



BUMC Feeds 32,184!



Fellowship Hall was filled with activity.



Music played while we filled the meal bags.



*The first boxes are loaded into the truck.
(See more pictures on the church
Facebook page!)*

Proverbs 16:3 tells us, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." (NIV) That is a lesson and a promise we were all able to experience on April 21 at our second annual "Workshop" event.

Our goal was to raise funds to pack 30,000 meals for shipment overseas in partnership with Stop Hunger Now, an international food-aid organization. Because of your generosity (and that of friends, family and another church) 205 volunteers were able to pack 32,184 meals - - with over 300 man-hours of sweat equity.

Through Andrew Sullivan, our Stop Hunger Now representative, we learned that there is enough food in the world to feed every person on earth each day, but 45,000 people (a Progressive Field full) die every two days for lack of food. Andrew spoke eloquently of how what we accomplished at "Workshop" is making a real difference in the world.

Our meals will be combined with meals packed by others to fill a shipping container with 285,000 meals. This container will be shipped to ministry partners in one of 76 countries around the world within the next four to six weeks. We will be able to track exactly where those meals go, possibly to the very school or orphanage where they are used!

Overheard during "Workshop":

- ◆ There was a sense of great joy in the room.
- ◆ We saw a new sense of community.
- ◆ What a great all ages event. People from four to mid eighties helped!
- ◆ We enjoyed working with folks from the New Member Class.
- ◆ When can we do this again?
- ◆ We should do this twice a year!
- ◆ Where can I get info on hosting an event at work? (stophungernow.org)

I hope we will all let the truth of Pastor Clark's word's penetrate our hearts. Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount telling us not to worry about what we will eat or what we will wear are not just for our own comfort. They are also a call to action to us. Will we choose to be God's instrument to lift the weight of those worries from others? On Sunday, April 21, you did just that, and in so doing changed the world.

Thank you and God bless you for all you accomplished today. Please be in prayer about what our next "Workshop" project will be. - *Dave Podolny*



8:45 Contemporary Worship
 10 Education Hour
 11:15 Traditional Worship

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King for a Year

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:19-20)

Sigmund Freud's favorite story was about the sailor shipwrecked on one of the South Sea Islands. He was seized by the natives, hoisted to their shoulders, carried to the village, and set on a rude throne. Little by little, he learned that it was their custom once each year to make some man a king, king for a year. He liked it until he began to wonder what happened to all the former kings. Soon he discovered that every year when his kingship was ended, the king was banished to an island, where he starved to death. The sailor did not like that, but he was smart and he was king, king for a year. So he put his carpenters to work making boats, his farmers to work transplanting fruit trees to the island, farmers growing crops, masons building houses. So when his kingship was over, he was banished, not to a barren island, but to an island of abundance.

It is a good parable of life: We're all kings here, kings for but a little while, able to choose what we shall do with the stuff of life. As spring continues to evidence new life around and about us, may we grasp the kingship that is ours. Now is our time, now is our opportunity. I am glad to be working in the kingdom alongside of each of you.

Peace enough for the day,

Pastor Clark

New Life for Old Glasses



Bring them to the coat room collection bin. Our UMW delivers them to eye doctors who recycle them for those in need!



Fellowship Hour Hosts for May Missions

Who will step forward for this important ministry?

A Fond Farewell



Rev. Libby Kuntz will be recognized in both worship services on Sunday, May 26 with a reception following each service in the Parlor. Join in celebrating Pastor Libby's ministry with us, as well as her retirement from a long fruitful career.

Our lives have been enriched and empowered by Pastor Libby's seven years at Brecksville United Methodist Church. Always supportive in times of need, Pastor Libby has brought gifts of grace and prayer. Take a moment to remember with her the moments of ministry that made a difference in your life.

In the next few weeks we will collect a love offering for Pastor Libby. Please mark your envelope "Love Offering" when you place it in the collection plate during worship.

- Liz Fredrick, Staff Parish Relations Committee



**Everywhere
Fun Fair**

Vacation Bible School

July 15 - 19, 2013
9 am until Noon

Register online at
www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/youth/vbs

Brecksville United Methodist Church
65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH
440.526.8938

Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

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Call for Graduates

Are you or a member of your family graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring? Share the good news with your church family! Graduates will be recognized at the 8:45 Worship Service on Sunday, June 2. Contact Melanie in the church office with your graduate's name, degree, and any honors or post graduation plans you'd like to share. If you'd like to share a picture, send that along, too!

office@brecksvilleumc.com or
440.526.8938



With a dedicated team of volunteers, we're able to care for our church lawn without spending ministry dollars. We need new mowers this year! Can you help? Right now, we have five teams of two, meaning that the mowers mow once every five weeks through the warm weather months. Can you help? Please contact Scott Campbell:

scampbell@stanleyproctor.com
or 440-823-1092

And please pray for our mowers!
**Bob Bloch, Scott Campbell,
Dave Brown, George Sendrey,
Bob Lundholm, Carol Herzing,
Joy Parker, Matt Johnson,
Mark Spencer, and Jenny Gee.**

