

THE GOOD WORD

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**JUNE 18-20
AT NEHEMIAH
MISSION**

**BRECKSVILLE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
MISSION
EXPERIENCE**

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION EXPERIENCE

June 18-20 Middle Schoolers are empowered to do good in their community through the Middle School Mission Experience, an overnight mission opportunity at Nehemiah Mission. For three days, Middle Schoolers take part in community projects in Cleveland, such as tending community gardens, home maintenance, city farm animal care, cleaning, connecting with others their age from surrounding neighborhoods, and caring for refugees. There are daily devotionals, nighttime worship, and fun games all led by the wonderful staff at Nehemiah. The best part? It is at NO COST to students thanks to the generous support of Youth Summer Missions from our congregation through the hanging basket fundraiser. Students in 6th grade and above OR 12 years old and older are invited to empower, uplift, and connect during our Middle School Mission Experience! Sign up at BUMCLinks.com

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Pastor Heidi Checks In

“Oh, my child... let me love you.”

This is a phrase I kept hearing God speak to me during Holy Week this year. Especially as I read the story of Jesus washing the disciple’s feet. Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist, and bent down to wash Simon Peter’s feet. And Peter said, “No, Jesus! You can’t wash my feet! That’s something for a servant to do!” And Jesus responded, “Oh, my child... let me love you.”

Now, that’s not the exact words in John 13, but that’s what I heard God speaking to me as I read it. Because sometimes, God’s intense, unconditional love is uncomfortable. It makes us squirm in our seat because we don’t know how to receive such an extravagant, magnificent gift. We feel like we have to earn it; like we don’t deserve it; or it feels like too much. We’d prefer if Jesus just sat next to us and said, “I love you.”

And yet, Jesus doesn’t just say he loves us, he shows us he loves us. He kneels at our feet saying, “Oh, my child... let me love you.”

As I’ve prepared for my Spiritual Renewal, I’ve felt guilty: haven’t we all worked hard? Don’t we all deserve a break?! And I’ve felt like I’ve needed to earn it somehow—work more hours? Do things better??

But during Holy Week, I heard Jesus say, “Oh, my child... let me love you” over and over:

Each time someone came up to me and said, “I’m so glad you’re taking this time for yourself. You deserve it!” And when I received an anonymous gift with the note, “go buy some hiking boots or a new yoga mat.” And when the staff looked at me and said, “We’ve got this! You don’t have to have everything perfect before you leave.” And that time on Palm Sunday when I forgot the words to the benediction and someone came to me and said, “Thank you for being your authentic self! It helps us know we can be, too!”

Each time, I heard Jesus say, “Oh, my child... let me love you.”

Each time I was reminded of God’s unconditional love; God’s unmerited grace.

Because of you.

And I felt myself once again relax into God’s arms and accept God’s unconditional love.

God has shown me Jesus’s love through you—your words and your actions towards this tired and weary pastor. And I can’t put into words how utterly grateful I am for that.

All I can say is simply...

Thank you!

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



**SPIRITUAL
RENEWAL LEAVE**

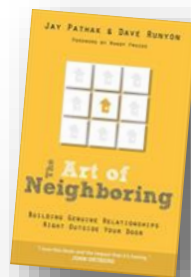
Pastor Heidi Returns 5/30



Have you been exploring the Key Ingredients of Neighboring with us? In worship services, we have been learning that good neighboring is the combination of three essential ingredients: **joy** - living authentically as God created you; **relationship** - connecting with those who live near you to share talents and to give & receive care; and, on **May 7** we'll learn about **abundance** - discovering gifts in ALL people and sharing them with the community. Come hear Rev. Kathy Dickriede deliver the message, based on Luke 5:1-11.

Want to go deeper?

- Participate in **The Good Neighbor Experiment Labs** at BUMC this summer! Read about *The Joy Lab* on the next page! It's on Zoom, Monday May 8.
- Read *The Art of Neighboring* by Dave Runyon and Jay Pathak. This short, easy book is conversational and full of helpful tips. Copies available at church.
- Pick up a KIN workbook at church or download at BUMCLinks.com



WORSHIP
IN THE WOODS

I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we only tune in.

