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The Good Word

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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Matthew 28: 19 - 20

May 1

Native American Ministries Sunday

May 8

United Methodist Women/
Mothering Sunday

May 15

Reconciling Ministries Anniversary

May 22

Confirmation Sunday

May 29

Choir's Last Sunday
of the Season

Imagine you are standing in a crowd, holding a cup of coffee, when someone comes along and accidentally bumps your arm. Coffee spills everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

Because someone bumped into you, right?

Nope.

You spilled coffee because the cup was filled with coffee. If the cup was filled with tea, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what spills out.

Throughout Lent, we've focused on the Truth that we are *full to the brim* with God's love. And the whole time, this story has been running through my mind. I kept imagining myself as a cup—full to the brim—and someone bumping into me. What would spill out?

So for the Easter season, we're going to consider what it looks like to live a life overflowing with God's grace-filled love. What does that look like as we relate to God's created world? To those we have wronged? To those who have been marginalized or who are in some way different from us?

Living in the Truth that God loves us unconditionally—even if and no matter what—is life transforming. So let's allow that love to overflow into the world around us!

I bet if we do, we'll see God do some incredible things we haven't even imagined yet.

Take care,

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

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our church and community.
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HONEST WORSHIP



WORSHIP IN THE WOODS

*“I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to
have my senses put in order.” – John Burroughs*

Being out in nature helps us feel closer to our Creator, more in tune with the world around us and better connected into the whole web of life. We are so fortunate to live in an area where parks and walking trails abound and are so easy to access. Let's take full advantage of our beautiful Brecksville Reservation (Cleveland Metroparks) to enjoy worshipping our Creator God under the trees and alongside the trickling streams, where we can feel truly connected and at peace.

We will hike relatively easy-to-navigate trails and then stop along the way to worship, sing and praise God. Return to the shelter for s'mores (on Friday evenings) and coffee and muffins (on Saturday mornings). Sign up so we know how many to prepare for!
Visit BUMCLinks.com

Summer 2022 Worship in the Woods Dates:

- Friday, May 27 at 7 pm (meet at the Meadows Picnic Area)
- Friday, June 3 at 7 pm
- Saturday, June 18 at 9 am
- Friday, July 1 at 7 pm
- Saturday, July 16 at 9 am
- Friday, August 5 at 7 pm
- Saturday, August 20 at 9 am

Worship On the Lawn Season Started Early!

Why wait for summer? Worship on the Lawn began April 24 this year. Join us on the front lawn Sunday mornings at 8:30. Come as you are and bring a lawn chair, if you'd like. We're streaming this service, too!

Communion Every Sunday at the Early Service

Do you know that we celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at the 8:30 am worship service? As with all of our communion services, the bread and juice are gluten free, and the table is open to all.

Communion Services at Chippewa Place

Rev. Barbara Bartholomew leads a service of Holy Communion at Chippewa Place on first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm.



LIFELONG LEARNING



In May, **Pastor Heidi's Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will be looking at what makes each of the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—unique. Each tell the story of Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection, but they are written with a different audience in mind, and with a different focus. All are welcome! No biblical experience necessary! The study will pause for the summer months and return in September.



Spiritual Practices—In the Chapel, Sundays at 9:15. What a rich and wonderful time it has been sharing Spiritual Practices with each other this year. We have 3 more classes in May and then take a break until fall. But we won't take a break from practicing these Spiritual Practices! We can use time over the summer to revisit those that we enjoyed the most

and continue to open our minds to God's presence in our lives. Join us at 9:15 on May 1 for gratitude prayers, May 8 for journaling, May 15 for using music as a prayer.



On the 4th Sunday of each month, we gather in the Sanctuary (and online) after the 10 am worship service to share some of our favorite hymns. Have a request? Send it in to office@brecksvilleumc.com and you may hear it at the next Hymn Sing!



Are you getting excited for Vacation Bible School in the Park? We'll meet from 9:30 am until 12:30, Monday through Friday, July 11—15. This year's theme—Food Trucks! **We are nearly full so don't wait.**

Registration will close by May 15. Visit BUMCLinks.com to register your child. We have almost all of our volunteer spots filled, too. If you are interested in learning about serving with a preschool crew, please reach out to Jenny Gee at education@brecksvilleumc.com.



