

The Good Word

Brecksville United Methodist Church

Living in Christ. Serving in Love.

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Join Us for Worship on Sunday

8:45-Contemporary Service

10:00- Christian Education

11:15- Traditional Service

APRIL

Prayer Labyrinth

Wednesdays during Lent

6:30 - 9:30 Fellowship Hall

*A tool for meditation,
prayer, and spiritual focus.*

Palm Sunday, March 28

Morning services at

8:45 and 11:15

*Celebrating the triumphant
arrival of Christ*

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Worship at 7:30 pm

An observance of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2

Community Worship at Noon

Come worship together

Easter Sunrise Service,

April 4

6:50 am, Blossom Hills Pavilion
4470 Oakes Road, in Brecksville

*Celebrate the new day Easter
promises while enjoying the sunrise.*

Easter Sunday

Services at 8:45 and 11:15.

*Celebrating the Risen Christ,
our Savior*

Put the Passion back in Easter

Do not pass Go.

Do not pass God.

Do not skip straight from Palm
Sunday to Easter, or skip Easter
all together.

This week, this Holy Week, is
the defining moment of our
faith, the story of life and death
carved into our hearts each year
afresh.



HOLY WEEK

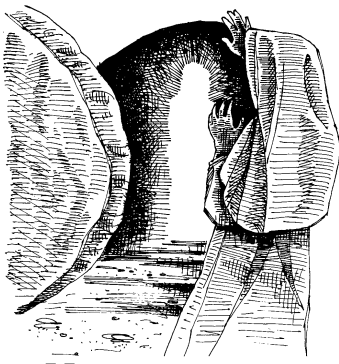
So pull out your calendar and carve out the space for wor-
ship: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (including the Holy
Picnic and/or the worship service), Good Friday, with a
unique opportunity to act as hosts for Christians in our
community, and Easter Sunday, including a sunrise service
and regular worship times.

If you won't be here, worship where you are. We are one
with our brothers and sisters in this season.

Walk the walk, from Jerusalem, to the temple, to the upper
room, to the cross, and to the tomb. Die with Christ, so
that you may find new life in him.

With love,

Pastor Karen



“He has risen,
See he is not here.
the place where they laid him.”
Mark 16:6

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Where's Jesus?

Comments from Rev. Karen Oehl

I don't know if they are still popular, but when my girls were little the *Where's Waldo* books were everywhere. Each two-page spread of the book would be filled with lots of people and scenery and action. And somewhere in that picture you searched for Waldo, a rather nondescript character with glasses and a red and white striped shirt. Waldo blended in. There would be other figures of similar size, and multiple objects striped in red and white. But with patience you could eventually find Waldo, having had fun romping through all the other pictures of life going on as well.

The critical question for all Christians, especially as we travel towards the hill of Golgotha and the empty tomb is "Where's Jesus?" If we are the followers of Jesus, his students, disciples, and friends, where do we go to hang out with him? Where is he calling us to go?

To find the answer we get involved in the broad picture that is the life of humanity: laughing, crying, living, dying, fighting, loving, living. On every page we can look and find Jesus, not necessarily standing out, but in the midst of all of it.

There he is, in the middle of a crowd of people heading towards Jerusalem, caught up in the crazy, heady, Hosannas. So we find him in our praise and worship times, a king in our midst.

Or, there, in the temple, chiding, teaching, challenging. Does he confront us that way sometimes? His voice continues to ring down through the ages: "My house shall be a house of prayer." I squirm when we forget whose house it is, and why we really are here.

I see Jesus at the table, an overlapping picture of a small group of men reclining at a Passover meal, and our own communion table set with bread and juice. But wait, there he is at our family table, and at the community meal served at Brooklyn Memorial Church. And surely, he is eating beans and rice with us in Costa Rica, and sampling chili with us at the Chili Cook-Off.

But where is Jesus when we are hurting? In the midst of earthquakes, fear, and ferocious war? There he is, in the middle of it, taking on the suffering, gathering it all up into his bleeding, loving, hands so that we might transcend it with him, like the thief into paradise.

