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The Good Word

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Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.

Confirmation Sunday, 2014



It was 5 years ago that many of our confirmands received their third grade Bibles. Do you recognize Chloe Boldt, Kurt Campbell, Lindsay Dorman, Erin Gee, Sydney Hudacek, Brenden Root, Payton Schneider and Hannah Shively?



The Confirmation Class of 2014: Chloe Boldt, Lindsay Dorman, Erin Gee, Addison Cave, Payton Schneider, Sydney Hudacek, and Hannah Shively. ***“We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”***



On Sunday, May 11 we concluded our formal vote around the issue of becoming a Reconciling Church. The congregation voted overwhelmingly (86%) in favor of the measure, and we are very proud to state publically that Brecksville United Methodist Church is a place of **welcome for all of God’s children.** The Reconciling Task Force is continuing to explore ways in which we can improve our welcome and hospitality. Thank you for your participation and support in this process!

Our Welcoming Statement

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.



Isaiah 42:1-4 *“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.”*

Sunday Mornings
Starting June 1
 8:30 Worship on the Lawn
 10 Worship in the Sanctuary

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I have read this passage of scripture many, many times. I have long been fascinated by the servant songs in Isaiah’s writings. They paint a wonderful portrait of a peace filled person who is deeply committed to justice. These are inspirational portraits, and many scholars claim that they point squarely to Jesus. It is interesting conjecture, and allows for good conversation, but I put that aside for now.

What strikes me lately are the methods by which this justice will become known: **“He will not cry or lift up his voice, or even make it heard in the street...A bruised reed he will not break...a dimly burning wick he will not quench. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth.”**

We live in such a loud culture. Bright lights and loud noises dominate the day and night. Commercials play at a higher volume than our TV shows, and even prayer times in the middle of church are interrupted by the ring tones of cell phones. **We have gotten quite used to interruptions, and the volume doesn’t seem to bother us.** Even those seeking justice in our day and age yell through megaphones at assemblies of like-minded folks, and we all know that the squeaky wheel is the one that gets the attention. We are a noisy bunch.

Isaiah paints a different portrait for lasting change. It is a peace filled movement, it seems to me that has an abiding effect. A servant of justice in this portrait **lives out this commitment in a way that doesn’t hurt others.** It seems a steady, committed, centered, quiet, determined, faithful life makes all the difference.

We approach our summertime. It generally agrees with this kind of pace. People seem to slow down a bit, relax, take it easy, and soak things in. We grant ourselves a sense of pace that is harder to sanction in other seasons of life. Possibilities for quiet moments seem a bit more prevalent. We have made a bold statement here about inclusion. It is about opening our arms, hearts, doors a bit wider **that some folks we know and some we haven’t met yet might just feel a bit safer and more comfortable here.** Hospitality is one of those quiet committed things. It comes from a peaceful center that can always make room for one more.

I am trying to grow into one of those centered, quiet witnesses that work to bring about justice by living a committed, peaceful life. This notion inspires me enough to try and seek more of it out as we enter the summer. I pray peace and quiet for you. Blessings,

Pastor Clark

Old Stamps = Tools!

The UMW collects cancelled postage stamps (except any first class including the Forever stamp and postcard stamps) for National Church Women United. **The stamps help “Tools for Hope” an effort to provide tools in developing countries around the world.** Bring your stamps to the box in the cloak room. **It’s an easy, cost free way to help others!**



Fellowship Hour Hosts
 for June
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Thank you!

June Happenings



Parade the Circle, Saturday June 14. The *Culture Vultures*, a newly formed small group, invite you to come for a wonderfully diverse cultural parade around University Circle. The parade steps off at noon. This free event takes place rain or shine. We will gather in front of the Institute of Music. Very nice rest rooms are available for our use at the Institute. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase food from vendors around Wade Oval. Call Lucy and Jeff Fesler at (330) 467-6983 for additional information and to sign up. This event is great for adults, children and grandchildren. We look forward to hearing from you. Oh, and be on the look out for our own Scott Ford who will be in The Circle taking lots of people pictures. *Culture Vultures* are planning several other events in the upcoming months. Come be a part of the fun and meet some really nice people.



