

# The Good Word

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## 2020 VISION

At the beginning of 2020, many people used the analogy of 20/20 vision; proclaiming that 2020 is the year we clearly see who we are and where God is leading us. But then the events of 2020 hit (I won't list them; you know the litany well) and it seems all that got thrown out the window. Suddenly people began using 2020 as an excuse to throw up their hands and say, "Well, that's 2020 for you!", waiting for the calendar to change to 2021 so that things could go back to normal.

But what if the year 2020 and all its

chaos has actually forced us to see clearly for the first time? 2020 has shown us the cracks and the struggles that have been rumbling "underneath the surface" for a very long time: racial inequality, climate change, economic dislocation, and deep divisions of all kinds. It's shown us the true reality—what we haven't wanted to acknowledge. In the Church, 2020 has given us the clarity to see that although we thought we were outward focused and we believed "the church is the people," we really like "the way

we've always done things," our building, and all our church-y things.

Hear me: we have a fantastic building in a great location, and the way we've done things has gotten us to where we are, and our church-y things bring comfort in an otherwise challenging world. We're not going to throw all that out. But 2020 has shown us our own cracks and that some things really haven't been serving us as well as we would like to think.

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# WORSHIP WITH US

LIVE ONLINE SUNDAYS AT 9 AM  
IN THE PARKING LOT SUNDAYS AT 5 PM  
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And so we're now left with a choice: to be honest about what we see in front of us and do the work to become the people, the church, and the community we want to be, OR turn around to the comfort of "the way things were."

The Israelites had a very similar choice in the Book of Exodus. When God delivered them from slavery in Egypt and the adrenaline wore off, they found themselves in the wilderness, beginning the journey to the Promised Land. And they started to complain to Moses and God: "Why did you bring us out here to die? We should go back to Egypt where at least we had food and water!" They were enslaved in Egypt and yet they preferred that "known" hardship and struggle to the unknown of where God was taking them—into a land of milk and honey.

The Israelites knew that where they were going was better than where they came from and yet still they wanted to go back. It's no wonder we're tempted to "go back" or continue with the status quo, even though now we've been shown how not great things actually were.

I'll be honest: doing the hard work of moving forward sounds exhausting and overwhelming when most days I'm just proud we make it to bedtime all fed and alive! But I don't want to go back. Because God has something better planned for us. And I want to be a part of whatever that might be! And over the past year, I've gotten the sense from this church that although we're regular people with the same temptation to "go back" as everyone else, there is a Spirit swirling through us that is pushing us forward into the unknown. And although we might be scared and unsure, we're willing to step out in faith and allow God to lead us into our own Promised Land.

2020 has been (and will continue to be) a year of clarity: as we were tossed out of our building, we realized that people actually are the church, and that what unites us is a love that is much greater than time and space. In the next few months, we will focus on trusting God with our whole selves and dreaming of the Promised Land God is calling us into. I can't promise it'll be easy, but I do know it'll be worth it!

I love you, and I'm so grateful to be doing this good work with you!

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



## World Communion Sunday is October 4

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. In 1972, the General Conference approved the World Communion Sunday offering to support the education of racial-ethnic and international students to transform the church and their communities as both laity and clergy. **We will have in person communion services in the church parking lot at 11 am and 5 pm!**

# TRUST IN GOD

## The 2021 Stewardship Campaign Begins

We close September, and nine months of 2020. Despite historic challenges, we've found new ways to worship, to meet, and to take our faith into the world.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us, "...Go and make disciples of all nations." In 2021, our mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" will stay the same: it's part of our granite foundation. As we move through the next year at Brecksville UMC we will help you apply scriptural teachings and "being a disciple" to your daily life.

Beginning October 11, we will devote four Sundays to our annual stewardship campaign, with a focus on why we give to God through the church, and how it shows our trust in God and trust in Brecksville UMC. At the end of the campaign you will have an opportunity to make a financial commitment for the year 2021. While it may look different than Commitment Sundays in the past, we hope that it will be even more meaningful to your discipleship journey with God.

Do you recall the gratitude journals we started one year ago? We are bringing these back for 2020, as we realize it's difficult to find things in which to be grateful this year. You can also use your gratitude journal with the daily devotionals and scripture prompts we will provide. The devotionals are written by our own BUMC members, and link stewardship, trust, and discipleship. Gratitude journals will be available to pick up at the drive-in communion services on October 4th or you will be able to download the labels from our website and put them in your own journal.