For over 50 years, Reach Out has been an East Ohio United Methodist summer camp that aims to inspire youth to live a life of service and Christ-like love. Campers enjoy the gorgeous views of Lakeside, OH and have an overnight experience at local missions making a difference in the community. Over the course of the week, youth engage in worship, crafts, Bible study, swimming, games, and more. Reach Out is a truly unique experience.

Youth who are currently in 7th grade through graduating seniors are invited to join us at Reach Out this summer. Dana and Jamie Schwendeman will both be on staff, along with other trained adult volunteers who are ready to make this the best week ever. We are so excited to get back to camp in person and hope to bring some of our Brecksville United Methodist friends with us!

Registration is open through East Ohio UMC camps <https://eastohiocamps.campbrainregistration.com/>

Camp not in the budget this year? We can help! Partial and full scholarships are available to any campers who need them. For more information, email Dana at youth@brecksvilleumc.com.

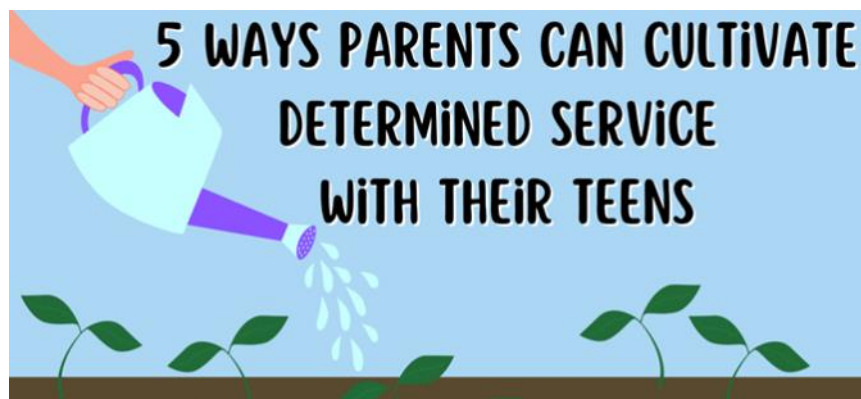
MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION EXPERIENCE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE NEHEMIAH MISSION
OF CLEVELAND

Middle Schoolers, you are invited to join us for a very cool, overnight mission experience at Nehemiah Mission! June 7-9 we will make our way to Nehemiah Mission to spend two days in ministry and mission with the wonderful people that serve those living in Cleveland. **This opportunity is open to students who will be in 6th grade in the fall through students who will be in 9th grade in the fall.** This experience is totally, 100% FREE for students to participate in, thanks to the generous support of youth missions at BUMC! We are so excited to partner with Nehemiah Mission and registration is open now! Email Dana (youth@brecksvilleumc.com) or sign up your student through BUMCLinks.com.

JUNE 7-9

A 2-NIGHT MISSION EXPERIENCE FOR
STUDENTS GOING INTO 6TH GRADE THROUGH
STUDENTS GOING INTO 9TH GRADE



Planting seeds and cultivating "determined service" with teens can help them grow up to be more empathetic, kinder, and more community-oriented adults. Here are a few ideas and tips on how parents can cultivate determined service with their teens:

- 1. Be a great example!** Teens are still watching everything the adults in their lives do, for better or for worse. They are sponges to the world around them and if they see you doing service, they will probably want to join in. Making a service a part of your own life could inspire your teen to see that determined service is an important part of being an adult.
- 2. Make it part of your every day!** Service doesn't have to be big or elaborate. It could mean picking up trash on your evening walk around the neighborhood, saying "thank you" to each other at home, or holding the door for others when you are out and about. Simple acts like these can make a big impact.
- 3. Engage in service work as a family!** There are lots of opportunities to serve at Brecksville UMC and many of them are intergenerational, meaning all ages can participate together. Habitat for Humanity is a very hands-on way to serve, while others may prefer to help usher at worship services together. There are yard clean up days, bike fix it events, and food collections happening all the time. Check out our church calendar to see where your family can serve together next!
- 4. Make time for service in your teen's schedule.** Schedules are full and time is a hot commodity. With sports, academics, after school programming, and time with friends, there is a lot going on in the life of your teen. If determined service is a priority for your family, try making it an integral part of your teen's to-do list. There are service opportunities this summer for middle and high school students through Brecksville UMC and they are an awesome way to make service a priority during a time of year when teens might have a little more free time.
- 5. Talk to them about why it matters!** Doing service is one thing, but knowing why you do it is something else. Talk to your teen about why you make service a priority. Why do you like helping others? What does it mean to be Christ-like and in service? Help your teen process what service means to them and it is sure to make a lasting life-long impression in the way they see the world.