And wherever Jesus is, it is not in the tomb. Not in the grave. Not dead.

This is the mystery of our faith, as we say in the communion service. *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.* Don't look for him in death, look for him in life. Where's Jesus? Let the search begin. . . .



"WORD!"

BUMC
Jr./Sr. High

Youth Happenings

Middle School Quest

Every Wednesday—4-5:15pm

On April 7th, there will be no Quest due to Spring Break

Join us for snacks, games, laughter and Bible Study every Wednesday at 4pm in the 4th floor youth room! All 6-8 graders are welcome!!

EPIC (High School)

April 11—6-7:30pm

Do you ever hear people talk about the "end times?" Do you wonder what the book of Revelation is really about? Come and learn a little more about the mysterious "Book of Revelation." 9-12 Graders and friends are welcome to attend! We will have pizza and great conversation!

"God is Real" Confirmation Retreat

7 pm April 16 through noon April 17

Come explore the place your belief intersects with how you live!! Get a chance to wrestle with questions of faith and have fun along the way. There will be food, fun and secret mystery guests. Bring a favorite beverage, a snack to share, and overnight gear! (*We will need parents to stay over with us by the way!!!*)

EPIC UnWound

April 25—6-7:30pm

How can dreams help you grow in your Spiritual life? Come and learn!! Supper is provided.

Tea and Fellowship



The Caring and Visitation Committee hosts a tea each year at Chippewa Place. This popular annual event brings many residents and church members together for refreshments, fellowship and a rousing good time singing songs from the past. Many thanks to Karen Walburn, Lucy Fesler, Sheila Kimble, Craig Czarnota, Ruth McDonel, and Pat Frank for taking part in the event this year. We're also grateful to Dave Podolny who leads a Bible Study at Chippewa Place each week. Thanks for serving in love. ~Libby Kuntz

Want to read more? Go to www.brecksvilleumc.com



Milestones celebrate the special happenings in the lives of BUMC. If you have a special anniversary, birth, retirement, wedding, special honor or other news you would like to share, please call or e-mail Melanie

A funeral service was held in the church sanctuary on March 8th to remember the life of Patricia Dippel, a member of BUMC since 1965. Our special prayers go out to her family.

Happy Anniversary to Walt and Karen Walburn who became "Mr. and Mrs." 45 years ago, April 10th.

One sure sign of spring is the return of BUMC "snowbirds". The Markleys and the Johns have been spotted, and others will soon follow. Welcome home—and welcome spring!

In April we will celebrate three baptisms: Mitchell James Bell, Donald Jack Magee and Brock Daniel Raybuck. Our community of faith will surround them with support and embrace them in Christian fellowship.

Someone's turning "five perfect tens" on the 25th of this month. Who could it be? Check out the birthdays!

Would you like to receive an email reminder when audio sermons are posted to the church website? Contact Don Krolkowski at "donald@itsposted.com". The broadcast is made after the Sunday sermon via URL link, for download, podcast or live-streaming. You do not need to be a member of the church to have an email address on the list. Friends, relatives, significant others, as well as shut-ins or those unable to attend church are welcome.



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Serving In Love in Liberia



Thursday, April 1 UMW Meeting

Janet Kleckner will share her experiences from the East Ohio Conference mission trip to Liberia.

The meeting starts at 9:30 with a continental breakfast.

Everyone is welcome!



Bring a Mug - Get a Mug!

As we celebrate Earth Day this month we are making plans to significantly reduce the number of Styrofoam cups used at the church. On April 11th, we will begin using donated mugs for coffee and tea on Sunday mornings.

Help us build our mug collection by participating in our “bring a mug—get a mug” initiative. Trade in a gently used mug in exchange for a BUMC travel mug. If you donate two or more mugs, your family will receive two BUMC travel mugs. There is no limit on the number of old mugs that you can bring in.

We are looking for coffee mugs of the 12 ounce size or larger with a larger handle. The mugs can have writing or advertising and should be in good overall condition with no cracks or chips.

