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“I thank God for you...”

This is how the Apostle Paul begins most of his letters that are included in the New Testament. And as I sat down to write my Pastor’s Report (a report to share how we’re doing with the District and Conference), these words kept echoing in my mind.

I thank God for you, Brecksville United Methodist Church.



I thank God that throughout this past year, you have embraced our mission to *create safe spaces to grow with God and one another*, and our five values that help us live out that mission.

I thank God that BUMC is a place for *honest worship*. You have embraced both small and larger changes to our worship services as we discern how to create space for a variety of honest worship “styles.” Beginning on October 9, 2022, we now have a shorter online 8:30 worship service because we’ve found this time and length is appreciated by many of our online congregation. Sunday at 8:30 is also when we have our in-person Contemplative Service, which creates space for those outside the church who are not comfortable with “traditional” worship, as well as others who appreciate a quiet space to breathe and encounter God. Then, our 10:30 worship is as much “BUMC goodness” as we can fit in 45 minute to 1 hour: our fantastic worship band, Jenny’s Children’s Moment, scripture, a thoughtful sermon, our phenomenal choir, and connecting to God and one another through prayer. (*phen!*)



I thank God that BUMC is a place for *joyful gathering*. Throughout the past year I’ve heard how much people miss talking with one another and getting to know new people. We have created space on Sunday mornings specifically for joyful gathering and lifelong learning, realizing the two often go hand-in-hand. Most Sundays we struggle to find someone to prepare and clean up Coffee Hour, and pray that we can find a few individuals who are gifted in hospitality, and can create a fun, joyful, welcoming environment that is so key to who we are at BUMC.



I thank God that BUMC is a place for *lifelong learning*. We have five weekly classes for teens and adults, varying from conversations on podcasts, discerning spiritual gifts, praying through scripture in Lectio Divina, and my bible study on Wednesday nights. Then there’s monthly gatherings, and small groups, too! Our kids learn in traditional Sunday School classes as well as Sprouts, and our teens have a time specifically for them (Youth Group) on Sunday evenings. And that’s not to mention this year’s VBS which gathered 165 kids and adults for a week of fun!

Connect with us!

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Help us tell God's story as it unfolds in
our church and community.
Send us your news!

(Continued from front page.)

I thank God that BUMC is a place for *courageous inclusion*. As a Reconciling congregation, we intentionally make space for our LGBTQ siblings to encounter God's unconditional love—through our “You Are Loved” Hotline (440-652-2721), being a sponsor for the Cleveland Pride Parade, and our God's Doors are Open to All rainbow doors in June. (Plus, the BBH Pride group reached out to us and the UCC church to partner with them in the future! How cool is that?!) However, we also work to courageously include our siblings who are differently abled, with sensory sensitivity training, handicap accessible doors coming as soon as we can get them installed (yay!), and continued conversations on racial justice.

I thank God that BUMC is a place for *determined service*. We have a Missions & Outreach Committee that is committed to creating opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally, including options to give financially and collecting items for things such as MedWorks hygiene kits, school supplies, and shoe & sock collections; as well as hands-and hearts-on missions like Habitat for Humanity, Trick-or-Trot, and Pearl Road Dinners.

This is just a hint of what we've accomplished with God this year! And we continue to desire to connect those who are passionate about a specific value with how they can live it out in their everyday lives!

In his letters, Paul thanks God for the people and churches he's writing to because he recognizes that who they are and the gifts they possess come from God. And they are able to bear fruit because of their faith, hope, and trust in God.

This is so true of Brecksville UMC! All we are and all we have comes from God. And we bear fruit—connecting people around the world and right here in Brecksville/Broadview Heights with the love of Jesus—*because of our faith, hope, and trust in God.*

I am in awe of what God continues to do through us, and pray that we will be open to the incredible things God has in store for us that we haven't even imagined yet!

