

The Newsletter of Brecksville United Methodist Church

# The Good Word



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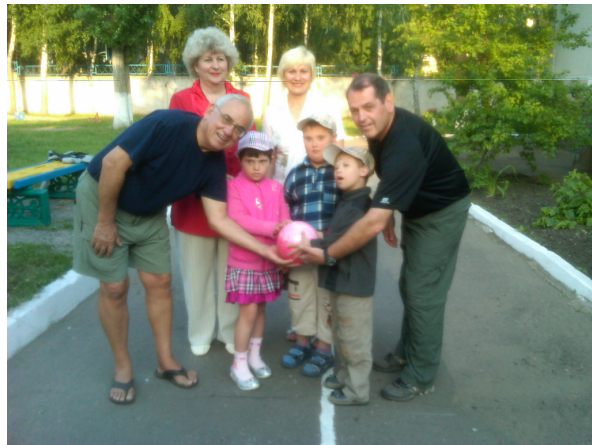
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*Open Doors. Honest Worship.*



*Your donations on their way to Russia!*



*Tony Cipolla & Bruce McCrodden with Russian students and staff in Kursk*

## To Russia, with Love...

### *Volunteer in Mission Team Update*

When seven year old Anastasia Brachna learned that members of her church were going to visit an orphanage in Russia, she wanted to help. Her mother explained that the orphanage was in need of things the kids could play with outside, so Anastasia took a look through her own toys and found a big pink ball. She wrote a note, "I love Russia, because I was born there. From Anastasia to Russia."

Our own Bruce McCrodden and Tony Cipolla joined an 18-member team from the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church on the Volunteers in Mission trip to Kursk, a city in southern Russia, where they worked at a boarding school serving developmentally delayed youngsters aged 7 to 21.

With them, they took the sports and recreation equipment you donated for the students of the boarding school. Thanks to your generosity, they set off for Russia with a suitcase full of jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, Frisbees, and balls of all sizes, including Anastasia's big pink ball.

After hearing the story of the pink ball, the children wrote a note back. "Anastasia, We really liked the pink playground ball that you sent to us with the volunteer team from your church that is visiting with us at Boarding School Number 5 in Kursk, Russia. The people from your church brought lots of gifts but we liked the pink ball best. We know that you gave us one of your favorite toys. Thank you very much. You will always be special to us. Spasibo Bolshoi!" (That means "Thank you very much!" in Russian!)

## Grandma's Cherry Pies

**BRECKSVILLE HOME DAYS**

**JUNE 29, 30 AND JULY 1**

**HOMEMADE DESSERTS BAKED FRESH DAILY**

**Advanced orders being taken now!**

**Preorders a must for Sunday pickup.**

Please place your prepaid order in the church office.

Questions? Call Mary Kotnik 330-467-4834.

Order forms available at church or online: [www.brecksvilleumc.com](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com)

Orders may also be placed via e-mail: [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com).





8:30 Outdoor Worship  
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

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# My Summer Wish

*Comments from Rev. Clark Stein*

*"No working on the Sabbath; keep it holy just as God, your God, commanded you."*

*Deuteronomy 5:12*

I write this toward the middle of June, with a rather wholesome outlook. I am not too far from Sabbath time, a vacation that will pull me away from Brecksville to sunny shores and fish filled lakes all awaiting the "here fishy fishy" of my fishing gear. I have already detailed a list of things that need to be accomplished before I make my way to vacation, and have a personal check list of milestone moments in my already mushy brain. There are important meetings to attend, worship to participate in and worship to lead and participate in, graduation parties, weddings, Annual Conference at Lakeside, Liam's baptism celebration and first birthday party, etc... Vacation seems so near, yet much more to be accomplished before I get there.

I live many of my days just like this. Looking at goals and accomplishments that must be met in order to have some time of relaxation, some time apart, some time to enjoy myself. It seems as though I must somehow earn it. Then I look at this simple command, and remember that God recognized very early on a need for space, a need for long, deep breaths. Earning them is our own creation, God says just to do it, and that it is a good thing.

"How do you do nothing?" asked Pooh after he had wondered for a long time.