"Get Social" with BUMC

Did you know that our church has a Facebook page? A Twitter account? A Pinterest Board? Internet sites like these could help us greatly increase our church's visibility to others - those seeking and those curious about the church. With them, we're able to share links to our website and e-mail, share upcoming events and enlist others in mission causes. It's our hope that our social networking groups can become growing, vibrant places which help us develop meaningful connections that transform lives. When you "like" us on Facebook, or share a BUMC Pinterest pin, or one of our Tweets with your friends, you're sharing the good news and good works of the church! If you use any of these services, help us spread the love:



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Do you have news to share? Contact Melanie!
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Sheila Kimble sends her sincere thanks for all of the prayers, cards, and phone calls she has received during her illness. It really means a lot and she's so appreciative and comforted by your love!

Congratulations to Pat and Dick Gordon on the arrival of their first grandson, Anderson Reid Gordon, who was born on April 27 and welcomed by proud parents David and Meredith.

On April 10 Nathan & Melissa Petznick welcomed new daughter Avery Grace to the world. Congratulations to grandmother Roberta Petznick!

Wedding bells will ring in Washington State this August, as Jeff and Lucy Fesler's son, Jay, will marry Elisabeth Johnston of Cleveland -- Cleveland, Oregon that is!

Long time member Robert Anderson passed away on April 9 after a long illness. He had been a member of BUMC for 58 years. Services were held at Fortuna's Funeral Home on April 13, Rev. Clark Stein officiating.

The family of Philip Hines wishes to thank everyone for their recent prayers, phone calls, cards, and personal visits. Mr. Hines is at Mt. Alverna, continuing to heal from a broken hip. "It is greatly appreciated that so many people have expressed their care and concern for him as he continues his recovery. THANKS so much!" - Philip Hines, Jr, Nancy Marsh, Jane Taylor

Grace Ford is being honored by Phi Beta Kappa for outstanding academic achievement. Each high school in NE Ohio may select one senior for academic honors: "To be eligible, a graduating senior must have maintained a 3.75 GPA in academic subjects for 10th, 11th and the first two terms of 12th grade. Phi Beta Kappa considers letter grades from English, foreign language, lab sciences, math and social studies classes."

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Karen | Pace | 05/02 | Emily | Kotnik | 05/18 |
| Shelby | Olszko | 05/03 | Philip | Hines | 05/19 |
| Micah | Stein | 05/04 | Marjorie | Arnold | 05/20 |
| Sandra | Meyer | 05/05 | Betty | Fielden | 05/20 |
| Suzanne | Blatnik | 05/06 | Ava | McFarlane | 05/20 |
| David | Shively | 05/07 | Kirk | Robinson | 05/20 |
| Linda | Faulk | 05/08 | Ryan | Wilson | 05/20 |
| Stephanie | Holmes | 05/08 | Emily | Miller | 05/21 |
| Lori | Pasek | 05/08 | Nicholas | Bondra | 05/22 |
| Allie | Russo | 05/08 | Brian | Culley | 05/22 |
| Eric | Chen | 05/09 | Kenneth | Hedges | 05/22 |
| Jennifer | Gee | 05/09 | Mark | Hobzek | 05/22 |
| Scott | Hastings | 05/09 | Beverly | Huber | 05/23 |
| Alison | Bell | 05/10 | Nathan | Hudacek | 05/23 |
| Jack | Drescher | 05/10 | Michael | Lee | 05/23 |
| Sandra | Kovalik | 05/10 | Brett | Hof | 05/24 |
| Nancy | Lee | 05/10 | Evan | Jaite | 05/24 |
| Michael | Stratis | 05/10 | Taylor | Kwiatkowski | 05/24 |
| Evan | Croy | 05/11 | Thomas | Taylor | 05/24 |
| Bobby | Hotaling | 05/11 | Gabrielle | Croes | 05/25 |
| William | Rittman | 05/11 | Alan | Scheufler | 05/25 |
| Joseph | Tereshko | 05/11 | Kathleen | Sopka | 05/25 |
| Douglas | Hurst | 05/12 | Trevor | Johns | 05/26 |
| Kathy | Stein | 05/12 | Carina | Kosla | 05/26 |
| Walter | Walburn | 05/12 | Alison | Rickert | 05/26 |
| Chris | Wygonski | 05/12 | Catherine | Vastartis | 05/26 |
| Michael | Paroda | 05/13 | Greg | Diver | 05/27 |
| Nancy | Sirianni | 05/13 | Donald | Krolikowski | 05/27 |
| Nora | Culley | 05/14 | John | Neville | 05/27 |
| Danielle | Fisher | 05/14 | David | Engler | 05/29 |
| Wyatt | Slifcak | 05/14 | David | Engler | 05/29 |
| Melanie | Smith (office) | 05/15 | Bailey | Mendlik | 05/29 |
| Jeffrey | Drescher | 05/16 | Joshua | Dietrich | 05/30 |
| Harry | Fox | 05/16 | Ashley | Pace | 05/30 |
| Donald | Rickert | 05/16 | Miriam | Moore | 05/31 |
| Lauren | Sendrey | 05/16 | Clark | Rechkemmer | 05/31 |
| Matthew | Dietrich | 05/17 | | | |
| Lynn | Hobzek | 05/17 | | | |
| Sara | Meyer | 05/17 | | | |