Bike Fix It Day

Saturday, May 14: 9 am—Noon

Bike Riding Season is here! Let's get our bikes out into the world! No experience or skill necessary. Bring your friends!

The Brecksville Memorial Day Parade returns May 30. We're gathering up a group of people to bike and walk the parade route. The parade pays tribute to those who died while serving in the United States military, so dress your bike in red, white and blue, as you roll through the streets of Brecksville. We will be carrying a banner sharing our bike ministry with the community and thanking them for their support. And, of course, we'll be passing out candy! If you'd like to ride or walk, please sign up (BUMCLinks.com) by Monday, May 23.



Caring for the Church Grounds

After fifteen years (maybe more) Scott Campbell and Bob Bloch are retiring from the mowing team. What a gift these gentlemen have been to the church! Thank you both for your many springs and summers spent caring for the church grounds.

This year's mowing teams are:

- Bob Lundholm & Doug Holmes
- Matt & Joe Botzman
- Matt Auble & Mark Spencer
- Dave Brown & George Sendry

What's the mowing team, exactly? Teams of two take turns mowing and trimming the church grounds once a week throughout the growing season. Four teams would rotate every four weeks. But...if we had more teams, everyone would serve less often. Want to help out?

Email Trustees@brecksvilleumc.com.



On April 9, a multi-generational group of 23-strong set out from the church early in the morning to trek down to Beach City to serve on the Camp Wanake Work Day. Our group was joyfully filled with kids of all ages. Together we cleaned cabins, installed and fixed existing benches, prepared fire rings, performed trail clean up, constructed their 9-square game, and even straightened giant sandstone rocks in their flower beds. It was a wonderful day of camaraderie and service. We ended our day with a time of food and fellowship. Would you like to be involved in a project like this in the future? Reach out to us! office@brecksvilleumc.com

HYGIENE KITS

for the patients served by
MedWorks Clinics



Hygiene Kit Drive Continues

Medworks provides 100% free medical, dental, vision and women's health clinics to anyone in need - no questions asked. With support from medical and community volunteers, Medworks removes the barriers that make health care complicated, treating the whole patient and fostering connections to help people live happier, healthier lives.

This year, we are supporting this unconditional care by providing hygiene kits for the patients served at four clinics. On April 24, we came together and *quickly* packed the first half of our kits and will provide these personal essentials to 200 patients at clinics on April 29 and May 7!
THANK YOU, BUMC!

Our collection continues as we will be creating 200 more kits for clinics on June 25 and August 6. Our next assembly day will be Sunday, June 12. Save the date!

Consider adding an extra shampoo, bar of soap, toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrush, hand towels or washcloths to your shopping list over the next two months. If we each did that, we would quickly fill 200 kits!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

HOUSE BLESSING

Saturday, May 7 at 11:30 am

Meet the homeowners, tour the site, participate in prayer!

SIGN UP BUMCLinks.com



The 2022 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Each year since 2016, our church has partnered with other faith organizations in our area to fund and build a home with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Habitat builds strength, stability and self-reliance in partnership with families in need of decent and affordable housing. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.

This year's Faith Build Home is a new build in the Buckeye Shaker Neighborhood of Cleveland, and we are invited to come together with other faith organizations, volunteers, and the future Habitat homeowner for a House Blessing ceremony as construction begins. Join our faith partners in prayer, tour the house/neighborhood, and learn where we are starting from and where the project is going!

Sign up to volunteer or for more information at
BUMCLinks.com

House Blessing

Please join us Saturday, May 7 at 11:30 am

9815 Elwell Avenue, Cleveland, Oh 44104

Kathy Auble is organizing a carpool as parking will be limited.

Work Dates

May 19—Staff Work Day

August 25—Six volunteers needed

October 29—Six volunteers needed

Other Ways to Help

Prayers, financial donations, provide lunch for work teams, make dish towels and other gifts for new home owners and more.



