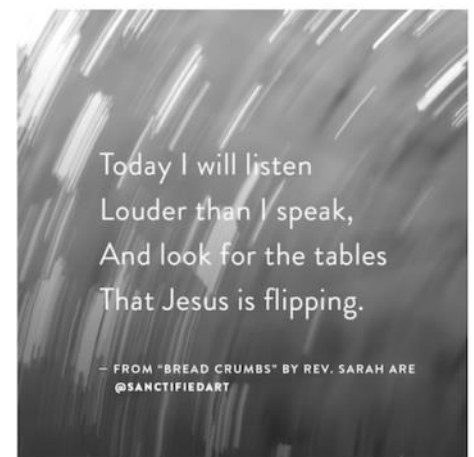


The Good Word

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNNY WINTER DAYS

Ohio winters are hard. And there are few things more hope-filled than sunny January days. The first month of the year is made up of long stretches of gloomy, gray days, and when a bright day comes along, it's a true gift from God.

On February first, it will be (or “has been,” depending on when you read this article) 10 months and 23 days—47 Sundays—since we all worshipped together in the sanctuary. Woah.

Most of those days and weeks are like the long, gloomy stretches of gray January days— I'm plugging along, doing the day-to-day work of ministry, and it's fine; but my

batteries get depleted and I wonder if God is still working through me.

Then there are those “sunny” days—Sundays when the Spirit is felt in full-force and *we really do feel united* even though we're physically separated. Or we spend half of the bible study talking about the books we're reading and then praying for one another. Or I watch videos of our fabulous kids singing “Jesus Loves Me” or reading a scripture or sharing the Christmas Story. Or someone shares with us that they are able to participate in our church community now (either more than before or for the first time) because

we're offering online opportunities—and how the message of Jesus has gotten them through those dark days. Or... or... or...

It's been a long, dark time since I've seen your beautiful faces staring back at me on a Sunday or heard you laugh at me when I say something... silly. And I don't think about it for very long because it makes my heart hurt. But I know that in the midst of this dark, blah, COVID-winter, God continues to shine bright spots into our lives.

AND, because we live in Ohio, we know that winter doesn't last

WORSHIP WITH US

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SUNDAY REPLAY THURS @ 7 PM

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church and community.
Send us your news!

YOUR LOVE, LORD, REACHES TO THE HEAVENS. YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE SKIES.

Psalm 36:5

forever. Spring comes! The days get longer, the breeze gets warmer, and the grass and flowers and trees bloom. So, *this COVID-winter won't last forever either!* We WILL worship together again—INSIDE! And oh, man, it's going to be glorious!

Our ministry team has been thinking and praying and beginning preparations to welcome everyone back full-force. We are excited to integrate the online opportunities with in-person connections, and make space for as many people as possible to encounter God's unconditional love in every way possible.

Until that glorious day, though, let us keep in mind something Dana said: "God, we know that even on those cloudy days, the sun is there, even if we can't see it."

Much love to you all!

Pastor Heidi

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The book of Philippians
ONLINE

Anyone can join from anywhere!





Feeling The Grief

It's been a long year with many griefs. Pastor Barbara invites you who may be struggling with grief - loss of loved one, loss of a job, loss of health, losses of everyday life due to COVID - to name those losses and work through them. Sometimes, we simply need one another to see us through our griefs. We will begin meeting **in person in the chapel on Thursdays at 3 pm** starting February 25. We'll be ordering books, *Praying Our Goodbyes*, by Joyce Rupp for everyone and will determine the price which is around \$15 per book. Sign up by emailing Pastor Barbara Bartholomew at associatepastor@brecksvilleumc.com or by calling her at 440-799-3126.



Help in Troubled Times

BeADisciple.com has provided **quality online educational experiences** with roots in Wesleyan theology since 2006. Following are a few of the online courses they offer that might be helpful in this upside-down world.

Christian Parents Raising Christian Children: The Pandemic Edition

February 15 – 19, Number of weeks: 1, Price: \$65, CEUs: 0.5

Parents will have the opportunity to participate in activities that will encourage positive Christian learning during the pandemic. Topics will include effective communication, Christian character building, and maintaining healthy relationships between the parent(s) and child(ren). The course is designed to help parents grow in Christ while maintaining skills to get through the tough times, as well as the good times.

Growing Through Our Grieving

January 25 – February 14, 2021, Number of weeks: 3 Price: \$75 CEUs: 1.5

We will be sharing a Book Study together based on the text, “*Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*”, by Alan D. Wolfelt, PhD. author, educator and grief counselor.