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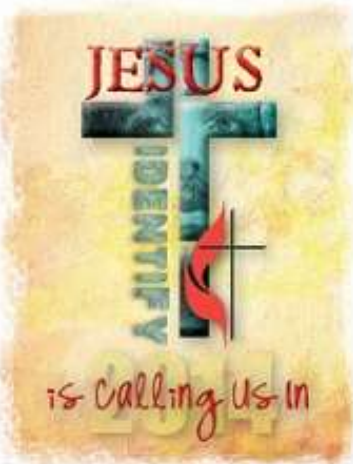
Trip to Amish Country: On Thursday, June 5 UMW will travel to Walnut Creek for a visit to an Amish home. We will learn about their culture and religion and enjoy a family style lunch. There is a cost of \$15 (please make check payable to BUMW.) We will carpool from the church. Space is limited, please call Elaine Geringer (440.526.3710) to reserve your spot today. Everyone is welcome (including men!)



Youth Annual Conference will be June 13 – 15 at Lakeside. We have a limited number of spots available for this tremendous weekend of faith-building, worship, leadership development and fellowship. This is a weekend planned by teens, for teens, to help empower youth to be church leaders today!! Call or [email](#) Jenny today if you want to connect with other United Methodist

teens in East Ohio for this awesome experience. Cost is \$60 per participant and includes your registration, food, lodging and a t-shirt. **Don't miss it! Call today!**

Annual Conference: June 15 - 19



Once a year, members of Methodist churches in our conference gather at Lakeside, Ohio for a four day meeting called Annual Conference. The theme of Annual Conference 2014 is *"Jesus is Calling Us In."* Each church sends clergy and Lay Members to conference. George and Jenny Gee will represent our congregation in setting the conference's direction for mission and ministry. At conference, each lay member and clergy will join others in a time to worship God, learn about ministry God is calling the church to lead, set direction for the church, meet other United Methodists, and tend to administrative matters for ministry. Each lay member is responsible for informing others in the local church about the experience. Watch for the

Gee's report this summer! Learn more about Annual Conference online at www.eocumc.com/eoac14. Flood Bucket Collection: BUMC has been challenged to be one of 350 churches contributing disaster relief supplies at Annual Conference. Can you help? See the shopping list on the next page!



Begins June 1!

8:30 Worship on the Lawn
10 Sanctuary Service

Beginning June 1, we will gather on the front lawn for 8:30 outdoor worship.

This casual, come-as-you-are service includes all the important elements of worship in a beautiful, outdoor setting. If you love to start the day early, or love the outdoors, this service is for you!

At 10:00, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a service with our worship band and singers. This service is similar to our 8:45 worship service during the year, but it will also include elements of traditional worship including hymns and the organ.



Bring your lawn chair

—or blanket or stroller!—

and join us for worship on the lawn

Sunday Mornings at 8:30

Starting June 1

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree... You only need a heart full of grace...a soul generated by love."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

SHINE This Summer

Do you come to 10 o'clock service in the summer? Do you like to make other people feel welcome? Then sign up to be a summer usher! All you need is a willingness to help and ONE Sunday this summer!

Families welcome!

Contact Karen Thielman

330-467-1014

kthielman1015@roadrunner.com

How Do You Feel About Online Giving?

We would like to determine the congregations' interest in online giving. What's your opinion?

If online giving were available, would you:

- Use it for regularly scheduled donations.
- Use it for one-time special offerings and events.
- Use it if help were available.
- Not use it at all.

If you are a likely user, would you prefer to:

- Use direct bank account debit (ACH) at no additional cost
- Use debit or credit card with a 3% add on processing fee

Please clip this form and return it to the church office, or e-mail finance@brecksvilleumc.com

Thank you for your feedback!

Christian Love In Action BUMC Team Prepares for Russia Trip

Please join us in prayer for a peaceful resolution for the people the Ukraine and Russia. As the international situation unfolds, our VIM team continues preparation in anticipation that our late June trip to two Russian orphanages can proceed. This trip is part of the Russia Initiative to foster rebirth of the Methodist Church across that country.

This year, 27 volunteers from the East Ohio Conference, including six from our church: Tony Cipolla, Bruce McCrodden, Michael Sheplavy, Lynn Spencer, Dianne Urdzik and Bill Webb, will work at two orphanages at Fatezh and Oboyan in the Kursk Oblast.

Our church has been asked to bring sports and recreation equipment for boys and girls ages 5-18. We would ask for contributions of any number items including: balls, jump ropes, games, puzzles, temporary tattoos, sidewalk chalk, etc. They can be new or gently used. These can be left in the box marked Russia VIM in the coat room outside Fellowship Hall by Sunday, June 15th.