- George Washington Carver

Tune in to the natural world in our beautiful Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks as we take an easy-going hike, notice what is happening in nature and have a short worship experience together. You will enjoy songs, prayers, fellowship, the miracles of nature... and s'mores—of course.

Mark your calendar for our summer **Worship In the Woods** dates. Fridays - **June 16, July 14 and August 11** - all at 7pm starting from the Meadows Picnic Area.

Welcome Revs. Ash & Peg Welch!



We are blessed to have recently retired United Methodist Elders, Revs. Ash & Peg Welch as our guest preachers in May!

- **May 14** is United Women in Faith Sunday! Rev. Peg Welch will deliver the message *Yes, She Did* based on Matthew 28:16-20
- On **May 21**, The Revs. Welch will preach together, and we'll learn what **MOLB** means. Message based on 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2,
- **YOLO** is the title of the **May 28** message. Come hear Rev. Ash Welch's meditation on Genesis 3:22-23. You only live once!

WORSHIP TIMES
SPRING & SUMMER & FALL

SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM - WORSHIP ON THE LAWN
SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM
WORSHIP ONLINE ANYTIME - 24/7



Registration is underway for Vacation Bible School and ALL of our volunteer spots are filled with the wonderful, awesome folks who make our VBS so fantastic! This year we will hold VBS at the Oak Grove Picnic Shelter in Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks during the week of July 17-21. It is going to be an amazing time of hearing Bible stories that show us how people, grounded in God's love, were able to make positive and life-changing impacts on their neighbors, simply by being themselves and seeing the need. Children will learn that they can use their own unique, God-given gifts to make real change in the world. A message that we sure need right now!!

VBS is open to children, age 3 (and fully potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. If you have friends or family who you think will enjoy VBS let them know that registration is now open and remain open until we reach capacity. Cost for the whole week is \$30 per child. If you would like to volunteer (all 5 days) your child(ren) attend for free. Volunteers need to agree to a background check and participate in our Child Protection Policy Training.

At the time of this printing, we already had 84 kids registered! Don't miss out. Register soon!



Plan to be part of the Joy Lab!

Good Neighbor Experiment Joy Lab Online Kickoff!

Monday, May 8 on ZOOM—7:15 to 9 pm

“Lab? What’s a lab? Do I need safety goggles and a white coat?” you ask. Nope, just an open mind and a willing heart. Back in April Jen Spieth preached on joy and being our actual authentic selves and offering what we have to those in our neighborhoods. Good stuff! **Let’s not let that just lie there and collect dust - let’s DO IT!** On Monday, May 8, we’ll gather together virtually for the Joy Lab Kickoff. Come learn what it’s all about! Register at [BUMCLinks.com!](http://BUMCLinks.com)

Then, over the course of 5 weeks, we’ll do a series of mini-experiments in our neighborhoods and share how they went. The ‘Joy Lab’ focuses on recognizing what fills you up and what drains you of energy - and then doing the things that make you happy within your own neighborhood. You’ll gain practical tools and will be helped by your friends within the group. Where is the Spirit leading you? Where may the Spirit already be working right on your street?

Add these dates to your calendar, too!

- **Relationship Lab Kickoff**—June 12
- **Abundance Lab Kickoff**—July 17
- **GNE Online Celebration & Storytelling**—8/21



There is no doubt about how we can see God in every blooming flower, singing bird and buzzing insect, if we only take the time to notice. Allow your child to practice their skills at noticing the beauty of nature and the generosity of a good and creative God at Summer Sprouts. Any Sunday that it is not raining (between now and late September) we will take the kids outdoors after the Children’s Moment at the 10:30 worship service. We will have various activities planned that help hone our ‘noticing skills’ while learning a little more about the diversity and amazing characteristics of the plants and animals that live and thrive right in our own backyards. No registration necessary. You will just need to sign your children out on the front lawn at the conclusion of the worship service. On rainy Sundays we will hold Sprouts in room 403.



