

# THE GOOD WORD

BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH, 2024

## LENT

Our Wandering Hearts Lenten series is a reminder that God loves imperfect people - in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

This Lenten season, don't miss these special opportunities to practice our faith and tune our hearts to sing God's grace.



## HOLY WEEK



**Palm Sunday - March 24.** Procession of Palms at the 10:30 Worship Service.



**Maundy Thursday - March 28 at 7 pm.** A commemoration of the Last Supper.



**Good Friday - March 29 at 7 pm.** A solemn service remembering the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

## HOLY WEEK PRAYER LABYRINTH

An opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection - self guided and at your own pace.  
March 24 through Easter Sunday, anytime the building is open.

## EASTER SUNDAY

Three opportunities to celebrate how the God of resurrection truly can change the world.  
**Easter Sunrise Service 7 am** on the church lawn  
**Easter Services at 9 am** (brass quintet/choir/organ) **and 10:30** (worship band) in the Sanctuary and online!





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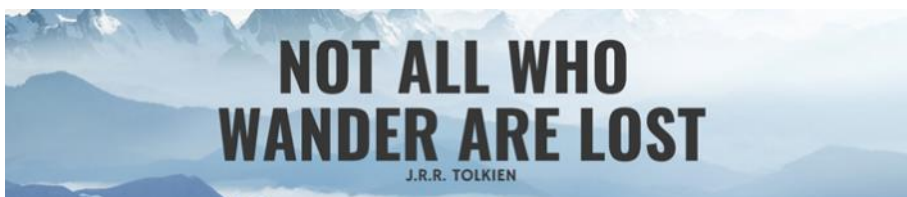
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“Not all those who wander are lost.” This quote is from JRR Tolkien’s epic fantasy series *The Lord of the Rings*. In the story, the statement is used to describe Aragorn, who from the perspective of the world, looks like he’s wandering aimlessly in the wilderness. But truthfully, he’s strengthening his character and being molded for greatness.

I’ve had the same experience with wandering, particularly when it comes to my faith.

A few weeks ago, I shared in a sermon about a time when I fell away from the church and from God. I was in college, taking a class on Christianity, and I couldn’t make sense of how or why people who followed a loving, grace-filled God would wage wars and crusades in God’s name. So, I searched other religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam—to see what I could learn; to see if they were any “better” than Christianity. And you know what I found?

I found that people are people no matter what label they place on themselves; that they do horrible, awful things whether they ascribe to this religion or that religion.

And as I searched those other religions, I found God—the God I knew and loved through Jesus. I found stories that were about other people in other places, stories that have value all on their own, and yet God met me in those stories. I read a story from the Islamic faith and was reminded of Jesus; I learned about Buddha and saw Jesus.

I thought that I was wandering (running) away from the God I knew to find something else in these other religions. But my wandering turned out to be exploration with God—God walking alongside me, loving me and showing me God’s goodness.

And it’s because of my wandering exploration that I returned to my faith home in Christianity. I have greater respect for people of other faiths, as I learned about what they believe and value, and how they understand God. And I have greater confidence that Christianity—faith in God through Jesus Christ—is the way I can best connect with, and find wholeness through, the Divine.

I thought I was wandering because I was lost and trying to find a home. Turns out, my wandering equipped me to be a better pastor in the post-Christian world.

I pray that as we continue through this season of Lent, you allow your heart to wander. Doing so with confidence that God wanders with you, and you just might find yourself closer to Jesus in the end.

