

The Good Word

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT STEP

I have a confession to make. I haven't gone running in the past month. I could come up with a million excuses (and I have!) but most of all I've just felt guilty because I told you I was going to run a half marathon and then didn't. Sometimes this happens. We have this huge goal or idea out in front of us and we're excited about it, but don't know where to start or get overwhelmed and so we just don't. And then we feel guilty and the feelings compound and it's just a mess. We're no farther along than we were to begin with.

Being a Christian can feel like this. "If being like Jesus is my goal, I know I can't accomplish that so I'm just not going to try." Or "In the Church it always feels like you want me to do more—like I'm not doing enough. So why even go?"

I get it! I really, really do! But here's the thing:

Yes, the goal is to be like Jesus (and that is a very lofty goal!) but that's not the goal for next month or next year. Being like Jesus is a lifetime goal.

And yes, we do want you to do "more" (worship more, come to small groups, volunteer, give, etc.) but that's because we like you and we want to "see" you! And we want you to grow as a disciple of Jesus!

The big goal of "being like Jesus" can be overwhelming and the expectation of "being a disciple" can seem daunting. But right now, the goal is to take the next right step.

I haven't gone running for a month,

but you know what I have done? I've walked 4 miles at least 3 times the past two weeks. And I've increased my daily steps each day, too! I haven't run my half marathon yet, but I am getting active, and I am taking a step in the right direction.

This is all we ask of you as a part of this church.

In this new time of being the church, our goal as a ministry team is to help bring you into the presence of God: to give you the tools and skills you need to take ownership of your faith and take your next right step towards being like Jesus in your daily lives. For you, this might mean raising your voice in prayer more often or cracking open your bible and digging into God's

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WORSHIP WITH US

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IN THE PARKING LOT SUNDAYS AT 5 PM
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Word or joining a small group even though that sounds like the scariest thing in the world.

I just want you to know: ***you can do this!***

You can pray to God! It doesn't have to be fancy or include certain words. It can be a song, or a phrase you say over and over, or "Hey God, this is what I did today." Prayer is opening up yourself to God through conversation—both talking and listening.

You can read scripture! You don't have to have a degree in... anything... to read scripture. You don't even have to have opened the bible before in your life. Like prayer, to read scripture you just have to open yourself up to God's Spirit and be willing to learn.

You can be a disciple! You don't have to have Jesus all figured out to be a disciple. You just have to be willing to try and apply Jesus' teachings of love, compassion... wait. GUYS. All discipleship is, is living out what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount! We just spent 10 weeks learning about that! ***You know how to do this!***

To follow Jesus, you just have to be willing to take the next right step. And we will be right beside you on your journey, because none of us are meant to do this alone. This fall we have some new classes and small groups and practical sermons and ways to connect that will help you apply your faith to your daily life and take your next right step in your journey.

I have confidence in you and faith in God that ***you can do this!***

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



Supplemental Worship Service

Sunday evenings at 5 pm—Church Parking Lot

As the public health alert in Cuyahoga County has moved to the orange threat level, we are now offering a weekly outdoor service focused on prayer and scripture at 5 pm in the main church parking lot. This evening time has been set to accommodate the online service, upcoming Sunday School offerings, and fall weather conditions.

Please enter from Stadium Drive and park in the side lot if you are able. Bring your lawn chairs to the main parking lot for a short and meaningful service which will expound upon the scripture from the morning service and allow us to be praying for and with one another through scripture.

As always, practice safety! Masks are required and we ask that you sit at least one parking space apart from other families. In case of rain, the service is cancelled. If you have questions, please contact us!

2020 FALL KICK OFF

This celebration will be what we make of it — and we need YOUR help to make it something wonderful. Send us a recipe! Send us some photos! Send us some video. And tune in at 10 am on September 13 and share in the connection!



**SEND IN YOUR
PHOTOS**



Send us a video!
What did you do

**THIS
SUMMER
?**

Our fall kick off is always a home coming, so we want to see what you've been doing this summer! Send us a photo or video of a project you've completed, a song you've learned, a hobby you started, or something you've done to keep sane! These do not have to be fancy or "big." The whole idea of these photos and videos is to share something fun with your church family—to remind us of all the amazing people we have in our community. And since we always have a good old fashioned Methodist potluck, we also want your favorite potluck recipe. Another thing we always do is get a big BUMC family picture. Send us an individual or family photo and we'll create one wonderful church family photo from them. If you've been attending here for decades, or you just started online, we want to include you in our family photo!

