



The Good Word



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Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.

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Saturday, April 22

Engage

Faith. Family. Friendship. Fun!

We are so excited to announce a special worship opportunity here at Brecksville United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 22, from 4 to 6 pm. What is **ENGAGE**? A family-friendly, engaging time for people of ALL ages. Engage is interactive, inclusive, and fun! We will begin with hands-on activities and projects, move into a time of learning and reflection, and conclude with a casual meal.

We need your help! This is a perfect opportunity to invite a family, neighbor, colleague, friend, or family member who might not be comfortable in “traditional” church but might welcome the opportunity to grow in their faith in a more casual and non-traditional environment. **Engage** is a perfect opportunity for outreach and a chance for us to welcome folks into innovative and non-threatening worship.

You can help us **Engage** the community! We will have postcards and flyers printed by Sunday, April 5. Try to think of just ONE friend or family with whom you could share this invitation.

If you would like to get involved with **Engage**, contact Joy Parker at outreach@brecksvilleumc.com or call 440.526.8938, ext. 227.

Worship With Us

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 Contemporary Worship

10:00 Coffee & Classes for All Ages

11:15 Traditional Worship

The Crib and Toddler Room is open throughout the morning!

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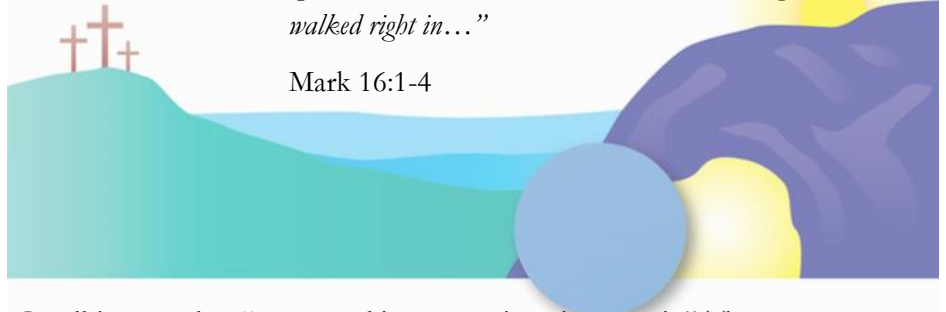


Graves Are Empty Places

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

"When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?" Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back- it was a huge stone - and walked right in..."

Mark 16:1-4



Gandhi wrote that "to conceal ignorance is to increase it." The stone was rolled back revealing what was once locked inside. And the great reveal of Easter is essentially an empty space. A space that we long to see for ourselves, a grave emptied out. It is revealing an emptiness that has spoken to believers for centuries. Death is now an empty place. Revealed as powerless to hold life forevermore.

We see this truth revealed to us in many ways as creation reawakens in the beauty of spring. Transformations abound around us. What once appeared lifeless, reveals new life that was about its business unobserved in the cold of winter. In the dawn of a new day, stones are rolled back and new life is apparent for all who have the eyes to see it.

So much of the source of life is hidden from our view for a bit. Yet that does not mean that it does not exist. In fact, faith is our handle on what we can't see. Jesus told us not to be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open and everyone will know how things really are. Stones are rocking and rolling, allowing us all peeks into things we haven't seen before. All cool. But know this, in this season of spring and a return to new life...life wins. Graves are empty places. Even mine, even yours! Thanks be to God...

Oh happy day,

Pastor Clark



Coffee Hour Hosts for April **Church & Society**

Stop by the Parlor during the 10 o'clock Sunday Education Hour for a treat and say hello!

May Hosts:
Missions Committee



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Underwear Drive for West Side Sisterhood

During the month of April, the United Methodist Women will be collecting donations of underwear, bras, and socks for the Westside Community House West Side Sisterhood. The items are for girls age 10 to 18. If you are moved to give, please bring your donations to the collection box in the coat room. Need more info? Contact Gretchen Mates: 440-526-6481.

West Side Sisterhood is an after-school and summer arts program that prepares girls ages 10 - 18 from Cleveland's west side for womanhood and their life beyond. Sisterhood fosters a belief in girls' self-worth based on their skills, unique talents, and spirituality rather than on appearance, popularity, sexuality or negative gender and racial stereotypes. Sisterhood encourages and challenges young women to be strong and independent, to exercise self-discipline, to respect themselves and one another, to value education, and to know when and how to give help and receive it.