Take care,

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Emergency Line: 440-290-6671

A pastoral emergency is something that *just can't wait*: a loved one is in critical care, there's been a death in the family, a pastor is needed. Call the church at 440-526-8938. What do you do if it's after hours or the office is closed? **Call our new Pastoral Emergency Line: 440-290-6671** and leave a message. The “pastor on call” will get back to you as soon as possible.

Save the dates for these special services and events:

All Saints Sunday—November 6

A day to remember those who have gone before us in the faith. The church bell will toll and candles will be lit in remembrance of those who passed away this year. We will honor all the saints gone before us for the impact their lives have had on us. You are encouraged to bring (or email) a photo for the altar. Submit your loved one's name to the church office by Tuesday, November 1.

Veterans Sunday—November 13

We set aside a time to honor our veterans, the sacrifices they made, and to lift up prayers for peace. There will be a coffee hour reception at 9:30 in the Parlor. Come thank our veterans! If you have served, the Fellowship Committee would like to recognize you. Please contact the church office!

Hanging of the Greens—November 20

In preparation for the season of Advent, we decorate the building with Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands. It's a joyful gathering for all ages! Stay after the 10:30 service. Enjoy time together—and food!

Advent Worship Series begins November 27

From Generation to Generation, reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. What does it look like to practice belonging to one another?

Advent Worship Service—Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7 pm

A reflective service to prepare our hearts for Advent. In person & online.

Outdoor Nativity Pageant—Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm

Join us for a retelling of the best story ever told, live, under the stars on the lawn. If your kids would like to participate, let Jenny know!

Christmas Cantata—Sunday, December 18

The choir will be performing "Love Came Down at Christmas." If you are interested in having a speaking role in the cantata, please reach out to Machala@Brecksvilleumc.com

Christmas Extravaganza—Sunday, December 18

During the 9:30 Joyful Gathering kids and their families will join together for some Yuletide FUN!

Longest Night Service—Wednesday, December 21

On the longest night of the year, we'll share prayers, hear the comfort of God's word in scripture, and lift our voices in song. God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

Christmas Eve Services—Saturday, December 24

Services at 3, 5, 8 and 10 pm. More information to come!

Families: We are looking for shepherds, sheep, angels and wise folk for our 5 o'clock service. Older kids might like to be readers of scripture and prayers at 5, 8 or 10. Email Jenny@brecksvilleumc.com if your children would like to participate.

HONEST WORSHIP



Joyful Gathering

Remember how much easier it was to make friends when you were a kid? Was it because we had more free time to just *be* together? Unstructured time with others, without an agenda, without being rushed, is such a gift - and too rare in our lives. It's space where connections are built and friendships can grow!

Our Sunday Morning Joyful Gathering time is an opportunity to build those connections. Can you help?

Can you commit to hosting coffee hour *one time* this year? Grab some friends, committee members or family and choose one Sunday to serve.

Hosting Coffee Hour is a simple, low commitment way that you can choose to serve the congregation and plant seeds for friendship.

If you serve on a committee or volunteer in the community, it can be an opportunity to tell others about the work you're doing! *Let's all pitch in and share the joy!* Reach out to the office for details, including a simple "how to" sheet. **Reserve your date today**—and say a prayer of thanks for this good work!



You're Invited!

Turkey and Greece with Pastor Heidi & Chef Rus

Sunday, November 13 from 6—7:30 pm

Enjoy a buffet dinner inspired by the cuisine of Turkey and Greece (with both a meat and vegetarian/vegan option) as Pastor Heidi and Rus share pictures & stories from their recent trip with other clergy and lay people from the East Ohio Conference. Hear what they learned as they explored the places traveled by the apostle Paul and the Seven Churches of Revelation.

The event is free and open to all! Please RSVP at BUMCLinks.com, sign up on Sunday, or call the office (440-526-8938).

Advent Dinner Church

Wednesday, November 30 at 7 pm

Connect with God and one another as we begin to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. We will share a simple meal of soup and bread, prepared by the church staff, and prayer, song and conversation. Your RSVP will help us prepare. Call the office, sign up on Sunday or at BUMCLinks.com.