"Well, it's when people call out at you just as you're going off to do it, 'What are you going to do, Christopher Robin?,' and you say, 'Oh, nothing,' and then you go and do it."

"Oh, I see," said Pooh.

"This is a nothing sort of thing that we are doing now."

"Oh, I see," said Pooh again.

"It means just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering."

Sounds like Sabbath to me. I thank God every day for my time among all you good people in ministry. I also thank God that you understand that Sabbath time is also important for health and wholeness. In my absence, you will remain in my prayers, and I hope you find Sabbath moments on your way this summer. Not because we have earned them in any sense, but just because God says to do it, and that it is good. That is good enough for me. See you soon. See you in church. Peace and joy,

*Pastor Clark*



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Our UMW supports the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky by collecting Box Tops for Education. This Methodist facility's mission is to lift up Jesus Christ by providing basic needs in Appalachia through God's love. Clip the Box Tops Symbol from participating products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. More info: [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com)

## A Warm Welcome

A welcoming & hospitable climate begins at the curb, continues into the heart of the congregation, and moves outside church walls into the community. The ministry of welcoming is the responsibility of the entire church family, and a way of ministering to people, seven days a week, in all walks of life. Are you doing your part?

**Ushers Wanted! Call the Office!**



# This Old Organ

On November 1, 1964, at the end of a twelve-year building project, Brecksville United Methodist Church consecrated its current Sanctuary. The following month, after more than a year of research, the Organ Committee proposed the purchase of a new Casavant pipe organ to the Trustees.

Space and budget constraints dictated that the new organ favor a balanced ensemble sound. It omitted specialized voices in the belief that classic specifications would ensure a fresh, clear and contemporary sound for many years. The installation was completed in time for Christmas 1966 at a cost of \$30,000.

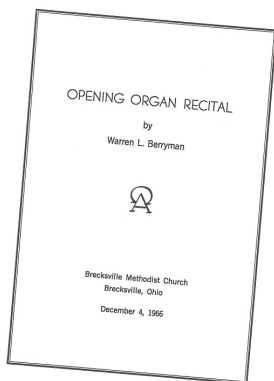
Flash forward to 2012. Casavant is still world-renowned for building some of the finest pipe organs in places as far away as China. Visit their website: [www.casavant.ca](http://www.casavant.ca) for a tour of the factory and pictures of recent projects. According to the Casavant firm, the replacement cost of our organ is now over \$500,000.

Over the years we have made additions to the organ. In 1974, to complete the initial organ design, we added a Gemshorn stop at a cost of \$6,500. In the 1980's eighteen year old Chris Toth joined the staff. Chris oversaw expansion of the instrument, adding a new Oboe stop and making the existing Trumpet stop available to the organist on both keyboards and pedal. This required an additional investment of \$8,500.

Given its rich history, we are excited to add yet another chapter to the story of our Casavant organ. Chris has identified some meaningful improvements to expand the ease of playing the organ and the quality of its sound.

## ***Want to learn more about the organ?***

Join Chris for an "organ crawl" on Sunday, July 15 at 11 am and take the opportunity to see the organ up close! Learn more about the history and evolution of this great instrument, and enjoy the opportunity to play a few notes yourself if you'd like. Sign up by calling the church office or email Chris at [tothchristopher@att.net](mailto:tothchristopher@att.net).