Your representatives have personally seen how the Russian students benefit substantially from the willingness of our church and its members to share both their time and material contributions. Please keep the Ukraine/Russia situation, Kursk students, care givers and VIM team in your prayers. Thank you.—Bruce McCrodden

Simple Ways You Can Help



PRAY

Pray that God will use every aspect of UVIM as an instrument of His grace and mercy. Pray that this ministry portrays *Christian Love in Action*.



GIVE

Your donations will touch the lives of the Russian children, their teachers, and the volunteers connecting with them.



GO!

Consider becoming a Volunteer in Mission. Learn more in this issue or by visiting www.umcmmission.org.



The Challenge is On
A Midwest Mission Distribution Center truck will be on site at Annual Conference to collect donations of flood buckets and supplies for shipment around the world to aid in disaster relief.

Help Us Build Buckets
Can you donate any of the following?
Bring them to church on Sunday!

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid. Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned; Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner; Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.
- Liquid laundry detergent. 50-oz. or 25-oz. bottles only.
- Liquid household cleaner. 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water; no spray cleaners.
- Dish soap. 16-28 oz. bottle any brand.
- 1 can air freshener. Aerosol or pump.
- Insect repellent spray. 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover.
- Scrub brush. Plastic or wooden handle.
- Cleaning wipes. Handi Wipes or reusable wipes; No terry cleaning towels.
- Sponges. No cellulose sponges due to mold issues
- Scouring pads. No stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in).
- Clothespins
- Clothesline One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines; Cotton or plastic.
- 24-roll heavy-duty trash bags. 33- to 45-gallon sizes
- 5 dust masks
- Kitchen dishwashing gloves Should be durable enough for multiple uses
- 1 pair work gloves. Cotton with leather palm or all leather.

Putting our Faith Into Action

An Opportunity to Travel to Liberia, June 2015

JOIN OUR MISSION TRIP! Come to an informational meeting for a proposed trip to Camphor Mission June 13-29, 2015. Joy Parker and Janet Kleckner will be leading the trip. Come learn about it on June 1, 2014 at 11 am.

United Methodists have believed, from the beginning, that each of us is called to participate in the outreaching ministry of Jesus Christ. John Wesley described this work in simple, practical terms: "Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can."

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. By volunteering to serve through programs such as United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, every person in the church has the opportunity to serve and to live their calling more faithfully.



Looking for a way to be of service this summer?

Mark your calendars for June 29 through July 3. As volunteers at Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland, we will commit to completing work projects in and around Greater Cleveland. The cost is \$100, and participants must be at least 12 years old and have completed sixth grade. We need both youth and adult volunteers to sign up. We have made reservations and the mission can house up to 50 of us! Can we fill the space and make an impact? Register at: tinyurl.com/l6tomsx Need more info? Contact Jenny at 440-526-8938, search "Nehemiah" on the [church website](#), or pick up a printed packet of information in the parlor. *We need to have our final volunteer roster soon. If you want to be a part of this awesome outreach trip, please let us know!*



Nothing But Crows and Methodist Preachers

Exploring the History of Brecksville United Methodist Church

The Methodist circuit riders of early America were a faithful group of young men who were committed to ministry. Day after day they rode, drenched with rain and the waters they encountered as they crossed creeks and rivers, sore from the saddle and exhausted from the circuits they covered. Some ministered to small circuits of three to four churches, while others had much larger territories, upwards of three hundred miles! On average, they earned \$100 annually. They struggled along hard and difficult trials, but carried on faithfully telling the nation about God.

Early Methodist settlers in Brecksville were guided spiritually by James Rowe, Solomon Manear, John Pardo, Orin Gilmore, Joab Ragan, John Crawford and James Taylor and others. Between 1823 and 1910, ninety different men served the Brecksville Methodist Society and the Brecksville Methodist Episcopal Church as circuit riders.

Methodists circuit riders seemed to be everywhere. Richmond Nolley, a circuit rider making his way through a remote area in Mississippi, noticed a fresh set of wagon tracks. He was not the type to pass up the opportunity to make a new contact, so he followed the tracks to a fresh clearing, where a settler was still unloading his wagon. Nolley introduced himself and was greeted with tremendous disgust as the settler burst out, "Another Methodist preacher? I left Virginia to get clear of them! There they got my wife and daughter. So I come here, and here is one before I can get my wagon unloaded!" As the story goes, Nolley replied, "My friend, if you go to Heaven you'll find Methodist preachers there. If you go to Hell, I'm afraid you'll find some there, too. So you had better come to terms with us on earth and be at peace."