*Pastor Heidi*

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



# Sunday School

Faith & Fun for  
kids - Sunday  
Mornings  
at 9:30 & 10:30

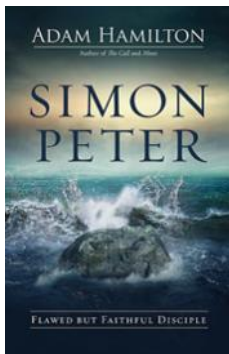


Scan QR Code to register or visit [BUMCLinks.com](http://BUMCLinks.com)



## Sunday at the Movies

Our March Sunday at the Movies is *Finding Dory*, an animated movie about perseverance and overcoming our fears. Fear should not paralyze us but instead motivate us to move forward. As 2 Timothy 1:7 reads, “God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and of self-control.” Plan to join us Sundays March 3-24 at 9:30 for a time of watching a portion of the movie and then doing activities that tie the film’s lessons to our lives as Christians.



## Simon Peter

*Sundays at 9:30 am through Lent.*

Who is Simon Peter? He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear. Join Jenny and friends for this Adam Hamilton study, Sundays throughout Lent at 9:30 in the Chapel or online.



## Podcast Class

*Sundays at 9:30 in room 301 and online*

Listen to a podcast during the week, then discuss it and learn with others on Sunday morning. If you can't be here in person, join the conversation on Zoom! Sign up at [BUMCLinks.com](http://BUMCLinks.com)

## Unnatural Disasters Documentary Series

How are people of faith responding to the climate crisis? “Unnatural Disasters” is a series of three documentaries—created by United Methodists—taking us to places around the country where people are finding creative ways to care for the planet in the midst of devastating disasters. Join the filmmakers, Mariellyn Grace & Rev. Ryan Grace for the discussion! In January, we learned about historic flooding in Detroit; in February, Hurricanes in Puerto Rico; and on Sunday **March 17 at 6 pm** we will learn about Wildfires in Northern California. Register at [BUMCLinks.com](http://BUMCLinks.com) for the Zoom info and join the conversation!

## Youth to Make Collective Art Piece Throughout Lent

During the Lenten season, BUMC Youth Ministry will be collaborating on Sunday evenings to put together a collective piece of art while following along with A Sanctified Art's *Wandering Heart* devotional for youth. Using a combination of mixed media, youth will express themselves through visual art in response to Peter's story of faith and reflect on their own faith path. Do you have a youth who loves to do creative things? Join us for Youth Group on Sunday evenings from 5-6 pm on the 4th floor of the church (in the Youth room). Reach out to Dana at [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com).

## Lectio Divina

...  
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!*

After a four-year delay, the **2020 General Conference** is set to take place April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. The United Methodist Church typically holds its General Conference (the lawmaking body of the church) every four years. The coming session was initially scheduled in May 2020 in Minneapolis, but then the pandemic shut down world travel.

In 2020, General Conference delegates were expected to vote on legislation for a denominational separation after decades of intensifying debate over United Methodist bans on same-sex marriage and noncelibate, gay clergy. Now, 4 years later, a separation of sorts has already taken place. About one quarter of U.S. churches have left the denomination under a disaffiliation policy that was passed by the 2019 special General Conference.

Now, delegates will vote on 1,100 petitions (basically the United Methodist equivalent of bills before legislature) on topics ranging from the denomination’s policies related to LGBTQ individuals, the denominational budget, social teachings, ecumenical relations, and international structure.

A number of United Methodists have submitted legislation aimed at putting the U.S. and central conferences on equal footing in church decision-making. At this point, central conferences have the authority to adapt the Book of Discipline to their contexts but the United States does not. One result is that U.S. concerns end up dominating General Conference, and the U.S. dominance has contributed to the debates over LGBTQ policies that dominate the global meeting.

As General Conference grows closer, we will have more information available for those who are interested. You may also visit [umnews.org](http://umnews.org) to find the latest information.