Twelve Women of the Bible An Online Study for Women

Sunday evenings 7—8:30 pm through October 4

It is not too late to join us, or to invite others to join us, as we journey together in spirit, wonder, and discovery. This online study is free, and open to all. Invite your friend or cousin or sister from another state! for conversation about women of the Bible. Register and learn more here:

www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/bumconline/news/read/?PID=4640

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Women
OF THE BIBLE

LIFE-CHANGING STORIES
FOR WOMEN TODAY

Based on teachings from:

LYSA TERKEURST
ELISA MORGAN
JEANNE STEVENS

AMENA BROWN
NAOMI ZACHARIAS
JONALYN FINCHER

YOUTH MINISTRY

Here's what is happening this fall for BUMC youth:

Virtual Youth Group - In order to make youth group safe, accessible, and consistent for all, we will be doing it virtually this fall! Starting September 13, students in grades 6 and up can join us online for deeper discussions, better connections, and more fun every Sunday afternoon!

Mission in Action - Throughout the fall there will be opportunities for youth to participate in services and missions in the community. Multiple in-person service and mission pop-ups will take place. Join the weekly youth newsletter to find out when and where to meet to do some Mission in Action!

Instagram Devotionals - Each Wednesday we intentionally take time to be with God during our devotionals. These are interactive stories where youth can reply and respond to scripture, watch interesting videos, and try out new spiritual practices. These devotionals are for ALL ages, so parents, grandparents, and any adults are welcome to check them out, too!

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WE ARE
building
ON
FAITH



"Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Our 2020 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Home is a new construction project on Grandview Avenue, part of a long range plan of new Habitat homes in this neighborhood. We're working with other faith communities to build this home, which will be purchased by a family from Rwanda! On August 13, our first work day, Jinho Lee, Jeff Fesler, Doug Holmes and Bryn Watkins spent the day preparing the house for roofing. We have two more opportunities to help—October 3 and October 29. Be a part of it! Contact us today!



WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

Friends, we collected over 250 backpacks (and school supplies!) for students in our communities! Thanks to you, the kids served by The Emergency Assistance Center and Nehemiah Mission's #Corner65 program will start the school year equipped for success.

Thank you for all you did to help!

Desserts and Deliveries for Seniors in Need Macedonia Senior Center is in need of drivers to deliver meals on Tuesday and Thursdays. Share your lunch hour (11 am) and deliver 11-16 meals along a well organized route. It just takes about 1 hour and is a blessing to so many. Even if you just volunteer once to try it out! Contact Cheri Kucsma if you are able to help! Tell her Brecksville UMC sent you! ckuczma@macedonia.oh.us

Want to help in a different way? Desserts are needed for the 85 meals that they deliver in the community every Tuesday and Thursday. Homemade is the best, but they will take whatever they can get. If desserts are homemade they need to be packaged in small bags or the desserts can be dropped off un packaged and the volunteers at the Senior Center can package them. If you can't make enough for 85 people, the Senior Center can freeze desserts and use them as they get enough for all 85 meals. Desserts can be delivered on Monday or Wednesday afternoons between 1 and -3 pm. The meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays are being prepared by Sharon Mounts at Cater For You.



GROWING IN OUR FAITH

together while apart



We have seen the posts and heard a lot of remarks about how crazy 2020 has been. One thing that has been true for me and my family (and I bet for you and yours as well) is that we have learned new ways to do old things. It is easy to get stuck in routines of doing everything the same old way. It's comfortable, and frankly, less scary. But when we are forced to do something new, we wonder why we hadn't tried it earlier.

Over the years at Brecksville UMC we have talked a lot about ways to help families have the tools they need to continue their faith conversations at home. We know that God calls the family to 'do faith' and disciple together. How do we do it and what does it look like?

Family discipleship isn't one-size-fits-all, and it isn't always easy to do alone. Even when you are at your most intentional it is helpful to have others alongside of you. In these times apart, we are committed to helping you and your family continue on your faith walk together.