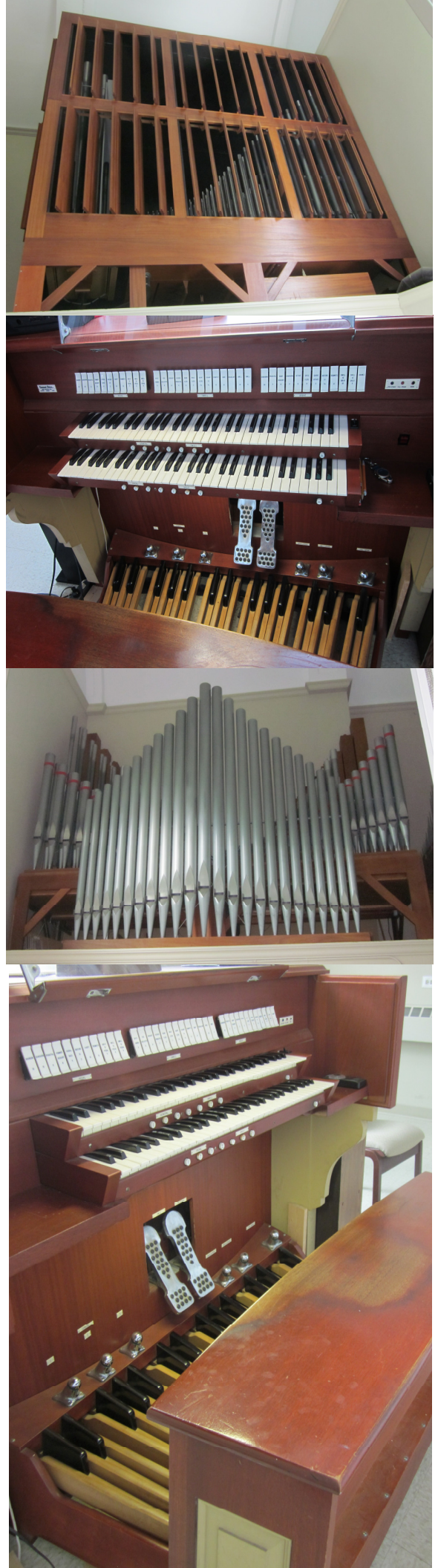


*Church archives include information about the installation of the organ in 1966. A program from the opening organ recital, performed by Dr. Warren L. Berryman in 1966, and a two page hand out about the instrument are both posted on the church website:*

*The back of the program states "This Two-Manual Organ, designed and built by Cassavant Freres, St. Hyacinthe, Canada, is based on the classical principles of organ building developed during the 17th and 18th centuries. It consists of 21 stops containing 29 ranks of pipes speaking on two inches of wind. Each division of*

*the organ is complete and independent with the great and pedal exposed on the right and the enclosed swell division on the left. Although partially veiled from view by the chancel screen there is no obstruction to the clear articulate sound of the pipes."*

*Don't have internet access, but want to see it? We can print a copy for you!*





## Youth Annual Conference 2012

At Youth Annual Conference 2012, teens were challenged to be in leadership in their churches, schools and community

Twelve Brecksville youth traveled to Lakeside, Ohio June 15-17 to take part in YAC.

Youth Annual Conference allows young people to let their voice be heard within the Methodist church. Resolutions brought forward this year included the recommendation for regularly scheduled children and youth evening programming and the inclusion of gluten-free bread during communion. Speakers for the weekend were the Rev. Mark McTrusty and Jean Mayo.

In their free time the youth bonded with each other with putt-putt golf and shuffleboard. Many thanks go out to Mrs. Dottie McDowell who opened her home to us during the conference!

Annual Conference is "Empowering youth to be leaders in the church for today, by striving for a loving relationship with Jesus Christ."



L-R Front: Amanda Auble, Bridget Gee, Erin Gee. 2nd: Sydney Hudacek, Payton Schneider, Grace Auble, Stephanie Holmes, Allison Loughner 3rd: Dottie McDowell, Kyle Allen, Aleya Gee, Jenny Gee, Ahysa Whitton Back: George Gee, Allie Kenney, Derek Brinkmann

# Things are looking up this summer!

Welcome to Sky: Where all things are possible with God!



**VBS is almost here. Can you help us get ready?** We will be taking off into the great blue yonder for Vacation Bible School this summer. Our theme is the Sky!! Children between the ages of 3 and 10 will be flying through activities that help them understand that everything is possible with God. They will have fun doing crafts, playing games and watching storytelling skits that will illustrate God's boundless love for them. The children are in for a high-flying, unforgettable time! (There's a Middle School VBS, too! More info in the pages of this newsletter!)

First and foremost we need your prayers. Please keep the leaders and the children in your prayers leading up to and throughout the week of VBS. We are blessed to have many visitors taking part in the program. Pray that we are all drawn closer to Christ through this experience together.