One goal of the Finance Team is to deepen your understanding of the church budget and build your trust. In the coming weeks, we will share a "narrative" church budget, which tells the story of how we will use the funds you give. You might not know that part of what you give goes to blessing my family with income and housing (thank you!) As this past year has brought many changes, we are studying our budget and staff structure. For 2021, we will redirect our time and your gifts to meet the changing demands of the future.

At the beginning of October, you will receive a letter about the stewardship campaign and a commitment card that we ask you to prayerfully fill out and return to the church office. Alternatively, an online version will be on our website, and your response will be sent directly to our Financial Secretary.

You are a vibrant and generous congregation. I am grateful for you and for your persistent faith. I challenge you to continue on your way. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." - Matthew 4:19

Blessings abound, *Pastor Heidi and the Stewardship Team*



Finding an envelope with your name on it containing a simple note or card saying "thinking of you!" in your mailbox can change a day for the better. Our Care & Prayer Mail Project aims to spread some cheer, one message of care, and of prayer, at a time.

Pastor Barbara says, "It doesn't need to be long - just a hello, thinking of you and saying a prayer for you, is all it takes. You may find encouragement as well just by this simple act. Be a blessing for those in our church family you may not see on Zoom or in the parking lot. I know they will be thrilled to hear from you. Thanks for being the loving, caring people of Christ you are!"

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 4

**Rev. Tom and Nell Taylor**  
5275 Clover Drive  
Sheffield Village, OH 44035

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

**Donna Eilbeck**  
10417 Chippewa Road  
Brecksville, OH 44141

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

**Marisol Wylie**  
American Home  
8400 S. Bedford #316  
Macedonia, OH 44056

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

**Lue Andree**  
Renaissance Retirement Center  
263 John Road #333  
Olmsted Twp., OH 44138

*Check back next month  
for a new list!*



## Habitat Faith Build 2020 - Update

Annually, our church partners with Habitat For Humanity both in a physical and monetary sense. Brecksville UMC has already completed some workdays with Habitat and we have two more opportunities for volunteers on **Saturday, October 3** and **Thursday, October 29**.

### October Family Faith Bags will be delivered the week of September 28!

This month spend some family time talking about why we pray... and how we pray... and what all those words in the Lord's Prayer actually mean. Maybe praying is taking a backseat to schoolwork lately. We can help. The activities included in your monthly Family Faith Bag do not require a bunch of 'homework style' work, instead they are simple and fun ways to get the faith conversations flowing in your home. We invite you to post what you are doing to our Facebook group page.

Didn't get a September bag, but you'd like an October one? Contact Jenny at [education@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:education@brecksvilleumc.com).

Would you like to see your kids connecting with their church friends again? Would your kids just like to spend some time with someone from the church who sincerely wants to know how they are doing and what they are thinking about? Have them join Allie Kenney on Sunday mornings for age-appropriate groups and conversations.

11- 11:30: Preschool & Kindergarten

11:30- 12:00: 1st-3rd graders

12:00- 12:30: 4th and 5th graders

Look on our webpage for the current Zoom log-in information.

Due to COVID, groups are kept smaller in size (4 people from our church serve on each work day) and masks must be worn. If you are interested, please email or call the church office to register. the phone number is 440-526-8938.

Additionally, the \$5,000 financial commitment our church makes is to offset the costs of construction of the home, which will be purchased by a Habitat Family with a zero interest rate mortgage. Thus far we have collected \$3,622. We are almost there!

#### *What does it cost to build a house?*

The pieces and parts add up! Consider contributing a dollar amount to cover the cost of:

- Drywall nails - \$15/box
- Deck Screws - \$30/box
- Gallon of Paint - \$30
- Stud 2 x 4 x 8 - \$6 each
- Sheets of drywall - \$10 each
- Sheets of plywood - \$20—\$30 each
- Your prayers - priceless!



*Jinbo Lee, Jeff Fesler, Doug Holmes and Bryn Watkins can tell you all about the project!*

#### *Donate*

- by mail: Brecksville United Methodist Church, 65 Public Square Brecksville, OH 44141
- online through the giving link above - fund code 514- Habitat for Humanity
- in person during the outdoor worship services

Please remember to be clearly mark your gift for "Habitat Faith Build."

Thank you so much for continuing our partnership with Habitat! Together, we are changing a community and helping a family have a safe, secure, stable home!

Read about our partner family on another page in this newsletter!