Evening Circle, April 5

We will gather in room 201 at 6:30 pm to discuss service projects for 2017-2018. As always everyone is welcome. We need you and your ideas! If you can't make it, but have an idea to share, please contact Lynn Hobzek, 440-526-6037.

UMW Meeting, April 6

Join us on Thursday, April 6 at 9:30 am in The Parlor for a continental breakfast and fellowship, followed by a presentation from our own Adrienne Leska, Director of Music, on the history of music and the Bible. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

The Fill The Truck for Easter Seals August 26 and 27

Start saving your cloth items and small household goods at home for this collection this summer!



Canned Fruit Drive.

Last month our Brookside focus was "Soap for Hope". This month, it's canned fruit! This is an item in big demand at the food pantry. This and donations of other non-perishable foods, toiletries, and household cleaners will be delivered to our brothers and sisters in need in Cleveland on April 21. Are you moved to help? Bring your donations to the bin in the first floor coat room.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale, April 9

Why slave over a hot oven? Shop the UMW Palm Sunday Bake Sale before or after church services on April 9. Your purchases support the UMW Mission Fund which benefits programs supporting women and children locally and around the world.

- ▶ **Calling all bakers!** If you would like to donate to the sale, bring your treats to the church kitchen (wrapped for sale) on Saturday, April 8 between 2 - 4 pm. Questions? Contact Ruth Herman. Thank you!



On Tuesday, April 11, enjoy lunch, dinner or take out at Creekside Restaurant for the UMW Mission fund. Present this coupon when you pay your bill!

Creekside

RESTAURANT & BAR

UMW Fundraiser for Missions

Round up a group of friends and eat lunch, dinner or carryout for a good cause — UMW's mission projects!

Where: Creekside Restaurant, 8803 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH

When: Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Anytime between 11 am and 10 pm

What: Give your server this flyer and 20% of your bill (excluding alcoholic beverages) will be donated to the Brecksville United Methodist Women mission fund, which helps women and children. A flyer is necessary for each bill. *Carryout is included!* Menu available at www.creeksiderestaurant.com or call 440-546-0555.



On Sunday, March 19, we celebrated the baptism of Logan Anthony Vastartis, son of Amanda and James Vastartis.

“We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.”

Our faith, lives and ministries take on new life when they are shared. Help us tell God's story as it unfolds in our church and community. Send news items and story ideas to the church office!

Melanie Smith

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April 11 at Noon

This month, we'll "go dutch" and dine at Creekside for the UMW.

Want to sit with the staff?

Contact the office before April 10!

office@brecksvilleumc.com

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Beryl Burkle	1				
Doug Holmes	1				
Lauren Brinkmann	2	Carri Kenney	13	John Brachna	25
Leanne Davis	2	Kathy Louttit	13	Tate Fowler	25
Sherry Klodnick	3	Alex McMaster	13	Ruth Holmes	25
Julie Kubek	3	Payton Schneider	13	Clay Kesling	25
Eli Mitchell	3	Andrew Fredrick	14	Katie Kiss	25
Matthew Agnew	4	Ed Jones	14	John Prominski	25
Brad Holmok	4	Addie Magee	14	Chase Boldt	26
James Fredrick	5	Vince Marotto	14	Lilliana BonTempo	26
Lianna Meyer	5	Maddie Miller	14	Sara Louttit	26
Bryan Daugherty	6	Mark Pace	14	Alison Donze	27
Stella McCrodden	6	Matt Nelson	15	Becky Juniper	27
Claire Palmer	7	Jim Neidinger	16	Nancy Kroenke	28
Lily Seifert	7	Janine Telischak	16	Matt Salisbury	28
Derek Brinkmann	8	Gail Huth	18	Barb Toman	28
Morgan Parker	8	Ken Wise	18	Bud Engelhardt	29
Dorothy Pliske	8	Stephanie Roberts	19	Nell Taylor	29
Donna Eilbeck	10	Zachary Brachna	20	Sheri Zakarowsky	29
Alan Harper	10	Judy Burroughs	21	Lynn Dorman	30
Hannah Johnson	11	Maryanne Salisbury	21	Barbara Harper	30
Dale Beaver	12	Marilyn Sewell	21	Linda Schmidt	30
Stacy Parker	12	Ralph Slifcak	22	Bob Wuerth	30



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings this month, we lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. People like Mike Gezze, who created an eye-catching piece of original art for our Lenten sermon series; Harry Koberna, who shared his considerable skill and knowledge to help the

church solve an electrical mystery; Ruth McDonel's daughter who added her voice to the choir when she was visiting; and Chuck Gezze and Ben Magistro, who get here early every wintry Sunday morning to give everyone a warm welcome as they arrive in the church parking lot. We are so thankful for each of you and for all of the ways that you answer God's call to love one another!