The trail was physically demanding. As one pioneer preacher records: "Every day I have to swim through creeks or swamps, and I am wet from head to feet. Some days from morning to night I am dripping with water. My horse's legs are now skinned and rough to his hock joints, and I have rheumatism in all my joints . . . What I have suffered in body and mind my pen is not able to communicate to you. But this I can say, while my body is wet with water and chilled with cold, my soul is filled with heavenly fire. I can say with Saint Paul, 'But none of these things shall move me. Neither count I my life dear unto

myself, so that I might finish my course with joy.'"

Life on the trail for these intense preachers was so demanding that half of them died before the age of thirty-three. Richmond Nolley, mentioned above, died at age 24 from exposure. However, many thrived on the severity of trail life despite the hardships, including Peter Cartwright who likely held the record for stamina with seventy-one years of itinerancy.

One of the most famous Methodist circuit riders was Francis Asbury who clearly had a strong and deep devotion to God and the nation of America. He came from England as a missionary to America in 1771 and was so busy with preaching that he often only had time to study the Bible while in the saddle. Though he was often plagued with illness, he continued preaching regularly. He even continued to visit his circuits when he was so ill that he had to be tied to the saddle to remain upright.

Part of the difficulty of the trails that these men blazed was the uncertainty of lodgings. They often stayed with compassionate families, or slept at inns or out in the open. One itinerant, Thomas Ware, sought shelter after a long and weary day at a secluded cabin in the back country of North Carolina. The man of the house made it immediately known that Ware was not welcome. Ware recounts that he "looked at him, and, smiling, said, 'that would depend upon our comparative strength.'" The young man was unwilling to wrestle the preacher, so Thomas Ware stayed in the cabin that night and baptized **the family's children the next morning.**

An illustration of these men's faithfulness to carry on, through the hardships of the journey, the loneliness of the trail, poor health, bad weather and the uncertainty of a place to sleep, was the stormy day proverbial saying, "There is nothing out today but crows and Methodist preachers."

These Methodists who were "everywhere, and in every weather" spread the message of Christ throughout the land, changing the nation, religion and most importantly, the lives of those to whom they preached. With the strength and love of God, they answered the need of a hungry nation, and fulfilled the call of God in their own lives.—*Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education*



Gear Up for VBS!

July 21—25, 9 am until Noon

Kids, get ready to discover how to imagine and build with God!

What better way can you imagine spending a week than experiencing the love of Jesus, starting an adventure and using your imagination and creativity to build your faith?! Join us at Brecksville United Methodist Church as we meet people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing with God. Use your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God! At Workshop of Wonders (WOW) VBS your children will enjoy interactive Bible storytelling, fun crafts, cool science experiments, exciting recreation and awesome music!!

Our overall theme verse is Psalm 77:14a, “You are the God who works wonders.” Through WOW VBS, it is our hope that children will realize that they are capable of great things when they use their hearts, minds, and imaginations to follow the example of God, the one who works wonders!

Register online at

2014.cokesburyvbs.com/brecksvilleumc.com

W.O.W. VBS is for kids ages 3 through 5th grade

\$25 for the week (maximum of \$50 per family)

Parents who volunteer all week can sign their kids up for only \$10!

Grown Ups, we need your help! If you're available, you can help teach or assist during VBS. Or, maybe you can join our decorating crew, whose work is done before VBS begins. Not your cup of tea? We also need help getting the word out to the community, collecting supplies, and prayer support for a great week! Contact [Jenny Gee](#) for information: 440-526-8938 x 230.

Check out our Pinterest Board “VBS 2014” for some fun ideas for projects!

www.pinterest.com/brecksvilleumc/

Men's Summer Softball



Our Church League Men's softball season will begin in Mid July. Want to join the team? We need you! Contact Bob Lundholm, 216-533-9794 or bob.lundholm@regalbeloit.com.



To My Church Family, I would like to thank you for all your generous donations of over-the-counter medications for my medical mission to the Dominican Republic. I will be leaving with 42 nursing students, nurse practitioners, and nurses on May 24th for one week. We visit villages where they do not see a doctor for 12—18 months. Thanks to donors like you, we are able to provide many needed medications to the villagers. Thanks again, your support is wonderful! Love, Karen Pace

Support VBS!

Wondering how to help? In order to keep costs down we need to borrow some supplies for the week to help transform BUMC into the Workshop of Wonders. Do you have any of these items to donate or lend?