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. What a joy it is to share the contagious exuberance of the Shijo children in worship. Brenda Calovini so generously shares her considerable musical talent with us, and Darren Krolikowski shared a beautiful saxophone piece on a recent Sunday morning. Thank you, Brenda & Darren, for enlivening our worship services!

THE BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Saturday, June 15th 2013
Briarwood Golf Club

2737 Edgerton Road
 Broadview Hts, OH 44147
 Shotgun Start at 1:00 P.M.

EVERYONE MUST ARRIVE BY 12:30 PM

Four-Person Scramble

\$75.00 Person
 \$60.00 Youth 21 and Under
 \$25 Dinner Only

Fee Includes:

- ◆ Entry into Scramble
- ◆ 18 holes and cart
- ◆ Dinner
- ◆ Soft drinks
- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ Charity!
- ◆ Fun!
- ◆ Fellowship!



Scan QR for Online Registration

Important: Be sure that only ONE registration form is filled out PER TEAM. Short of a four-some? Contact us and we will help find additional team members. Contact Ric Lesinski:

Office@brecksvillumc.com

Prefer to sign up electronically? (PayPal accepted!) Visit:
brecksvilleumc.com/root/bumconline/regformgolf

Brecksville United Methodist Church and the golf outing organizers are not liable for any accidents related to these events.

Return this registration form by May 31st. Send to BUMC Music Department, attn. Joy Parker, 65 Public Square, Brecksville OH 44141 -- **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BUMC.** (Please note "Golf Outing" in memo line.)

Call 440-526-8938 with any questions or E-mail music@brecksvilleumc.com

| NAME | Cell Phone | E-mail: | \$75 | \$60 Youth | \$25 Dinner Only |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|------|------------|------------------|
| PLAYER 1 (Main Contact) | | | | | |
| PLAYER 2: | | | | | |
| PLAYER 3: | | | | | |
| PLAYER 4: | | | | | |

Prefer to sign up electronically? Visit: brecksvilleumc.com/brecksvilleumc.com/root/bumconline/regformgolf



Girls' Night In

Middle and High School girls are invited to a not-too-girly girls' night at Joy's house on Friday, May 3. All are welcome at 6:00... we will cook some delicious, healthy dinner, including dessert! Discussion will be about body image and the way girls/women are portrayed in the media versus who we know we are as children of God! Girls in 6th-8th grade can be picked up at 8:30. Participants in 9th grade and up are welcome to stay until 10:30 for additional discussion and fellowship around issues facing women in high school and beyond. Contact Joy or work together on rides/carpooling so that parents don't have to make multiple trips. Please RSVP to Joy, via email or on facebook, by Sunday, April 28. Hope to see you!

Joy's Address:

13432 Tradewinds Drive
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Google Map it or email Joy for help with directions!

YOU ARE
INCREDIBLE,
ADORABLE, LOVABLE
WONDERFUL
POWERFUL, PERFECTLY
BEAUTIFUL
JUST THE WAY YOU ARE!

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Education Department News

Spring Speaker Series Continues, and other good stuff!

May is a busy month here at BUMC!! Look through the dates listed below to get an idea of some of what we have planned!

May 5: Fair Trade Fair

Fellowship Hall will be filled with vendors selling jewelry, purses, weavings, clothing, sheets, towels, various accessories and house wares. Please plan to shop the fair and support the fair trade industry. See the article on page 8 of this issue of *The Good Word* to learn more about the importance of shopping Fair Trade.



Listening to our speaker, Sarah Sommers, from IRTF on April 14. Six people on one chair - to demonstrate that 60% of the world's population gets 10% of the world's resources.

May 12: Mother's Day and UMW Sunday

Our spring speakers series continues as we welcome Kelly McGinnis from Cleveland Metroparks during the education hour. Kelly will be talking about the changing landscape of Northeast Ohio through time. How have animal populations changed from the early years until now? What caused the changes? What is our responsibility toward the land and how can we be better stewards of God's wonderful gifts?