The “Why” Behind Contemplative Worship

When we decided to do a Contemplative Worship Service at 8:30, I have to admit that I wasn't sure how it would go. Will people come? Will people like it? Could we really transform Fellowship Hall into a worshipful space?

I knew it was something we felt led to do. I also knew we needed to trust God, even (especially?) when we couldn't see the outcome. When I say “we,” I mean the Sunday Morning Task Force, our Staff, and myself. As the Task Force met, the idea of a contemplative worship service—something *different* and *quiet* and *meditative* kept surfacing. When I shared about this idea in staff meeting, staff members would share how that's something they've been yearning for, and something they've heard from other people. Two comments in particular, stuck out to me:

The first comment was someone sharing about a recent conversation with a few Spiritual Directors. (Spiritual Directors are individuals who are trained in asking questions to help people connect God with their daily lives.) During that conversation, a few of the spiritual directors said that they had stopped going to worship regularly because they struggled to connect with God. They were yearning for more of an *encounter* with God that they weren't finding at “regular” worship.

The second comment was someone sharing that *studies have shown that those who have never attended a worship service think that worship is strange*—there's nothing else like it in the public sphere of modern culture... other than theaters. And non-churched people don't want to come to church for entertainment. Rather, if they were to come to church, it would be because they're searching for a space to encounter God—a space where they can think and meditate on scripture—a space where they can be quiet and breathe.

So, we spent a lot of time praying, and thinking, and talking. We looked at worship attendance from last winter's 8:30 service, considered the other worship opportunities we're offering, and asked lots of questions.

And what we decided, was that creating another space to encounter God lived into our mission of *creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another*, and lived out the values of honest worship, lifelong learning, and courageous inclusion. We were hopeful that it would be an opportunity for those who don't normally call themselves “church goers” to feel welcome to encounter God in our church. It would also give space for those within our current church community to encounter God in a new way.

And you know what? God has shown up. As I write this, we've only had two Sundays of Contemplative Worship, but each Sunday I've had someone come to me and share that they didn't realize how much they needed that type of worship, or how good it felt to sit and breathe and be filled with God's Spirit.

I look forward to seeing how God will show up at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and pray I will see you there as well! - *Rev. Heidi Welch*



Adult Sunday School

Your Grandma Was Who?!

November 6 - 20

Jesus' genealogy has some pretty unlikely characters in it! Join Jenny throughout these three weeks leading into Advent to learn about the men and women who were the named ancestors of the Messiah. This class will include a short video, class discussion and engaging activities. Plan to be part of the fun as we hear about Salmon and Rahab, Boaz and Ruth and David and Bathsheba.



From Generation to Generation

November 27 - December 18

A beautiful devotional booklet has been created that goes along with our Advent sermon series: *From Generation to Generation*. It explores the people within the Christmas story and allows us time to think about what each character passed on or contributed to the story. Join Jenny each Sunday as we share with one another the elements that spoke to us most from the previous week's devotions and take a peek at the week ahead. The devotion booklet includes visual arts, written reflections, poems, hymns and journaling prompts. And, because many of us connect with our ancestors through the foods and recipes that they have passed down to us- a recipe is included each week as an act of Sabbath rest.

Let's Talk Podcasts

Sundays at 9:30 in Room 301



Do you enjoy listening to podcasts? Do you have a favorite? Are you looking for something to expand your thinking while you drive to or from work? Even if you aren't sure what a podcast is, but you enjoy talking with faith friends, this class might definitely be for you! Join Don and Cathy Krolkowski and Max Gabor as they open up dialog about some awesome and relevant podcasts that you can access for free throughout the week. Pop into Room 301 at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to join in on the discussion!

Have an idea for a class or small group?

Is there a book you've read, a movie you've watched, or an interest you'd like to explore with others from your church family? Maybe an evening class or weekday morning class would work better for your schedule? Reach out to our Director of Education, Jenny Gee, and share your idea!