We are still looking for youth and adult help throughout the week. To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. This program is not possible without the help of many!

To help us keep costs down, we're asking for donations and "loaner" items. Can you provide any of the following?

### Items to borrow and return

- ▶ Parachute for 12 or more
- ▶ Rope lights
- ▶ Large wooden cross
- ▶ Plug in spotlight
- ▶ Plastic vines and flowers
- ▶ Remote control helicopter

### Items for us to use (perhaps not return)

- ▶ Plastic greenery – fern or palm-like
- ▶ Mailing tubes or concrete footer tubes
- ▶ Rolls of white crepe paper
- ▶ Glow sticks (about 40)
- ▶ Battery powered tea lights

### Food

- ▶ Gummy fish (3 bags)
- ▶ Goldfish (2 large boxes)
- ▶ Crispix (3 boxes)
- ▶ Raisins (2 canisters)
- ▶ Chocolate chips (8 bags)
- ▶ Pretzel stix (2 lg bags)
- ▶ Sunflower seeds (shelled)
- ▶ Graham sticks (6 boxes)
- ▶ Mini marshmallows (3 bags)
- ▶ Blue Jell-o (8 small or 4 large boxes)
- ▶ Popsicles (about 75)

We believe that God will use this incredible program to reach many children with the message of his love, so please prayerfully consider your role in Sky VBS. Feel free to contact me by e-mail ([education@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:education@brecksvilleumc.com)), phone (440-526-8938), or in person to sign up to help, or if you have any questions! - Jenny Gee

Don't forget to register your kids for VBS! There's a registration form in this issue of *The Good Word*, or you can register on line! [tinyurl.com/83q26dw](http://tinyurl.com/83q26dw)



## Nordonia Church Softball League Heats Up!



The 2012 BUMC Men's Softball season is nearing the end, with the final games of the regular season scheduled on June 26 and July 10 in Macedonia's Longwood Park. The play-offs will start July 17 and should conclude July 24, standard double elimination format. We would play two games on July 17 and if we win either we would then play again on July 24. Games start at 6:30. Why not come out and cheer on the team? - Bob Lundholm

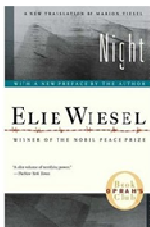
Standing, l-r, Mike Janda, Jeff Drescher, Craig Kotnik, Sean Lundholm, Scott Hastings, Jeff Luce, Brian Culley and Ben Yeater. Kneeling, l-r, Bryan Daugherty, Bob Lundholm, Carl Rossborough. Team members not pictured include Ian Roberts, Jeff Hastings, Mike Ohl, Mike Kubek, Greg Eberhardt, Troy Hazelton, George Gee, Paul Korfmacher and Eric Louttit.



## Book Group Titles for July

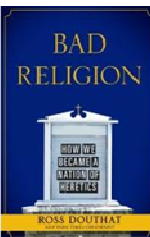
Join us on the deck for summer sunshine, tasty food, and lively discussion!

The Book Group will convene around noon at Joy & Stacy's home in Strongsville [13432 Tradewinds Drive] and continue until we're ready to call it an afternoon. Grilled lunch fare and beverages will be provided; bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Families are welcome – we can have a game or movie available for kids. Please contact Joy with questions. **We hope to see some new faces this year!**



**Sunday, July 8: *Night*** by Elie Wiesel, Jewish-American writer, professor, activist, Nobel Laureate, and Holocaust survivor. Book Cost: \$9.95, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition for \$9.99.

*Night* is Elie Wiesel's masterpiece, a candid, horrific, and deeply poignant autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps. This new translation by Marion Wiesel, Elie's wife and frequent translator, presents this seminal memoir in the language and spirit truest to the author's original intent. And in a substantive new preface, Elie reflects on the enduring importance of *Night* and his lifelong, passionate dedication to ensuring that the world never forgets man's capacity for inhumanity to man.



**Sunday, July 29: *Bad Religion*** by Ross Douthat, American author, blogger and New York Times columnist. Book Cost: \$14.41, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition for \$12.99.