May 19: Organ Rededication Sunday

You have undoubtedly heard the changes in organ music over the past few months. Some extensive repairs and renovation have been done to our 47 year old instrument. Today we will rededicate the organ. Gather in the sanctuary during the education hour to hear a special concert featuring a number of guest instrumentalists.

May 19: End of Year Celebration

May 19 is also our end of the year parties for our rotation kids and our 6 and 7th graders. Be sure to join your friends for some fun activities. It's been a great year!

May 26: Farewell Celebration for Pastor Libby

Join The Staff Parish Committee and your whole church family as we bid a fond farewell to Rev. Libby Kuntz. Libby has been the pastor of visitation at BUMC for the past 7 years. Her husband, Bob, is being transferred to New Philadelphia Broadway UMC and Libby has decided it is time for her to enter the world of the retired. Please join us and help us say thank you and goodbye to Pastor Libby.

June 2 – Graduation Sunday and Confirmation

Extended coffee hour and cake reception. No Sunday school for adults.

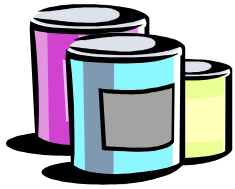
June 9 – Summer Worship Schedule Begins. Pancakes and Music!

Everyone's invited to enjoy pancakes after the 10 o'clock worship service. Let's celebrate the volunteers who helped with education programming this year and enjoy a performance from our children's choir!



UMW News

UMW would like to express our appreciation to the "bakers" and "buyers" for making our hot cross bun sale successful. The profit of about \$450 went into our mission fund. A big thank you to all!



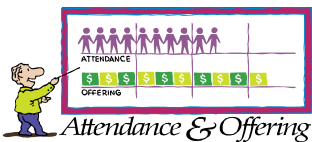
UMW Thursday, May 2 meeting will feature Heidi Bonness from Brookside to discuss their outreach programs, including a food pantry and resale store. At Brookside, there is an urgent need for donations of food, paper products, and new and used clothing to help the area's family. Many of us do not need to worry about having a meal or something to wear, but for many families this is an everyday worry. We're hosting a food and clothing drive with this month's meeting. Please bring grocery items or new or clean used clothing. If you are unable to attend, please consider placing something in the Brookside bins. We would like to send Heidi back to Brookside with a car load of items. The meeting will begin at 9:30 with a Continental breakfast and fellowship followed by the presentation. Everyone is invited including men. Thank you for your generous support for UMW mission projects!

Pssst! Did you hear? The UMW is planning to have a Fall Garage Sale. The date has not been determined, but we wanted to make this announcement now because it's Spring cleaning time. Don't discard your "treasures" - save them for the sale! Money raised will be used for UMW Mission projects. As plans are made, we'll keep you posted. We hope that everyone will get involved!



BUMC will host the Parma Southwest Church Women United's Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon, on May 21st at noon. The program will feature a talk on the relationship between Mary, Martha, and Jesus and musical entertainment. Bring a salad to share, a friend, and \$3! RSVP to Nancy Knowlton by May 16 by phoning 440-838-4341.

Church Women United are also hosting a spring bus tour of churches, May 6, and a Friendship Day program at Franklin Circle Christian Church on May 3. For more details, please contact Nancy Knowlton. Visit churchwomen.org for more information about the organization.



We've set a goal of bringing 300 people together for worship on Sunday mornings. We fell a little short this month. See you Sunday?

| Date | Sunrise Service | 1st Service Attendance | Sunday School | 2nd Service Attendance | Vs. goal | Offering |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|----------|
| March 24 | - | 214 | 134 | 148 | +62! | \$10,475 |
| Easter | 50 | 266 | n/a | 196 | +212 | \$9,081 |
| April 7 | - | 131 | 71 | 88 | -81 | \$7,654 |
| April 14 | - | 161 | 113 | 88 | -51 | \$12,511 |



"Car wash! Car wash! Get your car washed!" YSP Participants will be washing cars in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 am until noon, to raise money for this summer's work camp in Parma.

When you come to pick up your YSP Plants (10 am until noon) plan to stay a little longer to get your automobile clean and shiny! See you then!



Thank you!

Brookside sends a big THANK YOU to all who donated to them. With your help, they were able to provide emergency food to over 800 families and provide 71 people with free clothing vouchers in February and March. Our church provided 14 bags of food, 20 bags of clothing and a useful jogging stroller. Thank you to the BUMC UMW women who volunteer their time to service Brookside Center.



Spring Yard Clean Up May 4

Bring our gloves and help spruce up the yard. 8:30 until we're done! Questions? Mary Kotnik mekotnik@yahoo.com or 330-467-4834

Amani Children's Foundation:

Their jewelry and beautiful accessories benefit Kenyan orphans.

Around the World Treasures offers a diverse assortment of handcrafted items from across the globe.