Jenny@brecksvilleumc.com

Classes Sunday at 9:30 for all our children too!

The Wiggle Room is open for our 'under 3' crowd, who have lots of fun playing with Mr. Matt and all the awesome toys. 2nd floor by the elevator.

Preschool - Kindergarten kids will meet Deborah, Samuel and David this month and see how God uses all sorts of people to do big things in the world! Meet in Room 402.

First - Fourth graders will learn about Queen Esther this month. The story of Esther is a story about being faithful. Esther is in a strange land far away from her home, and she's in a really frightening situation. But she is faithful and believes that God is with her no matter what. Just like God is always with you! We learn through art, cooking, games, science and video. Room 403.

Fifth and Sixth graders will be learning about Jesus' ministry and how through connecting with others he showed people how to love and be loved. Kids will be learning through videos, science experiments, crafts, and much more! Room 303.

Our Confirmands continue their journey through the Old Testament with Deborah, Ruth, and David. They will dive deeper into how these people lived their stories and how their actions set a path for many who came after them.

Looking for tips for family faith at home? Check out Facebook Live around 11:30 am on Sunday mornings with Jenny!

Wednesdays at 7 pm
Oct. 12 - Nov. 16

COLOSSIANS

Join Pastor Heidi for this 6-week online Bible Study of Paul's letter to the Church of Colossae. Pastor Heidi will share photos from her recent trip to Turkey & Greece where she visited Colossae!



Project Feed is BACK!



The 2018 (?) Project Feed



Project Feed November 13 1-3 pm at Wadsworth Middle School

Youth, young adults, and families are invited to pack non-perishable meals for developing countries in partnership with Rise Against Hunger on November 13 from 1-4pm at Wadsworth Middle School. Join us as we invest an afternoon into determined service and work together with youth from all over Northeast Ohio to make a difference. Youth can participate in this event for FREE if they RSVP to Dana by Nov 10 at youth@brecksvilleumc.com.

Lectio Divina

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Mondays at 10:30 am
or
Tuesdays at 7 pm
in the Chapel
... ..

A slow, meditative reading and praying of a Scripture passage.

*All are welcome.
There is no homework.
Drop in anytime!*



Youth Group October 2022 Memories



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DETERMINED SERVICE

Serving a Meal to Hungry Neighbors

Pearl Road Dinner, Sunday, November 20

A home cooked meal, served at the table, is one way we show love to those in need. Brecksville UMC partners with other area churches to prepare and serve a full course meal on the third Sunday of the month at Pearl Road UMC.

Our first dinner for the 2022-23 calendar is November 20. We are preparing the salad, dessert, milk and rolls for this meal. Rev. Kathy Dickriede is the team lead and will plan the menu and write the shopping list. Thank you Fran McClean, Bruce McCrodden, Roberta & Paul Petznick, The Schneider Family and Nancy Wygonski for signing up to help prepare and serve this meal!

Our next dinners January 22 and April 30. Help is needed before the event -- with shopping and some food preparations. On the date of the dinner, we arrive at Pearl Road UMC at 4 pm, serve the meal at 5 pm and clean up is completed by 6 pm. It is a well organized ministry and a great opportunity for anyone, from older elementary age on up, to serve. Volunteer to learn to be team lead for a future date. Learn the ropes this time and plan and lead the team next time! Rev. Kathy will show you the ropes!

Hygiene Kits for MedWorks Dental Clinic

Assembly Day: Sunday, November 13 at 11:30 am

Unconditional care is the theme of MedWorks Clinics, serving the un- and-under insured in Greater Cleveland. Brecksville UMC has committed to aid in this mission by providing 300 hygiene kits (with necessities like soap, shampoo, razors, deodorant etc.) for a large dental clinic at the Cleveland Convention Center November 18 & 19. Want to help assemble kits? Report to room 301 on November 13 after the second worship service. Want to help set up (on Thursday, November 17) or distribute kits downtown? Email Missions@brecksvilleumc.com

Christmas Cards for Hospitalized Veterans

November 13 through 20

Sign or create a Christmas Card for a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cleveland, thanking them for their service and sharing greetings of the season. The Fellowship Committee will have cards available at church, or make or purchase your own. Cards will be delivered just after Thanksgiving, so be sure to bring your cards to church by November 20.