*- Missions & Outreach Committee*

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH UPDATE

Saying 2020 has been unusual and challenging is an understatement. Missions & Outreach is so thankful for the support you have given for outreach and mission activities this year. As we move into fall and the holiday season, many people are struggling financially, and some are looking for opportunities to keep busy, help others and find ways to stay connected. Being mindful of COVID and its restrictions and uncertainties, Missions & Outreach has decided to start some of our traditional holiday giving opportunities a little earlier to allow you to plan for ways you would like to help, shop early, and allow for easy drop-off at church during the outdoor worship services scheduled on Sundays through October. Donations can also be dropped off in the morning hours at church until January 10 (unless otherwise noted).

## Donations of Items

**Food Tree** Our wooden Christmas Tree we fill with non-perishable food items and cleaning items will be located on the first floor for easy access. All items on this tree will be donated to Brookside Food Center in Cleveland.

**The Hat & Mitten Tree** will return. Donations of hats, mittens and scarves size infant through adult are needed—handmade or purchased. Face masks would be a good choice as well.

**Thanksgiving Donations** this year will go to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for national disaster relief. It's been a busy year for hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires. The money will be of great use. If you are not familiar with UMCOR, 100% of the donated monies go to providing relief, as all administrative costs are paid for through an offering collected across the denomination on UMCOR Sunday. This allows 100% of all other donations to go to the designated area of need. When making this donation online, by check or cash, please mark it "Thanksgiving".

**The Emergency Assistance Center - Christmas Lane** is a seasonal support program of The Emergency Assistance Center (TEAC). In previous years, through the incredible generosity from the community, TEAC has been able to provide free toys and gift cards for eligible children of their registered clients. Unfortunately, due to COVID, they are unable to safely provide the same experience and have made the difficult decision to shift

Christmas Lane to a gift card distribution only. They have chosen four retailers and four food locations to create a "gift card package" for the kids. If you'd like to help, they are asking for cards in \$10 increments, from the following businesses: Target, Walmart, Amazon, Five Below, Chick-fil-a, Chipotle, Subway, McDonalds. Donations are needed by November 24. You can donate to the cause by texting [teac4kids](https://givebutter.com/teacchristmaslane) to (202) 858-1233 or give online at <https://givebutter.com/teacchristmaslane>. Or, drop off or mail gift cards or monetary donations to: The Emergency Assistance Center, 9199 Olde Eight Road, Suite C, Northfield, Ohio 44067.

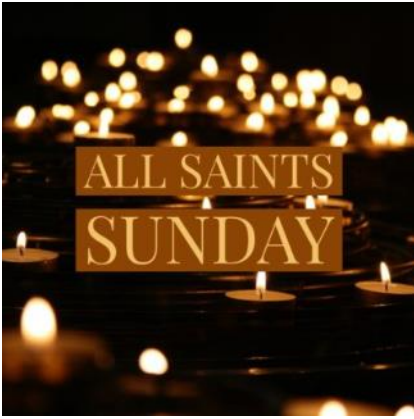
## Service Opportunities – Helping Others

**Home Repairs** We will be partnering with Nehemiah Mission to help a family from Burundi who has purchased a home on East 104th St. The family saved money to purchase the home but needs help to make needed repairs. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office and information will be passed along to you.

**Area Missions Groups** Rev. Kathy Dickriede is leading a group working with various agencies in the area to provide assistance with meal deliveries to seniors and stocking of food pantries. (Want to help? Contact the office!) Do you live in Independence, Seven Hills, North Royalton or other cities and would like to form a group? You can! Call other folks in that area from BUMC and/or enlist the help of friends and relatives and see what areas of need may exist. Do they need meals delivered? Help sorting at a donation site? Phone calling residents not able to leave their homes? Many possibilities exist. Not sure how to get started finding these areas of need? Contact Pastor Kathy Dickriede or Mary Kotnik. We would be happy to help. Let's help BUMC spread out into the communities.

**Wow, that was a lot of information!** We do not expect you to participate in everything, we are just letting you know what opportunities exist this last quarter of the year and hope it helps you decide what is a good fit for you. You will see reminders of opportunities as we move through Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Did we miss something you feel is important? Let us know! Thank you for your generosity, your service and your prayers!

- Missions & Outreach Committee



On All Saints Day, November 2, we publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, we toll the church bell of remembrance, and call the names of those lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us. If you have lost a loved one in the last year, submit their name to be read. Please contact the church office before Tuesday, October 29 by phone 440-526-8938 or email [becky@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:becky@brecksvilleumc.com).