This year's Apostles Build House

The concept of the Apostles Build is a simple one—12 churches coming together to fully rehabilitate a Habitat for Humanity house. Each church **provides a portion of the prayer power, a portion of the funds, and a portion of the labor to create a home in partnership with a**

local family. The idea of going out into the community to serve others, in the way that Jesus' apostles served, has attracted individuals in many churches all over the world. We are thrilled to share God's love in this way by taking part in this program for the second year.

On **Thursday, April 6** at 8:30 am, we are invited to a house blessing for this year's Apostles Build House at 12112 Longmead Avenue, Cleveland. Come for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and to meet the Habitat partner who will call this house home!

Connie is a single mother who has always dreamed of owning her own home. She said, "I am so grateful to be a part of this program. One person helping another, that's how things change in this world!"

Our build dates are **Thursday, April 27** and **Saturday, April 29**. We will also take part in the neighborhood spruce up day on **Friday, June 9**.

You can be a part of it! Sign up on Sunday in the Parlor. Contact Joy Parker, Director of Outreach at outreach@brecksvilleumc.com or call the office for more information!



Interfaith Passover Seder
Wednesday, April 5 at 7 pm

Would you like to learn more about the Passover story? Here's your chance! Each year, hundreds of people from many faith traditions gather together to experience the Seder at Fairmount Temple. Come experience the evening's rituals and music and enjoy a small sampling of food.

A group from our church attends each year. Can we reserve a seat for you? Seating is limited. RSVP soon!

Contact the office:
440-526-8938 or
office@brecksvilleumc.com.



EASTER FLOWERS 2017

Help beautify our Easter Worship Service with flowers! Please order soon, as **no orders can be accepted after Sunday, April 2**. Plants can be ordered to remember or honor someone you love, or to share with someone who cannot be with us in worship. Attach payment to this form (make checks payable to BUMC.)

___ Tulip (\$8)	___ Daffodil (\$8)	
___ Lily (\$8)	___ Hydrangea (\$16)	TOTAL ATTACHED: _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

in honor of: _____

in memory of: _____

to the Glory of God. Questions? Call the office! 440-526-8938

Check one: _____ I will take my flowers home after 11:15 worship.
 _____ Give my flowers to someone who could not worship with us.

OUTREACH GETS A LITTLE CLOSER

Joy Parker examines our church and the community it serves.

By Don Krolikowski,
Staff Parish
Relations
Committee

“...when someone you love needs you, you try to be there; and when you need them, they do the same. These are the kind of relationships for which I am praying!”

Q. What are your responsibilities as the Director of Outreach?

As with every position at BUMC, the list of responsibilities is a moving target and many tasks ending up falling under the designation, “other duties as assigned.” However, I have developed four pillars that I am using to guide and structure my work.

- **IDENTITY** – What defines us as a faith community at BUMC? What are we doing to promote that identity in our community?
- **ENGAGEMENT** – What percentage of our existing church family is actively participating in ministry and mission? How can we raise that percentage?
- **MISSIONAL OUTREACH** – What are we doing to serve the community? Are we meeting the real needs of our brothers and sisters both locally and globally?
- **INVITATIONAL OUTREACH** – What are we doing to grow our community? Are there new opportunities we could offer? Are there ways to improve existing programs and activities so that they better welcome those in our community who do not yet have a church home?

Q. In your last Good Word article you mention that our church got “back to the basics” and “reflected our core values as United Methodists.” Can you elaborate on what the basics are and the core values with which we as a congregation should be aligned?