- Tool belt
- Colorful laundry baskets
- Colorful fabrics
- Wooden frames in all shapes and sizes
- Tackle boxes
- Spools
- Barrels
- Fishing line
- Paint cans
- Empty cardboard tubes from wrapping paper
- Balloons
- Pompoms
- Pool noodles
- Small colorful storage baskets
- Tool box 
- Pegboard
- Paper towel rolls
- Art easels
- Shoe boxes
- Cardboard boxes of all sizes
- Appliance boxes
-  Dryer duct
- PVC pipes
- Colorful bunting
- Vinyl table roll

Questions? Contact Jenny!

440-526-8938 ext 230



Work has begun on the 200th Birthday edition of the church directory! This special directory will be compiled and produced by our church office and will be available for a nominal fee at the church birthday party in September.

Throughout the summer, Don Krolikowski and other volunteers will be taking pictures at church events (the first was Easter Sunday.) This way the photo sessions are free, only take a minute and there will be no photo directory company pressuring you to buy expensive portrait packages. Look for volunteers at services and events throughout the spring and summer.

If you prefer, send us a copy of a picture that you've taken this year. Electronic copies are great, or we can scan any photos you or a friend have taken. (Sorry, we can't use copyrighted pictures!)

To make sure you're included in the directory, complete the form below with the information you'd like us to include:

Family Name	
Family Members	
Address	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone(s):	
E-mail(s):	

Return to the church office or e-mail
office@brecksvilleumc.com



Grandma's Cherry Pies

At Brecksville Home Days
June 27, 28 and 29

Our Home Days tradition, is back! Don't miss out - - pre-order your sweet treats today! Complete this form and return to the church office. **PRE-ORDERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR SUNDAY. PLEASE ORDER EARLY!!!**

Saturday and Sunday orders will be available for pick up in the church kitchen after 12 pm.

Name:		Phone:	
Item	Qty	Price	Total
Favorite Cherry Pie - 9" Pie		@ \$11.00	
Bountiful Blueberry Pie - 9"		@ \$11.00	
Take & Bake Cherry Pie		@ \$11.00	
Take & Bake Blueberry Pie		@\$11.00	
Blueberry Cobbler - 8" Round		@ \$10.00	
Cherry Cobbler— 8" Round		@\$10.00	
Decadent Chocolate Cake - 8" Square		@\$7.00	
For Pickup: _____ Friday, June 29 _____ Saturday, June 29 _____ Sunday, June 30			TOTAL
<i>Make check payable to BUMW and return pre-paid order to the church office.</i>			

If you would like to help bake, contact Ruth Herman, 330-467-3237.
To work in the booth, sign-up between services on Sunday, or call Janet Klecker, 440-526-2386.

Stop by and visit our booth! We'll be serving pie, cobbler, Texas sheet cake, sundaes, and delicious pulled beef barbecue sandwiches.

All proceeds will benefit the important missions work of the UMW.

THANK YOU!!!!



A Warm Welcome



Please join the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) in welcoming Ms. Courtney Drescher as BUMC's new Director of Youth Ministries. Courtney begins her employment with us on June 1, and is eager to get started.

Ms. Drescher will immediately swing into action with two separate youth mission projects – the Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland; and the Youth Service Project trip to Waterloo, Iowa. When asked about participating in these events, Courtney said, "I am looking forward to getting to know the current youth of BUMC. I think these two mission trips scheduled over the summer will present a great opportunity for us to get to know one another and grow in our collective faiths."

Ms. Drescher joins the BUMC staff as a recent graduate of Vanderbilt University, with majors in human and organizational development and religious studies.

The SPRC would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Joy Parker for her willingness to serve in an interim capacity as our Youth Minister while Courtney completed her college studies. —Alan H. Phillips, Chair, Staff Parish Relation Committee

Pink Flamingo Flockings

Enjoy this FUN new YSP Fundraiser! Flocks of Pink Flamingos will appear on BUMC member's front lawns in June! To help support our High School Youth's Mission Trip to Iowa, YSP is sponsoring a Flamingo Flocking. These fine feathered Pink Plastic Birds may land in your yard for 48 hours, and then will once again fly the coop to another BUMC member's yard.



Instructions for the care and feeding of our fine feathered friends will be left on your front door, and a yard sign explaining our FUN fundraiser for our Mission Trip. All is intended in good fun, and we hope everyone joins in on this good natured fundraiser! Order your flock at church on Sunday or download an order form on the church website. Search "Flamingo" on the website homepage search box, or click here: www.brecksvilleumc.com.