ReachOut Camp for High Schoolers

July 9th-15th, Lakeside Ohio

For over 50 years, ReachOut has been an East Ohio United Methodist summer camp that aims to inspire youth to live a life of service and Christ-like love. During the week of camp youth will have the opportunity to enjoy the gorgeous views of Lakeside, OH and have an overnight experience at a local missions

location that ReachOut has partnered with in order to make a difference in the community. Over the course of the week, youth engage in worship, crafts, Bible study, swimming, games, and more. ReachOut is a truly unique experience that youth can only have at camp. Youth who are currently in 8th grade through graduating seniors are invited to join us at ReachOut 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 and hope to bring some of our Brecksville United Methodist friends with us! Registration is now open through East Ohio UMC camps—the link is at BUMCLinks.com. Have questions? Dana is here to help at youth@brecksvilleumc.com! Camp not in the budget this year? We can help! Partial and full scholarships are available to any campers who may need them. For more information, email Dana!

Fourth Sunday Hymn Sing *May 28 at 11:30 am*

We sing out, accompanied by our fabulous pipe organ! Join Sean Brown, Machala Comenschek, and Sue Ellenberger to sing your favorite hymns and discover the stories behind them. This will be our last Hymn Sing until the fall. Join us in the Sanctuary after the second service (around 11:30 am). Can't join us in person? We're streaming live our website at www.brecksvilleumc.com/streaming and on Facebook

Simplified Accountability Structure Conversations

A special task force of church members has been exploring a new governance model for our church. The Simplified Accountability Structure (SAS) takes the four committees required by the United Methodist Book of Discipline - Church Council, Finance, Staff Parish Relations, and Trustees - and replaces them with one leadership board made up of ten members who wear the hats of all four of those committees. This board focuses on governing, visioning and goals, and they work with ministry teams who decide how to do the hands-on work. This is a big change from the way we currently do things! There will be opportunities to explore this model and to ask questions—including at Town Halls, at Coffee Hour in May and in church committee meetings. Our Church Council voted to continue this exploration at their April meeting. Let's talk about it!

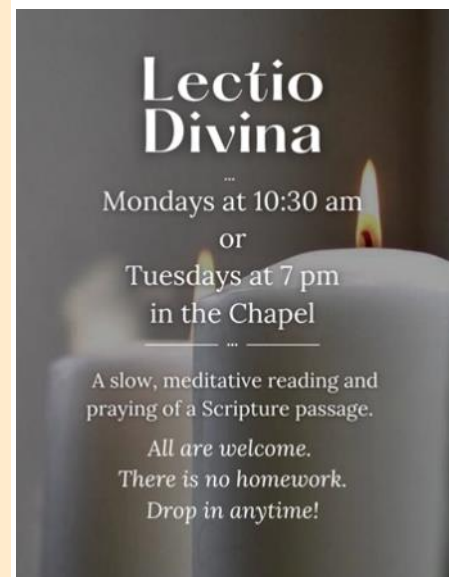
Help Keep VBS Affordable for ALL!

The largest outreach event for BUMC's Education Department is Vacation Bible School. With costs on the rise, it's challenging to offer the same awesome programming while keeping costs down for working families. You can help by becoming a VBS Sponsor.