Yes! Our core mission statement as United Methodists is “To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the

Recently, Joy Parker was hired as Director of Outreach at Brecksville United Methodist Church. This new position addresses the need for the church to reach past the physical walls of the building and get in touch with the needs of the community and beyond. Joy provided an overview of her vision as the Director of Outreach in the February Good Word. She also mentioned recent progress in areas of Outreach along with an invitation to help. There are many exciting Outreach possibilities our congregation can embrace. I posed some questions to Joy, hoping to clarify what we can do to help “get back to basics” identify areas for Outreach and realize those opportunities for Brecksville United Methodist Church.

world.” Here at Brecksville UMC, we have refined that down to the following three simple phrases:

- **OPEN DOORS** – Everyone is welcome, all the time, no exceptions. But that is a challenging mandate. It’s actually really hard to create a truly welcoming environment for all people, and it’s also a challenge to let the community know that we welcome them! That’s really the ‘identity’ piece in my four pillars (above).
- **HONEST WORSHIP** – Our worship is—and should be—authentic, culturally relevant, and reflective of the reality of human experience in our time and place. We also have to recognize that worship is not just what happens for an hour on Sunday morning. It’s a faithful way of living that pervades every day of the week... the ‘engagement’ piece of the four pillars.
- **DETERMINED SERVICE** – This is the ‘outreach’ in which we undertake to serve our community—meeting physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in ways that are transformative. It means meeting people where they are, hearing what folks have to say to us, and being brave enough to really enter into relationships, knowing that those relationships will call us to leave our comfort zones and walk some unfamiliar paths.

Q. Can you provide an example of a long-term sustainable partnership?

Sure! This is a theological issue, though, not just a logistical one. As Christians, we believe that God calls us into partnership with others NOT so we can “save them” or solve

problems for them. Rather, we are called into ministry because we are equally in need of salvation. We actually have a spiritual need to consider others before ourselves, to see more of the world as God sees it, to draw close to brothers and sisters who look and live differently than we do.

I think great partnerships will be of every shape and size. At Nehemiah Mission, we are exploring partnerships that might pair a single individual or family from our church with a homebound individual in Cleveland for the sharing of time, love, conversation and presence. Some might be more “institutional” partnerships in which we commit time, presence, and funding over a longer period of time as we do with our Habitat for Humanity Apostles’ Build. I would like to see EVERY individual in our congregation involved in some sort of ministry partnership that would be transformative for everyone involved!

Q. How much time should we expect to devote to nurturing a partnership? Is there a monetary component to every partnership?

Hmm... I think my only answer is that we’ll have to devote as much time as is needed. I would love to see our attitude toward this be more like the way we approach our closest friends or family members. It is not always possible to predict when or how much they will need us. But when someone you love needs you, you try to be there; and when you need them, they do the same. These are the kind of relationships for which I am praying!

Frankly, I do not think every partnership has a monetary component. Many do, but not all. We are working to build God’s kingdom in this world, and that means meeting physical needs, spiritual needs, and emotional/psychological needs. Those can’t all be fixed with money!

Q. Church and Society is focusing on three areas: Addiction, LGBT Awareness and Refugee Response & Support. For those not aware of what Brecksville United Methodist church has already

done, can you give an example of what our church has already accomplished in each area? How can our congregation help Church and Society with Outreach goals in these three focus areas?

Yes, that’s right, although I will just point out that our Outreach Team will have their own areas of focus. I hope there will be some overlap, but Church & Society has the specific task of calling our attention to issues of social justice, while Outreach Committee strives to identify the needs of the community and be present to those needs. The committees are related but not the same.

In response to the addiction crisis, our church has offered an educational series that brought wonderful speakers both to our church building and also to community locations for education and conversation. Several of our church members are also involved with ‘Greater than Heroin,’ a community action group that meets monthly to share ideas and spur each other on to keep working on this serious problem. We’re also working on an upcoming “safe disposal” campaign to help families better handle prescription drugs in the home.

Brecksville UMC is a Reconciling Church, so our LGBT brothers and sisters are welcome here. We continue to explore ways to make sure people KNOW they are welcome and also provide an environment in which visitors know they are welcome by our words, our actions, our physical space, and our hospitality. We are also creating cards to be placed at the LGBT Center in Cleveland to let individuals know that there are welcoming United Methodist Churches in the Cleveland area.

Church & Society is in conversation with the Outreach Coordinator at USCRI Cleveland. That’s the US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants, located downtown on Superior Avenue. We are still learning what the needs are in our area and how we could best respond to those needs in ways that build relationship and result in the kind of ongoing partnership that I described above.

Q.

What is the best way to reach you if I want to get involved in some aspect of these Outreach areas?

I will be transparent and say that I respond best to email (outreach@brecksvilleumc.com) or text (216.702.7730).