FEBRUARY

Show your care with prayer!

Help us surround one person or family in prayer each week! Say a prayer, then drop a note in the mail to these folks to let them know you are praying for them:

Week of February 7

Jan Biggs

119 Laurie Lane
Northfield, OH 44067-2758

Week of February 14

Jane Whitehead

38 Laurel Lake Dr
Hudson, OH 44236-2158

Week of February 21

Janet James

3824 Faith Ln
Richfield, OH 44286-9121

Week of February 28

Carl & Joyce Rossborough New Address!

4386 Hunters Chase Ln
Wooster, OH 44691-7303

Pastor Barbara says, “Be a blessing for those in our church family you may not see on Facebook or at the grocery store. They will be thrilled to hear from you. Thanks for being loving, caring people of Christ!”

***Check back next month
for a new list!***

Your Support is Needed!

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a community of women committed to mission. Our members nurture one another in community and support projects and partners improving the lives of women, children and youth with their prayers, volunteer and advocacy efforts, and financial gifts. UMW has supported local Food Banks, Henderson Settlement, West Side Community House, Ohio Guidestone, Flat Rock Homes, RAHAB, Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy and other missions.

During the pandemic, we are not meeting in person so we are asking for your Pledge for 2021. Please complete this Pledge Card and mail to Fran McClean, 6976 Chapel Hill Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141, or drop it off at the church. Thank you for your support!

Women are the heart and soul of many families. When we keep ourselves together, we can help take care of others. As we seek ways to connect in these difficult times, our church's meetings and classes are great ways to actually "see" our friends and have conversations about important issues.

The business of our United Methodist Women's Organization is another way we can connect. UMW Mission Priorities 2021-2024 focuses on climate justice and the criminalization of communities of color. Following are excerpts from the UMW website:

"The adverse impacts of global climate change disproportionately affect individuals and nations least responsible for the emissions. We therefore support efforts of all governments to require mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and call on individuals, congregations, businesses, industries and communities to reduce their emissions," states United Methodist Social Principle ¶160D in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church."

"United Methodist Women members can advance just energy for all—both by public witness and personal change. As women of faith called to care for and seek the healing of all of God's creation, we will press government and company leaders to pass and implement policies that advance 100 percent renewable energy and incorporate a just and equitable transition. We will put our faith into action by examining our own energy sources and how they are impacting our communities, learn from and partnering with frontline communities most impacted, and pressing for concrete change at the national and local levels. We will also work to change our own energy source to renewable energy."

"Get equipped and connect with other United Methodist Women members through online and in person **Just Energy for All** trainings and events. Advocate for **Just Energy for All**. Join the campaign at unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice."

Watch for details about the School-to-Prison Pipeline in the March newsletter. Learn more at unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-mission-priorities-2020-2024.

Climate Justice is the topic for the Spring North Coast District UMW Meeting to be held virtually on Saturday, March 20 at 10 am. Rev. Nathan Howe, from Berea United Methodist Church, will be the speaker. Registration is required. More details to follow. Anyone can attend. If you'd like to learn more, please reach out!

- Submitted by Sharon Judson



Mission Giving Pledge Card

Name: _____

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Date of Pledge: _____

For the coming year, I pledge \$ _____

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UMW MEMBER: Please fill out and return this card to your unit treasurer.

As a member of United Methodist Women, I celebrate and commit to supporting United Methodist Women's local, national and global outreach.

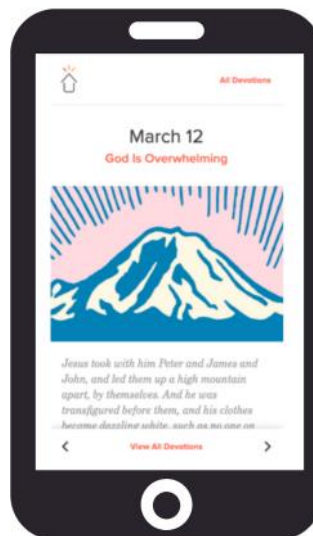
Mission Giving Makes Mission Happen!