YSP Mock Stock

YSP's traditional Mock Stock fundraiser will be offered each Sunday in June between services. Please help support YSP with your donation for Mock Stock. You 'investment' supports our BUMC High School Youth on their Mission Trip to Iowa, and 'appreciates' in ways only God can predict!



Wednesday, June 18 at 6 pm. The 3C's 5k Run/1 Mile Walk at Lakeside during the East Ohio Annual Conference will benefit the ministry of the 3Cs Mission, supporting Churches, Clinics and Classrooms in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and Russia. Bridget & Erin Gee will be running, and will be collecting sponsors through June 8. Learn more or register to run online: www.eocumc.com



Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 1
Graduates will be recognized at the 10 o'clock service.



Sunday Morning Changes for Summer

Outdoor contemporary worship begins June 1 at 8:30 with an indoor blended worship at 10:00. We will not have Sunday school for any ages throughout the summer. Sprouts, the children's program that takes place following the Children's Moment, will also be on hiatus over the summer. The crib and toddler room will continue to be staffed during the 10:00 worship time all summer. There are no strict age limits for children who feel they need a break and would like to check out the crib room and Kathy will do some Bible storytelling each Sunday in there.

If you have any questions feel free to call or email

Jenny at 440.526.8938 or

education@brecksvilleumc.com.



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

Karen Thielman asked us to pass along “My deepest appreciation to so many of my congregation friends who sent cards or verbally expressed their condolences on the passing of my mother, Anieta Graham. At 97 she had a long life and left us with great memories.”

George and Jenny Gee say thank you. “A heartfelt thanks for all the support, hugs, kind words, cards and prayers you offered throughout George’s sister’s illness. The outpouring of support from this church family was overwhelming and the sense of community helped us cope as Nora struggled through her final weeks and days.”

Congratulations to Tim McDonel and Marge Webb, Brecksville Senior Volunteers of the Year! Thank you for helping to make our little corner of the world a better place!

We’ve got babies!

Let’s offer a prayer of joy on the birth of Vincent James Marotto, grandson of Janine and Nick Telischak.

Joy Parker is a first time aunt! Noel and Mark welcomed beautiful baby Olivia on April 24.

Ed & Sandy Crist are the proud grandparents of new baby, Penelope, who was welcomed to the world on May 14 by parents Amy & James.

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Elizabeth	Jaszczak	06/01	Mary	Hoffman	06/18
Oliver	Lake	06/01	Marjorie	Novak	06/18
Leslie	Miller	06/01	Judith	Helm	06/19
Laura	Tereshko	06/01	Allison	Cline	06/20
Jeannette	Dumot	06/02	Kevin	Kwiatkowski	06/20
Frances	McClellan	06/02	Dianne	Urdzik	06/20
Judy	McCrodden	06/02	Mark	Pace	06/21
Bill	Bisco	06/04	Sarah	Stanley	06/21
Robert	Butler	06/04	William	Webb	06/21
Aaron	Georgevich	06/04	Stella	Figer	06/22
Grayce	Herrick	06/04	Neilson	Tait	06/22
Tammy	Jaite	06/04	Michael	Pace	06/23
Russell	Slifcak	06/04	Linda	Rollins	06/23
Kimberlee	Fisher	06/05	Anne	Ford	06/24
Elyse	Hensley	06/05	Katherine	Bellingham	06/25
Cathryn	Krolikowski	06/05	Karolyn	Hood	06/25
Jenna	Schroedel	06/06	Kylie	Hulten	06/25
Darren	Calovini	06/07	Jacob	Nelson	06/25
Courtney	Drescher	06/07	Brian	Pasek	06/25
Lauren	Scott	06/07	John	Bartholomew	06/26
Gil	Phillips	06/09	Linda	Crouch	06/26
Paul	Phillips	06/09	Craig	Czarnota	06/26
Sam	Phillips	06/09	Darren	Krolikowski	06/26
Joyce	Banjac	06/10	William	McLuckie	06/26
Garrett	Croes	06/10	Joyce	Szekelyi	06/26
Megan	Rohrer	06/10	James	Zawada	06/26
James	Monnett	06/11	Shirley	Galik	06/27
Sarah	Hurder	06/12	Janet	Kranstuber	06/27
Marilyn	Schillo	06/12	Ruth	McDonel	06/27
Tom	Kuttler	06/13	Krissy	Nelson	06/27
Jeanette	Buttolph	06/15	Joseph	Bartholomew	06/28
Ezekial	Stein	06/15	Liam	McLoughlin	06/28
John	Falko	06/16	Melanie	Smith	06/29
Daniel	AuWerter	06/17	Taylor	Cave	06/30