The Board of Trustees extends a hearty **THANK YOU** to all of the folks who helped keep the church grounds looking fantastic this spring and summer.

Gardens: Cathy Girard, Dave & Kelly Brown, David Slaby, Paroda family, Welch family, Mary Kotnik, Beth Smith, Adanich family, Jeff and Sue Hastings, Marla Knight, Bob Lundholm.

Mowers: Dave Brown, George Sendry, Matt Auble, Mark Spencer, Matt & Joe Botzman, Kim Meyer, Doug Holmes, Bob Lundholm

FIVE IDEAS FOR FAMILY MISSIONS

Branching out in service a skill we learn in childhood. Are you finding that showing God's love for others is taking a back seat to your busy family schedule? Look for every day ways to share God's blessings with others. Here are five ideas for serving together as a family!

1. **Love your neighbors.** Do you know your nearest neighbors? Make an effort to reach out! Wave hello, invite them into conversation, or offer to lend a hand. Maybe bring up their trash cans as you bring up yours.
2. **Participate in the prayer chain.** Do you know that we share a weekly email list of needed prayers? Subscribe and start praying together as a family.
3. **Volunteer as a family at church.** Older elementary age kids can help at Pearl Road. Kids of any age can help host with Coffee Hour on Sunday. Recycle paper here (and earn money for hunger ministry), volunteer for fall yard clean up day, lend a hand straightening the church pews, or serve on the welcome team together!
4. **Put kids' creativity to work.** Make a card, or paint a picture, and mail it to someone on the Care & Prayer Mail list each week.
5. **Reach out to people from other cultures.** Consider volunteering or attending an event at Nehemiah Mission, a UMC Mission serving refugee families on Bridge Avenue in Cleveland. Learn more at NehemiahMission.org.

Do you have other ideas for ways families can serve together? Share them with us!

Missions@brecksvilleumc.com



COURAGEOUS INCLUSION

Why do we have hosts for Online Worship Service?

You may not immediately think about *Courageous Inclusion* when you think about online worship but consider this—in a recent national survey 25% of regular church attenders said that they attend online worship at least once a month.

Analytics from our website alone (we also stream our services on two other platforms, too) shows that our online services over the last 12 months reached 1,238 unique individuals in 32 states and 5 countries.

That includes people like Amy, who is struggling with to find an inclusive church in her rural community after her daughter came out; people like Al, who doesn't get around as well as he used to and can't get to church every Sunday; and people like Peggy, who doesn't feel comfortable in crowded spaces.

Online worship spaces feel more inclusive when we have an Online Moderator and Host. This person serves as the direct link between our in-person community and our online community by hosting the chat during live streamed worship services on Facebook and YouTube.

Are you feeling called to serve in this role? As an online host, you would invite people to join the online stream and welcome them once they got there. You would share online resources and answer questions. As a moderator, you would help make the online experience as inclusive and safe as possible (by blocking the occasional spam or inappropriate comment.) You also serve as part of the Sunday Morning Worship team, providing live feedback to the tech crew. Your input helps improve the online viewing and listening experiences.

Our Director of Youth Ministry, Dana Schwendeman, has been serving in this capacity since we started live streaming, has a real gift for it, and will continue in the role. She would like to be able to participate in in-person worship services as well, so she can connect with youth, share her beautiful singing, participate in communion and fill her cup.

Thankfully, she is also a wonderful teacher! Want to learn more?

