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Confirmation Class of 2016

These four students took an important step on their faith journey with confirmation on May 15. Our church family celebrates these newest professing members and their commitment to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.



Thank You and Congratulations, Courtney!

On Sunday, May 22 we celebrated the ministry of Courtney Drescher (pictured here with her mother and sister) and wished her all the best as she prepared to marry and move. We'll miss you, Courtney!



Habitat for Humanity Presentation

Kim Pride, of Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, receives a check for \$4,000, our church's contribution to this summer's Apostles Build Project. Kim gave a great presentation about the work of Habitat in Cleveland.



Refugee Resettlement in Cleveland

Alassane Fall, of the International Services Center of Cleveland, spoke with us on May 22 about refugees arriving in Cleveland and how we can help. Want to learn more? Visit www.internationalservicescenter.org and click the "join us" tab, "volunteer" on the drop down menu.



Sunday Mornings
Through September 4
 8:30 Worship on the Lawn
 10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

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Waiting and Watching

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

"I pray to God-my life a prayer- and wait for what God will say and do. My life's on the line before God, My Lord. Waiting and watching till morning. Waiting and watching till morning. O Israel, wait and watch for God- with God's arrival comes love, with God's arrival comes glorious redemption." – Psalm 130:5-7

In the Bering Strait, two small islands lie about two miles apart. Between them is the United States/Russia Boundary, which coincides with the International Date Line. These islands are known as Big Diomedede and Little Diomedede. Big Diomedede belongs to Russia and Little Diomedede belongs to the U.S. Russia has an important weather station on their island and Little Diomedede Island is a part of Alaska.

This has created an interesting situation. As you are there on the shore of Little Diomedede looking over at Big Diomedede, you are not only looking over into another country, but you are looking over into another time. On a clear day, you can see tomorrow.

As I write this, I am full of anticipation for our trip to the Holy Land. In **one week's time, we will be winging our way toward the land that Jesus and the disciples walked.** I have been there before, and know a bit of what to anticipate. Yet each time, I have been taken by something new, and have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in a powerful way.

These days, I find myself living out the words of Psalm 130. I wait and watch for God, not only in anticipation of how I will be met on the way, but also joyfully helping to usher my friends into a similar opportunity.

Please pray for us as we go, and keep checking the web site, we'll try and send pictures from our experience.

Waiting and watching till morning,

Pastor Clark

OLD CELL PHONES WANTED



Have an old cell phone collecting dust and using up space in your junk drawer? Why not recycle it?

Bring your old phone to the coat room collection bin for safe recycling, and earn money for our church Missions Fund!



We are looking for individuals or families willing to serve just one Sunday this summer.

Training is available!

Contact Leslie Miller in the office or sign up in the Parlor on Sunday!



Kids' Vacation Bible School 2016

For Children age 3 through 5th Grade

Surf's up! At Surf Shack, kids will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to ride the waves with God. During VBS, kids will become Surfers and explore how to serve God and **experience God's amazing presence in their lives.**

Along the way, they will enjoy a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Hut, singing new music at Tidal Tunes, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, exploring science activities at Discovery Dunes, and enjoying tasty Shack Snacks. Along the way, the Surfers will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active.

Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love

Just \$25 for the whole week!

Register today: www.brecksvilleumc.com/vbs



Camp S.E.R.V.E.:

Students Exploring Real Volunteer Experiences

For Kids in Middle School this Fall

Discard everything you imagine about VBS. This year's Middle School VBS will focus once again on service! We'll focus the week on Galatians 5:13-14, which tells us that we should use our freedom to serve one another in love. Students entering 6th-9th grades are invited to spend the week completing various service opportunities throughout the community - park clean-up, leading games for residents at The Oakes, and more! See you there! Your \$25 registration fee for the week includes snacks and materials.