We are working on an “honor system”. On Sundays, look for the coffee mug cart near the coffee. During the week, place your donated mugs on the cart located on the stage in Fellowship Hall. When you drop off a mug, take your BUMC travel mug which will be located in the same area. *(Limit 2 per family, please.)*

Beginning April 11th, we will make these mugs available for anyone to use during fellowship. After you’ve had your coffee, return your mug to the cart for washing. Together, we’ll reduce waste, become better stewards of our resources, and enjoy some fellowship and coffee!



The earth is the LORD's, & everything in it, the world, & all who live in it.

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| 1 Ernest Gear | 5 Lianna Meyer | 14 Ed Jones | 25 Ruth Holmes |
| 1 Doug Holmes | 6 Cathy Buttolph | 14 Andrew Fredrick | 25 John Prominski |
| 1 Faith Decker | 6 Bryan Daugherty | 15 Becky Schultz | 25 John Brachna |
| 2 Robert Anderson | 8 Dorothy Pliske | 15 Matt Nelson | 25 Katie Bartholomew |
| 2 Lauren Brinkmann | 8 Derek Brinkmann | 16 Janine Telischak | 26 Nancy Smith |
| 3 Sherry Klodnick | 9 Becky Merhar | 16 Jim Neidinger | 26 Chase Boldt |
| 3 Julie Kubek | 10 Donna Eilbeck | 17 Regina Dennis | 26 Sara Louttit |
| 4 Wally Servey | 10 Alan Harper | 18 Gordon Foerster | 27 Thomas Ellis |
| 4 Brad Holmok, | 10 Mya Jnah | 18 Gail Huth | 27 Alison Memmer |
| 4 Matthew Agnew | 11 Ken Merhar | 18 Ken Wise | 27 Becky Salsbury |
| 5 James Fredrick Jr. | 11 Hannah Johnson | 19 Stephanie Roberts | 28 Nancy Kroenke |
| | 12 Dale Beaver | 20 Zachary Brachna | 28 Barb Toman |
| | 13 Alex McMaster | 21 Art Quade | 28 Matt Salsbury |
| | 13 Kathy Louttit | 21 Judy Burroughs | 29 Nell Taylor |
| | 13 Carri Kenney | 21 Maryanne Salsbury | 29 John Zakarowsky |
| | 13 Jill Buttolph | 22 Ralph Slifcak | 30 Barbara Harper |
| | 13 Payton Schneider | 24 Susan Emrick | 30 Bob Wuerth |
| | 14 Mark Pace | 24 Kevin Bindel | 30 Lynn Dorman |

Fun Family Affairs

Holy Picnic! Join us for a Holy Picnic on April 1 at 6:30 in the Chapel. We know that everything God made is good. How does this apply to our food? We will learn the significance of certain foods that show up again and again in the Bible. Sit back and relax while you sample these foods and reference the verses in the Bible where these foods appear. This is a great way to prepare for the 7:30 Maundy Thursday worship service to follow. Questions? Call Jenny at the church for more info.



*Children's Worship Sunday
See more photos on the website!*

Dates to Remember:

No Sprouts
on March 28 or April 4

No Sunday School on April 4

Our "All Church" Garlic Mustard Pull date has changed to Sunday, April 25th. Come lend a hand! BUMC will join forces with others in our community in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. Garlic Mustard is an alien species that is spreading through our natural areas and competing for space and nutrients with the native spring wildflowers. It's a very easy plant to pull out. Even a child can do it! Bring garden gloves. Call the church office or Jenny with questions or to register for this volunteer opportunity.

East Ohio Camps... It is already time to begin thinking about summer! If you would like to register your child for summer camp at one of the East Ohio Camp sites now is the time to go online and find out what they have to offer. Not sure your child is ready for summer camp? Not sure you are ready for your child to go away to camp? Why not try camping as a family? Camp Wanake is offering a great Memorial Day weekend family campout. You can choose to stay in the retreat facilities or cabins. I would like to organize a group from our church to go together that weekend. Check out Camp Wanake online at www.EOCsummercamps.org. Call Jenny with any questions or if you are interested in joining with others from our church—and churches from all over Northern Ohio. This is certainly not exclusive to families with young children or families with children at all. Camp Wanake has something to offer to everyone!