## 7 Creation Care Tips for March



- ▶ Track the sun at your home and plan to grow something. For example, Minneapolis has numerous front-yard gardens, which provide the added benefit of opportunities to connect with neighbors to share the food, to perhaps share the work, and to build community.
- ▶ Connect children to nature through a pizza garden. Engage young ones in planning, planting, and watching the growth of tomatoes, peppers, onions, and herbs. At the ripe time, have a homemade pizza party. Offer a blessing and, in doing so, connect children to the Giver of all growth.
- ▶ Plan to observe Earth Hour Saturday, March 23, from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm local time. Along with millions of other people around the world, switch off every single light in your home and talk with your family about being good stewards of the Earth. Think together about what you individually, as a family, or as a church community can commit to doing for a sustainable future.
- ▶ Investigate solar for your home, business, and church. New funding is now available, so now is a good time to look at the possibilities that you can make happen.
- ▶ Are you planning to remodel or replace appliances soon? Prioritize selections that contribute to energy efficiency. Upgrade your home to care for your other home: Earth.
- ▶ Spring weather means shedding heavy winter clothes. Evaluate your wardrobe for items to donate. Plan to visit local thrift shops both to take your donations and to find treasures that fit your fashion sense, your budget, and your commitment to reuse. Too often a purchase made online gets returned and doesn’t go back into stock but ends up in a landfill. You can avoid that, support a local business, and feel good about what you wear.
- ▶ Plan now for Earth Day 2024 on April 22, an opportunity to join with others to raise awareness and spark action. Find a few interested people, locally or online, dream big, get others onboard, and plan a day to remember. The theme this year is ***Planet vs. Plastic***. Have some serious fun with that!

In 1 Corinthians 3:6 Paul wrote, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.” Continue to do your “planting” for creation care and justice. Others will assist, and God will give the growth. Consider joining the BUMC Creation Care Team. Express your interest through the Ministry Teams sign up at [BUMCLinks!](http://BUMCLinks!)





*You are welcome to come! Most meetings are in the church parlor on the second floor.*



**Tender Loving Care with Eve Circle**

Eve Circle will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor to make gift bags for our friends who need a little extra TLC. Please join us in helping to bring some happiness to those folks who can't make it to church as frequently as they would like to. Together, we can let them know that their church family is thinking of them. Hope to see you there! Questions: Lynn Hobzek - [kezboh@aol.com](mailto:kezboh@aol.com)

**Asbury Bremeth**

**Thursday, March 14**

Meet up with your friends at 9:30 for some fellowship and good conversation followed by a program at 10am. This year we have been exploring different world religions and we wrap up this month with Christianity. Invite a friend and make a plan to join us.

**March 7 UWF Meeting Focuses on Henderson Settlement**

The Henderson Settlement, is a United Methodist-sponsored mission in Kentucky. Sandra Bittner, from Garfield UMC led a team to work in Appalachia, as well as working with 30 other missions in the U.S as well as Russia, Cambodia, and Laos.

Come and hear about her experiences at the next UWF meeting, Thursday, March 7 at 10 am in the church parlor. Come at 9:30 am for refreshments and fellowship. A business meeting follows the presentation after a short break. We've heard that she is passionate and knowledgeable about this effort! Thanks to her friend, Nancy Knowlton for bringing her to our attention! Can't come in person? Join us online via Zoom. Email [UWF@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:UWF@brecksvilleumc.com) for the link to the live meeting, or to be notified when a recording is available. If you're interested in finding out about the Henderson Settlement, check out their website: [www.hendersonsettlement.com](http://www.hendersonsettlement.com)



Dedicate a spring flower to a loved one and light up the Sanctuary on Easter morning. Pick up your flowers after the 10:30 service or on Tues 4/2—or donate them to cheer someone in need. Return this form to the church office or order online at [BUMCLinks.com](http://BUMCLinks.com).