As people of faith, we find God’s presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. People like Donna Sibits who helped organize and bring to reality our recent Ministry Fair; Susie Loughner who jumped in when help was needed with the confirmation reception, and the people who shared of themselves and their faith stories with this year’s confirmation class: Brenda Calovini, Craig Czarnota, Sue Dietrich, Jenny Gee, Bev Huber, Cathy Krolikowski and Joy Parker. Thank you one and all!

2014 Golf Scramble & Steak Roast

Saturday, June 14th 2014

Briarwood Golf Club

2737 Edgerton Road, Broadview Hts, OH 44147
12 noon Shotgun Start / Arrive at 11:30 am

\$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! Register using the form below or online—address below.

Short of a foursome?

Contact us and we'll help you find additional team members.

Ric Lesinski office@brecksvilleumc.com

Fee Includes:

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

Return the registration form below by May 31st.

Send to BUMC Music Department, 65 Public Square, Brecksville OH 44141

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

Tee Up for Music! GOLF TEAM REGISTRATION

Name of Golfer 1) _____ \$75

Name of Golfer 2) _____ \$75

Name of Golfer 3) _____ \$75

Name of Golfer 4) _____ \$75

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

Contact Person for Confirmation: _____ 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)

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



JUNE 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Summer Worship Schedule Begins!</i> Communion Sun. 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship 11 UVM Liberia 12 Music Department Picnic 1 Russia VIM Mtg 2 Recital 	2 7:30 pm Brecksville Community Chorus and Band Concert— <i>Brecksville Human Services Building</i>	3 10 Staff Meeting 7 Evangelism	4 6:30 Dawnbrkrks	5 UMW Trip to Amish Country 5 Men's Group <i>Parker & Johnson Mowing</i>	6 7 Emmaus Reunion 5 Wedding Rehearsal	7 9:30 Zumbathon for ALS 2 Church Wedding
8 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship 	9 7:30 pm BCChorus Band Concert— Broadview Hts Rec Center 8 COE	10 11 Staff Meeting 7 COM 8 Music & Worship Board 8 Missions	11 6:30 Dawnbrkrks	12 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 5 Men's Group <i>Spencer & Gee Mowing</i> 	13 7 Emmaus Reunion 5 Youth Annual Conference at Lakeside, through Sunday	14 11:30 Music Scholarship Golf Outing BUMC Hosts Wesley UMC Youth from IA
15 Father's Day <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship	16 East Ohio Annual Conference, Lakeside, Ohio	17 10 Staff Meeting 10 Stitch'n'Time 7 Finance 7:30 Trustees	18 6:30 Dawnbrkrks 5 BUMC leads Open Table Worship at Lakeside 6 3C's 5K at Lakeside	19 5 Men's Group <i>Bloch & Campbell Mowing</i>	20 7 Emmaus Reunion 	21 8:30—Noon YSP Car Wash 
22 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship 1-4 YSP Tool Time	23 East Ohio Annual Conference, Lakeside, Ohio	24 10 Staff Meeting	25 6:30 Dawnbrkrks	26 5 Men's Group <i>Russia Volunteer in Mission Trip Through 7/8/14</i> <i>Brown & Sendrey Mowing</i> 	27 7 Emmaus Reunion 	28 Brecksville Home Days
29 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship	30 7 SPRC 	1 Home Days	2 Home Days	3 Home Days	 = Altar Flowers have been ordered.	 June Communion Stewards Bob & Joan Bloch
Home Days						
Nehemiah Mission Trip, June 29—July 3						

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

Consider adding the following to your prayer list...

- Our graduates, as they step into the next phase of life.
- Students and teachers and families as the daily schedule transforms into summer mode.
- Those who are struggling with addiction and recovery.
- It's Father's Day this month. Pray for your father and remember fathers overseas. Remember single fathers, adoptive fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, fathers who have lost their children, and the Heavenly Father.

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 publication of the last *Good Word*.

Date	Offering
April 27	\$4580
May 4	\$19,367
May 11	\$9,058
May 18	\$6,039

Camphor Mission Update!