Are you a woman looking for opportunities to be in connection with others, and to learn, serve, and grow? The Brecksville United Methodist Women have opportunities to do just that—weekdays and evenings. Check out these upcoming events! For more information, reach out to UMW@Brecksvilleumc.com

Eve Circle will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will be planning next year's dates and service projects. Please bring a donation of beef jerky and/or dry soup to be sent to Operation: Care and Comfort, an all volunteer organization which supports troops deployed overseas, veterans and military families.

United Methodist Women Meeting Thursday, May 5

Have gardening questions? Come to the UMW meeting, May 5 to hear a presentation by Chippewa Garden Club's Lynne Evans. Light refreshments begin at 9:30 am, presentation at 10 am. Donation: \$3.

United Methodist Women's Sunday, May 8

We'll celebrate the work of the UMW during the worship service. You can support this work by baking for or shopping our **Mother's Day Bake Sale** between services!

- *Do you like to bake?* Bring your delicious desserts to the church kitchen on Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – noon, to be priced for the bake sale on Sunday. Suggested packaging for cookies: 6 per bag. If you have any questions or need any guidance, call Kathy Sokpa, 440-821-5203.
- *Do you enjoy baked goods?* Be sure to bring a few dollars to shop the sale between and after services and know that every purchase benefits organizations serving women and children.

Asbury Bremeth Circle, Thursday, May 12

Come join our spiritual discussion Thursday, May 12 at 9:30 am for socializing in the church parlor. At 10 am we will wrap up Andy Stanley's study called *Follow*.

Your support is needed. *The United Methodist Women Missions Fund* contributes to organizations serving women and children. Some examples are Brookside Center, Church Women United, Flat Rock Home, Henderson Settlement, Nehemiah Mission, Ohio Guidestone, West Side Community House, and RAHAB Ministries. When you pledge to the Brecksville United Methodist Women, you are supporting efforts to enrich the lives of women and children locally and around the world. Consider making a one time contribution or a recurring gift in support this work. ALL gifts are welcome—you do not need to be a member, or a woman, to contribute! The Brecksville United Methodist Women have a long tradition at Brecksville United Methodist Church. Your support will help our good work to continue into the future.

Checks payable to Brecksville **UMW** (United Methodist Women.)

June Meeting

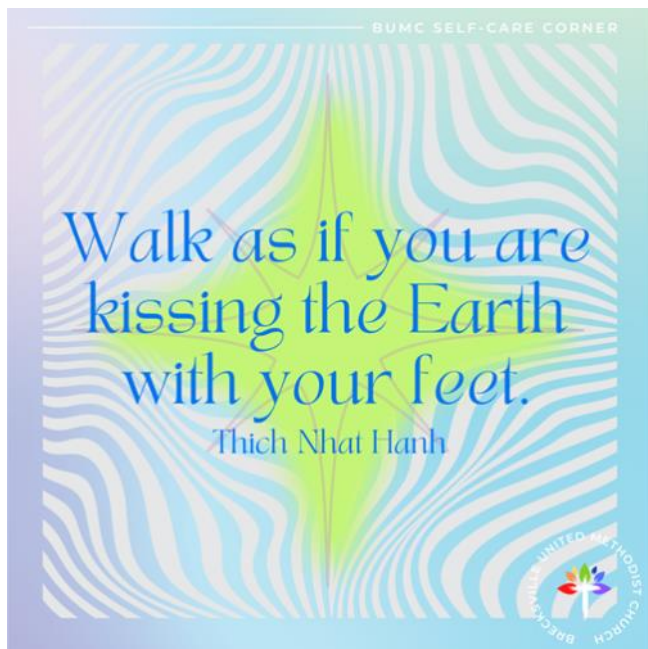
Traditionally, Brecksville UMW has a trip planned instead of a meeting in June. Call Kathy at 440.821.5203 to suggest a destination. A picnic has been suggested.

September Meeting

Police Chief Kathleen Dolan of Beechwood will talk about her career development. This is an evening meeting, so people are encouraged to bring their teens to hear about her success. More details to follow.



To everyone who went to Creekside Restaurant on April 19 in support of the UMW Dine & Donate fundraiser. Because of your patronage, Creekside donated \$450 to UMW missions!



JOYFUL GATHERING

What does it mean to live mindfully?