**Honorariums** will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Write yours here:

*i.e. In memory of Nanny Yager, from her family.  
In honor of our parents, from Herbert & Zelmyra.  
Or To the Glory of God.*

Your Name:  
Phone/Email:  
Address:

Qty	Description	Price @	Total
	Tulip—assorted colors	\$8	
	Single Stem Lily, White	\$8	
	Daffodil	\$8	
	Hydrangea 6.5” pot: Pink or blue	\$13	
	Azalea (no color choice, availability)	\$13	
	Bulb Garden—variety of flowers, 8” pot	\$13	
Checks payable to Brecksville UMC or pay online: <a href="http://onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/give/FLOWERS">onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/give/FLOWERS</a>			

I will pick up my plants.       I will donate my plants



## JOYFUL GATHERING



**SUNDAY  
MARCH 3  
4 PM**

A benefit for The Emergency Assistance Center

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a joyful gathering sampling contestant chili and cornbread for a good cause! Awards will be presented for chili (Judge's Favorite, People's Choice, Best Presentation, Best Vegetarian Recipe, Best Hot, Best Mild) and Best Cornbread. Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends! (A free will offering for The Emergency Assistance Center will be collected at the door.)

**SIGN UP AT BUMCLINKS.COM**



*Skip Smith and great-granddaughter, Kennedy, at her baptism*

### All Hands On Deck!

Michael Jaszczak has a vision for a new artwork for Brecksville UMC. His canvas has been prepped and work has begun, but he needs our participation to finish it. "I need photos of hands. Baby hands, toddler hands, teen hands, middle aged hands, old hands, anyone's hands - family hands touching each other, shaking hands, touching hands, accepting hands... And no, it is not a painting of hands, they are just a part of the composition. It might be the most complex painting I have attempted." Help make Michael's creation possible. Take a photo of your hands and send it to Michael by the middle of March—[mvaszczak@juno.com](mailto:mvaszczak@juno.com)

**BOBBY JO  
VALENTINE**

LIVE AT BRECKSVILLE UMC

**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 15**

**7 PM**



### An Evening of Live Music and Joyful Gathering

*Award-winning, modern folk. Singer, Storyteller, Poet.*

Bobby Jo Valentine is an award-winning singer/songwriter from the windswept coastline of Northern California. He writes soulful, poetic, searching songs that connect deeply with people from all walks of life. His stories are sometimes funny, sometimes moving, and always deeply resonant. He has performed festivals and conferences around the country - Wild Goose Festival, Tedx, and the Emerge Conference, and receives invitations for a diverse list of venues - faith communities, pride festivals, and house concerts.

Bobby has won Songwriter of the Year at West Coast Songwriter's Association, and his music has been featured in commercials, feature films, wedding ceremonies, and his greatest honor - YouTube videos with puppies. His songs have been sung by choruses around the country, including the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and the Turtle Creek Chorale. "Bobby Jo has both the spirit and songs to bring us back to believing. Whatever our faith, he has the humor, compassion, words, and music to help us believe again." - Dar Williams

Gather your friends and come enjoy an evening of uplifting song!



# Leadership Board MARCH REPORT

In February, Leadership Board discussed how Brecksville United Methodist Church's (BUMC) current Mission, Vision Framework and Goals might address some recent church participation trends. Just as BUMC has experienced, recent nation-wide studies show neither Baby Boomers nor Gen Xers have returned to church in quite the same numbers as before the Pandemic.

But our Millennials and their families have become a growth area for both our church and churches nationally! Have you noticed how many children now come forward on Sunday for the Children's Moment?

Our discussion centered on how to reach out to and involve our long-time Members, Baby Boomers and Gen-Xers, and simultaneously serve and involve all other age groups. We will be mindful of this as we work with Pastor Heidi, our Staff and our Church Family.

The Ministry Teams are forming right now, and you are invited to participate! This is how you and I 'get off our donkeys,' to serve in BUMC's ministries, missions and programs. This is how we intentionally serve and love others, by intentionally loving Jesus.

Our church's finances are a constant focus. Leadership Board approved using \$20,442 in available unrestricted reserves to balance and close out the 2023 Financial Statement, but that cannot continue indefinitely. The 2024 Budget still shows a \$51,000 deficit, and needs more support from all of us. This is how we pay for BUMC's day to day operations, programs and ministries. This is also how we pay our terrific Staff's wages.