## Offering Envelopes coming soon!

*Has the way you give changed?* If you received offering envelopes last year but no longer need them, please contact the office. If you didn't get offering envelopes last year, but would like a set, please let us know!

## Brighten Your Day

Have you noticed that the sanctuary is green? The carpet, the banner, the paraments, the plants and flowers...all green. Green is the current color on the liturgical calendar, used for what we call "common time." We are in that time of year where we contemplate the foundations of our faith and our expression of God's love for us.

Brecksville UMC's Inclusion Task Force is focused on showing the world that Brecksville UMC is an open, accepting and loving place for everyone. The Inclusion Task Force focuses on reaching out to LGBTQ people and letting them know that they are welcome here. On September 27 at 4 pm, we will sponsor our Annual Conference Open Table Worship Service with the East Ohio Reconciling Ministries Network.\*

Visual imagery in our sanctuary is one way we can communicate inclusion and affirmation. The Inclusion Task Force purchased a new stole for Pastor Heidi. The design includes a colorful cross with flames. With our services being online, the view of the sanctuary is limited. I worked with the artist making the stole to ensure that the cross would show on camera and the colors and design will be visible during our online services.

Then Liz Frederick designed a parament for the lectern that coordinates with the stole without being too "matchy-matchy". She drew a vine that would fill the background fabric. Linda Crouch and I had a fun afternoon being Liz' assistants. We cut out leaf shapes that are similar in to the flames on the stole. The leaves are shades of every color in the rainbow. Liz was inspired by John 15: 5; I am the vine and you are my branches. Jesus connects us and we are all part of his family. In the story of Noah, the rainbow was a sign of God's promise to always be connected to us. Liz has been sewing each and every leaf to the background fabric. She is so skilled and has poured love into this project.

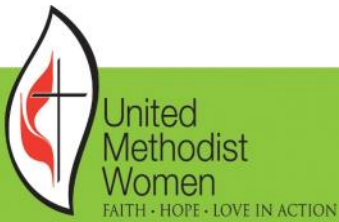
There is symbolism in the rainbow that is bigger than the LGBTQ culture. It's a sign of hope for all people. We use the rainbow in modern context to show our promise to the LGBTQ community that they are a part of us and we are all connected. There is hope because we are all in this together. We hope that these elements add both color and joy to our worship experience. The stole and parament were designed to be beautiful and colorful. I hope we achieve our goal of weaving acceptance and affirmation into our everyday life. I hope the rainbow colors let LGBTQ people feel welcome.

We do the best we can, with what we have, in the present moment. I hope this stole and parament brighten your day. - Submitted by Tracy Adanich, Inclusion Task Force Member

*\*Open Table is an opportunity for worship and fellowship for our LGBTQ siblings and allies in the East Ohio Conference. People from Reconciling Congregations, from congregations in the process of becoming a Reconciling Congregation, and those who seek a safe, affirming, meaningful worship service typically come to Open Table.*



*Liz Frederick and Linda Crouch display our new parament.*



We are continuing the story of the Womens' Organization in our church with another excerpt from “*The Church by Chippewa Creek*” by William F. Long. (If you’d like to read this book, copies are available from the church library. Contact the church office to borrow a copy!)

...with the church merger with the Evangelical United Brethren of 1968, the organization's name was changed to the United Methodist Women, (from the Women's Society of Christian Service).

Although the name of the organization changed as the 1970s began, the function and purpose of the organization remained the same. In 1977, members of the UMW produced the play *Merry and Martha* which delighted the audience. Mrs. Klein was the dramatist and the Church Belles, directed by Eleanor Anderson, performed. Handbell ringers included Doris Roche, Ann Loesch, Karen Kraushaar, Barbara Kaufman, Mildred Hobart and Joann Fox.

The UMW also engaged in more service-oriented activities. The Morning Circle, a family-oriented group, was started in 1977 with Deann Faulk as leader. In 1980 UMW was involved in Head Start, West Side Community House and Berea Children's Home. Toward the end of the 1980s, the UMW was involved in the World Day of Prayer, the Hunger Fund Luncheon and the Samaritan Council Conference.

In the 1990s, the UMW's involvement in both service and social activities continued. Highlights included the UMW participation in the semi-annual district meetings, a Lolly the Trolley Tour of Cleveland Churches in March 1998, and an annual Sunday morning program which encouraged church members to donate food and supplies to needy children. Also, the women prepared weekly dinners for the Kiwanis Club that met at the church.