- Sponsor the Picnic Shelter for a Day: \$150
- Sponsor 1 day of snack for all the children: \$80
- Sponsor 1 day of Science Supplies for all Campers: \$45
- Sponsor 1 week of craft supplies for a child: \$12
- Sponsor a t-shirt for a child: \$10

Your donations will make an impact in our community! There is little in this world more awesome than seeing over 100 children singing praises to Jesus and learning how beloved they are in God's eyes. VBS truly is the best week of summer! Make your donation at BUMCLinks.com



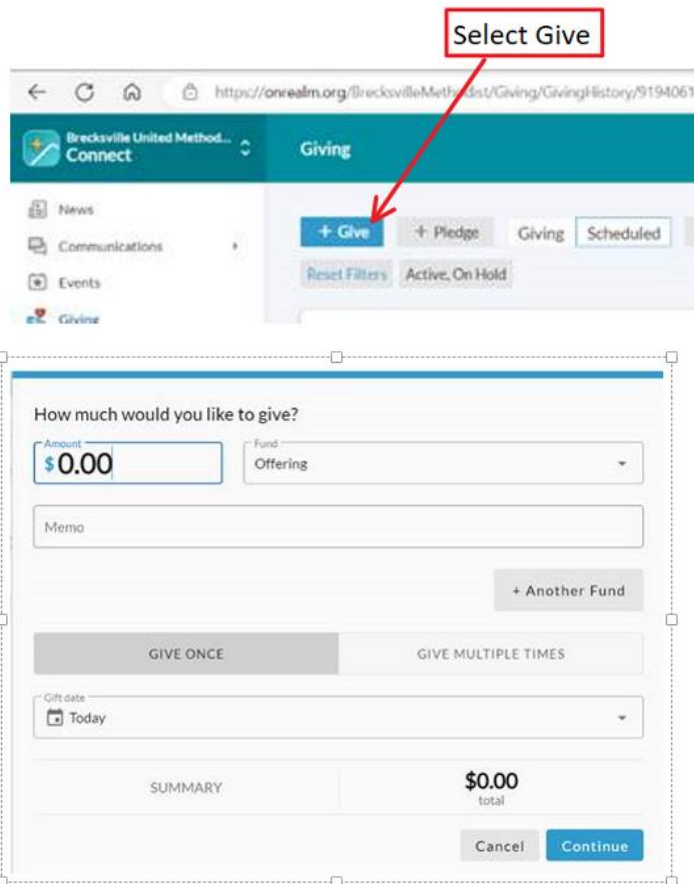
From the Finance Committee

How shall I give? Let me count the ways!

God gives to us in so many ways. That's because we all need something different, and we need different things at different points of our life. Our giving to God can be like that too. Is it time to try something new at this point in your life? What we give should be a matter of the heart, but how we give should be the easy part! Giving online is a way to make giving easy. You can adjust it to suit your needs. You can set up your giving on a recurring weekly or monthly basis, or you can choose to make a one-time gift anytime. Does this sound scary instead of easy? Is technology overwhelming? Don't worry we have you covered! The church uses On Realm as a giving platform, and Melanie from the Church Office manages the Church's part of the platform. As such, Melanie is able to help and can even cancel recurring gifts for you if you get stuck. To get started, type the following address into your browser and then press enter: <https://onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/Giving/Payments>

In the upper right corner, click on "Sign In" and then enter your e-mail address and create a password. On the left panel of the screen click on the "Giving" link.

After that, the screens are as easy as this:



Try something new – it might just surprise you how easy it is!

- Submitted by Michelle Orr, Finance Committee



FIVE GOOD THINGS ABOUT ELECTRONIC GIVING

1. Electronic giving is secure, quick and easy!
2. You can give from anywhere using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.
3. There's no need to find a check or visit the ATM.
4. Give using your Checking / Savings Account or your Debit / Credit Card.
5. You can even schedule recurring gifts, making gift planning easier.



"GiveBUMC" to 73256



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**HAVE QUESTIONS?
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

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Sensory Sensitivity and You!

Our brains are constantly receiving, understanding and responding to our senses. It organizes information from your eyes, ears, nose, mouth, skin, inner ear (balance), muscles, joints, organs and nervous system in order for your body to respond and operate in the world.

For people with sensory sensitivity, these sensory inputs can be overwhelming. Sensory overload can disrupt their ability to participate in daily life. 1 in 3 people experience this, and over 25 underlying diagnoses, disabilities or simple differences make sensory sensitivity or sensory overload more likely.