Beads 4 Peace: Jewelry made by women in Meru, Kenya utilizing native materials such as African amber, batik cow bone and local seeds.

Canaan Fair Trade sells olive oils, soap, couscous, Middle Eastern spices and Palestinian pottery

Esperanza Threads: Sheets, towels, clothing and pajamas made from organic cotton right here in Cleveland by refugee workers.

INTO Scarves, ponchos and head bands from Ecuador

IRTF InterReligious Task Force on Central America will bring a wide assortment of housewares, jewelry, clothing and accessories, all beautiful, all world changing!

Mayan Hands/ UPAVIM: Weavings done by women in Guatemala, jewelry, handbags and various accessories made from recycled and natural materials.

Revive: Clothing and accessories, shoes, skincare, coffee, tea, chocolate and many unique gifts.

Revy Direct: Jewelry and handbags made from natural and recycled materials by artisans in El Salvador.

Ten Thousand Villages A giant assortment of fair trade items for your home from all over the world.

Village of Hope Uganda offers rolled paper bead jewelry made by orphans living in war torn Uganda

Women of the Cloud Forest sells interesting natural materials jewelry, wallets and silver décor.

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Fair Trade Fair
Shopping With a Conscience!
In Fellowship Hall.

Your purchase supports the artisan or farmer working to provide food, shelter and education for his or her family!



SUNDAY, MAY 5 : 8 - 2

It is time for our 2nd Fair Trade Fair here at Brecksville UMC. If you enjoyed last year's fair you will find many of the same vendors returning for another year with the addition of a few new ones. If you missed last year's fair be sure not to miss it again this year!

Fair Trade is a market based approach to solving social, economic and environmental injustice. Under Fair Trade standards, producers in developing countries are afforded economic opportunities to better their living conditions and have more control over their own lives. At the same time, environmental sustainability is given high priority as a key element in growth for current and future generations. It is a system based on transparency, communication, and understanding.

The fair trade system strengthens the skills of the producers to grow and become self-sufficient in the international trading arena. By connecting consumers more directly to producers in developing countries and reducing middle men, the local artisans make livable wages, and the consumers enjoy products that are backed by a unique story and history. It is a mutually beneficial relationship that leads to a more just international trading system, as well as a greater cultural understanding across boundaries. Fair Trade has seen tremendous growth in the past decade indicating that consumers have become more conscious of how and where they spend their money.

Our Fair Trade Fair offers you the opportunity to connect with various artisans throughout the world by way of their fine craftsmanship and unique stories.

Vendors you can expect to see on May 5 are listed in the left column. Our own CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE from Equal Exchange will be on sale as well! Volunteers are needed to help work . Contact Jenny! 440-526-8938 or education@brecksvilleumc.com



Kay Mendlik snapped this shot of a vendor's table at last year's Fair Trade Fair.

Music Department News



Saturday, May 4 at 7:30pm

East Boulevard Ensemble

A free concert in the Sanctuary featuring Joseph Rebman, harp; Jeiran Hasan, flute; and Courtney Bonifant, viola playing works by Paterson, Debussy, Takemitsu & Jolivet.



Sunday, May 19

Music & Organ Rededication Sunday

Join us for special music at both services featuring Josh Rzepka, trumpet. During the 10:00 hour, we will experience a wonderful mini-recital, featuring Chris Toth on organ with a variety of guest musicians. Don't miss this great morning of music!



Sunday, June 9 at 11:30am

"Moses and the Freedom Fanatics"

After enjoying some tasty pancakes, join us in Fellowship Hall as our Children's Choir presents their Musical. Hear this awesome story about God's passion for justice retold!



Saturday, June 15 at 1:00

1st Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Gather up a foursome and come out for an afternoon of golfing fun, or just come for dinner! Information and registration forms can be found in this newsletter and on the website under the heading "BUMC Online." Scholarship winners will be announced at this event!!

Keep Making Music in the Summer!

Just because summer is coming doesn't mean we stop lifting our voices in worship! Mark your calendar for these opportunities to participate in music throughout the summer months:

Men's Ensemble will share in worship on June 9, July 7, and August 4. Summer rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm; the group will rehearse just two times before each performance. We would love to have you, even for one of the Sundays! Email Joy for more information or a complete rehearsal schedule.

Summer Choir will share in worship on June 23, July 21, and August 18. This is a great chance for families to sing together without a big time commitment! We will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:20 for a brief rehearsal and share a simple piece of music with the congregation at 10:00 worship. This is a choir for all ages!

The summer months are a great, relaxed time to **share special music**. Do you have a vocal or instrumental solo you have wanted to share? Drop Joy an email with your ideas.