- ***Time Commitment.*** Once a month at 8:30 am or 10:30 am on Sunday mornings (about 1.5 hours per service, potentially 3 hours total for one Sunday morning)
- ***Length of Commitment.*** As long as the volunteer would like, ideally a year of monthly commitments (12 Sundays)

Please reach out to Pastor Heidi (pastor@brecksvilleumc.com) or Dana (Dana@brecksvilleumc.com) to learn more!



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| 1 Joyce Wuerth | 10 Bryan Miller | 21 Rich Ling |
| 1 Karl Riccardi | 10 Logan Vastartis | 21 Ian Roberts |
| 2 Chia-Tien Chen | 11 Terry Bennett | 21 Doug Robie |
| 2 Jim McBride | 11 Jan Kaminski | 21 Ellie Batcheller |
| 2 Hayden Vincent | 11 Judy McBride | 22 Kimberly Campbell |
| 3 Tony Cipolla | 12 Kevin Vastartis | 22 Jennifer Sendrey |
| 4 Jamie Schwendeman | 12 Willy Baker | 22 Becky Paroda |
| 5 Elaine Geringer | 14 Jim Mueller | 25 Dave James |
| 5 Melissa Schillo | 14 Gregory Warth | 25 Debbi Scheufler |
| 5 Ella Nelson | 14 Brian Wygonski | 25 James Berry |
| 6 Karl Robie | 15 Isaac Becker-Howell | 25 Ryleigh Wischmeier |
| 6 Brandon Calovini | 16 Sandy Crist | 26 Douglas Farling |
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| 7 Sean Lundholm | 16 Edison Davis | 27 Sean Brown |
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| 8 Brandon Fisher | 17 Zachary Johnson | 28 Kim Ling |
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| 8 Tom Ellis | 19 Donald Raybuck | 29 Kaitlyn Hazelton |
| 8 Connor Hogan | 19 Diana Wise | 29 Harper Vastartis |
| 8 Charlotte Hocutt | 19 Brandon Klipfell | |
| 9 Al Filips | | |

NOVEMBER

Notes & prayer!

One good thing that came out of the pandemic was our habit of mailing a note to one person every week, letting them know we're thinking of them. Thank you for keeping it going!

Week of November 6

Nan & Herb Einheit

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Week of November 13

Alvin Hahn

8400 S Bedford Rd Apt 323
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Week of November 20

Tony & Doris Cipolla

6846 Hidden Lake Trl
Brecksville, OH 44141-3191

Week of November 27

Ruth Hazlett

Brentwood Assisted Living
915 W Aurora Rd
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

Do you know someone who would enjoy getting some love in their mailbox? Contact Pastor Barbara to nominate someone for the list!



Each week at Staff Meeting we celebrate “God Moments” and lift up prayers of thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. We’re thankful for people like Alison Bell who filled in for Sunday School in a pinch. Thanks, Alison! Sheri, from Gallion UMC, lost her

dad this year, but his memory lives on in the many, many bikes he collected to repair and fix up for folks. A team of volunteers got those bikes ready one Sunday after church and now they’re out in the community. Thank you, Sheri, for bringing your dad’s vision of sharing bikes with people in need! On a recent Sunday, no one signed up for coffee hour — but the Burgstahlers stepped in at the last minute and made it happen, proving that yes, even a baby can help! (Also, Kathy Auble is awesome. That is all!) Are you inspired by this list? This newsletter is overflowing with ways that you can also live out our call of Determined Service! We are thankful for each of you and all of the ways that you share God’s love — be it through prayers, presence or gifts!



MILESTONES
News of the church family

E-mail or phone Melanie
with news to share!
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We lift up prayers of joy for Elizabeth and Michael Jaszczak on the birth of their granddaughter, Josephine Elizabeth Jaszczak. Josephine arrived on Michael's birthday. What a great gift!

We mourn the passing of three long time member of our congregation.

Margie Benedict joined our church in 1985. A Brecksville Volunteer of the year, Margie served her community well.