*Bad Religion* offers a masterful and hard-hitting account of how American Christianity has gone off the rails—and why it threatens to take American society with it. Writing for an era dominated by recession, gridlock, and fears of American decline, Douthat exposes the spiritual roots of the nation's political and economic crises. He argues that America's problem isn't too much religion, nor is it an intolerant secularism. Rather, it's *bad religion*: the slow-motion collapse of traditional faith and the rise of a variety of pseudo-Christianities that stroke our egos, indulge our follies, and encourage our worst impulses. Douthat's urgent call for a revival of traditional Christianity is sure to generate controversy, and it will be vital reading for all those concerned about the imperiled American future.



## Summer Stitchers

Knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all types -- spend an evening stitching and chatting with friends from BUMC at the Brachna house: 7772 Nakita Court, Sagamore Hills, 44067 **July 24th 7-8:30 p.m.** We'll be on the patio, if weather permits. Dessert and beverages will be served. Everyone with an interest is welcome! Please RSVP by July 17th to Carole Brachna [cbrachna@hotmail.com](mailto:cbrachna@hotmail.com)

## \$1 Week Campaign



Learn more: [www.brecksvilleumc.com](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com)



Can you believe that it's been three years since our last pictorial directory? A photo directory is one of the best opportunities for us to connect with one another, to help us associate names with faces, and to act as a source of contact information. As we start planning our 2012 photo directory, we're reaching out to you for help. There are opportunities from signing folks up for their appointments, to serving as hosts on photo day, or collecting candid "activity" pictures for the book. Firm dates will follow soon, but we believe we'll have photographers here beginning the last week of August. Contact Melanie if you'd like to be involved! 440-526-8938 or [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com).



## MILESTONES

News of the Fellowship

Do you have news to share? Contact Melanie!  
office@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938

In this summer season of graduation parties, weddings, vacations and family reunions, we pause and praise God for family and friends, and ask for traveling mercies for those on the road.

June 24 was an extra special day for Pastor Clark and Kathy as their grandson, Liam McLoughlin, was baptized that morning. We welcome Liam into God's family with love and joy. "May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11

Our hearts go out to the family of Susan Parry Whelchel, who died in a car accident on June 14. Her daughter, Anastasia, was injured in the crash. Please keep her in your prayers.



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we have recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others: Look around BUMC and you may hear **Joseph Rebman** providing beautiful harp music during worship or **Mallory Krolkowski and Abby Smith** filling the sanctuary with inspiring music; **Sam Eberhardt** serving as an especially charming usher; **Dottie McDowell** opening her home to our youth for Annual Conference; or **Jeff Fesler** brightening the church with some fresh paint.

## Happy Birthday!

John	Bartholomew	07/01			
Enis	Beck	07/02			
Brett	Bender	07/02	James	Fredrick	07/17
J.J.	Hotaling	07/02	Stephanie	Ling	07/17
Derek	Ritterbusch	07/02	Taylor	Heisler	07/19
Elizabeth	Hoffman	07/03	Timothy	Kenney	07/19
Nancy	Marsh	07/03	Kay	Mendlik	07/19
Sarah	Ford	07/04	Amy	Hazelton	07/21
A. James	Lee	07/04	Zachary	Kardos	07/21
Betty	Marsh	07/05	Miles	Paroda	07/21
Patricia	Prominski	07/05	Nicholas	Rajkovich	07/21
Ryan	Hensley	07/06	Stefan	Wygonski	07/21
Erin	Merhar	07/06	Paul	Frank	07/22
Janet	Beck	07/07	Ruth	Herman	07/23
Wendy	Chenney	07/07	Katherine	Merhar	07/23
Emily	Telischak	07/07	Nathan	Olszko	07/23
Kevan	Fisher	07/08	Elizabeth	Jaszczak	07/24
Jonathan	Wygonski	07/08	Carl	Opatrny	07/24
Katherine	Falko	07/09	Allison	Toensing	07/24
Bryan	Johnson	07/09	Philip	Dumot	07/25
Frances	Knaack	07/09	Cynthia	Guell	07/25
Kevin	Machesky	07/09	Larry	Kaminski	07/25
Tracy	Scott	07/09	Matthew	Manocchio	07/25
Karen	Memmer	07/10	Laura	Riccardi	07/27
Joan	Bloch	07/11	Judith	Suazo	07/27
Sheila	Kimble	07/12	Ruby	Ludwig	07/28
David	Lienert	07/12	Patricia	Frank	07/29
Jeanne	Quade	07/13	Albert	Loughner	07/29
Elizabeth	Urso	07/14	Janet	Patterson	07/29
Jane	Whitehead	07/14	Rachel	Machesky	07/30
Deborah	Falko	07/15	Pamela	Root	07/30
Robert	Kubicek	07/15	Beth	Smith	07/30
Bill	Neidinger	07/15	Bryan	Smith	07/30
Matthew	Nurre	07/16	Clark	Stein	07/30