Summer Book Group Returns

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

We are trying a new day and time this year! Book group will meet on Thursday evenings at 6pm at Joy & Stacy's home in Strongsville [13432 Tradewinds Drive]. Grilled fare and beverages will be provided; participants are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Families are welcome – a game or movie can be made available to children in a nearby part of the house. Please contact Joy to reserve books or with any questions.

Thursday, June 27

The Spiral Staircase, A Memoir by Karen Armstrong, lecturer on comparative religion / founder of Charter for Compassion
Book Cost: \$11.97, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition* for \$11.99.

Thursday, August 1

Radical by David Platt, Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary / Pastor, Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham, Alabama
Book Cost: \$11.51, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition* for \$11.99.

Thursday, August 29

Reclaiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World by John Shelby Spong, retired American bishop of the Episcopal Church
Book Cost: \$19.63 [hardcover], purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition* for \$12.99.

**A free Kindle reader application is available for most smart phones, iPhones, iPods, tablets, or any computer. If you are someone who hesitates to accumulate more books, this might be an option for you!*



The VBS Decorating Committee had our first meeting on April 16 and many ideas were shared. We decided on decorations to create for this year's theme of a fair around the world. Each day the children will be exposed to a different country via a virtual "visit."

So far the materials we are in search of are large, appliance size boxes and red and white striped material. If you can sew, build things, are creative or are not sure what you are but would like to help please give Kay Mendlik a call at 440.717.0046.



This Month's Hike: Sunday, May 5

Let's meet at 2 p.m. in the main parking lot of Hampton Hills Metro Park to walk the 3.2 mile Adams trail. This is a somewhat hilly trail and we may have a stream crossing. The spring wildflowers should be blooming! **Hampton Hills Metro Park** located off Akron-Peninsula Rd. within Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, between Steels Corners and Bath Roads. **2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron.** For more information, contact **Carole Brachna.**



\$1 PER WEEK MISSIONS PROJECT UPDATE

CAMPHOR MISSION HOUSING UPDATE: In April 2012, Brecksville United Methodist Church launched a mission drive to raise \$1 a week from each member of our congregation to help build additional housing for staff at Camphor Mission, Liberia. This campaign was intended to be a year-long effort that could result in a fund of about \$24,000. Then in January of this year we pushed ourselves to raise enough to allow building to begin during the 2013 dry season. While we were not able to send the full amount to Liberia in February, we have made good progress. We have raised nearly \$15,000 and hope to see construction of new housing begin at Camphor Mission in late 2013 or early 2014 when the next dry season begins. This gives us time to complete our fund raising! Meanwhile, another group from the East Ohio Conference provided funds to repair and improve some of the existing staff housing this year.

Bishop Hopkins visited Camphor Mission in March and several groups from East Ohio have gone or are scheduled to go this year.

On May 5 a group of Camphor Mission volunteers from the East Ohio Conference will meet at BUMC to discuss and coordinate mission goals and plans for the coming year. This is intended to help ensure we don't trip over each other or make things more difficult for our brothers and sisters at Camphor Mission by asking them to respond simultaneously to multiple mission plans arising out of East Ohio.

Please keep the Bishop's Three Cs Initiative, and our connection to Camphor Mission in your hearts, your minds and your prayers. And please help us meet the goal of our \$1-a-week for missions campaign. - *Janet Kleckner*



RECYCLE UPDATE

*This door slides open!
Put your paper here!*



In March, we recycled **2,610 pounds** of UMC! Way to go!

Do you know what we've done?

- ◆ We've earned **104 meals** for Stop Hunger Now
- ◆ Saved 22.19 Trees
- ◆ Stopped 326.25 lbs of CO2 from entering the atmosphere
- ◆ Diverted 4.31 cubic yards of refuse from landfill space
- ◆ Saved 9,135 gallons of water
- ◆ Saved 5,350.50 kilowatts of electricity
- ◆ And reduced air pollutants by 78.30 pounds.

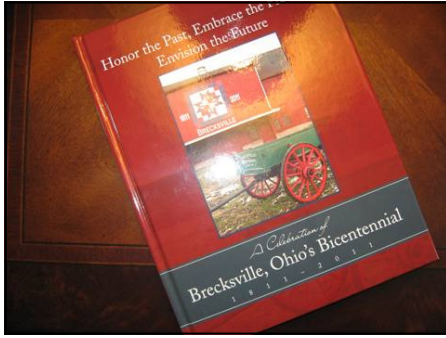
That's just the beginning! So don't throw your paper away - bring it to church! If you need help getting the paper out of your car, just ask. *The bin is emptied every other Thursday.* Questions?

Call the Church Office! 440.526.8938 or e-mail: office@brecksvilleumc.com.