We are all sensory beings with different sensory preferences. Would you like to better understand what this means? Would you like to learn how you can help create safe spaces for people with sensory sensitivity? Sign up for FREE, online, at your own pace video training through Kulture City. Visit BUMCLinks.com

At the conclusion of the training, you will be Sensory Sensitivity Certified!

Special worship service

Reconciling Celebration

All are welcome on Sunday, May 7, at 3 pm to a service celebrating God's abundant welcome of all people. This service--an annual tradition--celebrates Brecksville UMC's 9th anniversary of becoming a Reconciling Church and looks forward to a hopeful future in which the doors are thrown open even wider to all God's children. Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones will be the guest preacher, with communion shared by Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, North Coast District Superintendent.

RMN Open Table Worship Service on Friday, June 9th

East Ohio Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) is pleased to invite you to our annual AC Open Table worship service on Friday, June 9, immediately following the events of the day (around 5:30pm). This shared meal and service of welcome and inclusion will take place at First United Methodist Church of Akron [263 East Mill Street], just down the road from the John S. Knight Center. We are delighted to welcome Bridget Cabrera, Executive Director of MFSA, as our keynote speaker. Dinner and worship are both free and open to the public, however your RSVP is much appreciated. Childcare will be provided at no cost. RSVP link at BUMCLinks.com!

CLE Pride is June 3

Save the date for this wonderful opportunity to share the message that God's love is for everyone! Brecksville UMC is a sponsor of the CLE Pride Parade. Want to be part of the joyful gathering? Reach out to inclusion@brecksvilleumc.com for details! **Calling all creative people!** If you're excited by the opportunity to create a t-shirt design that helps communicate our message of whole-hearted welcome, submit your ideas to inclusion@brecksvilleumc.com



#BeUMC

Many of our church members serve the community beyond the church walls, including Elizabeth Jaszczak who serves on a committee called the Patient Family Partnership Council with University Hospitals. She recently shared that University Hospitals Parma Medical Center is in need of volunteers to staff some important services that help patients and their families feel welcome and comfortable during a hospital visit. Opportunities exist for greeters at the front desk, baristas for the coffee shop, gift shop, patient interaction, and more. Many volunteers did not return after COVID and the volunteer ranks are low in number right now. You can make a difference by donating a few hours a month or a week! To learn more, visit <https://www.uhhospitals.org/locations/uh-parma-medical-center/volunteer-services> or call Diane Miller, Volunteer Coordinator, at 440-663-1049



We are hosting the **Emerald Necklace Garden Club Spring Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 13 in Fellowship Hall, and the Missions & Community Engagement Committee will be offering a refreshment stand at the event, with all proceeds benefiting our Bike Ministry! Come shop perennials, annuals, indoor plants, herbs, tomato seedlings, garden décor, painted furniture and more. Want to help in the refreshment stand? Choose a shift, or donate some baked goods! Sign up at BUMCLinks.com



Our May Donation Drive is for Trials4Hope, a non-profit delivering dignity and hope to those who fall between the cracks. They deliver wholesome food, personal care items, and warmth to people in need in Cleveland. Add canned food with pull tops (unhoused people don't have can openers), granola bars and trial sized toiletry items to your shopping list and bring them to the donation bin in the first floor coat room by Sunday, May 28.

Learn more: trials4hope.org

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29 Do you have a heart for volunteerism? Do you feel most fulfilled when you are using your heart and hands to help others? Have you been part of a youth mission trip? Staff at Vacation Bible School? Worked on a Habitat for Humanity Faith Build project? Have you fixed a bike or cooked a meal for Pearl Road? Or have you reached out in other ways to serve? The Missions and Outreach Committee asks you to come help celebrate the many ways we are in Determined Service here at BUMC. Share the message with others by walking in the Brecksville Memorial Day Parade! Wear your favorite BUMC t-shirt or carry a sign! We will start assembling near Brecksville City Hall (along Route 21) by 10:30. The parade steps off at 11 am and we'll march our way to the Brecksville Cemetery, letting those along the parade route know that at BUMC we aim to show God's love for others by meeting the needs of the whole person! Register here at BUMCLinks.com and we'll get our parade marker point to you as soon as soon as we know it!



