showing others how grateful we are? Will you step up to the challenge? Get your social media ready for 5 days of fun, 5 days of creativity, and 5 days of radical thanks! Make sure you are following our social media accounts for updates, previews, and how to participate!

#### Hanging of the Greens/Christmas Parade November 25

Join our community as we prepare for the Advent season! After church we will be decorating the entire church building with all the holiday things you love, then opening our doors to the Brecksville/ Broadview Heights community as we ring in Christmas on the square. It's a classic holiday memory for our church family so be sure to join the fun! *There will be no Youth Group on this Sunday!*

Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237 or [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com)



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# MILESTONES

News of the Fellowship

E-mail or phone Melanie with news to share!

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440-526-8938

In August of 1960, John Galik joined this church family. On October 13 we celebrated his life and sent him home. It was a wonderful service, officiated by Pastor Clark. John had asked that the Men's Ensemble, of which John was a part, sing two of his favorite songs. We're thankful for John and his life well lived, and keep Shirley and family in our prayers.

Donna Houston thanks everyone at the church for all the understanding and support of Jim as he progressed through his long journey of dementia and ALS. His big hugs and handshakes and smiles defined him and they were bestowed on all equally. The many visits by Pastor Barbara and others as well as the kindness and support shown to both of us is deeply appreciated. Thank you so much.

- The Houston Family

## ministries OF Caring

The Caring Committee is here for you and available to visit those who may be lonely and looking for support or someone to lend an ear. Contact Pastor Barbara, 440-799-3126, to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one—or to volunteer with the team!



Karl Riccardi	1			
Joyce Wuerth	1			
Nan Einheit	1			
Chia-Tien Chen	2			
Hayden Vincent	2	Terry Bennett	11	Shirley Paulovcin 21
Jim McBride	2	Jan Kaminski	11	Doug Robie 21
Burke Engelhardt	2	Judy McBride	11	Rich Ling 21
Tony Cipolla	3	Mike Basen	11	Matthew Havranek 21
Ruth McKenzie	3	Kevin Vastartis	12	Ian Roberts 21
Alyssa Whitton	3	Ryan Hulten	12	Ellie Batcheller 21
Jamie Schwendeman	4	Kelsey Hogan	13	Jennifer Sendrey 22
Melissa Schillo	5	Jim Mueller	14	Kimberly Campbell 22
Elaine Geringer	5	Brian Wygonski	14	Martha Rosenthal 22
Ella Nelson	5	Gregory Warth	14	Alan Phillips 22
Brandon Calovini	6	Monica Geib	14	Becky Paroda 22
Karl Robie	6	Isaac Becker-Howell	15	Debbi Scheufler 25
Ardyn Olszko	7	Sandy Crist	16	Dave James 25
Sean Lundholm	7	Ryan Burrows	16	James Berry 25
Cathy Drescher	8	Edison Davis	16	Kelly Meyer 26
Tom Ellis	8	Mike Gezze	17	Douglas Farling 26
Darell Fisher	8	Zachary Johnson	17	Evan Davis 27
Connor Hogan	8	Jim Berry	18	Harry Koberna 27
Brandon Fisher	8	Shirley Hill	19	Hank James 28
Charlotte Hocutt	8	Diana Wise	19	Nick Rajkovich 28
Al Filips	9	Donald Raybuck	19	Dee Lancaster 28
Bryan Miller	10	Brandon Klipfell	19	Adam Archacki 28
Michele Mihalich	10	Kyle Holmok	20	Kim Ling 28
Logan Vastartis	10	Carole Brachna	20	Gina Goodwin 28
				Kourtney Ellis 29
				Kaitlyn Hazelton 29



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings over the last four weeks, the following people were lifted in prayer with thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. People like Isaac Becker-Howell, and his sister, Christiana, who performed a beautiful recital

here in September. George Smith & Kathy Sopka, who jump in and help when there is a need, from serving as ushers, to serving as liturgists, to making cookies, and more. We love you, Chuck Gezze! Thank you for speaking at the Chippewa Chapel service. The residents were thrilled to have you, Becky and Ruby with them in worship! And our Youth Director, Dana Schwedeman's wonderful parents, Kim and Tony Petro, who share their gifts and talents with the kids, with this church family and this community in so many ways. We are thank God for each and every one of you, every day!



# NOVEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>4 All Saints Sunday</b> Daylight Savings Time <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes for All <b>11:15 Worship</b> 5 All Youth Dinner</p>	<p><b>Ruth Herman and Bev Gooding</b> <i>If you'd like to be part of this special ministry, please contact the church office!</i></p>			<p><b>1</b> 9:30 UMW 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Yoga 7:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30 Moms' Club of North Royalton</p>	<p><b>3</b> Youth Overnight</p>
<p><b>5 All Saints Sunday</b> Daylight Savings Time <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes for All <b>11:15 Worship</b> 5 All Youth Dinner</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6 Kickboxing</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10 Staff Mtg 6:30 Listening Post, Aldersgate</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:30 Breakfast 6:30 Evening Circle 7 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Yoga 7:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Charge Conference Aldersgate UMC</p>
<p><b>11 Veterans Sunday</b> Organ Donor Sunday <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes for All <b>11:15 Worship</b> 2 Project Feed in Wadsworth 6 HS HW/MS Youth 7 MS HW/HS Youth</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6 Kickboxing ← Last day for pie orders!!</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10 Staff Mtg 11 Lunch Bunch <i>Come have lunch with the staff in Fellowship Hall! FREE if you RSVP</i></p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:30 a Breakfast 7 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8 Pie Production 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Yoga 7:30 Choir</p> <p><b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> Donations Delivered to Brookside Food Center</p> <p><b>YARDWORK Crew</b> Fall Clean Up! 8 am—Noon</p>	
<p><b>18 Pie Pick Up!</b> <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes for All <b>11:15 Worship</b> 6 HS Homework Zone 6 MS Youth Group 7 MS Homework Zn 6 HS Youth Group</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6 Kickboxing</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10 Staff Mtg 10 Knitting Group 7:30 Trustees</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30 Breakfast <i>Youth Deliver Christmas Gifts to Flat Rock Homes</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>HAPPY THANKS GIVING</b></p>	<p><b>Office Will Be Closed</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25 Christ the King</b> <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes for All <b>11:15 Worship</b> 12 Hanging of the Greens 4 Christmas Parade 5 Parade Reception</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6 Kickboxing</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10 Staff Mtg 7 Finance</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:30 Breakfast</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Yoga 7:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30 UMW Board Meeting</p>	





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**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.



## Special Session Called for Feb. 23-26, 2019

In response to [Judicial Council Decision 1360](#), the Council of Bishops (COB) has amended its call for the Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The amended call issued by COB President Kenneth H. Carter notes that, “The purpose of this Special Session of the General Conference shall be limited to receiving and acting upon a report from the Commission on a Way Forward and recommendations of the Council of the Bishops.”

The Commission on a Way Forward has offered the following three plans:

- **The One Church Plan** (recommended by the Council of Bishops) would allow decisions about whether to ordain LGBTQ clergy or to allow same-gender unions to be made closer to conference and congregational level. The plan would remove the restrictive language against the practice of homosexuality in *The Book of Discipline*, and would also give assurances to pastors and conferences who in good conscience cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy that they don’t have to do so.
- **The Connectional Conference Plan** would allow conferences to choose among three connectional conferences for affiliation. The connectional conferences would align based on theology or perspective on LGBTQ ministry – be it traditionalist, progressive or allowing for a variety of approaches. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination’s constitution.
- **The Traditionalist Plan** would affirm the current language in *The Book of Discipline* and seek to create swift and strong penalties for violations and create exit plans for churches that disagree.

Read the plans in their entirety, read Bishop Malone’s statement, view explanatory videos and more on the East Ohio Conference Website: <http://www.eocumc.com/gc/>



## PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

### EOC Delegation Offers Listening Posts

There is one more opportunity for The East Ohio delegation to Annual Conference to hear the thoughts and concerns of clergy and laity heading into the Special Session: **Tues., Nov. 6 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Aldersgate UMC** 4069 Eastwood Lane, Warrensville Heights. At the Listening Post there will be a devotion, a brief overview of the process of General Conference and a review of the legislation. The main purpose of the Listening Posts is for the delegates to listen to you.

Pre-registration is not required, but is helpful for us to plan hospitality. Please register yourself and any guests who will attend with you. Find the registration link here: <http://www.eocumc.com/gc/>

Questions that may help direct you in how to share your thoughts and concerns with the delegation include:

- What are signs of hope, or causes of anxiety, for you surrounding this Special Session of General Conference?
- What are signs of hope, or causes of anxiety, for you in a particular plan in the proposed report?
- What would your picture of The United Methodist Church look like for the next generation?
- What do you want us as delegates to be aware of or take into consideration?

The delegation has also created an e-mail address to receive individual questions, comments, and suggestions that all members of the delegation will be able to see. Please e-mail [eoc2019gcdelegation@eocumc.com](mailto:eoc2019gcdelegation@eocumc.com).



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### **Another form of welcome—Sensory Inclusion**



Voices lifted in song, crowds of people in the pews, the smell of coffee wafting from the Parlor—things that make up a Sunday morning at church—are all lovely things, but can also be overwhelming things for people with sensory processing disorder.

People with autism, who have had strokes, have PTSD, early onset dementia, and others can find parts of Sunday morning worship uncomfortable, and that may keep them—and their families— from church.

We have partnered with the non-profit organization, KultureCity, to learn how to become sensory inclusive. We now have sensory bags with noise cancelling headphones, weighted lap pads, fidget toys, a communication card, and more available for use at church. Church staff and volunteers have completed online training to help understand, recognize and respond to sensory needs. (The training is available to everyone in the church family. Contact the office to participate!) We also have Quiet Zones set up in the Chapel and in the new Resource Room on the Third Floor.

Our hope is that all families will be welcomed in this house of worship, and able to become active participants in our community of faith!



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