But if you are a little more patient, you can also call and leave a message at the church (440.526.8938, ext. 227) or on my aforementioned cell phone number.



April Youth News



All Youth Dinner

Join us Sunday, April 2 at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall for good food, good friends, and fun times. Please let Dana know if you'll be there!



Interfaith Passover Seder

Would you like to learn about the Jewish celebration of Passover and the universal themes found in the Passover celebration? BUMC has reserved seats at the April 5 event at Fairmount Temple where we will gather with people of many faiths. Want to come along? Contact Dana today! Space is limited!



Reach Out Night of Worship

Thinking of going to Reach Out this summer? Dana and Jamie are headed to a night of worship in Worthington, Ohio with Camp Reach Out! Wanna come along? We will leave right after Sunday School on April 9 and return around 11:00 pm that evening. It's a great way to kick off your spring break! Let Dana know you'd like to come by April 5. Limited car space available! Students grades 9 to 12. *This event takes the place of High School Youth Group on the 11th.*

- What is Reach Out? Learn more www.Reachouteoc.com



Beat That Spring Fever

Sick of being cooped up inside? Middle School and High School will be venturing out to welcome spring. Won't you join us?

- Middle School Bowling Night, April 11, 6 pm - 8 pm. Cloverleaf Lanes. Cost for 2 games is \$4. Shoes are \$2.
- High School Skyzone Glow Night, April 29. More details coming soon!



Easter Sunrise Service

Come greet the sun on Easter morning! Dana will be leading our church sunrise service at Blossom Hill Pavilion on Oakes Road. Set your alarm clock, dress for the weather, and bring a lawn chair and a blanket. We will sing, share scripture, and a brief message. The service starts at 6:30 am and the sun will rise around 6:45 am. Hope to see you there!

Our Youth Service Project Team travels to Milton, PA July 18 - 24. We have 15 youth taking part in this awesome week of service this summer, and are in need of another female adult chaperone. Could you be that person? Contact Dana for details! 440-526-8938 ext. 237 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com

This trip is a part of Group Work-camps, whose programs bring teenagers together to serve individuals and communities while building strong, long-lasting relationships with their friends and youth leaders. In six short days, hundreds of teenagers from youth groups across the country will repair and transform homes while growing closer to Jesus.

Drive across the rolling mountains of central Pennsylvania and you find Milton - a town built along the west branch of the Susquehanna River. The people of Milton love their community which claims the famous "Chef Boyardee" products as home. They even have a statue of the famous pasta king.

Milton and the surrounding area have a familiar economic story, though. Its extensive manufacturing industries that were dominant in the valley have faded and many have been left jobless. The community is still waiting for what is "next."

We can do the positive this summer in Milton - help someone get ahead on basic projects. Even more importantly, you can help be the hope and help of Jesus to a community that is eagerly awaiting your arrival.

Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com



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OPIATE AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 23 - 29, 2017



- Did you know that unintentional drug overdose continues to be the leading cause of injury-related death in Ohio in 2015, ahead of motor vehicle traffic crashes (a trend which began in 2007)?
- Did you know that MANY instances of heroin addiction start with dependency on prescription medications?
- Did you know that there is a simple way YOU can help?

During the week of April 23-29, we will partner with churches and community organizations around Ohio to bring awareness to this critically important issue.

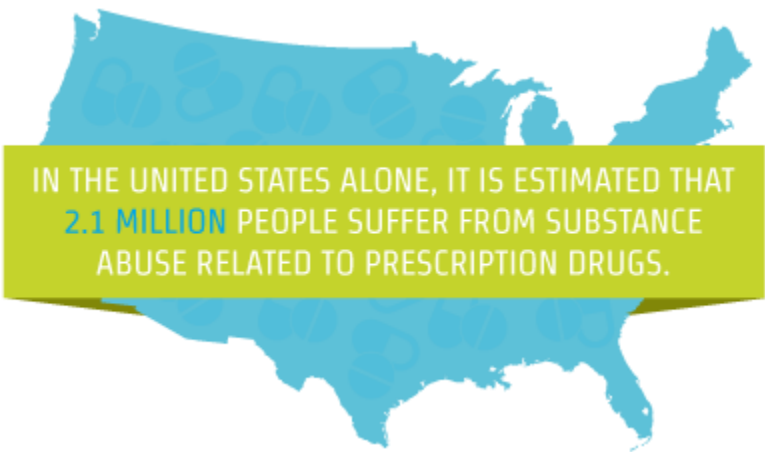
Most important, we want you to be aware of the ways in which you can help.