The 111 pledges received for 2024 is the lowest number in well over 50 years. Some prior pledgers have passed away or moved away. We ask that you prayerfully reconsider your giving, and please submit a pledge if you have not previously done so, or increase your existing pledge. Together, we can successfully support the ministries of BUMC.

At the same time, we must also focus long-term on maintaining our aging church building. The former Trustees Committee explored several major concerns, including replacement of the parking lot asphalt, roof, boilers, and computer network wiring to support our growing online ministries. Leadership Board is in very preliminary discussion on those needs. More will be shared in coming months as information comes into clearer focus.—*Alan Scheufler, Chair*

## Church Goals for 2024



### Short Term Goal #1

Fully transition to the SAS Governance Model, with a focus on effectively implementing Ministry Teams.



### Short Term Goal #2

Create three opportunities for fellowship and connection, with opportunities for all generations to connect.



### Long Term Goal #1

Help congregants discover their spiritual gifts and provide avenues to grow those gifts.



### Long Term Goal #2

More actively engage with the local communities.







***Determined Service at Trials for Hope***

On Saturday February 10, a group of people from our church headed down to Trials For Hope on Bridge Avenue in Cleveland, a UMC Advance Mission serving unhoused people and others in need in near west side neighborhoods.

Our project for the day? Preparing Valentine Gift Bags for those who aren't able to easily leave their homes! We organized trial size hygiene samples and feel-good items (including purses, scarves, socks, lotions and such) and put together 16 bags to be delivered on Valentine's Day. We are certain they brought a smile to each person who received one!

This mission work at Trials for Hope is family friendly and there are opportunities for all to participate. See Kathy Auble if you are interested in joining this wonderful mission work (or reach out by email:

[Missions@BrecksvilleUMC.com](mailto:Missions@BrecksvilleUMC.com).)

***Our next visit will be in May.***

Thank you to The Vann Family, Mitchell Bell, Marla Knight and Maria Shurik for getting off their donkey to give of their time to make a difference! - Submitted by Kathy Auble

**UMCOR Sunday is March 10**

This Special Sunday is a denomination wide celebration designed to raise awareness and support for the ministry of The United Methodist Committee on Relief – otherwise known as UMCOR. The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs to ensure 100% of gifts given for humanitarian response and recovery go directly to communities in need. These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and represent hope and healing to those most vulnerable. One of the wonderful aspects of the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. Because of you – UMCOR and its partners serve as witnesses to God's love for all.



**Bike Fix-It March Edition**

*March 16 from 9 to noon in the Fellowship Hall*

Join us on March 16 to share your skills or learn some new ones! Once a month people, with high mechanical skills or no mechanical skills—and everywhere in between—gather together to repair, wash and ready donated bicycles for distribution to those in need. Save the date, invite a friend, and help us get Spokes to Folks!



**Sew 4 Good & Stitch'n'Time**



On the second Monday of each month, **sewists** of all abilities gather in room 301 from 5 pm—9 pm, arriving as their schedule allows, to create for people in need. Projects have included items for nursing homes and blankets for the unhoused. Have skills, or want to learn? Come join us!

**Yarn artists** of all abilities are welcome and encouraged to come create on the third Tuesday of each month in the Parlor at 10 am. Questions? Reach out to Sandy Crist. (Contact the office for her number!)



## 2024 UMVIM Nutshell



*Sydney Hudacek—2017 Trip*

A United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) team is traveling to the Camphor United Methodist Mission Station in Liberia, West Africa this summer. Camphor Mission includes a church, small medical clinic, agriculture program and a school for pre-K through grade 9. For this 2 week journey (July 20 – August 5) we will offer a combined program of Vacation Bible School and academics to children from the surrounding villages. It promises to be a very hands-on, hard

working and rewarding time of service. Are you feeling called? Contact Janet Kleckner for more information: 216-280-5511; [mckleck@aol.com](mailto:mckleck@aol.com)

## Changes to Church Staff Roles and Responsibilities

The beginning of 2024 brought with it several staffing changes here at Brecksville UMC. As a Leadership Board, we want to make sure everyone is aware of these changes.