Register today: www.brecksvilleumc.com/vbs



FEED THE HUNGRY

THANK YOU!! On May 20, two ladies from our United Methodist Women took 22 bags of food and a case of toilet paper to Brookside Food Center. God is good! They'll be returning to the center on June 17. They have learned that the greatest needs of the center are paper towels,

toilet paper, personal hygiene products, dish detergent and cleaning products—all items that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits. Food items in high demand include canned fruit, tuna, cereal and other nutritious pantry staples. If you can help, bring your donations to the collection bin in the first floor coat room before June 16.



Here's a heart felt "thank you" to the people who helped with our Spring Clean-up on a day that was not very spring like! With drizzling rain and temps in the low 50's, these **brave souls gave their morning** and made our church grounds beautiful!

Bob Bloch, Craig Czarnota, Becky Gezze, Craig Kotnik, Mary Kotnik, Ric Lesinski, Eric Louttit, Bob Lundholm, Becky Paroda, Miles Paroda, Lori Rusterholtz, Linda Schmidt, Beverly Gooding, Carl Rossborough, Alan Scheufler and Scott Campbell.



United
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Women

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Field Trip to the National First Ladies Library. Join the UMW on Thursday, June 2 to tour the library and the Saxton McKinley house for a guided tour in Canton,

Ohio. We'll enjoy lunch at the Bender's Tavern, which is around the corner. The tour will last about 90 minutes and will involve walking. Our carpool will leave from the church at 9 am. The deadline to RSVP has passed. If you have any questions, call or email Elaine (degeringer@sbcglobal.net or 440-526-3710).

Here's a huge *thank you* to all who donated bras, pants, and underwear to the West Side Sisterhood foundation drive. Your gifts were distributed to the girls at their end of year party on May 20. The Sisterhood is an after school and summer arts program that prepares girls ages 10 -18 for womanhood and their life beyond. Learn more www.wschouse.org

Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY is no longer collecting Campbells Soup Labels, but they are collecting Box Tops. You can help unlock a world of opportunity for their students. All you need is a pair of scissors. Clip the symbols from products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. Learn more at www.labelsforeducation.com.



Help Wanted! Can you serve a shift at Grandma's during Home Days June 25, 26 or 27? Grandma's pies, cobblers and sandwiches are the talk of the town, and all proceeds benefit the UMW Mission Fund. Sign up to help on Sunday, or call Ruth Herman 330-467-3237.

Pre-Order Your Pies using the order form in this newsletter or online: www.brecksvilleumc.com/admoffice/pdfs/Grandmas2016.pdf

We're doing it again this year! Start saving your cloth items and shoes for UMW and Easter Seals "Fill the Truck " event this year on August 26 and 27. Your donations benefit Easter Seals and the UMW Mission Fund.

News From Liberia

Our church has had a long-standing relationship with the Liberian Annual Conference and, more specifically, with the Camphor Mission Station in Grand Bassa County, Liberia. This K-9 school provides education to almost 200 students, many of whom also live on the mission during the school year. Janet Kleckner has made 6 trips to Liberia, and Joy Parker made her first trip this past winter.

Now, we're excited to announce our first intergenerational mission trip to Liberia, to take place in July 2017. A team of youth and adults will lead a hybrid academic/VBS program for students at Camphor Mission, providing educational support, tutoring, daily food, and other resources to children both on the mission station and in surrounding villages. Want to learn more?



- Sunday, June 5: On our first Sunday of summer worship, Joy Parker and Janet Kleckner will share photos and highlights of their most recent trip to Camphor Mission. In particular, they will share about ways East Ohio is striving to partner with Liberian teachers and students to improve the quality of education, create sustainable programming, and support overall growth and development. You can hear all about it, either at 8:30 outdoor worship or in the Sanctuary at 10:00!
- Monday, June 27: At 7:00 pm, we will gather for our first Liberia team meeting. If you have an interest in traveling to Liberia in July 2017, please make it a priority to attend. But even if you aren't quite ready to travel, individuals are also needed to support the team in other ways. Do you have a flare for organization? A passion for education? Some great fundraising ideas? Your gifts and graces are needed! Join us on June 27, or reach out to Joy mu-sic@brecksvilleumc.com or Janet mckleck@aol.com.