We will kick off our campaign with a moment for education in each worship service on Sunday, April 23. If you are in worship or adult education that morning, you will receive a FREE tote bag with literature and reminders about how you can be a part of stopping opiate addiction before it even has a chance to start.

We will focus our efforts on the safe disposal of prescription medications that you might have in your home RIGHT NOW. Safe disposal guidelines will be described. Brecksville, Broadview Heights, and many other surrounding communities will also offer drug turn-in opportunities on Saturday, April 29, at the conclusion of our awareness week. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to one of us or any member of our Board of Church & Society.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and your participation!

Karen Schroedel, Chair of Church & Society and Joy Parker, Staff Liaison



IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT
2.1 MILLION PEOPLE SUFFER FROM SUBSTANCE
ABUSE RELATED TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Community Prescription Drug
Take Back Day

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET™

Got Drugs?



Turn in your
unused or expired
medicine for safe
disposal

**Saturday, April 29th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Brecksville-Broadview Heights
Drop Off Location:**

Brecksville Public Square
Corner of Route 21 (Brecksville Road)
and Route 82 (Royalton Road)

For information about all drop off sites
go to DEA.gov. Remove all prescription
labels before arriving.

“Operation Medicine Cabinet addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.”

- from DEA.gov

Away at Wanake: A Confirmation Retreat



On an unseasonably warm February afternoon, a group of eight eighth graders and several adults from Brecksville United Methodist Church traveled an hour south through the rolling hills of Ohio to Camp Wanake for an overnight retreat.

These kids are in their confirmation year, a time to explore, journey, and embrace their Christian faith as their own. During this year, confirmands are challenged to immerse themselves in their faith and make a commitment to God. It is a challenge that only *they* can take on. It is a time in which they choose, for themselves, that God's ways are greater than the world's ways. A decision which is not an end, but a beginning.

As part of this journey, participants were asked to leave their iPads at home and prepare for an overnight adventure and time outdoors. Camp Wanake is a 330 acre Methodist camp in a beautiful, spiritual place among the hills. Campers went on a trail hike, played gaga ball, and enjoyed delicious meals prepared by camp staff.

Best of all, this group of grace-filled kids grew closer to one another and closer to God. At dinner, one of the confirmands offered a prayer of thanksgiving for friends, food, camp staff and a time away to be with God. Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education, was moved to tears. "It was so mean-

ingful to hear this young person without walls up, volunteering his prayer without hesitation, and being truly thankful to God for the simple gifts of the day."

On Sunday morning, the kids woke early for a Taizé Worship service at sunrise. Really! As the sun rose over the hills, the confirmands sang and worshiped God. Youth Director, Dana Schwendeman, led the service and said, "Our service reflected on three elements; peace, hope, and love. Students read quotes from influential leaders of history and scripture was also included. It was a true Holy Spirit moment."

A time apart. A time together. A time to travel, to reflect, to share. A time to eat, to experience nature and to have fun. A time to worship. A good time. That was the 2017 Confirmation retreat!

If you have questions about confirmation, if you're interested in participating in confirmation or in becoming a confirmation mentor next year, please contact Dana Schwendeman, Director of Youth Ministries, at 440.526-8938 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com.