In the quick pace of modern life it is easy to forget how important it is to "stop and smell the roses." It is an old, cheesy sentiment, but it still rings true. Appreciating the little moments in our lives is an essential part of being human and in connecting to the Divine. You were created to savor every breath, laugh, taste, and sight of each day. This savoring is sometimes called "living mindfully." Mindfulness invites us to think deeply about our current experience and ask questions like: How am I feeling? What does this remind me of? Why is this moment important to my life? We become overwhelmed by the constant expectation of more, but mindfulness tells us that we are enough and have enough, right in this moment. It is an unwinding - of our minds, our hearts, and our intuitions. Living mindfully can be as simple as

- noticing how delicious that first sip of coffee is.
- going for a walk with a friend in the woods, pointing out lovely things you see along the way.
- writing down all the things from your day that made you feel grateful in a gratitude journal.

It can even be as simple as our featured quote from Thich Nhat Hanh, "Walk as if you are kissing the Earth with your feet." It is unhurried, unrushed, and uncomplicated.

This month, think about how you can incorporate living mindfully into your own life. Try it for a day and see how it changes your perspective. It's never too late to "stop and smell the roses!"

Lunch Bunch Returns!

Are you free for lunch on Tuesday, May 10? Join the staff and friends for a Mexican buffet in Fellowship Hall! Lunch Bunch is an opportunity to be in community with one another, and will take place on the second Tuesday of the month. Please RSVP (BUMCLinks.com or call 440-526-8938) so we'll know how much food to prepare and how many chairs to set up!

Confirmation Celebration

May 22 is Confirmation Sunday and we will have a joyful gathering in Fellowship Hall at 11 am. Come celebrate this year's confirmation class which includes Ben Eberhardt, Sara Kwiatkowski, Lucy Shijo, Hayden Vincent, and Ash Watkins.

Where's Coffee Hour?

Coffee hour gives people an opportunity to socialize with one another. It's a joyful gathering every week! Can we bring it back? All we need are some willing hands and hearts. Are you willing to organize volunteers, set up, clean up, or serve? Please reach out to Pastor Heidi at pastor@brecksvilleumc.com.

Retirement Wishes

Two of our former pastors are retiring this summer. Let's wish Pastor Karen and Pastor Clark well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Rev. Karen Oehl served our church from 2006 - 2011. Her daughters are celebrating by collecting memories and hellos from the congregations she was part of and the people whose lives she has touched. Make a video tribute at this website: www.tribute.co/karen-oehl-76226/, send a message to meoehl@gmail.com or mail a card to Maren Schludecker, 349 Tibet Rd., Columbus, OH 43202 (*Shhhh! It's a surprise!*)

Rev. Clark Stein served our church from 2011 - 2019. Hudson United Methodist Church, where he currently serves, has invited us to his retirement celebration on May 22 which includes a worship service at 9 am and a celebration at 10 am. Can't make it? You can also send a card to Pastor Clark care of Hudson United Methodist Church, 2670 Hudson Aurora Road, Hudson, OH 44236.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Bennett Skoda | 12 Justin Bielinski | 22 Brian Culley |
| 1 Carissa Spitzer | 12 Doug Hurst | 22 Mark Hobzek |
| 2 Tracy Adanich | 12 Alainna Teare | 23 Bev Huber |
| 2 Cindy Krause | 12 Chris Wygonski | 23 Nathan Hudacek |
| 2 Karen Pace | 13 Michael Paroda | 23 Michael Lee |
| 3 Hannah Botzman | 14 Nora Culley | 24 Taylor Kwiatkowski |
| 3 Shelby Olszko | 14 Danielle Fisher | 24 Guinevere Pace |
| 5 Barbara Ramundo | 14 Wyatt Slifcak | 24 Tom Taylor |
| 6 Suzanne Blatnik | 15 Melanie Smith | 25 Clifford Diemer |
| 7 David Shively | 15 Noah Stacher | 25 Alan Scheufler |
| 8 Grace Donathan | 16 Emma Engelhardt | 25 Kathy Sopka |
| 8 Stephanie Holmes | 16 Harry Fox | 26 Alison Rickert |
| 8 Patrick Magee | 16 Donald Rickert | 26 Catherine Vastartis |
| 8 Lori Pasek | 16 Lauren Sendrey | 27 Don Krolikowski |
| 9 Jenny Gee | 17 Diana Duke | 27 Hallie McDonough |
| 9 Scott Hastings | 17 Lynn Hobzek | 27 Jack Neville |
| 10 Alison Bell | 18 Emily Kotnik | 28 Kate Burrows |
| 10 Jack Drescher | 20 Ava McFarlane | 28 Dan Spitzer |
| 10 Russell Goodwin | 20 Emma Vastartis | 29 David Engler |
| 10 Sandy Kovalik | 21 Edward Gugliucci | 30 Ava Pawlak |
| 10 Nancy Lee | 21 Connor Mathewson | 31 Theo Burgstahler |
| 11 Addy Pribble | 21 Aneira Watkins | 31 Griffin Hricko |
| 11 Bill Rittman | 21 Bryn Watkins | 31 Clark Reckemmer |