Personally, that's one of the things that attracted me to this church – the willingness to work together to help others! - *Sharon Judson*

**Acme receipts needed!** One easy way to support the UMW Mission Fund is to save your grocery receipts when you shop at Acme. We earn a 5% donation on certain items purchased at Acme between August 5 and December 26, 2020. Please save your receipts. They can be dropped off in the coat room (on the ground floor of the church) from 9 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday, mailed to the church, or given to Marianne Nolan or Kathy Sopka. In the last campaign we received over \$100 from Acme!



**BBHSF IS HOSTING A VIRTUAL RUN FOR 2020!**

**October 17-24, 2020**

[www.bbhsf.org/](http://www.bbhsf.org/)

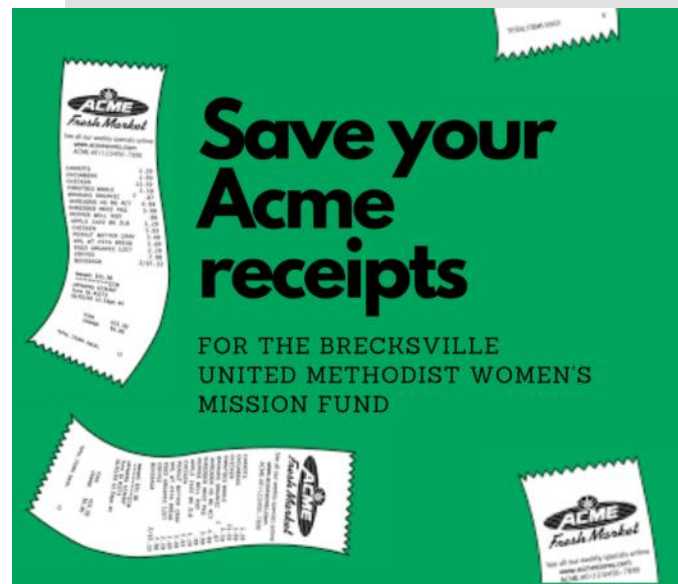
[uphilldownhill2020](http://uphilldownhill2020)

The UPHILL DOWNHILL RUN is designed and dedicated to bringing awareness to mental health issues, the challenges they pose, and continue a dialogue around potential solutions, not only for our community, but specifically our students.

This 2.2 mile family-friendly run/walk event is open to all activity and ability levels.

We believe by working together, taking the first steps toward destigmatizing and seeking help can be that much easier.

Register today and complete the run any time between October 17-24, 2020! Join with a friend and complete the challenge together! Post pictures of yourself completing the challenge using the hashtags: #bbhsf #uphilldownhill2020 #bbheritage #beeonecommunity #mentalhealth #youmatter





# MILESTONES

News of the Fellowship

Share your news with your church family! Contact Melanie: [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com) 440-526-8938

Our sympathies are with the family of Pat Prominski, who passed away on September 12. Pat joined our church family way back in 1968, was a teacher in Brecksville Broadview Heights school district and was very active in our community. She spent the last several years of her life in Hudson and a memorial service will be held October 10 at Hudson Presbyterian Church.

### Altar Flower Alternative

Honor a loved one, an anniversary, a birthday, a new baby, etc. with a Sunday Dedication. While the flowers on the altar will be fake, our love for one another isn't! To request a dedication, fill out the [Google Form](#) on our church website or contact the church office. Then make a donation through the church to one of these organizations: Habitat for Humanity, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), the Parma Heights Food Pantry, the church budget, our affordable housing fund. The size of the donation doesn't matter -- the love behind it does!

Your dedication will appear on the livestream during Sunday worship services. (*Requests must be received by Tuesday to appear in Sunday's livestream.*) This is a great way to honor your loved one, while sharing God's love with someone in need.