Text Melanie Smith. Photo by Mary Jane Matts Slifcak



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<p>2 Communion 5th Sunday in Lent 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 3 Youth Board 4 BBHCC Concert 5 All Youth Dinner 6 HS Youth Group 6 Financial Peace U.</p>	<p>3 5:30 Cardio Kickboxing 7 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 10 Staff Meeting 4:15 Children's Ensemble 5:30 MS Youth Group 7 Cub Scouts 7 Education Committee</p>	<p>5 6:30 am Breakfast 7 Evening Circle 7 Bible Study 7 Interfaith Passover Seder</p>	<p>6  8:30 House Blessing 9:30 UMW 6:15 Bell Choir 7 VBS Planning 7:30 Choir 8:30 Men's Ensemble</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <i>Hot Cross Bun Baking!</i> 2-4 Drop off your Bake sale donations</p> 
<p>9 Palm Sunday UMW Bake Sale 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11 Youth Trip 11:15 Worship</p> 	<p>10 4:15 Brkville Youth Chorus 5:30 Cardio Kickboxing 7 Com Chorus 7 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11 Dine at Creekside 10 Staff Meeting 4:15 Children's Ensemble 5:30 MS Youth</p>	<p>12 6:30 am Breakfast 7 Bible Study</p>	<p>13  9:30 Asbury Bremeth 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Choir 8:30 Both Ensembles</p>	<p>14 Tenebrae Service  7:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:45 Worship 11:15 Worship</p> 	<p>17 Office Closed 4:15 Brkville Youth Chorus 5:30 Cardio Kickboxing 7 Com Chorus 7 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18 10 Staff Meeting 10 Stitch'n'Time 4:15 Children's Ensemble 5:30 MS Youth 7 Cub Scouts 7:30 Trustees</p>	<p>19 6:30 am Breakfast</p>	<p>20  <i>Paper Recycling Bonus Week!</i>  Deadline</p>	<p>21 <i>Donations Delivered to Brookside Food Center</i></p> 	<p>22 4 Engage Faith. Family. Friendship. Fun! 4:30 Medical Mission Trip Dinner</p>
<p>23 Festival of God's Creation Opiate Awareness Week 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 6 HS Youth Group</p>	<p>24 4:15 Brkville Youth Chorus 5:30 Cardio Kickboxing 7 Com Chorus 7 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25 World Malaria Day 10 Staff Meeting 4:15 Children's Ensemble 5:30 MS Youth 7 Finance</p>	<p>26 6:30 am Breakfast</p>	<p>27  <i>Apostles Build Day One</i> 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Choir 8:30 Women's Ensemble</p>	<p>28 9:30 UMW Board Meeting</p>	<p>29 <i>Apostles Build Day Two</i> Drug Take Back Day</p>
<p>30 Native American Ministries Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 12:15 YSP Meeting 6 HS Youth Group</p>	 <p>APOSTLES BUILD</p>					



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SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:30 AM
BLOSSOM HILL PAVILION, OAKES ROAD



EASTER
HE IS RISEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

EASTER SERVICES AT 8:45 AND 11:15
BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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.



2017 Open House Dates

Want a chance to tour the sites, talk to the staff,
and see what is being offered for 2017?
Join us on the following dates or contact the site.



Saturday, April 1st - Open House and Summer 2017
Preview from 2 - 6 p.m.



Sunday, March 19th - Open House and Summer 2017
Preview from 2 - 6 p.m.



Saturday, April 8th - Resurrection Egg Hunt &
Wanake Preview - 2 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 20th - Summer Sampler from 2 - 6 p.m.



Go to www.EOCsummercamps.org for more information

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday, April 14 at 7:30 pm

Join us for this quiet and reflective time of worship in the church sanctuary. In this service of darkness, we reflect on the flight and denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus after the crucifixion, and the light of Christ which can never be extinguished.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 am

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Early Easter Morning, we will gather with friends and neighbors at the Blossom Hill Pavilion on Oakes Road. Everyone is invited at 6:30 am for worship, music, Scripture readings and a short message as we greet the dawn. Dress casually and in warm clothes. Bring a blanket, a lawn chair and a friend and join us to welcome Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrected Lord.

CELEBRATE EASTER

Sunday, April 16 at 8:45 and 11:15 am

He is not here. He is risen.

These words of hope and transformation. Join us on Easter morning to hear good news and find out how it can change your life and change the world.

EASTER BRINGS

HOPE

IT'S ABOUT

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Brecksville United Methodist Church Youth Service Project Plant Sale 2017

Help fund our trip to Milton, PA this summer, where we'll perform home repairs for those in need!