Sunday, December 31st was Jamie Schwendeman's last day as our Worship Band Leader. In the new year, Machala Comencheck-Slike happily assumed that role as part of her position as Music Director. While she's not able to play the bass like Jamie (no one can ever completely replace Jamie!), she has all the skills needed for the position and has already done a great job leading us in worship on Sundays!

The end of 2023 also concluded Michael Pace's time as our Technical Media Director. This position was created in March 2022 to oversee the production of our livestream, provide AV support to the church, and create videos for use in worship, etc. Over the past year and a half, we've come to realize that our livestream, AV, and video needs can be best filled by our in-house livestream expert, Melanie Smith, and outside contractors who will help create a system for the awesome technology we already have. Melanie was one of the main players in developing our livestream from its inception in March 2020. Placing live streaming within her role as Director of Communications and Connections enables her to continue to develop her gifts and passions in this area. When videos are needed, we will work with outside contractors to create them.

To help offset Melanie's increase in live streaming responsibilities, we have increased the Office Manager position from 20 hours per week to 30. Anthy Imes was hired as our new Office Manager on February 5, and will work 9 am-3 pm, Sunday through Thursday. We're excited to have Anthy with us on Sundays so that they can get to know our wonderful congregation and help people with questions about giving and serving God through BUMC!



**MILESTONES**

*News of the church family*

Congratulations to Erin Gee and Steve Wolfharth on their engagement. A summer 2025 wedding is planned.

Eric Hill, who joined our church in 1968, passed away in February. Please keep his wife, Darlene, and family in prayer.

“I want to thank everyone who said prayers and sent cards to me over the last several months. I am now feeling much better from this infection that really hit me. Miss being at church and seeing everyone there. I hope soon to be back at church on Sunday mornings and worshipping with my church family. It has been so encouraging to hear from so many people. Thank you Pastor Heidi for visiting in the hospital and keeping in touch as I've been recovering, Love, Judy McCrodden”

Melanie Smith's mother, Patricia Gilger, thanks everyone for their kindness as she navigates cancer. It's a great comfort knowing so many are keeping her in prayer. (And it means a lot to Melanie, too!)



## March

### Care and Prayer!

Take a moment to say a prayer of thanks for each of the people on this list, then send them a card to let them know you're thinking of them!

*Week of March 3— Birthday week*

### **Phyllis Phillips**

27819 Center Ridge Rd Apt 307  
Westlake, OH 44145-3994

*Week of March 10— Birthday week*

### **Cliff Thielman**

8759 Stuart Ln  
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067-3404

*Week of March 17—*

*New home & new job!*

### **Aneira Watkins**

104 Pleasant View Ave  
Braintree, MA 02184

*Week of March 24— Caregiver*

### **Marilyn Huber**

8555 Hillside Rd  
Independence, OH 44131-5427

*Week of March 31*

### **Sasha McHenry**

*Baptized one year ago this month!*  
6576 Mill Rd  
Brecksville, OH 44141

**Nominate someone who could use a reminder that they are loved for next month's list!**

Email [prayer@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:prayer@brecksvilleumc.com)



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| 1 Brianna Diver      | 10 Mike Kubek           | 19 Kim Petro           |
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| 2 Edie Coman         | 11 Alison Bellone       | 20 Stosh Skoczen       |
| 2 Mary Kotnik        | 11 Bob Bloch            | 21 Joseph Botzman      |
| 2 Taylor Laski       | 12 Rev. Kathy Dickriede | 22 Sienna Petznick     |
| 2 Eileen Yates       | 12 Janet James          | 25 Liz Fredrick        |
| 4 James Mullins      | 12 Susan Slaby          | 25 Nathan Gardner      |
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| 10 George Gee        | 18 Bob Hudacek          |                        |
| 10 Sharon Judson     | 18 Dave Sibits          |                        |