Would you like to keep making great music at BUMC during the summer months? You are invited to sing with our Summer Choir. No experience required; if you have a heart for worship, you are welcome!

On Summer Choir Sundays, we'll gather in the Sanctuary at 9:15am for a short rehearsal. Our selected song will then be shared during the offertory time at 10:00 worship. This is a perfect opportunity for busy families!

Join us on the 4th Sunday of each month: June 26, July 24, and August 28. Hope to see you!

GOLF SCRAMBLE & Steak Roast

A benefit for the Music/Worship Scholarship Fund

Saturday, June 18, 2016

BRIARWOOD GOLF CLUB, 2737 Edgerton Road, Broadview Heights
1 pm Shotgun Start / Arrive by 12:30 pm

\$75.00 Person • \$60.00 Youth 21 and Under • \$25 Dinner Only
Steak Dinner after 18 holes. Foursomes and Individuals welcome!

Come enjoy a great day on the links with friends new and old!

The love of the game and outdoors is only part of the reason to join us, as you'll be golfing to support our church's music scholarship fund! It's sure to be a day of fun. Join us for all or part of it!

Short of a foursome? Contact us and we'll help you find additional team members. Ric Lesinski office@brecksvilleumc.com

Register by May 31. Visit: brecksvilleumc.com/golf

Or complete the form below and send to BUMC Music Department, 65 Public Square, Brecksville OH 44141
Call 440-526-8938 with any questions or E-mail music@brecksvilleumc.com

GOLF TEAM REGISTRATION

Name of Golfer 1) _____ \$75 or \$60
 Name of Golfer 2) _____ \$75 or \$60
 Name of Golfer 3) _____ \$75 or \$60
 Name of Golfer 4) _____ \$75 or \$60
 Dinner Only _____ \$25

Checks Payable to BUMC ~ "Golf Outing" in memo line. Total Enclosed: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

\$200 Dinner Sponsors

YES, I'll help sponsor the meal! (4 needed)

\$100 Hole Recognitions

YES, I'll sponsor a hole! (18 available)



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

On Saturday, May 28, Courtney Drescher and Brad McDonough will say "I do!" in Nashville, Tennessee. Congratulations to the new Mr. & Mrs. Please keep Courtney and Brad in your prayers as they begin their new life together and join us in wishing them every happiness!

Congratulations to the class of 2016! On May 22, we celebrated this milestone with a special worship service. We wish our high school grads all the best as they move on to college and work, and to our college grads as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Jeff and Lucy Fesler are celebrating their gold wedding anniversary in June! To them, and to everyone celebrating an anniversary in June, we say "congratulations!"

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established: though knowledge, its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Proverbs 24: 3-4

ministries OF *Caring*



The Caring Committee is here for you and available to visit those who may be lonely and looking for support or someone to lend an ear. Contact Pastor Barbara, 440-799-3126, to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Betsy Jaszczak	1		Anne Ford	24
Leslie Miller	1		Katie Bellingham	25
Fran McClean	2	Megan Rohrer	Kylie Engelhardt	25
Judy McCrodden	2	Jim Monnett	K. K. Hood	25
Bill Bisco	4	Sarah Hurder	Jacob Nelson	25
Robert Butler	4	Tom Kuttler	Brian Pasek	25
Aaron Georgevich	4	Zeke Stein	Jerry Bartholomew	26
Grayce Herrick	4	John Falko	Linda Crouch	26
Russell Slifcak	4	Charlotte Sebastian	Craig Czarnota	26
Kimberlee Fisher	5	Dan AuWerter	Darren Krolikowski	26
Cathy Krolikowski	5	Marge Novak	Jimmy Zawada	26
Walter Kudlaty	5	Judy Helm	Shirley Galik	27
Jenna Schroedel	6	Allie Cline	Jan Kranstuber	27
Darren Calovini	7	Kevin Kwiatkowski	Ruth McDonel	27
Courtney McDonough	7	Mark Pace	Krissy Nelson	27
Lauren Scott	7	Bill Webb	Joe Bartholomew	28
Ruth Koberna	9	Stella Figer	Dorothy Bowles	28
Gil Phillips	9	Gavin Santora	Liam McLoughlin	28
Paul Phillips	9	Neilson Tait	Deanne Kloss	29
Sam Phillips	9	Michael Pace	Melanie Smith	29
John Zakarowsky	9	Linda Rollins	Taylor Cave	30