We have reached our Camphor Mission fundraising goal of \$24,000! Since 2012, we have been collecting this money, \$1 per week, and sending it to the mission. This money will help build much needed teacher housing at Camphor Mission School. Praise God!

PRESENCE

We've set a goal of bringing 300 people together for worship on Sunday mornings. We fell short of **this goal this month.** What's keeping you from church on Sunday?

Date	8:45	Sunday School	11:15	Difference
April 27	125	116	60	-115
May 4	182	46	104	-14
May 11	165		96	-39
May 18	118		138	-44

What are some other ways you can be present in the life of the church this month?

SERVICE

Some ways you can be of service to others this month:

- Join the Nehemiah Mission week of service, June 29 through July 3. Help bring hope to the city.
- **Donate to BUMC's Cleaning Bucket Drive!** When disaster strikes, UMCOR responds with these cleaning supplies. See information inside this issue!
- **Participate in the 3C's 5k Run/1 Mile Walk at Annual Conference** at Lakeside June 18 at 6 pm, benefiting the ministry of the 3Cs Mission, supporting churches, clinics and classrooms in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and Russia.
- Speaking of Russia, prayers are needed for our Volunteers in Mission. Read about how you can help in this issue.

Thank you! Other opportunities are listed on the church website!

United Methodist News

Garden of Eatin' Changes the World One Carrot at a Time

Yes, carrots can change the world. So can tomatoes, corn, beet greens, squash, peppers and garlic.

Five years ago, a healthy handful of church members — some with green thumbs and some without — at Bartlesville First Church in Oklahoma got on their knees, emptied seed packets and dug their hands into the dirt. They were growing an idea: the idea of having a community garden.

It's no coincidence that more than 30 volunteers planted the first radishes, turnips and cucumbers on Change the World Day in 2010.

May 17-18 marked the fifth annual Change the World event — a denomination-wide effort encouraging local congregations to show that God is at work in communities. United Methodists go outside the walls of their sanctuaries and help others in their neighborhoods by doing everything from park cleanups and school repairs to bringing meals to senior citizens and stocking food pantries.

It was Bartlesville's mission committee that first decided to turn a quarter-acre of cow pasture into the "Garden of Eatin'." They set the land aside after buying 64 acres on which to build. Since then, more than 30 people have kept their hands in the soil.

"We saw the new land as a corner of the world where we could make a difference," said C.J. Shell, one of the original supporters of the garden. "Change the World gave us the time, the excuse and the people to get it all done and to make it into a project that will last."

"Without Change the World, we wouldn't have gotten it off the ground so quickly."

Ever-bigger harvests

The plot has survived drought, floods and hot temperatures, but bounces back year after year with even bigger harvests than the year before.

"The first year we brought in 840 lbs.," said Jay Sinnes, master gardener. "The second year yielded 2,420 lbs;

the third 4,270; and last year 5,020 lbs."

The project required more than just dirt. They installed an 8-foot fence to keep out the deer and poultry wire to keep out the rabbits. Raised beds were constructed and filled with mushroom compost, sandy loam topsoil and gypsum. Irrigation was installed, but one year when the pond went dry, they hauled water and found a storage tank.

"We've always thought of it as a project to do the best we could do—to do as much good as (we) could until it was no longer of value," Sinnes said.

Teaching others, serving those in need

At first, it was more of an educational project. Greenery-deprived folks could have a plot to putter with their tomatoes. Retired members could take up a hobby. Families could get dirty together. Master gardeners could teach classes. The local 4-H could grow vegetables to enter in contests at the county fair. Last year, one of their eggplants won.

The teaching aid evolved from being about agriculture to being about feeding the hungry. The real harvest was providing fresh food for Bartlesville neighbors who relied on homeless shelters, food banks and once-a-week dinners to take care of their appetites. Little did the volunteer gardeners know they would be feeding hungry diners with food that sparked so many fond childhood memories--especially about vegetables like kohlrabi, chard and potatoes for soup.

Often, it was children and youth who made all the sweating and sore backs worthwhile. Everyone agreed it was important schoolchildren receive a visual and hands-on experience.

Connie Ellis said many kids were flabbergasted to learn where carrots come from, even though the kids ate them in their lettuce salads.

Although she still won't claim to have a green thumb herself, Ellis has found a way to grow through her new know-how.

"Once you're out there smelling the dirt and feeling the sun on your face, you feel God's presence," Ellis said. "And when you see the looks on faces of people you are helping to feed, you realize it is you who has received the true gift."

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