ANNUAL FLATS (36 PLANTS) @ \$16.00

 Ageratum Blue _____	 Impatiens Red _____	 Petunias Red _____
 Alyssum White _____	 _____ White _____	_____ White _____
_____ Purple _____	_____ Pink _____	_____ Blue _____
_____ Pink _____	_____ Orange _____	_____ Pink _____
 Aster Dwarf Mix _____	_____ Rose _____	_____ Yellow _____
 Begonia Red _____	_____ Violet _____	_____ Burgundy _____
<i>(Green Leaf)</i> White _____	_____ Blue Pearl _____	_____ Lilac _____
_____ Pink _____	_____ Salmon _____	_____ Plum _____
_____ Mix _____	_____ Cranberry _____	_____ Salmon _____
 Begonia Red _____	_____ Star Mix _____	_____ Mix _____
<i>(Bronze Leaf)</i> White _____	_____ Mix _____	 Salvia Dwarf Red _____
_____ Pink _____	_____ Pastel Mix _____	_____ Dwarf Purple _____
_____ Mix _____	 Lobelia White _____	_____ Dwarf White _____
 Celosia Century Mix _____	_____ Blue _____	_____ Dwarf Mix _____
_____ Jewel Box Mix _____	_____ Royal Blue _____	_____ Med. Red _____
_____ New Look/Redleaf Tall _____	 Marigolds (8"-10") Yellow _____	 Torenia Mix _____
 Coleus Wizard Mix _____	_____ Orange _____	 Verbena Mix _____
 Cosmos Sonata Mix _____	_____ Spry (Yellow&Maroon) _____	 Viola Mix _____
 Dahlia Double Mix _____	_____ Mix _____	 Zinnia Dwarf Mix _____
 Dianthus Mix _____	 Marigolds (12"-18") Yellow _____	_____ Med. Mix _____
 Dusty Miller Silver Dust _____	_____ Orange _____	_____ Tall Mix _____
 Gazania Dwarf Mix _____	 Nicotiana Mix _____	
 Hypoestes Pink _____	 Pansy Mix _____	
(Polka Dot) Rose _____	 Portulaca Dbl Mix _____	
_____ White _____	 Snapdragons _____	
_____ Red _____	_____ Short Mix (Ht. 6"-8") _____	
_____ Mix _____	_____ Medium Mix (Ht. 12"-16") _____	
	_____ Tall Mix (Ht. 16"-24") _____	

VEGETABLES (36 plants)

Green Bell Peppers	_____
Slicing Cucumber	_____
Dusky Eggplant	_____
Jalapeno Peppers	_____
Zucchini Squash	_____
Beefmaster Tomato	_____

 Full Sun
  Partial Sun
 Mostly Shade

TOTAL FLATS

Transfer this number to the other side.

All plants locally grown by Old Brooklyn Greenhouse!



4" POTTED HERBS @ \$4

_____	Cilantro	_____	Lavender	_____	Mint
_____	Rosemary	_____	Curled Parsley	_____	Thyme
_____	Oregano	_____	Sage	_____	Basil
_____	Ital. Parsley	_____	Dill	_____	Chives
_____	Citronella				

4" POTTED GERANIUMS @ \$4

_____	Red	_____	Rose (Dark Pink)
_____	White	_____	Bi-Color Red and White
_____	Pink	_____	Deep Violet
_____	Salmon		

10" HANGING BASKETS @ \$16

	Begonia	Red _____			Geranium Combo	_____		Lantana	Yellow _____	
		Orange _____			Ivy Geranium	Pink _____			Pink _____	
		Yellow _____				Red _____			Red _____	
		Pink _____				White _____			White _____	
	Boston Fern	_____				Lavender _____		Petunias	Red _____	
	Coleus	Burgundy _____				Bi-Color _____			White _____	
		Pink Shades _____			Impatiens	Mix _____			Pink _____	
		Yellow/Green _____				Red _____			Purple _____	
	Dolphine Violet	_____				White _____		Portulaca	Yellow _____	
	Fuchsia	Red/Dbl White _____				Violet _____			White _____	
		Red/Dbl Violet _____				Pink _____			Red _____	
		Red Dbl _____			Double Impatiens	Orange _____			Verbena	Purple _____
		Red/Dbl Blue _____				Mixed _____			Pink _____	
	Sunshine Impatiens	_____				Red Dbl _____			Red _____	
		Red _____				White Dbl _____			White _____	
		White _____				Lavender/Pink _____				
		Pink _____				Salmon Dbl _____				
		Purple _____								

Your Name:	
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ORDER SUMMARY		
_____	Potted Herbs @ \$4.00=	\$ _____
_____	Geranium Pots @ \$4.00=	\$ _____
_____	Hanging Baskets @ \$16.00=	\$ _____
_____	Flats @ \$16.00=	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL		\$ _____

Thank you for your support of our Youth Service Project Team!

- Plants are subject to availability. **Orders due by Sunday, April 9.** Pay with order. Checks made payable to BUMC.
- **Pick up at BUMC Saturday, May 13,** between 10 am and Noon. We'll help you put your plants in your car!
- Questions? Call Dana Schwendeman at 440-526-8938 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com.