Paper we Recycle

- Newspapers
- Mail
- Phonebooks
- Copy Paper
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Brown Paper Bags
- Hard Bound Books
- Soft Bound Books
- Cardboard
- Cereal Boxes

History Hounds



A copy of "Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, Envision the Future: A Celebration of Brecksville, Ohio's Bicentennial" has been donated to the church by Sylvia Fowler. Check it out from the UMW Lending Library in the Parlor!

For the past two years the BUMC History Club has been meeting and poring over the archives stored here in the church. We have looked at original blueprints of the construction as well as photos of, and articles written by, past members. We have enjoyed seeing the flair for writing that committee secretaries had in the 1940's and 50's when they jotted down the minutes for the meetings. You probably would not believe some of the stewardship letters that went to the homes of members in the earlier days! Many of these wonderful people who were so instrumental in making Brecksville United Methodist Church what it is today have "come alive" for us through photos, letters and stories.

Last year we set out to just get through the files and familiarize ourselves with what we have. We accomplished that by the end of our term (we meet October through May on the third Thursday of the month). This year we set out to create a timeline of our church's history using the interesting tidbits and photographs we come across. We have not finished this yet and it will no doubt take us part of next year, but we have found that the joy is not in completion of the task but in reveling in each new discovery. We have had quite a good time around the table sharing our findings with each other.

Here are some of the things we have found:

- ◆ We found the original handwritten deed of the property transfer from Lemuel Hoadley to Ezra Wyatt dated March 21, 1823. Hoadley sold the property our church sits on plus the property that Larson Lumber sits on to Ezra Wyatt for a whopping \$2,200!
- ◆ We also found the original deed whereby Ezra Wyatt sold the property the church sits on to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the expressed purpose of building a church for \$1.00 in 1884.
- ◆ We found Certificates of Merit presented to the Wyatt children (dated 1835!) some which acknowledge their successful learning of Bible memory verses and others that commend them for *diligence and attention to studies and good conduct in Sunday school.*
- ◆ We learned that in our old church building there had been a barn between the church and the parsonage (which all sat on our current church property). The barn functioned as a Fellowship Hall after the boys of the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) came from the Brecksville camp (where Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville maintenance and Graphics office is located today) to do some infrastructure improvements.

That is just the tip of the iceberg! There is so much to learn from reading the old "Methodist Monthly", looking through old pictures and reading minutes from the meetings. New history hounds are welcome to join us anytime and we would welcome any old archives you may have in your home. Meetings will resume next October. - *Jenny Gee*



June 14 - 16

*And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.
- Ephesians 2:19-22*

Youth Annual Conference (YAC) is a weekend for youth from the East Ohio Conference of the UMC to meet together for a time of worship, leadership development and fellowship. A weekend for teens planned by teens!

For more information, visit the East Ohio Conference website (www.eocumc.com/youth/yac2013)

Or contact
Kyle Allen, Youth Director
youth@brecksvilleumc.com
440-526-8938



Confirmation

We will celebrate our confirmands on Sunday, June 2 at the 11:15 Worship Service.

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|  <p><i>Fifth Graders!</i></p> | <p>Eastertide begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost (May 19.) The most joyous and celebrative season of the Chris- tian year, it focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the giving of the Holy Spirit.</p> | | <p>1 6:30a-Dwnbrk 5:30p Youth Dinner & Worship</p> | <p>2 National Day of Prayer 9:30 UMW 4 Wo. Emma 5 Men's Group 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir</p> | <p>3 Friendship Day 7 Emmaus Reunion 3 HS Ensem 6 Girls Night</p> | <p>4 7:30 Harp Trio Concert</p> |
| <p>5 Communion 8 - 2 Fair Trade Fair 8:45 Worship 11:15 Worship 2 Hiking Club</p> | <p>6 7p Bible Study</p> | <p>7 9:30 Staff Mtg 5 Children's Choir</p> | <p>8 6:30a-Dwnbrk 5:30p Youth Dinner & Worship</p> | <p>9 9:30 Asbury 4 Wo. Emma 5 Men's Group 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir</p> | <p>10 7 Emmaus Reunion 3 HS Ensem</p> | <p>11  8:30 - Noon YSP Car Wash 10-12 YSP Plant Pick Up!</p> |
| <p>12 Mother's Day UMW Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Ed. Hour 10 Conf. Mtg. 11:15 Worship</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14 11 Staff Mtg 5 Children's Choir 7 COM 8 Committee Mtgs</p> | <p>15 6:30a-Dwnbrk 5:30p Youth Dinner & Worship 7 Staff Parish Relations</p> | <p>16 10 History Cl. 4 Wo. Emma 5 Men's Group 7:30 Choir</p> | <p>17 7 Emmaus Reunion 3 HS Ensem </p> | <p>18 PROM BBHCS Prom</p> |
| <p>19 Pentecost Organ Re-dedication/ Music Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Ed. Hour - End of Year Party 10 Organ Re- cital 10 Conf. Mtg. 11:15 Worship</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 9:30 Staff Mtg 12 Church Women United 10 Knitting 5 Children's Choir 7:30 Trustees 7:30 Finance</p> | <p>22 6:30a-Dwnbrk 5:30p Youth Dinner & Worship</p> | <p>23 4 Wo. Emma 5 Men's Group</p> | <p>24 Aldersgate Day VIM Trip to Russia Depart 7 Emmaus Reunion 3 HS Ensem Good Word  Mails!</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 Peace w/ Jus- tice Sunday 8:45 Worship Pastor Libby's Farewell Reception 11:15 Worship</p> | <p>memorial DAY  Memorial Day Church Offices Closed</p> | <p>28 9:30 Staff Mtg 5 Children's Choir 6 pm Men's Ensemble</p> | <p>29 6:30a-Dwnbrk 5:30p Youth Dinner & Worship</p> | <p>30 9:30 UMW 4 Wo. Emma 5 Men's Group</p> | <p>31 7 Emmaus Reunion 9:30 UMW Board Mtg 3 HS Ensem</p> | <p> Fun Fair July 15-19 Register Now!</p> |