- ***First, worship together!*** Our virtual worship is incredibly meaningful, and September brings us some new ways to worship together. Worshipping together is one of the most spiritually significant and influential things your family can do. Online worship is at 9 am on Sundays (and available anytime!) The service is replayed on Thursdays and is available the whole week through. Sundays at 5, there will be a short prayer service in the church parking lot, too.
- ***Allow your child to connect with others of similar ages on Sunday mornings.*** Allie Kenney, our nursery care giver, will be checking in with your kids in half hour increments on Zoom. The times are 11 am for our preschool through Kindergarteners, 11:30 am for our 1st through 3rd graders and at 12 noon with our 4th and 5th graders. This will be a time for connection and conversation - mostly social but with an aim to support and encourage your child. Contact us for the Zoom link!
- ***Reserve a Family Faith Bag.*** On September 7 and 8, Jenny will be stopping by your home with a Family Faith Bag filled with goodies that can be used to do Bible storytelling activities together as a family, beginning September 13. This month we will learn the story of Joseph! We know you will be busy getting into the rhythm of the new school year so these activities will not overwhelm. They promise to be fun and engaging, creative and bring meaning to some familiar Bible stories for kids and their families, grades preschool-5th grade. If your child attended Sunday school last year they will get a bag delivered. If you did not attend Sunday school but would like to receive a bag, let Jenny know at education@brecksvilleumc.com. New bags will be delivered at the end of each month for the upcoming month's story. There is no cost associated with receiving a Family Faith bags. Cost for materials comes from the donations you make to the church through your regular weekly offering. I am so excited to see how we grow in faith together this year! Trust that you will be great at learning and growing closer to God together!
- ***Youth Group.*** Dana is so excited to welcome 6-12th grade students (college age is invited, as well) to join her on Sundays at 7 pm on Zoom for virtual youth group! We will focus on discipleship, building community, having deeper faith discussions, and we'll fit in some fun here and there, too! We will also have devotions on Instagram each Wednesday, follow us at [@bumcyouthmin](https://www.instagram.com/bumcyouthmin) for a look into scripture and personal spiritual practice. It's going to be a good fall season and Dana can't wait to connect with you!

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FALL DISCIPLESHIP

opportunities for adults

Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith by Steve Harper

John Wesley knew that, like a building, our faith could only remain strong if it was built on a sturdy foundation. To help those who were looking to have a genuine and long-lasting experience of God he wrote a document called *The Character of a Methodist* in 1742. His original document is a gift to us today. Join Jenny - via Zoom - on Sunday mornings at 10:30 to learn about the five characteristics that Wesley believe help us develop into genuine disciples of Jesus. Purchase the book and *Participants Character Guide* to be delivered to your home through Amazon Smile (\$9.99 for the book and \$4.99 for the participant's guide) or from Cokesbury (\$8.99 for the book and \$4.99 for the participant's guide). Shipping is a little pricier and a bit slower with Cokesbury. Email Jenny (education@brecksvilleumc.com) if you are having trouble ordering the books or for the meeting login information. Register here: <https://forms.gle/xbbmNqmyLwMX2uAU9>.

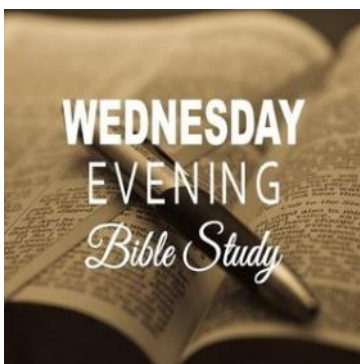
Lectio Divina-- New Day and Time Added

Reading the Bible is great, but praying the scripture is a way to bring the message into your life in a deeply personal way. Join Jenny Wednesday mornings at 10 am OR Tuesday evenings at 6 pm in the Chapel. Bring a journal if you use one or would like to start using one. Please wear a mask. You do not need to know the scripture on any level. This method is meaningful to those who have never opened a Bible in their life as well as a proficient reader of scripture. All you need is a willingness to slow down and listen for God. We will share our thoughts and experiences with each other only as much as we are comfortable. Group size is limited. Register by emailing Jenny at education@brecksvilleumc.com. The Wednesday group is ongoing, and the Tuesday evening group will begin on September 15.