From the archives, Parade 2017



BIKE FIX IT DAY IS SATURDAY 5/20

Help get spokes to folks! 9 am—noon in Fellowship Hall

5 Ways to Support Your Pastor's Mental Health

Ministry can be a fulfilling and rewarding calling. It can also be exhausting. With the unique challenges of our times, pastors and others in ministry are feeling the stresses at historic levels.

Researchers from the Barna Group surveyed pastors nationwide and across denominations and the results were alarming. In 2015, 72% of pastors said they felt “very satisfied” with their job as pastors. In late 2022, just 52% of pastors were “very satisfied with their jobs.” That’s a staggering 20% drop in just six years. What can churches do to help prevent chronic stress and burnout? How can we support our pastors so they’ll thrive into the future? Here are five ideas:

- 1. Encourage the use of vacation time and respect Sabbath days.** Self care is necessary care. Is your pastor using all of their vacation time? Do they feel guilty about it? Make sure they know you support their time off and that you encourage them to prioritize their health.
 - 2. Pray for your pastor and their family.** Surround them with the power of prayer. Ask how you can pray for them and what they need.
 - 3. Don't require your pastor to be at every meeting or church event.** Free up your pastor's time and emotional energy by using your gifts to lead committee meetings and small groups. Volunteer to make visits with the caring committee. Serve on event committees.
 - 4. Send encouraging emails and cards.** Have you ever noticed that criticisms ring in your ears more loudly than compliments? Help remind your pastor of what they do well with a kind comment in a note or an email.
 - 5. Encourage positive coping mechanisms.** Does your pastor love to garden, go to movies, enjoy a hike? Get creative and find ways to support these things—from supplying gift cards, to providing babysitting, to simply telling them about an opportunity to do something they love.
- Acts of care such as these can help support our pastor as our pastor serves the church!

How well do you know your neighbors? Here's a quick exercise that might surprise you. Can you...

- ▶ Write the names of the people in the eight houses or apartments closest to you in each of the boxes below?
- ▶ Write down something that you know about that person—something you wouldn't know by just looking at the house. Something you've learned from speaking to that person? Like *is a teacher, loves to bake, runs marathons or grew up in Iowa.*
- ▶ Write down something meaningful that you would know only after connecting and interacting with that person. Like, what motivates them to do what they do? What are their career dreams or plans for starting a family? How do they worship?

How did you do? About 10% of people can fill out the names of all 8 of their neighbors. Only 3% can add in the second level of detail and less than 1% can answer the third question!

Jesus said to love our neighbors. This includes our *actual neighbors* the people who live next door. Loving our neighbors starts with meeting them! Want some help doing and practicing that? Sign up for our Joy Lab in May! BUMCLinks.com

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR



IN EACH BOX, WRITE THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE IN THE 8 HOMES CLOSEST TO YOU

Adapted from “The Art of Neighboring” by Jay Patbak & Dave Runyon.



United
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Helping Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking

Eve Circle will meet May 3 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall to discuss our service projects for next year. We will also be collecting study bibles and journals for RAHAB, a women's ministry in Akron. Amazon has the NIV Basic Study Bible for \$17.99. You may either purchase the bible and bring it to the meeting or donate the money and we'll earmark that for the bibles. They didn't specify the journals but Amazon has some nice ones for a reasonable amount. I also found some journals at the Dollar Tree. Here are a few other items they need: \$50 gift cards to Save-a-lot, McDonalds, Walmart, Aldi, Dollar General, and \$5-\$10 gift cards to Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts and Target.—*Submitted by Lynn Hobzsek*