All over the world, the Christian Church is experiencing new growth, hope and vision. You have been hearing about the Alpha Course, and now it's here! Our first session is on Sunday April 11 from 5-7:30 PM.

Each Sunday on our ten week journey, Alpha will present core truths of the Christian Faith. You can discover and grow wherever you are on your Christian walk. The format is simple; we begin with sharing a simple meal that is provided, followed by a time of music and worship. Next, a well constructed talk is presented, followed by a round table discussion centered on the talk of the evening. The course includes one all day Saturday Retreat on May 22.

Please sign up for Alpha after church or in the church office by April 1st. **Child care will be provided.** A donation \$5.00/wk. will cover food and material.

Bring a friend!

Play Ball!



The Nordonia Men's Church Softball league is forming and we're looking for players for Team BUMC! The games will start early May and run through early July, Tuesday nights with a couple Saturday nights as well, same as in the past. All games are double headers at Longwood Park in Macedonia. We can field a team with men aged 16 and older. So dust off those gloves and contact Bob Lundholm to sign up.

Children's Worship Sunday



March 7, 2010

ORDER YOUR UMW HOT CROSS BUNS For Palm Sunday, March 28th



Order by March 24. Simply fill out this form and place in the UMW mail slot in the office. You can pay now or on March 28.

Proceeds will go towards funding our commitments to Red Bird, Henderson Settlement and the district pledge. If you have questions call Mary Kotnik 330-467-4834.

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ Pan(s) of Hot Cross Buns @ \$8

_____ Pick up after 8:45 am service

_____ Pick up after 11:15 am service

Checks can be made payable to BUMW.

Thank you for your support!

Welcome Clinician Paul Caldwell!



Paul Caldwell is Artistic Director of the Youth Choral Theater of Chicago, a training and performance company involving nearly 300 young people. The ensemble specializes in music from diverse cultures and multi-media, interdisciplinary performances. Under

his leadership, the troupe was cited for Chicago's "best concert of the year" by The Pioneer Press. The chorus has appeared twice at the Kennedy Center in collaborative performances with the Joffrey Ballet. Paul recently retired as Music Director of the American Boychoir's summer festival in Princeton, New Jersey, to devote more time to composing and arranging.

Paul's music, created collaboratively with Sean Ivory, has been recorded by the world's finest choirs and telecast nationwide on PBS and A&E. Recently, they completed new works for performances at Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House, and Orchestra Hall (Minneapolis). Paul has served as Artist in Residence for both the Children in Harmony Choral Festival at Walt Disney World and the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans. Additionally, he has completed two engagements as Composer in Residence for the Choral Music Experience training course for conductors at Elon University. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Chorus America, the nation's premier service organization for choruses and conductors.

On Saturday, April 24, we will welcome Paul for a day of choral activities culminating in a wonderful festival worship service at 3:00 pm. ***(Please note the change in time!)*** This is a tremendous opportunity to invite the greater Cleveland community into our church home, and we invite you to be a part of the hospitality and excitement of that day with your presence and support.

Volunteers are still needed in several capacities for festival day. Please contact Julie Kubek at koobs15@sbcglobal.net or 440.526.0623 to volunteer.

~Soli Deo Gloria, Joy Fenton, Director of Music

2010 Music With A Mission
 A BENEFIT FOR
 YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT
A Splash of Color

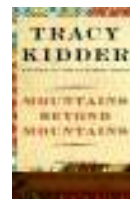


It was snowing and blowing on Friday, February 26th, but the colors in Fellowship Hall helped chase away the winter blues. A delicious dinner was followed up with a star studded extravaganza featuring BUMC talent performing color themed hits like “Yellow Submarine”, “Flying Purple People Eater”, “Pink Cadillac”, and “Blue Suede Shoes”. What a show! Together we raised more than \$2342 to support the YSP trip to New Castle, PA this summer. Money will help defray the costs of travel and tuition for the week. If you’d like to see more photos from the event, visit the church website: www.brecksvilleumc.com. There’s a photo gallery in the “Photos” section, and video of the event on the home page.