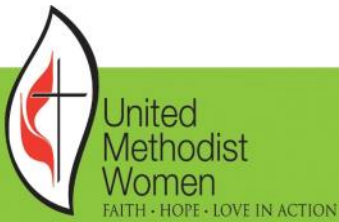
Living a Life of Non-Violence (accountability group)

When he founded the Methodist movement, John Wesley summarized his movement by telling people to do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Wesley not only centered how Jesus lived (disciplined non-violence), he also called on Reformist Christians to reconsider official Church doctrines and reprioritize how to live The Way of Jesus. What is this Way? Our fully divine, fully human prophet centers our love of God and faith by doing no harm and doing good. This accountability group is designed to explore the life of Jesus as a model of nonviolent resistance. This group will deepen our individual and collective spiritual growth by praying, meditating, studying, reading, reflecting, acting, and living our life rooted in a nonviolent ethic. In addition to considering Jesus in this light, we will also read and explore other models for living a nonviolent ethic such as Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and other people who connect and emulate Jesus as the original nonviolent resistor. This group will consider adopting this way of life by working and socializing together. In short, this is a way of deepening one's spirituality by exploring how to live nonviolently in societies, states and a world that seems consumed by violence. Join us for an informational meeting via Zoom on Thursday, September 10 at 6 pm. We will discuss the best time to meet for the group at that gathering.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor Heidi - Online at 7 pm

There's no homework. You don't have to drive anywhere. If you don't have (or want to use) a computer, you can phone in. You don't even have to live in this state! Just grab your Bible and join us online on Wednesday evenings for thoughtful discussion and prayer. Email Pastor Heidi for login information: pastor@brecksvilleumc.com. Everyone is welcome! (Yes, that means you!)



Acme receipts needed! One easy way to support the UMW Mission Fund is to save your grocery receipts when you shop at Acme. We earn a 5% donation on certain items purchased at Acme between August 5 and December 26, 2020. Please save your receipts. They can be dropped off in the coat room (on the ground floor of the church) from 9 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday, mailed to the church, or given to Marianne Nolan or Kathy Sopka. In the last campaign we received over \$100 from Acme!

UMW Missions Fund Update. With Home Days cancelled this year, we were not able to have our booth and we were not able to have our Palm Sunday Bake Sale during the state's stay at home order. We had to revise our budget. If you would like to pledge money to be used for UMW Missions, you can drop off or mail your donations to the church. "Defend the poor and fatherless. Do justice to the afflicted and needy." -Psalm 82:3-4

We are continuing the history of the Women's Society leading up to United Methodist Women's Group. Here are some excerpts from "The Church by Chippewa Creek, A History of the Methodist People of Brecksville 1823 - 1998" by William F. Long.

The Women's Society of Christian Service On September 7, 1940, the Ladies Aid Society was changed to Women's Society of Christian Service, and a new set of rules was approved. Dr. Brown, the speaker that day, suggested that a scroll be made containing the charter women's names. There were 45 names on the scroll, and Doris Wadsworth is the only one living charter member in 1998. During the 1940s, the WSCS engaged in many community-building activities. The members bought gifts and sponsored parties for the girls at the Blossom Hill School, attended plays as a group to provide a diversion from their routine duties and supported a theatre group for children, which Virginia Klein founded.

In 1957 Aileen Benninghoff, a local book reviewer and church member, gave a program on "The Life of John Wesley" and presented a Wesley Tea Service, bought in England, to the women's group. The big surprise came in 1958 when two friendship quilts were designed and made by members of WSCS for the Amends' (Rev. Charles Amendt) 39th wedding anniversary. Each church member had paid 25 cents to have his or her name embroidered and applied on the quilts. In November, the surprise potluck supper was held, and the WSCS presented the quilts to the Amends.

At the 150th anniversary of Brecksville in July, 1962, Betty Klein and her busy crew served several hundred barbecued beef sandwiches and gallons of iced tea. In 1969 WSCS bought drapes and chairs for the parlor. This was the last project of the WSCS because, with the church merger with the Evangelical United Brethren of 1968, the organization's name was changed to the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.