Great Blue Heron in Cuyahoga Valley

Thursday, May 4th at the next United Women in Faith gathering, we will hear about the majestic Great Blue Herons in this area. Peg and Rob Bobel will tell the story of their nearly 25-year stint documenting the Great Blue Herons in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. They, along with a small band of other volunteers, have been gathering data since the early 1990s and will relate the-behind-the-scenes look at successes, tragedies, and sometimes hilarious stories about one of the most well-known, and loved, heronries in northeast Ohio. The Bobels are authors, and lifelong environmentalists. Come at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments. The program begins around 10 a.m. in the church parlor, after a short devotional. There is a short business meeting afterward. We will be talking about our June trip. *Can't join us in person? The Blue Heron program will be available live on zoom! Ask Sharon for the link. Text her at 330-603-9264, or email at cuyahogafamily@roadrunner.com A recording of the program will also be available.*



Asbury Bremeth

Come enjoy the fellowship of Christian women on Thursday, May 11 at 10 am as we enjoy a special Mother's Day focused program. Bring your own coffee or tea and join us at 9:30 a.m. to catch up with your friends before the study.

***Everyone is invited to attend these programs,
so bring a friend and encourage others to attend!***

UWF Board Meeting

Friday, May 26, at 9:30 am is our next board meeting. Send your report to Jaclyn@brecksvilleumc.com ahead of time to have copies made for participants if necessary.

5 Ways to Cope with Mother's Day Grief

Are you missing your mom this Mother's Day? Here are five suggestions to help the day land gently.

1. **Spend time with the other women in your life.** Celebrate those who nurture, care and mentor you and others.
2. **Share something your mother taught you.** Taking time to pass along the lessons you learned from your mom helps her memory span generations.
3. **Do something that your mother loved.** Eat her favorite dessert, watch her favorite movie, go dancing, go golfing, play her favorite game...whatever you choose, enjoy it just as she would.
4. **Sing a song.** Musical memories are special comfort. Sing your mother's favorite song or play her favorite hymn.
5. **Fast from social media.** Your feed may be full of snapshots of "perfect" mothers, which can trick us into thinking we're the only one whose relationship with their mother complicated or who is missing their mother.

No matter how you spend the day, remember that God is with you and that you are loved beyond measure!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY

Care and Prayer!

Nancy Kroenke called to say thank you for all the cards and letters, and Jana Ahnquist shared how much it meant for her mother, Donna Eilbeck, to be remembered by her church family. Let's keep it going!

Week of May 7

Bill Rittman

It's his birthday this week!

200 Laurel Lake Dr Apt E373
Hudson, OH 44236-2181

Week of May 14

Janet Patterson

7005 Stadium Dr Apt 416
Brecksville, OH 44141-1887

Week of May 21

Tom Taylor

It's his birthday this week!

803 West Ave Apt 6404
Elyria, OH 44035-5944

Week of May 28

Clark Rechkemmer

It's his birthday this week!

651 Village Dr Apt 1010
Pompano Beach, FL 33060-3705

Contact the office to nominate someone for next month's list!

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| 1 | Carissa Spitzer | 12 | Doug Hurst | 22 | Brian Culley |
| 2 | Tracy Adanich | 12 | Alainna Teare | 22 | Mark Hobzek |
| 2 | Cindy Krause | 12 | Chris Wygonski | 23 | Gavin Bendlak |
| 2 | Karen Pace | 13 | Michael Paroda | 23 | Bev Huber |
| 3 | Hannah Botzman | 13 | Nancy Sirianni | 23 | Nathan Hudacek |
| 3 | Shelby Olszko | 14 | Nora Culley | 23 | Michael Lee |
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| 7 | David Shively | 15 | Phillip Long | 24 | Guinevere Pace |
| 8 | Stephanie Holmes | 15 | Melanie Smith | 24 | Tom Taylor |
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| 8 | Lori Pasek | 16 | Donald Rickert | 25 | Clifford Diemer |
| 9 | Eric Chen | 16 | Lauren Sendrey | 25 | Alan Scheufler |
| 9 | Jenny Gee | 17 | Lynn Hobzek | 25 | Kathy Sopka |
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| 10 | Jack Drescher | 18 | Brandon Toman | 27 | Don Krolikowski |
| 10 | Russell Goodwin | 20 | Ava McFarlane | 27 | Hallie McDonough |
| 10 | Sandy Kovalik | 20 | Emma Vastartis | 27 | Jack Neville |
| 10 | Nancy Lee | 20 | Ryan Wilson | 28 | Kate Burrows |
| 11 | Addy Pribble | 21 | Connor Mathewson | 28 | Dan Spitzer |
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| 12 | Justin Bielinski | 21 | Aneira Watkins | 30 | Ava Pawlak |
| | | 21 | Bryn Watkins | 31 | Theo Burgstahler |
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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. People like Paul Calovini who shows up week after week to run our in house sound for the 10:30 worship service. We're thankful for your faithful