Getting Youth Connected During Lent 2021

Lent is a season for reflection and claiming spiritual space in our lives, but it can be difficult for young people to carve out that time with busy schedules and the pressures of school. This Lent, we want to give our youth two easy, fun, and meaningful tools to be able to feel connected to the season and to their church community. Check out the resources available to students in sixth through twelfth grades:

Daily Devotional App

We are so excited to partner with Sparkhouse to offer a daily devotional for our youth during the season of Lent. This devotional will reflect on the Gospel of Mark and each day will include scripture, a reflection, a prayer, and a pop art image. This content will be easily accessible through a smartphone or another internet connected device so it is available on youths' schedules, anywhere, anytime. Information about this devotional will be distributed through the weekly youth newsletter and in the Lenten Home Kits. Email Dana for more info!



“Stones of Help”- We are reminded that God comes to our side time and time again, over and over. No matter where we are, it is holy ground and God has come to meet and know us. In their Lenten Home Kits, students will receive a

“stone of help,” a reminder of God’s presence constantly being renewed. Each stone will have an ampersand marked on it and a brief description of the biblical “stone of help.” Students are encouraged to hold their stone during worship services, devotionals, youth group, and prayer time throughout Lent. To receive a Lenten Home Kit, please reach out to our office or Dana!

Dana Schwendeman, Director of Youth Ministry

E-mail youth@brecksvilleumc.com Voicemail 440-526-8938 x 237



Your donations to this year’s Hat & Mitten Tree were so plentiful that we were able to deliver two large garbage bags full of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and masks to three organizations—Akron Schools LBJ Foundation, The Cleveland LGBTQ Connection, and the Centers for Families in Cleveland. ***Thank you!***

Fellowship Committee

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Do you find yourself working a jigsaw puzzle then putting it in a closet, never to be seen again? Are you always looking for new puzzles to do? The Fellowship Committee has come up with a solution - the BUMC jigsaw puzzle swap. Please bring one or two (no more, please) to the table located near the coat room on the first floor of the church - and swap it for a puzzle left by a fellow puzzler. This is a limited time project, just for the season. At the conclusion of this year’s swap (April 30) all unclaimed puzzles will be donated to charity. Puzzles are a great way to keep the mind active, a wonderful project to do as a family, and something many of us have been enjoying through the pandemic. Thank you for sharing!



MILESTONES

News of the Fellowship

Share your news with your church family! Contact Melanie:

office@brecksvilleumc.com
440-526-8938

On January 11, Marisol Wylie passed on from this world. Born in Spain, Marisol joined our church family in 1978, and was a long serving member of the United Methodist Women, the worship committee and the Brecksville Garden Club. We will dearly miss her, but rejoice in her life everlasting. Please keep her family in our prayers.

We recently learned that Joan Quade passed on December 18. Joan joined our church family in 1968, was a long time Girl Scout leader, and served in our church office in the 1990s. Many of you have shared fond memories of Joan. Please join us in praying for Joan's family.



Prayer and Praise Notes

Request prayer through our Prayer Chain. Call the Church Office 440.526.8938 or contact Elinor Rowan at 440.230.1540 or email rowanel33@gmail.com

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

NOT ON OUR LIST? WE DON'T KNOW YOUR BIRTHDAY! WE WANT TO SEND YOU A CARD!

Doris Cipolla	1	Marla Hocutt	12	Allie Kenney	19
Grant Kardos	1	Gladys Smith	12	Zoey Tormento	19
Douglas Hubert	2	Leslie Hoffman	13	Matthew Ling	20
Gail Meyer	2	Bill Hurder	13	Emily Gardner	21
Colin Johnson	3	Monica Kotnik	13	Dan Rajkovich	22
Brooke Toman	3	Andrew Kubek	13	John Rice	22
Barbara Soltis	4	Mallory McCrodden	13	Steve Warth	22
Faith McAllister	5	Ellen Falko	14	Erin Gee	23
Lynn Spencer	5	Lucy Fesler	14	Pastor Heidi Welch	23
Paul Olszko	6	Dorothy Jordan	14	Paul Botzman	24
Chloe Boldt	7	Nathaniel Robusto	15	Janet Kleckner	24
Greg Spencer	7	Abby Smith	15	Eric Louttit	24
Becky Chen	8	Matthew Miller	16	Ruth Hazlett	25
Nancy Knowlton	8	Stephanie Fisher	17	Patrick Hehr	25
Chad Boldt	9	Grace Ford	17	Nancy Wygonski	25
Chloe Brubaker	9	Christine Hudacek	17	Matthew Botzman	26
Sarah Nurre	9	Emma Piorkowski	17	Leo Patterson	26
Bob Williams	9	Barbara Bartholomew	18	Darcie Engler	27
Pam Johnson	10	Scott Campbell	18	Angela Harper	27
Doug Bender	11	Jack Kenney	18	Emily Hastings	27