Jane Whitehead joined our church in 1996, and she was an active member of many philanthropic organizations in our community.

Carol Kubicek was 96 years old when she died last month, and she fondly remembered hearing her mother sing in our church choir when she was a little girl.

We celebrate all of the ways their lives changed the world, and ask God to surround their families and friends with comfort in their time of grief.



United
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United Women in Faith Hosts Pastor/Missionary

Thursday, November 3 – 9:30 am refreshments and gathering. 10 am Program

Reverend Peg Welch is a retired United Methodist minister who has served in a variety of settings. Before ministry, she worked with people with disabilities, including three years as a missionary in India. She will share her experience of women's lives in India, put on a style show, and if persuaded, will perform her stand-up comedy routine: "How to use the bathroom on an Indian train."

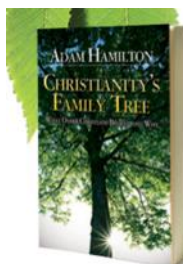


Reverend Welch is the mother-in-love of Reverend Heidi Welch, and a proud grandmother of three. She and her husband, Reverend Ash Welch, live in Massillon, Ohio.

Care Packages for Students

Evening Circle will again send a thinking of you gift to our members who are in post secondary education. We will be sending these gifts in mid-November in hopes of the students receiving their gift while home for Thanksgiving and before their winter breaks begin. If you have a student who should receive our gift, please either let the church office know or e-mail their name and home address to bjasb@aol.com as soon as possible.

Also, Evening Circle would always appreciate a monetary donation to help offset the cost of this project. Thank you so much.



Asbury Bremeth Circle

A study group for women. Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. Next meeting October 13.

Have you ever wondered about other Christian denominations and what the differences in beliefs are? That will be the focus of this year's Asbury Bremeth Study. All women are invited to join us for a study of Adam

Hamilton's *Christianity's Family Tree*. This month, we learn about the Lutheran denomination. Invite a friend and join us on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 in the Parlor.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>The Wiggle Room is open 8—Noon Every Sunday</i></p>		<p>1 10 Staff Plan 2:30 Comm Svc at Chippewa Pl 7 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>2 <i>Jurisdictional Conference Begins</i> 6:30 Breakfast 6:30 Eve Circle 7 Bible Study</p>	<p>3  9:30 UWF Mtg 9:30 FB CheckIn 6:30 Choir 8 Band</p>	<p>4 12 God in Nature</p>	<p>5 10 Charge Conference, Church of the Saviour?</p>
<p>6 <i>All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 8:30 Contemplative Worship & Online 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship 11:30 SS Recap FB 5 Youth Group</p>	<p>7 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>8 10 Staff Plan 7 Church Council 7 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>9 6:30 Breakfast 7 Bible Study</p>	<p>10  9:30 Asbury Bremeth 9:30 FB CheckIn 6:30 Choir 8 Band</p>	<p>11 <i>Paper Recycling Bonus Week Begins! If it's paper, bring it to the bin!</i> 12 God in Nature</p>	<p>12 8:30—Noon Church Yard Fall Clean Up (Rain date 11/19)</p>
<p>13 <i>Vets Sunday</i> 8:30 Contemplative Worship & Worship Online 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship 11:30 Hygiene Kit Assembly Day 12 SS Recap FB 1 Project Feed (Yth) 6 Travel Dinner</p>	<p>14 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>15 10 Staff Plan 10 Stitc'h'n'Time 7 Lectio Divina 7 Trustees</p>	<p>16 6:30 Breakfast 7 Bible Study <i>Get your newsletter articles in early this month!</i></p>	<p>17  9:30 FB CheckIn 6:30 Choir 8 Band</p>	<p>18 12 God in Nature</p>	<p>19 MedWorks Dental Clinic at the Cleveland Convention Center</p>
<p>20 8:30 Worship 8:30 Worship OL 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship 11:30 Hanging of the Greens 12 SS Recap FB 3 Pearl Rd Dinner 5 Youth Group</p>	<p>21 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>22 10 Staff Plan 7 Lectio Divina 7 Finance</p>	<p>23 6:30 Breakfast 10 GW Assembly Day</p>	<p>24  <i>Church offices closed!</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 <i>Advent Begins</i> 8:30 Worship 8:30 Worship OL 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship 12 SS Recap FB 5 Youth Group</p>	<p>28 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>29 10 Staff Plan 7 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>30 6:30 Breakfast 7 Advent Worship Service</p>	<p><i>Save the date Longest Night Service Wednesday, December 21 7 pm</i></p>		