BUMC Hosts Open Table

Brecksville UMC is hosting the Open Table Service for East Ohio Annual Conference on Sunday, **September 27 at 4 pm**, live-streamed from our sanctuary. Pastor Heidi will be preaching and you will recognize a number of familiar faces leading the service!

Annual Conference was scheduled for June at Lakeside, Ohio but has now been rescheduled as a virtual conference on September 26-27. East Ohio Reconciling Ministries has hosted an Open Table service at Lakeside during Annual Conference for many years. It has typically included a joyful parade and a well-known national speaker. Brecksville UMC members and members from other Reconciling Congregations have typically gone to Lakeside to attend each year. Things, as you well know, are different this year! We are using this opportunity to include more people at a virtual service.

Open Table is an opportunity for worship and fellowship for our LGBTQ siblings and allies in the East Ohio Conference. People from Reconciling Congregations, from congregations in the process of becoming a Reconciling Congregation, and those who seek a safe, affirming, meaningful worship service typically come to Open Table. Please join us! The service will be shared on our website and through Facebook Live. Hope to see you there! -Linda Crouch, Inclusion Task Force Leader



It's official - Bryan Miller and Olivia Glavac are engaged! Join us in congratulating the happy couple, who are planning a spring wedding.

Some notes from our friends:

A BIG thank you to my BUMC family for making my retirement parade so much fun. Thank you for the cards, gifts, well wishes, decorations and best of all your love and friendship. I loved seeing all of your faces! It was a pleasure being part of the BUMC staff -- I'm very grateful. This isn't a goodbye, just a see you soon! - Love, Leslie Miller

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Dear Brecksville UMC family: Words are not sufficient in describing my feelings of gratitude for the countless messages, notes and prayers Alan and I received during his illness and following his death. Your support lifted us up in the darkest of times. You all will always hold a special place in my heart. - Leslie Phillips

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When my mother died this month, all of the cards and calls and kind words you shared really touched me. I'm very thankful for this church family! - Jeff Hastings

Share your news with your church family! Contact Melanie:
office@brecksvilleumc.com
 440-526-8938



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Kaminski	1	Tonya Boldt	10	Fred Priest	20
Elizabeth Mathewson	1	Mona Carlisle	10	Jon Wise	20
David Hurder	2	Jackie Daugherty	10	Audrey Fowler	21
Ann Rittman	3	Travis Papesch	10	Gianna Hricko	23
Luke Dorman	4	Matthew Robusto	10	Emma Sak	23
Marilyn Huber	4	Jinho Lee	11	Russ Dieringer	24
Augie Mihalek	4	Madeline Hamilton	12	Anne Rosenthal	24
Tim Miller	4	Abigail Jaite	12	Brett Hubert	26
Harry Wilson	5	Leslie Phillips	12	Owen Paroda	26
Dana Schwendeman	6	Ruth Georgevich	13	Austin Pribble	26
Mariella Siemer	6	Doug Huth	14	Jeff Schillo	26
David Teare	6	Claire Hayes	16	Kathy Holmes	27
Matt Georgevich	7	Kathy Bartholomew	17	Jeannie McBride	27
Max Mellott	8	Eleri Watkins	17	Matt Harper	28
Quinn Slifcak	8	Charles Wilson	18	Mary Jane Matts	28
Alvin Hahn	9	Joshua Stacher	19	Matt Harper	29
Joe Hurst	9	Emily Vastartis	19	Amy Magee	29
Jennifer Mathewson	9	Becky Gezze	20	Kaiya Crouch	30
Ellie Ritterbusch	9	Claire Kenney	20	Ella Davis	30
Sandy Whitton	9	James Patrick	20	Craig Kotnik	30



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings prayers of thanks are lifted to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. We thanked God for Doug Holmes, who has been standing at the ready to open and close the church for our

recovery groups. You're a blessing, Doug! Don Krolkowski's gifts of photography, video and editing helped us bring the music of Sean Brown's organ and our virtual choir's song to our worship services in August. We're thankful for you, Don! Rev. Kathy Dickriede has helped us reach out into new areas of our community, delivering backpacks to The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield and her children's message about wearing masks as an act of Christian Love was wonderful. We're thankful for your gifts, Rev. Kathy! And when Melanie and Adam were away for a Sunday, Rus Welch stepped in to run the camera and sound for our streaming service. Thank you, Rus!