## Happy Anniversary!

7/12/1947	Mr & Mrs Robert Kubicek	7/7/1979	Mr & Mrs Joseph Tereshko
7/13/1949	Mr & Mrs N R Bondra	7/24/1982	Mr & Mrs Matthew Harper
7/26/1958	Mr & Mrs Henry James	7/6/1991	Mr & Mrs Andrew Dorman
7/6/1968	Mr & Mrs Edward Crist	7/11/1998	Mr & Mrs Troy Hazelton
7/26/1969	Mr & Mrs Nicholas Rajkovich	7/26/1998	Mr & Mrs. Ralph Slifcak
7/12/1975	Mr & Mrs Douglas Hubert	7/13/2002	Mr & Mrs Brandon Fisher
7/26/1975	Mr & Mrs Kenneth M Merhar	7/28/2007	Mr & Mrs Ian Roberts
7/16/1977	Mr & Mrs Mark Spencer		





# Life Changing Home Repair



Part of last year's YSP team prepares to depart

On July 7, Brecksville Youth will depart for Rushville, Indiana where they will join teenagers and adults from all over the country for Group Workcamp. They will perform minor home repairs for the elderly, handicapped and those struggling financially. The repairs, which are performed free of charge, mainly consist of projects like interior and exterior painting,

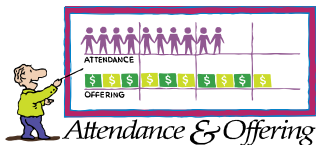
decking, porch repair, wheelchair ramp construction/repair, and home winterization. As the youth and adults perform these repairs they will be experiencing what Christian service is all about while growing in their relationship with Christ. God makes incredible things happen in the heart and life of the one who serves and in the one who is served!

The lives of the youth of our church are being formed by many different pieces of our culture – schools, the internet, friends, coffee shops, and our church's youth ministry. They have many choices before them as they shape their future, and we want to provide them with the beliefs and experiences that will serve them well over the course of their lifetime.

That's why your investment in this service opportunity is so important to them. This was by far our most successful year with YSP Mock Stock, with a total of \$2,130 raised. We're very proud of the support our congregation shows our youth. It means we can replace some tools that are really needed and still leave a cushion left for Kyle to work with for the 2013 YSP year. The kids will share information about their trip at YSP Sunday, July 22. Want to lend some moral support? Send an encouraging e-mail to our volunteers at [www.groupworkcamps.com](http://www.groupworkcamps.com); click the "email a camper" tab in the upper right hand corner of the screen.



YSP has become an annual tradition for our church. These pictures are from trips in 2010 and 2011.



Can we make our numbers grow? Why not bring a friend to church or Sunday School?

Date	1st Service Attendance	2nd Service Attendance	Offering
May 27	127	77	\$7,598
June 3	123	95	\$9,528
June 10	84	114	\$7,190
June 17	43	122	\$8,399



Would you like to explore what it means to be a United Methodist? Mark your calendars! Our next New Member Class will be held on Sundays, September 16, 23, 30. Sign up by contacting the church office by phone (440-526-8938) or e-mail: [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)



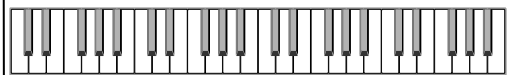
## This Month's Hike...