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings this month, we lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. People like George Gee, who serves in so many ways including, but not limited to, our Sunday

audio visual worship team, the mowing club, the church cleaning crew, and as master pancake chef. Sydney Hudacek, whose musical wings keep spreading. She recently shared a beautiful piece on the piano during worship services. Ben Magistro and Chuck Gezze make everyone feel welcome when they arrive in our parking lot on a Sunday morning. Carol Wilson coordinates our year-round Brookside Food Center donation drive and she and Ruth McDonel volunteered there in April and May.

We Hope to See YOU this Summer!!!

Did you know that if you're finishing up 5th grade, you officially become part of our youth program as soon as summer starts?? That's right! We're so excited to welcome our new class of Middle School youth, and we want to celebrate!



Thursday, June 9

Middle School "End-of-the-Year Bash" & Welcome new 6th graders! (all Middle School youth!)

We'll meet at church at noon for a fun lunch (provided), introductions, games, and ice cream at Honey Hut! If you are a new 6th grader, you'll be receiving an invitation, but mark your calendar. We can't wait to meet you and welcome you to middle school! (P.S. 7th and 8th graders, we need you too! Come and help us welcome our new friends!!)

Saturday, June 11 & Wednesday, June 15

Opportunities for Activism @ Lakeside (all youth!)

On Saturday, June 11, several of our youth will present petitions at Youth Annual Conference (YAC) in Lakeside, Ohio. Jenna Schroedel, Sydney Hudacek, and Erin Gee are leading a team that has drafted two petitions. One is a plea for open and ongoing conversation in the United Methodist Church and the other is a specific call for inclusion of our LGBT brothers and sisters. Our youth at BUMC were an integral part of our decision to become a Reconciling Congregation, and your voices are needed again as the Methodist Church continues to wrestle with issues of inclusion at the conference level.

A number of our youth are attending the entire weekend of YAC, but we understand that not everyone can make a 3-day time commitment. So Jenna, Sydney and Erin have requested the support of their fellow youth as they present their petitions on Saturday. You will stand on the floor of the assembly in support of your peers, but no speaking is required. If you would like to join our team and go to Lakeside for the day on June 11, Joy Parker has 4 available spaces in her vehicle. This will be first come, first served! Contact Joy at mu-sic@brecksvilleumc.com to sign up. Meals are included in the day's activities, and we'll be gone from about 7:30 am - 8:30 pm.

Our church also has the privilege of providing leadership for the Open Table service at Lakeside each year. This year we are asking for help from our amazing youth! On Wednesday, June 15, you are invited up to Lakeside for the day to participate in a ministry of welcome, invitation and hospitality. We will be handing out invitations to our Open Table service in the morning and doing everything we can to communicate a message of welcome. This is a great day for families! You can come up, volunteer during the morning, enjoy the MFSA lunch (\$10), and participate in Open Table activities in the evening culminating in the service at 5:30 pm. A pizza dinner is provided after the service. Contact Joy Parker for more information or if you wish to car pool.

June 25-July 2:

YSP Prayer Circle (all youth!)