Brecksville UMC is a thriving community of faith because of people like you—who care for one another and reach out in service to those who are in need. People like Maddie Piorkowski, who has been volunteering with Youth Group. Thank you, Maddie, for helping to create a safe and fun space for young people to explore their faith every Sunday evening! Marla Knight went potato shopping! She and Sharon Manocchio, Tracy Scott and the whole Joyful Gathering Team helped make the Names to Faces Event a great success. If you stepped out of your comfort zone to attend this event, give yourself a pat on the back! Thank you for helping to make it so fun. Wally Kudlaty is a wonder. Thank you, Wally, for sharing your bike repair knowledge with all kinds of people with such patience, kindness and good humor. Sharon Judson volunteered to serve as our welcome team for Ash Wednesday. Thank you, Sharon, for creating such a warm welcome for all who attended this special worship service!



# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>March Coffee Hour Heroes</b> March 3: Evening Circle March 10: Men's Accountability Group March 17: Monday Morning Lectio Divina Group March 24: Gary Traicoff <i>and you!</i> Sign up at BUMCLinks.com March 31: Brecksville UMC Staff				1 <i>God in Nature</i> live on Facebook—and on our YouTube channel—Fridays	2 Flute Society Event here!
3 <b>8:30 Worship</b> 9:30 Classes <b>10:30 Worship</b> 4 Chili Cook Off 5 Youth Group	4 10:30 Lectio Divina	5 10:30 Staff 2:30 Comm at Chippewa Pl 7 Lectio Divina	6 6:30 Dawnbrk 7 Bible Study	7 9:30 UWF 9:30 FB Live 6:30 Choir 8 Band	8	
10 UMCOR Sun <b>8:30 Worship</b> 9:30 Classes <b>10:30 Worship</b> 5 Youth Group	11 10:30 Lectio Divina 5 Sew 4 Good	12 10:30 Staff 7 Lectio Divina	13 6:30 Dawnbrk 7 Bible Study	14 9:30 Asbury 9:30 FB Live 6:30 Choir 7:30 Leaders. Board 8 Band	15 <i>A Joyful Gathering!</i> 7 Bobby Jo Valentine Concert	16 Bike Fix It!  <i>Help get spokes to folks!</i> 9 am—noon
<i>Easter Flower Orders due Sunday 3/17!</i>						
17 <b>8:30 Worship</b> 9:30 Classes <b>10:30 Worship</b> 6 Unnatural Disasters 5 Youth Group	18 10:30 Lectio Divina	19 10 Stitch 'n'Time 10:30 Staff 7 Lectio Divina	20 6:30 Dawnbrk 7 Bible Study	21 Newsletter <i>Deadline</i> 9:30 UWF 9:30 FB Live 6:30 Choir 8 Band	22 9:30 UWF Board Meeting	23 <i>Earth Hour Saturday—switch off all your lights between 8:30—9:30 p</i>
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>8:30 Worship</b> 9:30 Classes <b>10:30 Worship</b>	25 10:30 Lectio Divina	26 10:30 Staff 7 Lectio Divina	27 6:30 Dawnbrk 7 Bible Study	28 9:30 UWF 9:30 FB Live <b>7 Maundy Thursday</b>	29 <b>7 Good Friday Service</b>	30
<i>Self - Guided Prayer Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall for Holy Week</i>						
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <b>7 Sunrise Service</b> <b>8:30 Worship</b> <b>10:30 Worship</b>	1 <i>Easter Monday, Church Office Closed!</i>	2 10:30 Staff 2:30 Comm at Chippewa Pl 7 Lectio Divina	3 6:30 Dawnbrk 7 Bible Study	4 9:30 UWF 9:30 FB Live <i>No choir today!</i>	5	6

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 of God's children.*

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