- Missions and Outreach Committee








Heather Dean	2	Nick Telischak	11	Lauren Fuller	22
Lorrie Stratis	2	Cindy King	12	Hazel Gear	22
Cynthia Hubert	4	Julianna Tait	12	Garth Olszko	22
Austin Karn	4	Thelma Loeffler	13	Sadie Glenn	23
Mitchell Madaus	4	Ryan Rybak	13	Olivia Klipfell	23
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Patricia Butler	5	Lawry Kardos	14	Emily Shijo	24
Brian McCrodden	5	Michelle Blatnik	15	Carol Herzing Dobos	25
Robin Raybuck	5	Josh Kwiatkowski	15	Gerry Beaver	26
Bryan Agostine	6	Thuy Ai Nguyen	15	Gretchen Mates	26
Dick Burroughs	6	Bob Suazo	15	Chris Nguyen	26
Madison Hart	6	Joshua Biladeau	16	Nate Rosenthal	26
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Kay AuWerter	7	Dion Adanich	17	Beth Hogan	28
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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. People like Isaac Becker-Howell, who stepped in for Malik and served as part of our praise band one Sunday so Malik could attend a family wedding. Thank you for sharing your talents, Isaac! Kathy Goebel served as an usher at our 5 o'clock service and liked it so much that she offered to do it every Sunday. Thank you for helping create a warm welcome for all, Kathy! Brenda Calovini wrote and recorded a beautiful, original song reminding us of God's love and shared it for the Fall Kick Off celebration. What a gift! Thank you, Brenda! We are so thankful for each of you, named and unnamed, and all of the ways that you illuminate God's love in the world!



# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Parking Lot Communion</i>	<b><i>It's Pastor Appreciation Month!</i></b> Say a prayer today for Pastor Heidi and Pastor Barb, and consider dropping them a note of thanks!			1  10 Staff Mtg 7:30 Virtual Choir	2 	3 8:30 Faith Build Work Day  Bread Ministry - Hastings
	4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9 <b>Worship Online</b> 10 Online Coffee Hour 10:30 5 Marks of a Methodist 11 <b>Drive in Communion</b> 11—12:30 Kids Connect 5 <b>Outdoor Worship Service with communion</b> 7 12 Women of the Bible 7 Virtual Youth Group	5	6 7 Lectio Divina 7 Finance	7 7:30 Breakfast 10 Lectio Divina 7 Bible Study	8  10 Staff Mtg	9
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We encourage everyone to stay home and **help stop the spread**, but realize that there may be times that you need to visit the church office.

**We are available by appointment only - masks required.**

Please call 440-526-8938 or email [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)

**OFFICE IS**  
OPEN BY APPOINTMENT  
**ONLY**  
MONDAYS FROM 9 - 12  
**THANK YOU**




*Socialize with us!*



# Drive-in Communion

Sunday, October 4  
11 am  
and at the outdoor  
worship service at  
5 pm



**Open Doors.**  
*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.

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VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP  
SUNDAYS ON ZOOM AT 7PM

Virtual youth group will meet on Zoom, Sunday nights from 7-8 pm. There will be faith conversations, life check-ins, and fun games. The best part is that you can join from ANYWHERE! And anyone is welcome, really! Invite your friends, near and far, to join us and let's grow our community. Have questions? Email Dana for the Zoom Link!

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INSTAGRAM DEVOTIONALS  
WEDNESDAYS ON OUR IG STORY

Wednesday devos will stick around through the fall! Every Wednesday we have a short devo on our IG stories that challenges us to look at scripture in new ways. Take some time to connect with God during the week!

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MISSION IN ACTION POP-UPS  
BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

We will be having Mission in Action pop-ups where you can participate in service projects throughout the community. These will be random and info will be available when a project pops up! We are currently looking for people who are in need of yard work or believe they will need yard work done in October or November. Please email Dana to let her know you have a yard that needs some love and youth helping hands.

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## Meet Marie and Family

Marie is a tenacious mom trying to make a better life for her family.

She was born in the Congo, due to conflict she fled from her homeland to Uganda. There she lived in a refugee camp for seven years. In the refugee camp, she worked serving food and taking care of her family.

On November 28, 2018 Marie and her two daughters, Aliane (8) and Ronette (5), relocated to Cleveland. "I was very happy coming to the US." However, she did find the snow quite surprising.



Marie is currently working with a lawyer to bring her husband, Richard, and 11 year-old son, Emmanuel to the United States. They are currently still in the refugee camp in Uganda.

Catholic Charities helped Marie resettle in Cleveland with her 23 year-old brother, Denny and two daughters. All four lived together. Denny was a great support to her and her children. They leaned on each other. Tragically, her brother passed away this spring in a car accident.

Through all this, Marie is continuing to work, take care of her daughters and pursue a more affordable, healthy home for her girls, and for her husband and son.



### The Family

Marie (on the right)

Aliane (8) on far left

Ronette (5) on left