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings prayers of thanks are lifted to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. Recently, we said prayers of thanks for people like Allie Kenney, who is giving of her time and

talents with our Kids Connect program on Sunday mornings—and is working in the church office on Wednesday afternoons so people have another option for conducting church business. The members of the visioning team—Pastor Heidi, Ric Lesinski, Sue Hastings, Tim Miller, Jen Speith, Mike Kubek, Tracy Adanich, Jamie Schwendeman and Melanie Smith—who are committing their time to finding ways to share the story of our church and what makes it unique. Don Krolkowski who gave considerable time and effort in creating the videos of the Christmas Eve Orchestra. What a gift you shared with the congregation, Don! Thank you! The Eberhardts and all of the people who helped make the Live Nativity such a great success. What a gift you gave to the families of our community! Brenda Calovini, who brought QPR training to our attention. We will never know how many lives this training saves, Brenda! And all of the people who serve on Church Committees. (See a list elsewhere in this issue.) We are thankful for each of you—named and unnamed! Amen!

As Lent Begins, You're Invited In

to community, to this season, to our own spiritual journey, to transformation



“In Lent, we’re reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, “Again?! How long, O God?” And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: “I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair.” Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.”

This Lent, we will focus on the theme “Again & Again: a Lenten Refrain” by Sanctified Art. The theme will be carried throughout the Lenten kits that will be delivered to your doorstep (if you live nearby), an emailed daily devotional, a Community Prayer Wall, and our Lenten & Holy Week worship services. Take a look below for how you can get involved this Lent:

Resources for Lent

At Home Lent Kits will be delivered the week of February 14. If you received an Advent Kit, you’re on the delivery list! If you’d like to be added to the Lent delivery list, please reach out! Want to help with creation and delivery? please email us!

Daily Devotional sign-up. We are preparing daily scripture, prayer, and reflections for delivery to your email box every day. Sign up to receive them. If you’re not online, request a written devotional below.

Ash Wednesday Worship Online February 17 at 7 pm. Join us for this prayerful and reflective service.

Prayer Wall Add your prayers to the prayer wall in the front church yard. If you can’t visit in person, email your prayer and we will add it to the wall for you.

Holy Week Save the Dates

Palms Sunday is March 28. We will have a 9 am streaming service and, weather permitting, and outdoor service with Palm Parade at 11am. If you’d like palms delivered to your home, contact us!

Good Friday Service will broadcast live online at 7 pm on April 2. Join us for this powerful service on all of our platforms.

Easter Sunday join us as we celebrate the resurrected Lord. We will have an in-person outdoor service at 7 am (weather permitting) followed by a 9 am livestream service with the BUMC orchestra.

Email office@brecksvilleumc.com

Call 440-526-8938

Not online? Complete this form and return it to the church office!

Name

Please send me a printed daily devotional.

Address

I didn’t receive an Advent Kit. I’d like a Lent kit, please!

I’d like palms for Palm Sunday. How many? _____

Phone

MAIL TO:

Brecksville UMC, 65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141



Join the Bell Choir!

The Bell Choir is back in action! We will be meeting every Monday in February (the first through the twenty-second) from 7-8 pm.

Have no previous bell choir experience, but have two hands? We can use you!

Don't read music, but are eager to join a music ministry? No problem!

Worried that we will move too quickly? We are only playing one song!

No matter your experience, there is a place for you! Come join the Bell Choir next month!

Attention graduating seniors!

Brecksville UMC Music & Worship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2021 Music & Worship Committee Scholarship. All graduating seniors who have actively engaged in the music ministry at BUMC are eligible to apply. Please submit your application (found in the "BUMC Online—forms" section of our website, **by Thursday, April 1, 2021.**

- Malik Khalfani, Director of Music Ministries, Brecksville United Methodist Church



Why I Watched "*Uncle Frank*" By Kristi Eberhardt

I will admit that I have watched more television in the last 10 months than in a very long time. Recently I was intrigued by an advertisement for the movie *Uncle Frank*. *Uncle Frank* is a comic-drama about a man growing up in the south in the 1970s who was discovering his gay identity. I remember not really wanting to watch a movie that night. It was a weeknight and already late. But something about the movie captured my attention and with the blink of a teary eye, the 90 minutes flew by.

My decision to be an ally to the LGBTQ community started with events surrounding Brecksville UMC's vote to be an inclusive church many years ago. Following a Sunday where rainbow ribbons were passed out by the ushers, my children asked me about the purpose of the vote. Doing my best to explain my support for the vote, I quickly realized they were the teacher and I was the student. Unlike their mother, they had yet to unpack years of biases, and I was determined to keep it that way.