Each week at Staff Meeting we celebrate “God Moments” and lift up prayers of thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. We are all blessed when someone like Don Krolikowski shares his gifts with the congregation. He has been hard at

work on our new website, and his camera has been busy taking photos of baptisms, and palm parades, and new members and Easter. And he and Cathy teach Sunday school, too! Thank you, both! New Members Jim and Heidi Slagle have jumped in to serve—as ushers, leading a Bible Study, with Good Word production, and hygiene kit assembly. We’re so thankful for all of the ways you are present with us! Craig Kotnik is not just an excellent musician, he’s also a gifted welder, and he put that gift to use by modifying an old chair rack to fit our new chairs. Thanks, Craig! You probably haven’t noticed how clean the windows in the Narthex are — because they’re so clean you can’t even see that they’re there, thanks to the men’s small group. Great job, guys! Lynn Hobzek was all alone in the kitchen cleaning up after the Palm Sunday joyful gathering when help arrived in the form of a wonderful young man, Joe Botzman. Thank you, Joe for seeing a need and stepping in to help! We could go on and on. Every day we say a prayer of thanks for you and all of the ways you share God’s love with others!



MAY

Show your care with prayer!

A simple “thinking of you” note can mean the world to someone. Consider saying a prayer and sending a card or letter to brighten a mailbox this month!

Week of May 1

Lois Mosten

8212 Wyatt Rd
Broadview Hts, OH 44147-1346

Week of May 8

Janet Patterson

7005 Stadium Dr Apt 416
Brecksville, OH 44141-1895

Week of May 15

Cliff Theilman

8759 Stuart Ln
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067-3404

Week of May 22

Tom Taylor’s Birthday

5275 Clover Dr
Sheffield Village, OH 44035-1483

Week of May 29

Alvin Hahn

8400 S Bedford Rd Apt 323
American Home
Macedonia, OH 44056-4004

Do you know someone who would appreciate being on the list? Contact Pastor Barbara!

Check back next month for a new list!



God Is Still Speaking

On Sunday, May 15, we will celebrate the anniversary of BUMC's vote to become a reconciling United Methodist church. The term "reconciling" is a church-ey word used to say our church took an official vote in disagreement with the unwelcoming language toward the LGBTQ community in the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*.

While LGBTQ persons are the only group highlighted in UMC doctrine, our church has gone beyond that specific form of marginalization to make it absolutely clear that ALL PEOPLE are welcome here. Why do we feel so strongly about our welcoming statement? I believe it is because our faith guides us towards a still speaking God.



Nell Taylor "God Is Still Speaking"

We are fortunate to have a recording available on our website and through BUMC's YouTube channel of Nell Taylor's 2014 presentation to the congregation as part of the speaker series ahead of the reconciliation vote. I encourage you to watch and listen to her presentation as she provides a wonderful and intimate account of the history of LGBTQ exclusion within UMC. As a teaser, it even includes her time in a jail cell as a result of her convictions!

Nell's message was titled *God Is Still Speaking* and I think that is a wonderful way to describe how many of us feel here at BUMC. God isn't finished with me yet - nor the church, or the world, or even God. If you listen carefully, you will discover what God is saying to this generation at this time in history.

Hebrews 4:12 states that "Indeed, the Word of God is living and active." I love that our church doesn't allow our own privileges to get in the way of fellowship with each other, providing safe spaces, offering learning opportunities, and hosting mission and outreach events in ways that expand the multicultural mosaic that reflects all of creation.