Several of our youth will be traveling to Tennessee to carry out our mission of caring for people in order that the world might be changed! We are so proud of them! But maybe you weren't yet old enough to attend YSP or weren't able to make the trip this summer. That's ok! But we still invite you to partner with our YSP youth and support them with your love and prayer! On Sunday, June 26, all youth are invited to gather in the Sanctuary at 9:45 am (right before 10:00 worship) for a prayer circle to lift up our friends who are traveling on YSP.

July 11-15:

Vacation Bible School (all youth!)

If you're in Middle School, you are invited to participate in a VBS program focused on being in service to others. Take a few minutes to read more about it in this month's newsletter (page 3!)

If you're in High School, your help is needed! Could you be a leader for our kids' VBS? We would love to have you, and you can touch the life of the children who attend VBS this summer! For more information, contact Jenny Gee at education@brecksvilleumc.com.

August 1-2

Save the Date: Senior Send-Off (senior high only!)

We are so happy for our high school graduates, but we need one last opportunity to hang out together and say good-bye! On Monday, August 1 at 10:00 am, we will head down to the Ohio State Fair for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and fried sticks of butter. In the evening, we'll attend a concert with *A Great Big World*, best known for their song "Say Something" and a commitment to LGBT equality in their song lyrics! The trip will include a discussion about the theology of music and the way that what we SING can affect the way we THINK. We'll enjoy a fabulous brunch at Northstar Cafe in Columbus on Tuesday before heading back to arrive home in the early afternoon. Cost for this trip is \$50, which includes your concert ticket and overnight stay. Contact Joy by June 30 to RSVP, as tickets must be purchased in advance!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Ann & Bill Rittman</p>			1 6:30 Dawnbrkrs	2 9 UMW Field Trip <i>Bloch & Campbell Mowing</i>	3 8 Get Out Doors Club Night Hike	4 7:30 Food Bank Volunteers
Holy Land Trip						
5 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship in the Sanctuary <i>YSP Mock Stock</i>	6 7:30 Community Band & Chorus Concert, Brecksville	7 8:30 CAPA 10 Staff Mtg 7 Evangelism 7 Music & Worship Bd	8 6:30 Dawnbrkrs	9 12 Middle School Bash <i>Brown & Sendry Mowing</i>	10 <i>Youth Annual Conf. Begins</i>	11 <i>YAC Day Trip</i> 6 Ecumenical Chapel Svc at Chippewa Place
Holy Land Trip						
12 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship in the Sanctuary <i>YSP Mock Stock</i>	13 7:30 Community Band & Chorus Concert, Broadview	14 11 Staff Mtg	15 6:30 Dawnbrkrs 5 Open Table Service at Lakeside	16 <i>Parker & Spencer Mowing</i>	17 <i>Food Delivery to Brookside</i>	18 12 Music Scholarship Golf Outing
Annual Conference at Lakeside						
19 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship in the Sanctuary <i>YSP Mock Stock</i>	20 7 Special Ad Board/COM Meeting	21 10 Staff Mtg 12 Lunch Bunch 7 Missions 7 Gifts & Memorials 7:30 Trustees	22 6:30 Dawnbrkrs	23 <i>Herzing & Lundholm Mowing</i>	24 <i>Brecksville Home Days</i>	25 YSP Departs <i>Brecksville Home Days</i>
26 <i>Summer Choir</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 9:45 YSP Prayer 10 Worship 11 New Member Coffee w/ Pastor <i>Home Days</i>	27 7 Liberia Mission Trip Team Meeting	28 10 Staff Mtg 7 Finance	29 6:30 Dawnbrkrs	30 <i>Gee & Gee Mowing</i>		
Youth Service Project Trip to Sommersville, Tennessee						

When we join The United Methodist Church, we vow to support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. But sometimes, our good intentions get lost in the day-to-day hustle and bustle of life. As a church, how are we doing with our promises? Can you help fill in the blanks?

PRAYERS

Do you know that Brecksville United Methodist Church has an active e-mail Prayer Chain? To be added to the e-mail list, or to submit a prayer request, please contact Elro-wan33@aol.com.