The systemic racism events of 2020 once again lit a similar fire in me to listen and learn, confronting my own prejudices and being much more intentional in the fight to end systemic racism. I have been part of several different learning pilots at work on Diversity & Inclusion and even recently started a new position where I can work with my clients to rethink corporate responsibility.

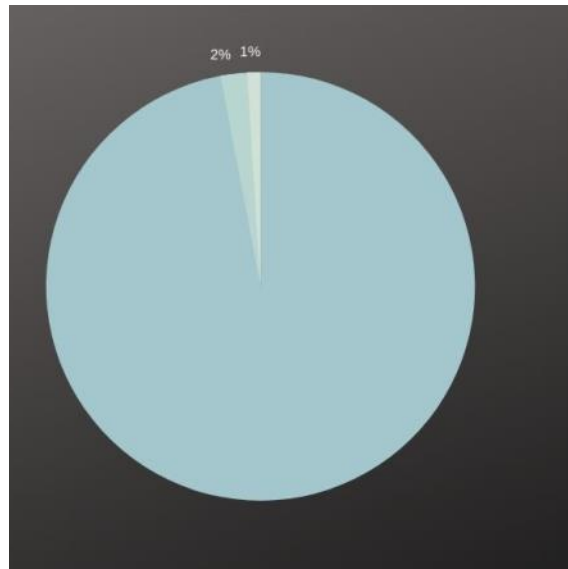
But despite my passion and acts of service toward a better life filled with equal opportunity for all, I scroll through the 200+ contacts in my phone and struggle to count on a single hand friends that are black or that I know to be LGBTQ. Ouch.

Using the theory that 1 in 4 Americans identify as LGBTQ and 1 in 8 are black, I am faced with the harsh reality that my world is not a diverse world. Despite my open heart and mind and even my actions, I have a long way to go to really understand how to be inclusive of someone who doesn't look and love like me.

Uncle Frank was a heart-wrenching movie that shed light on the harm caused when people aren't exposed to life different than their own. While I struggle with "how" to introduce a more diverse world into my contact list, for the timing being my "why" can be met in various ways including movies, books, webinars, philanthropy and consumerism, but most important...intentionality.

Kristi is a member of our Inclusion Task Force. For more information about the work of the task force, and for resources about how you can be an ally for all of God's children, reach out to inclusion@brecksvilleumc.com

Brecksville UMC 2020 Finance Recap



2020 REVENUE

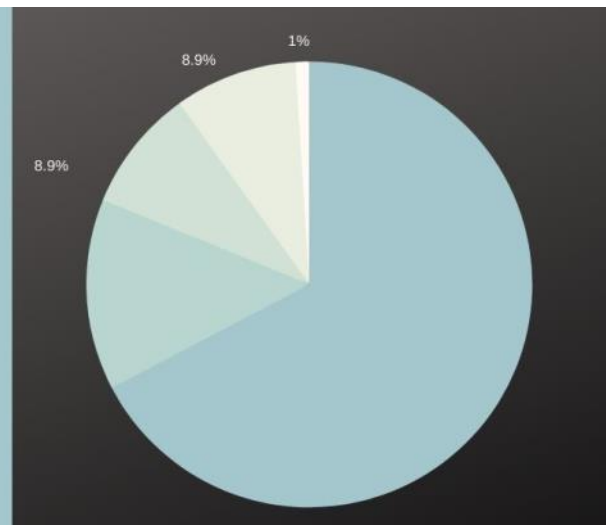
97% Commitments from you
2% Facility Use
1% Other (loose offering, corporate giving, interest income)

Revenue for the year: WOW! We ended 2020 \$10,077 ahead of plan. This is a remarkable feat since we entered the year with a \$38k budget deficit and fell into a global pandemic. It is evident that you continue to keep BUMC in your hearts and minds since 97% of our revenue came from our congregation this year! Our other revenue is earned by renting our facilities to various groups in our community, Corporate Gift Matching, any Loose Offerings received during services and Interest Income we make on our financial accounts.

Expenses for the Year: It took us \$537,167 to operate the church in 2020 (that's a big budget!). 68% of those dollars pay for the Staff. This amount includes salaries, medical insurance, worker's compensation, pension and continuing education. 8% of our budget went to maintaining our building and parsonage inside and out, while 14% paid our Conference and District Apportionments. 8% of our Expenses paid for our Church Administration and Programs including Music, Education, and Youth and 1% went to the Missions Committee.