I turned 50 last year and I officially reached the point in adulthood where, upon frustration with technology, I toss the phone or remote to my children and plead for their help. We can get overloaded. But I encourage you to take time throughout your week to scan the article, listen to the podcast, say hello in the grocery store, follow someone or something on Instagram that might not look, talk, or have similar beliefs to you. Let's not be limited by past understandings of life and scriptures, but seek new insights and help for living our faith in today's world. - Kristi Eberhardt for the *Inclusion Task Force*.

Cleveland Pride Parade

An Outreach of Love

Our church's presence at Pride in the CLE underscores our commitment to Courageous Inclusion. By marching together, we are proclaiming the message that God's love is for *all* people. Here are the details:

When: Saturday, June 4 (start time TBD).

What: A one mile parade supporting equality for all. It will be the first in-person march since 2019 which was the largest on record with 30,000 attendees! Only people walking, or on bikes or scooters are allowed. Marchers may carry signs and banners, but may not throw items to the crowd.






Where: Downtown Cleveland. The parade will end at Malls B & C, where there will be activities including: Speakers (ie, activists, poets, organizers) inspiring the audience with high energy messages. Community artists (musicians, drag performances, DJs, dancers, bands, performance artists). Other fun activities, vendors and food.

How to participate: Sign up at BUMCLinks.com **by May 23** to be part of our group, to get more details and to coordinate car pooling. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. You can also support Pride in the CLE without marching, simply by watching the parade and enjoying the events on the Malls. You do NOT need to sign up unless you are planning to march.

Parental discretion is advised: Pride is a celebration of self expression, and one of the only places many LGBTQIA+ people can fully express and celebrate who they are. While the march is considered Family Friendly, entertainment and speakers at the post parade activities will be varied. Cleveland City rules and regulations will be followed.

Questions: Inclusion@brecksvilleumc.com

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship/Lawn 9:15 Spiritual Prac 10 Worship 11 Education Hour 4 All Youth Dinner & Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p>2 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>3 10 Staff Meeting 1:30 Communion Service at Chippewa Place 7 Lectio Divina 7 SPRC Mtg</p>	<p>4 6:30 Breakfast 6:30 Evening Circle 7 Pastor's Online Bible Study</p>	<p>5  9:30 UMW 9:30 FB Live 6:30 Fellowship 6:30 Welcoming 6:30 Choir 8 Worship Band</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 MedWorks Dental Clinic 11:30 Faith Build House Blessing 2 Women's Day at Nehemiah</p>
<p>8 <i>UMW Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship/Lawn with Baptism 9:15 Spiritual Prac 10 Worship with Baptism <i>No Youth Group—Happy Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>9 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>10 10 Staff Meeting 12 Lunch Bunch Returns 7 Lectio Divina 7 Inclusion Task Force</p>	<p>11 <i>Reconciling Anniversary 2014</i> 6:30 Breakfast 6:30 Evening Circle 7 Bible Study</p>	<p>12  9:30 Asbury Bremeth 9:30 FB Live 6:30 Choir 8 Worship Band</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9—12 pm Bike Fix It Day</p>
<p>15 <i>Reconciling Anniversary</i> 8:30 Worship/Lawn 9:15 Spiritual Prac 10 Worship 11 Education Hour 5 Youth Group</p>	<p>16 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>17 10 Staff Meeting 10 Stitch'n'Time 7 Lectio Divina 7 Trustees</p>	<p>18 6:30 Breakfast 7 pm Pastor's Online Bible Study</p>	<p>19  <i>Faith Build Staff Work Day</i> 9:30 FB Live 6:30 Choir 8 Worship Band</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <i>Confirmation</i> 8:30 Worship/Lawn 10 Worship 11 Confirmation Celebration 11:15 Hymn Sing 5 Youth Group</p>	<p>23 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>24 10 Staff Meeting 7 Lectio Divina 7 Finance Mtg</p>	<p>25 6:30 Breakfast 7 pm Pastor's Online Bible Study</p>	<p>26  9:30 FB Live 10 Newsletter Production 6:30 Choir 8 Worship Band</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:30 Worship/Lawn 10—1 Community Blood Drive 10 Worship</p>	<p>30 <i>Memorial Day—Church Offices Closed</i> Memorial Day Parade!</p>	<p>31 10 Staff Meeting 7 Lectio Divina</p>			<p>27 </p>	

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