presence, Paul! Kathy Louttit and David Brown helped us surround Pastor Heidi in prayer and love for Renewal Leave. Don Krolikowski has a gift for photography, and we're so thankful that he shares it with this church family. Nora and Addie are just two of our wonderful acolytes. Thanks for bringing in the light of Christ at our 10:30 worship services!







MILESTONES
News of the church family

We will celebrate the life of Robert Butler here in the church sanctuary on Saturday, May 6 at 1 pm. A member of this church since 1992, Robert had recently been living in Connecticut. He passed away in February.

Donna Eilbeck, a member of our church since 1972, passed away on April 13, just three days after her 98th birthday, and three days shy of her 51st anniversary of joining our church. A celebration of her life is being planned soon.

May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30 Lectio	2 10:30 Staff 7 Finance 7 Lectio	3 6:30 Breakfast 6:30 Eve Circle	4 <i>Brown/Sendry</i> Mowing Team 9:30 UWF 9:30 FB ✓ In 6:30 Choir 8 Band	5	6 I Robert Butler Memorial Service
7 8:30 Worship 9:30 Gathering 10:30 Worship 3 Worship 5 Youth Group	8 10:30 Lectio 7:15 Online Kick Off to the Joy Lab! 	9 10:30 Staff Mtg: <i>Birthday Party for Jenny, Scott & Melanie!</i> 7 Lectio	10 6:30 Breakfast	11 <i>Botzman</i> Mowing Team 9:30 Asbury 9:30 FB ✓ In 6:30 Choir 8 Band	12 <i>Tomorrow is Brecksville's Document Shredding day</i>	13 9:30—3 pm Emerald Necklace Garden Club Plant Sale
14 <i>UWF Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Gathering 10:30 Worship	15 10:30 Lectio	16 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff 7 Lectio 7 Trustees	17 6:30 Breakfast <i>Horizon's Preschool's last day in the classroom</i>	18 <i>Auble/</i> <i>Spencer Mow</i> 9:30 FB ✓ In 6:30 Choir 8 Band <i>GW Deadline!</i>	19	20 Wanake Work Day AND Bike Fix It Day 
21 8:30 Worship 9:30 Gathering 10:30 Worship	22 10:30 Lectio	23 10:30 Staff 7 Finance 7 Lectio	24 6:30 Breakfast	25 <i>Lundholm</i> <i>Holmes Mow</i> 9:30 FB ✓ In 6:30 Choir 8 Band	26 9:30 UWF Board Meeting	27
28 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	29 11 Brecksville Memorial Day Parade 	30 <i>Pastor Heidi Returns!</i> 10 Worship Planning 10:30 Staff 7 Lectio	31 6:30 Breakfast	Pastoral Emergency Line: 440-290-6671 A pastoral emergency is something that <i>just can't wait</i> : a loved one is in critical care, there's been a death in the family, a pastor is needed. Call the church at 440-526-8938. After hours call our Pastoral Emergency Line: 440-290-6671 . Your call will be returned as soon as possible.		

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