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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We encourage everyone to stay home and **help stop the spread**, but realize that there may be times that you need to visit the church office.

We are available by appointment only - masks required.

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OFFICE IS
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Socialize with us!

 BRECKSVILLE UMC
Back to School
WEEK OF PRAYER
CHALLENGE

Tuesday 9/1
PRAY FOR SCHOOL STAFF

Wednesday 9/2
PRAY FOR PARENTS


Thursday 9/3
PRAY FOR STUDENTS

Friday 9/4
PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Saturday 9/5
PRAY FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

Sunday 9/6
PRAY FOR HOPE

Monday 9/7
PRAY FOR PEACE



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.

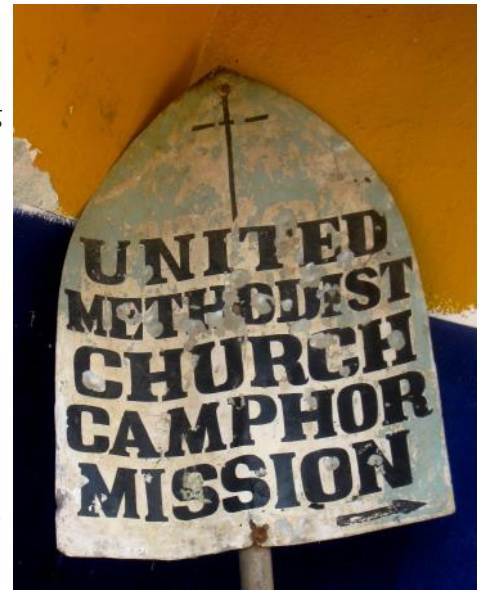
Camphor Mission Says Thank You! The Covid-19 pandemic has affected us all. Have you – or someone you love – lost employment? Lost income? Waited too long for unemployment benefits to arrive? Covered pressing bills with the stimulus check? Felt isolated, alone, unsure of what to expect?

Our brothers and sisters at Camphor Mission in Liberia have endured similar struggles and challenges – but without the unemployment benefits; without the stimulus checks. Liberian schools closed in March, and that meant teachers and other staff stopped being paid. But families still need to eat, and some of them still need to pay rent, others need medical care.

Here at Brecksville UMC our Missions and Outreach Committee authorized \$2,000 for salary support at Camphor Mission. That represents a little less than half the amount needed to pay the entire staff for one month. Other friends and supporters from the East Ohio Conference and other conferences in the US also provided some support. It took a while for the funds to reach their destination, but they have finally arrived!

Reverend George Mingle, Director of the entire Mission and principal of the school wrote, “The Camphor Mission family extends her thanks and appreciation to you for your prayers and financial assistance to us in these difficult times. ... We are very much grateful for this great, loving and caring assistance that will forever be remembered in the history of Camphor Mission. ... We pray that the Almighty God strengthen the relationship between us as we continue to love and care for one another. May the Almighty God shower his many blessings as you continue to love and care for the people of Liberia, especially your Home, Camphor Mission. Thanks and God bless you.” Third grade teacher, Wada Kangar said, “Good mother, let me say many thanks to you all who was able to raise one month salary for us at Camphor.” And second grade teacher Odebiah Garjay wrote, “Many thanks to you people for caring for us. We took pay today.”

Missions & Outreach thanks this congregation for its support. We have, indeed, been blessed to be a blessing to others!



SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

AT BRECKSVILLE UMC

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship online at 9 am on our Website and Facebook Live.

Zoom Coffee Hour at 10 am

Outdoor Worship in the parking lot at 5 pm as weather permits.

FIRST SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

In addition to online worship at 9 and worship in the parking lot at 5 we will have one **Drive In Communion Service** at 11 am

STARTING SEPTEMBER 13

10:30 Adult Sunday School

11 am Pre-K & Kinder Kids' Sunday Check-In

11:30 am 1st-3rd Kids' Sunday Check-In

12 pm 4th & 5th Kids' Sunday Check-In

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 27

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