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Sunday School NEWS

School is still in session, and our offerings for the Sunday morning education hour for adults will still challenge you, teach you, inspire you, and give you opportunities to connect with others here at Brecksville UMC. Classes will be introduced on April 11 at 10:30 after a longer coffee fellowship, and continue through Sunday, May 23. Sign ups will begin Sunday, March 21 at church and online for the following classes:



Mountains Beyond Mountains. Book study. Tracy Kidder’s riveting story of Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health, and his work in Haiti. Timely and timeless. Led by Craig Kotnik.

What would you do? Faith issues study in the Sanctuary based on ethical dilemma videos originally aired on 20/20. Our senior high students loved these, and we think you will, too. Led by Marc Vincent.



James. Bible study of the book that calls us to combine faith and works in vital Christian discipleship. Led by Joy Fenton.

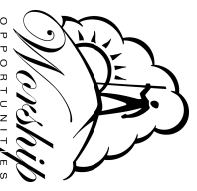






Talking about the tough stuff. Family or parenting study, but open to all. Sharing our wisdom and faith when it comes to sharing tough talks with children and friends about death, divorce, drugs, and more. Led by Pastor Karen.



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Want more information? Visit www.brecksvilleumc.com and click on the "calendar" link!

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Worship OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>Maundy Thursday: Scripture: John 13:2b-5, 12-15, 34-35 Good Friday: Scripture: Matthew 27:27-31 Easter: Luke 24:1-5, 13-35 April 11: Acts 5:27-32, John 20:19-31 April 18: Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19 April 25: Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17</p>						
 <p>6:50 Sunrise Service 8:45 Worship 11:15 Worship</p>	<p>5 6 <i>Evangelism</i></p>	<p>6 9:30 <i>Staff Meeting</i></p>	<p>7 6:30 <i>Danbreakers</i> 7 Prayer Service 7:30 <i>Missions</i></p>	<p>8 9:30 <i>Asbury Breveth</i> 6:15 <i>Handbells</i> 7:30 <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>9 7a <i>Emmanuel Rennon</i></p>	<p>10 </p>
<p>BBH Spring Break—No School</p>						
<p>11 <i>Bring Your Mag!</i> 8:45 Worship 10:30 <i>Education Hour</i> 11:15 Worship 5 <i>Alpha, FH</i> 6 <i>EPIC</i></p>	<p>12 6:30 <i>Women's Emmanus</i> 7:30 <i>Ad Board</i></p>	<p>13 9:30 <i>Staff Meeting</i> 7 <i>COE, Chapel</i> 7 <i>Music Board—off site</i></p>	<p>14 6:30 <i>Danbreakers</i> 4 <i>CNMAP</i> 4 <i>Quest</i> 7 Taizé Prayer Service</p>	<p>15 6:15 <i>Handbells</i> 7 <i>Sunday School Teacher Meeting</i> 7:30 <i>Choir</i> <i>Confirmation Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>16 7a <i>Emmanuel Rennon</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 7 pm <i>Fri—Noon Saturday</i> </div></p>	<p>17 24 <i>Chorister's Guild Festival</i> 3 pm Worship Service </p>
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<p>25 <i>Go Green Sunday</i> 8:45 Worship 10 <i>Education Hour</i> 11:15 Worship <i>Gartic Mustard Pull</i> 5 <i>Alpha, FH</i> </p>	<p>26 6:30 <i>Women's Emmanus</i> 7:30 <i>Worship Committee</i></p>	<p>27 9:30 <i>Staff Meeting</i></p>	<p>28 6:30 <i>Danbreakers</i> 4 <i>CNMAP</i> 4 <i>Quest</i> 7 Prayer Service</p>	<p>29 6:15 <i>Handbells</i> 7:30 <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>30 7a <i>Emmanuel Rennon</i></p>	<p>3 </p>