2020 EXPENSES

68% Staff
14% Conference and District Apportionments
9% Parsonage & Church Building Maintenance
8% Church Administration, Programming and Education
1% Missions



What a year it has been for our church! The Finance Committee spent many nights discussing how we would stay afloat during this pandemic. We made some budget adjustments and the staff spent wisely amidst a complete shift in how we offer church service and connection. I often use a mantra that goes, "It is not good enough to survive, you MUST thrive," and I am ecstatic to report that THRIVE WE DID! I am excited to see all that we will accomplish in 2021. If you have any questions, please email me! Finance@brecksvilleumc.com -Becky Paroda, Finance Manager

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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NEW WEBINAR SERIES

DE-COLONIZING THE CHURCH: A COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACISM

What does it mean? A de-colonizing approach recognizes that God is present in every community and that the church's job is to listen, learn, and curate a faith community that is Spirit-led and honors the voices and lived experiences of those who gather as the body of Christ. Join on a journey to explore what it means to be intentionally anti-racist as we start new ministries and faith communities in the UMC. Five-week series every Thursday from 1-2:15 p.m central time beginning February 18.

store.umcdiscipleship.org/product/decolonizing-the-church/

TUESDAYS @ 7 PM / WEDNESDAYS @ 10 AM

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina – means sacred reading, and it is a fantastic way to help the stories in scripture come to life for you. We are currently exploring some of the big names of the Old Testament and then will move into the key stories of the Passion throughout Lent. If you want to know the Bible better and are able to gather in person- make a plan to join us on either Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Chapel or Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parlor. This is open to everyone. Wear a mask- we social distance!

Entering The Passion of Christ LENTEN STUDY

Entering the Passion of Christ

New Sunday Classes for Lent begin February 21 at 10:30 am and 7 pm

We are so excited about this new class for Lent we're offering it twice! Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine digs into the history surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. Hear each of the stories about Jesus' last week - from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his prayerful agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Experience these familiar stories in new and powerful ways. Join Jenny Gee at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings or Kathy Dickriede at 7 pm on Sunday evenings beginning February 21. Both classes will take place online on Zoom.

Contact the office or sign up here: <http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/bumconline/news/read/?ID=4730>

Book Study

MONDAYS - HELP US PICK THE TIME!



Monday Book Study





Can we overcome racial bias? We start by acknowledging it.

Join Brenda Calovini and friends for a discussion of the book *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do* by Jennifer L. Eberhardt, PhD. Taking part in this group is a fantastic way to be part of the important discussion about how we all have biases that affect the way we operate in the world. Even if you are unable to devote the time to reading a book right now, you are invited to join Brenda for the discussion via Zoom. As an open and inclusive faith community we need to be able to have difficult conversations with each other. Won't you join us?

The discussion will begin on **Monday, February 8**. What time on Mondays works for you? Sign up here and let us know your preference- either 8:30 am OR 7 pm.

Contact the office or sign up here—<http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/bumconline/news/read/?ID=4717>

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 Enneagram Small Group	2 7 Lectio Divina, Chapel	3 7:30 Online Breakfast 10 Lectio Divina, Parlor 7 Bible Study 7:30 Virtual Choir	4 10 Staff Mtg 7 Sunday Replay 	5 <i>Send a note to Jan Biggs this week!</i>	6 9 Visioning Team Bread Ministry TBD
7 9 Worship Online - <i>with communion</i> 10 Coffee Hour 10:30 Prayer Study 11 Kids Connect 7 Present Over Perfect (POP) Study 7 No Youth Grp Tonight (Super Bowl)	8 7 Bell Choir Rehearsal <i>Biased book Study (Time TBD)</i>	9 7 Lectio Divina, Chapel 7 Inclusion Task Force	10 7:30 Online Breakfast 10 Lectio Divina, Parlor 7 Bible Study 7 QPR Training	11 10 Staff Mtg 7 Sunday Replay 	12 <i>Say a prayer for Jane Whitehead this week!</i>	13 Bread Ministry TBD
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The office is open MONDAYs from 8:30—12:30 and WEDNESDAYs from 3 pm—6 pm!



Socialize with us!



daily devotions for lent
sign up for scripture, prayer and reflection
delivered to your email box February 17 - April 3



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*Welcoming all
of God's children.*

Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace diversity as a gift. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Brecksville United Methodist Church as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.