Join us July 1 at 2 pm at the Hemlock Creek Picnic Area in Bedford Reservation for a five mile hike. Saunter along Tinker's Creek

for a way, then hike up one long hill and explore the area at the top. Hemlock Creek Picnic Area is located off of Dunham Rd. in the western portion of Bedford Reservation. Visit

[www.clemetparks.com/recreation/hiking/index.asp](http://www.clemetparks.com/recreation/hiking/index.asp) for directions.

Need more info? Contact Carole Brachna for details! 330-908-2031



## LUNCH & LISTEN RECITALS (Concert Series)

Presented by the Cleveland Institute of Music Alumni Association

Tuesdays in July (beginning July 17), spend your lunch hour with CIM! At noon, bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy on CIM's terrace or in the lounge. Free concerts begin at 12:30 in Mixon Hall.

**July 31**

Dual Pianos

**Chris Toth and Joy Fenton**



# JULY 2012

Did you know that the church calendar is also posted on the church website?  
Check it for "up to the minute" information about all BUMC events!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Communion Sun. <b>8:30 Worship</b> <b>10 Worship</b> 2 Hiking Club</p> <p>Brecksville Home Days! </p>	<p>2 9-5 Program Staff Retreat, Off Site</p>	<p>3 9:30 Staff Mtg</p>	<p>4  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!</b> Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>5 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Thurs Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensemble</p>	<p>6 7 Emmaus Reunion 9 Bible Study</p>	<p>7 YSP Departs for Rushville, IN!  <b>YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT</b></p>
<p>8 <b>8:30 Worship</b> <b>10 Worship</b> 12 Summer Book Group: Night</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 11 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball 7 Ad Board 8 Super Tuesday Committee Meetings</p>	<p>11 6:30 Dawnbrks 6:15 Wednesday Wheels</p>	<p>12 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Thurs Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensemble</p>	<p>13 7 Emmaus Reunion 9 Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>
<b>Youth Service Project Trip to Rushville, Indiana</b>						
<p>15 <b>8:30 Worship</b> <b>10 Worship</b> 11 Organ Crawl</p> 	<p>16  the me I want to be becoming God's best version of you</p> <p><b>SKY VBS</b> July 16-20  Exceptional is possible with God</p>	<p>17 12:30 Staff Mtg 7:30 Finance &amp; Trustees</p>	<p>18 6:30 Dawnbrks 6:15 Wed Wheels 7 SPR</p>	<p>19 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Thurs Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensem.</p>	<p>20 7 Emmaus Reunion 9 Bible Study</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <b>8:30 Worship</b> <b>10 Worship</b></p>  <p><b>YSP Sunday</b></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:30 Staff Mtg 7 Stitch&amp;Chat at the Brachna's</p>	<p>25 6:30 Dawnbrks 6:15 Wed Wheels</p>	<p>26 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Thurs Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensem.</p>	<p>27 7 Emmaus Reunion 9 Bible Study</p>	<p>28 Wedding</p> 
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### This Month's Scripture Focus:

Find this month's scriptures on the home page of the church website: [www.brecksvilleumc.com](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com)



# United Methodist News

*The Latest from the United Methodist News Service*

## Church gets kudos in malaria fight

TAMPA, Fla. — Rear Adm. Tim Ziemer, the U.S. government's global malaria coordinator, praised The United Methodist Church as a "critical partner in the fight against malaria." By raising funds and distributing mosquito nets, the denomination has helped save an estimated 200,000 lives a year, Ziemer said in a recent video address to General Conference 2012, the church's top legislative body. "The United Methodist Church has kind of set the high bar, the standard, in how to engage as a faith-based organization, as a denomination providing leadership and vision," Ziemer added.

## Survey finds clergy's worries add pounds

GLENVIEW, Ill. — Stress is one of the biggest health risks facing United Methodist clergy, according to a new study released by the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits. And, too many church potlucks, pizza-delivery nights and meals on the run aren't helping. Based on the responses of some 2,000 pastors, the survey found significantly higher rates of health problems than comparable U.S. adults.