PRESENCE

Date	First Service	Education Hour	Second Service
Apr 24	123	98	98
May 1	120	78	67
May 8	160	88	107
May 15	130	94	116
May 22	145	90	125

GIFTS

If you have made a pledge or a contribution, you will receive a giving statement (either electronically or on the other side of this page with your mailed Good

Word) which outlines your gifts to date this year. If you need additional information, or if you have not received your statement, please contact the church office.

This table outlines the offering received each Sunday since the last publication of the *Good Word*.

Date	Offering
Apr 24	\$8,349
May 1	\$8,503
May 8	\$11,231
May 15	\$8,911
May 22	\$8,062

SERVICE

At Charge Conference this year, we set a goal of serving 4,000 volunteer hours as a congregation this year. This is the first month we started tallying these totals. Do you have hours to add? Contact the office!

Committee or Group	Nov - April
Administrative Board	37
Caring Committee	
Prayer Chain	
Council on Ministries	4
Church and Society	
Education	262
Sunday School Secretary	216
Evangelism	
Finance	
Gifts & Memorials	
Men's Small Group Cleaning	26
Missions	
Habitat for Humanity	
Bike Mechanics	
Seeds of Literacy	8
Music & Worship Board	46
Choir	454
Bell Choir	186
Men's Ensemble	68
Praise Band/Musicians	300
Fridays @ 5	165
Concert Series Volunteers	40
Music w/a Mission-Performers	50
Music w/a Mission - Workers	
Ushers	196
Communion Stewards	24
Worship Team - AV	80
Staff Parish Relations	
Trustees	
Closers	182
Mowing Club	4
United Methodist Women	
Youth Board	
	2348



Social Media sites give us the opportunity to glorify God, connect with one another, and reach out into our community. Once you start interacting with the church on social media, your friends and followers will start noticing us as well! Our social media presence can be a subtle reminder of the Spirit's movement in your life, in our community and in the world. It's a subtle form of outreach anyone can do.

If you're on social media, take a minute to connect with us!

Share a picture or post with #Brecksvilleumc



Facebook

facebook.com/BrecksvilleUMC

When you're connecting with friends on Facebook, don't forget Brecksville UMC. Our church page has pictures, information about upcoming events, links to our Sunday Blast, information from the United Methodist Church, videos, and other delights. We have 188 followers so far. Are you one of them? We would love it if you would "like" us!



Pinterest

pinterest.com/brecksvilleumc

Are you a pinner? Pinterest is a site where users collect and share images and videos by "pinning" them on boards. Some of our church boards include *Books We're Reading*, *Potluck Recipes*, *Devotions*, *Music*, *Methodism*, *Ice Breaker Ideas*, *Chili Cook Off Inspiration*, *Yarn Ministry* and *VBS 2016 Surf Shack*. Connect with us and share!



Instagram

instagram.com/brecksvilleumc/

Instagram is our newest social media account. We opened it last week and already have six followers. (Thanks, followers!) Instagram is an online mobile photo sharing site. Connect with Brecksville UMC for photos of mission, worship, and community and share your pics with us!



You Tube

Youtube.com

Do you like music? Then you'll want to follow our You Tube channel, *Brecksville United Methodist Church*. Every week, we post a playlist of songs which will be featured during worship on Sunday. We also share an occasional video on the site.



Twitter

twitter.com/BrecksvilleUMC

Tweet! Tweet! Twitter is an online social networking service that enables users to send and read short 140-character messages called "tweets". Weekly, we tweet the Sunday Blast, worship songs, and other news. We have 214 followers! Tweet to us [@Brecksvilleumc](https://twitter.com/Brecksvilleumc)



Our Church Website

brecksvilleumc.com

Our website is rich with content, and is *the* place to go for detailed information about upcoming events, our church history, worship times, the church calendar and much more. It even includes a Facebook news feed—so you don't need a Facebook account to see what's happening there!