United Methodist News

“News in the Pews” from the United Methodist News Service

Haiti 2013: Rebuilding St. Martin Methodist

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — It was a joyful Sunday recently for Lucienne Bazile and Noelzina Doavil at St. Martin Methodist Church. That was a dramatic change from a Sunday in January 2010 when services were amid the rubble of the church and school left behind by the earthquake days before. Doavil and Bazile were grieving then. United Methodists have helped to give Haitians a dramatic turnaround from the despair of three years ago. Read more stories about how United Methodists are helping with Haiti’s recovery at umc.org/haiti.

The right rockin’ Rev. Sherry Cothran

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — “When I was a child, I was either going to be a missionary in Africa, in a rock band or on Broadway,” said the Rev. Sherry Cothran Woolsey, former lead singer of the alternative rock band The Evinrudes. “The rock band won out.” But after a hit song, years of touring and a busted record deal, this rocker went back to her childhood wish list, and it led her to seminary. Nowadays, the Rev. Sherry Cothran Woolsey rocks the pulpit as senior pastor at West Nashville United Methodist Church, a small urban congregation across town from the music venues in which The Evinrudes made noise. She also has combined her musical gifts with an interest in Hebrew texts to produce the album “Sunland,” featuring stories of women in the Old Testament.

Restoration Generation launches website

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Restoration Generation began in 2012 as a conversation among young adult leaders in the northeastern United States to discern how they could support, strengthen and empower one another in ministry. Then Hurricane Sandy struck. Now the initiative also seeks to recruit young people to help in Sandy recovery while living in intentional community. The initiative of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship has launched a new website with information about how to get involved in the ministry. Visit resgenumc.org.

Bishop Trimble joins march

DES MOINES, Iowa — United Methodist Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble, Episcopal Bishop Alan Scarfe and nine other religious and community leaders joined in a march and prayer service to prevent gun violence March 25. In his remark, Trimble said, “Jesus challenged his disciples as recorded and Matthew to be peacemakers — blessed are the peacemakers, those who seek a peaceful way to live.”

UMM to gather under banner of Christ

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — United Methodist leaders expect 4,000 men to attend the 11th national gathering of United Methodist Men on July 12-14 at Belmont University in Nashville. The event is titled “Inside Out for the Glory of God.” To register, visit gcumm.org.

‘Drive Time Devotionals’ available

CORDOVA, Tenn. — Susan Elswick, a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Cordova, believes family driving time can be sacred. Casey Northcutt of the Memphis Annual (regional) Conference reports that Elswick has designed devotions that offer guided discussions for parents to use on the road to talk to their children about the pastor’s weekly sermons. To learn more, visit memphis-umc.net and click on “View All News.”

When disaster hits

NEW YORK — United Methodist congregations across the United States have not been exempt from natural disaster. The Los Angeles Times reported that 14 calamities of a billion dollars or more in damages struck the United States in 2011, followed by 11 in 2012. The United Methodist Church is involved in disaster response at all levels. The United Methodist Committee on Relief provides resources and training to conferences. Conferences, in turn, provide opportunities for congregations and individual church members to acquire the tools of disaster preparedness. In a special report, United Methodist News Service explains how disaster relief works across the denomination and talks with pastors who faced the unexpected. Find the full report — Churches dealing with disaster — at umc.org/disaster.

White House honors youth solar ministry

WASHINGTON — Two United Methodists have taken an idea for bringing light to people in darkness from their church altar to the White House in less than a year. Doug McNeil and Jesse Salem, members of Los Gatos (Calif.) United Methodist Church, were recognized Friday, April 5, for starting Lighting for Literacy — a partnership between the church and a local Rotary club. Read more: umc.org



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