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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.

GIVING TUESDAY



One Sunday morning, two members of our congregation—one with a cane and the other a walker—were attempting to enter the church at our door near the elevator. With their hands full, and limited mobility, they had a difficult time navigating the heavy door. Thankfully, someone happened along to lend a hand, but should getting into the church building be that hard?

Our Board of Trustees have taken on the important, and expensive, task of updating our first floor entrances with ADA compliant doors. They have applied for Gifts & Memorials funds, but with your help, the financial burden will not be such a heavy lift.

Consider a gift to Brecksville UMC on Giving Tuesday, November 29. All gifts received for Giving Tuesday will help ensure that God's doors are truly open to all!

Mark your gift "Giving Tuesday" or give online at <https://onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/give/GivingTuesday> or Text "GIVEBUMC GivingTuesday" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. *(This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.)*

Don't let the end of the year sneak up on you!

With the end of the year fast approaching, it is time to plan your year end giving and process any Donor Advised Funds, IRAs, QCDs, Stocks or financial institution gifts. **To be credited to your 2022 giving, gifts must be received in the church office by December 31.**

QCDs/IRA Charitable Rollover: A Special Opportunity for Those

70½ Years Old and Older—You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Brecksville United Methodist Church without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference through our church. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

Donor Advised Fund Gifts—(DAF), which is like a charitable savings account, gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to Brecksville United Methodist Church and other qualified charities. You can recommend a grant or recurring grants now to make an immediate impact or use your fund as a tool for future charitable gifts.

Donate Stock/Securities—The most popular and efficient way to transfer securities to Brecksville UMC is by electronic transfer to the church's bank account. This is done through a free delivery, which means the church gets 100% of the value of the transfer. Please notify your broker of your intent to make a gift of securities to Brecksville United Methodist Church. The broker will need the name of the stock, number of shares and other information.

Company Matching Gifts—If your company provides matching gifts for your charitable giving, our church may qualify! Talk to your Human Resources Team, then reach out to the church office.

Online Gifts through our Secure Giving Platform, Realm—Giving should be easy, and Realm places giving right in the palm of your hands. You may set up recurring gifts, view your giving history, and make changes at any time. Realm automatically records all electronic gifts and adds them to your giving record making it easy for you to give and to keep track of your gifts, and makes our accounting seamless. If you would like help getting started, please reach out to the office!

Becky Paroda, our Finance Manager, can provide you with additional information about these and other ways to give. Please reach out to Becky at Finance@Brecksvilleumc.com.

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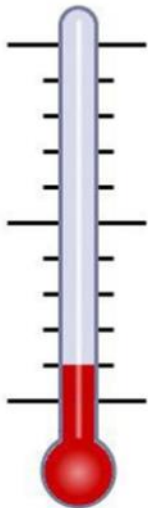
Thank you to all who have submitted commitment cards for 2023.

At the time of printing (a week before Commitment Sunday)
we have received 16 pledges for a total of \$48,470.
(Our goal for the year is 131 pledges for \$600,000.)

WE'RE OFF TO A SLOW START...BUT WE'LL GET THERE!

Help us plan for next year by submitting your pledge today!

- Download and print a pledge card at BUMCLinks.com
- Pick up a printed copy at church
- Complete your pledge card online at BUMCLinks.com



Thank You