## Fire consumes Minneapolis church

MINNEAPOLIS — Five firefighters were injured in a blaze that gutted the historic Walker Community United Methodist Church. The fire began in the attic of the 102-year-old church between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. May 27. There was a thunderstorm at the time, and fire officials suggested a lightning strike may have caused the fire.

## Fire destroys rural Arkansas church

CARLISLE, Ark. — On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 30, members of Hickory Plains United Methodist Church, a rural community church in central Arkansas, watched their church building burn to the ground. "We lost the building, but we didn't lose the church," said the Rev. Debby Harrison, the pastor.

## New B.A. in addiction prevention

OKLAHOMA CITY (UMNS) — Drinking by college students contributes to an estimated 1,825 deaths, 599,000 injuries and 97,000 cases of sexual assault each year in the U.S. The United Methodist-related Oklahoma City University has created a bachelor's degree program in addiction-prevention studies.

## Mobile apps for church leaders

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Following the example set by Ecclesiastes, this is the season of mobile apps for just about everything. You can use your phone to post the church potluck on Facebook, look up this week's biblical texts and instantly sift through 4,000 names in the Bible. United Methodist Communications has a top 10 list of must-have apps for United Methodists on the go. For more information, go to [www.umcom.org/Top10Apps](http://www.umcom.org/Top10Apps).

## Annual conference coverage

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — This is peak annual conference season in the United States, and United Methodist Communications is bringing you reports and news from the conferences as they occur. To follow the activity, go to [www.umc.org/ac](http://www.umc.org/ac).



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Middle School Kids - this VBS is for you! Sign up today!



# The Me I Want to Be

Brecksville United Methodist Church  
Middle School Vacation Bible School

**July 16-20, 2012**

Ever asked yourself, “Who am I?”, “Who am I going to be when I grow up?”, or “Why did God make me?” Then this is a special week for you! Through fun, interactive lessons, videos, skits, and games, we’ll be discovering who God designed each of us to be, celebrating our unique gifts, passions, and the plans He has for us. While we discuss peer pressure and the different versions of “me” people tell us we should be, we’ll examine the “me” God wants us to be through five areas: Spirit, Mind, Time, Experiences, and Relationships. We’ll be meeting at the church from 9am-12pm. All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders through outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! **The price is \$25.** Snacks, t-shirts, and all materials are included. Please contact Kyle Allen at [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com) if you would like more information.

**Don't Miss Out! RSVP by Monday, July 9!**

Middle School VBS Registration 2012	
Name:	Birth Date:
Address:	Grade ('12-13):
Phone:	E-Mail:
<i>Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who can be reached between 9 and noon:</i>	
Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:
Student T-shirt Size (circle one) :    Adult S    Adult M    Adult L    Adult XL	
Do you have any allergies? (If so, please list):	

**Payment due with Registration. Checks payable to: BUMC**



# Brecksville United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School



## Registration Form

Open to all children ages 3 (by 7/1/12) through 10 (or entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
July 16-20, 2012

9:00 A.M. – Noon. Cost: \$25 per student, \$15 for children of volunteers  
Each family will receive a music CD. Additional CDs can be purchased for \$5.  
For more information call: (440) 526-8938

### Please print

	Circle one	Child's Name	Allergies? Circle one	If your child has allergies, please list here and use back if necessary to explain	Date of Birth	Age on 7/1/12	Fall '12 Grade
1	M / F		Y / N				
2	M / F		Y / N				
3	M / F		Y / N				
4	M / F		Y / N				
5	M / F		Y / N				

Parent Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adults authorized to sign out my children: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other helpful information (illnesses, medication, activity restrictions, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

I can help as an adult helper, please call me.  My teen would like to help. Teen's name \_\_\_\_\_

I can help  from home  All week at VBS  At VBS on circled days M T W TH F

#### Make checks payable to

Brecksville United Methodist Church

#### Please return payment and completed form to

Attn: VBS

Brecksville United Methodist Church

65 Public Square

Brecksville OH 44141

A confirmation letter will be sent to you in early July.

#### For office use only

Date Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_