

The Good Word

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.” -- Mark 2:22



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A few weeks ago, after one of those good, soaking rains, I got some ornamental grass from a friend to put in my backyard. The grass spreads quickly and taking some bunches helped them and also helped me soak up excess water in my yard. (Sharing is caring.) This past weekend, I went over to their house and saw how much their grass had grown. I declared, “Hey! Your grass is taller than mine is!” My friend immediately responded, “That’s because your grass has experienced trauma and needs time to recover.”

I was shocked.

Not because this was new information to me—I knew that’s why my grass was shorter: when you dig something up and replant it, the roots need to settle into the new soil and get acclimated. And no matter how much fertilizer or water you give the plant, it’s going to take time to recover.

What shocked me was how quickly and matter-of-fact my friend made this statement. We are quick to recognize the trauma experienced by a clump of ornamental grass, and how that affects the life of the plant. But when it comes to recognizing the same

trauma in our own lives (or the lives of others) we can be woefully oblivious.

Whether intentionally or not, we (at least many of us) have rushed back to as close to our “old normal” as we could possibly get. Because the pandemic helped us to see the things we missed, and frankly, it’s easy to slip back into the “old normal.” However, this seems to be like putting new wine in old wineskins. We are not the same post-pandemic—we’ve each experienced trauma. We are different, and the world is different, too. And acknowledging that is important.

All this is to say: give yourself some grace if things seem hard right now. You’re like a plant that’s been uprooted from your comfortable, “known normal,” and placed in a new normal that looks the same but is also very different. Not to mention, you are different! It’s going to take time to get acclimated and discover how to live and thrive in this new soil.

And as always, remember that you’re not alone: God is with you, and we are in this together.

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HONEST WORSHIP



Worship In the Woods

"I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order." – John Burroughs

Celebrate the beauty of creation in our own Cleveland Metroparks this summer with Jenny Gee and the whole Worship in the Woods crew. Take time to pray, sing and connect with God and one another in the natural spaces that make up Brecksville Reservation. We hike relatively easy-to-navigate trails and then stop along the way to worship, sing and praise God. Return to the shelter for s'mores (on Friday evenings) or coffee and muffins (on Saturday mornings). Sign up at BUMCLinks.com

Summer 2022 Worship in the Woods Dates:

Friday, June 3 at 7 pm

Saturday, June 18 at 9 am

Friday, July 1 at 7 pm

Saturday, July 16 at 9 am

Friday, August 5 at 7 pm

Saturday, August 20 at 9 am



Worship Series Begins June 12

We measure time with alarm clocks & days off, in cups of coffee and sunrises, through birthdays, vacations, and the ordinary passing of time. But life is often anything but ordinary. Our summer worship series, "*Anything but Ordinary*" takes us through some of the stories of Abraham's family, stories potent with drama and disappointment, punctuated by a God who keeps showing up, persistently, creatively, and lovingly. In the mess and the mundane of family life, God works in ways that are surprising, transformative, joyful, reconciling, and unifying. Come be reminded of the surprisingly persistent grace of God that will always and forever be *anything but ordinary*.

3 Ways You can Help Make Sunday Worship Possible

Sundays happen every week, so signing up to serve once-a-month would be an answer to prayer. We know you're busy and life is pulling you in a million directions. We appreciate every time you say "yes" to spending your time helping make Brecksville UMC a welcoming space for all!

- 1. Help prepare & clean up Holy Communion.** This is a low-time commitment, easy thing to do, alone or with a friend. One week a month would be a GREAT help! Email pastor@brecksvilleumc.com
- 2. Ushering, particularly 10 o'clock Service.** Arrive before service and stay after a bit - and those two hours make a HUGE difference. No joke! Sign up at BUMCLinks.com or call Jaclyn at 440-526-8938. Don't know how to usher? We'll show you the ropes!
- 3. Tearing down the 8:30 service.** Jamie needs to scoot inside to practice for the 10 am service, and needs a few people who can help put things away. Contact him directly at jamie@brecksvilleumc.com.



DETERMINED SERVICE



Bike Fix-it Day June 4 Summertime is bike time! Come be part of our next Bike-Fix-It Day Saturday, June 4 from 9 am until noon. All levels of ability are welcome to join us. Some bikes need mechanical work, but others just need a good cleaning, or to have usable parts removed before they are scrapped. Help get spokes to folks! No registration needed, just show up and help as you are able. Bring your friends!

Bike Caravan Would you like to be involved in the Bike Ministry in another way? Consider joining us in a delivery caravan. You will meet some of the organizations partnering with our ministry and hear first hand some of the stories of kids and adults that have received bicycles. Delivering the bikes is an amazingly rewarding aspect of this ministry! Dates TBD. Reach out to Jenny (jenny@brecksvilleumc.com) or sign up for the **#BeSomebody Alerts** (see sidebar) for more information and updates!

Hygiene Kit Drive Continues

A smile is the shortest distance between two people.

WOW! Thank you, generous congregation, for your hygiene kit donations! With your donation of supplies, money, and time (to package and distribute kits) we have already provided hygiene kits to nearly 200 people at Medworks Dental Clinics this spring on April 29 and May 7!

Medworks provides unconditional dental and medical care to people who cannot afford it, while helping people connect to services to improve their overall health and well being. We were able to greet and talk with every patient that went through the dental clinics, many of them young families, and they were all smiles as we handed each of them a hygiene kit. Medworks volunteers and patients were enthusiastic about how thankful they are for your gifts!

We have two more Medworks events this summer—June 25 and August 6. **Our next kit assembly day will be June 12** between worship services in Fellowship Hall. Friends, we need to make 500 more kits! Please consider adding some of our kit items to your shopping list or donate funds to purchase them. You can bring donations to the bins in the lobby (on the main floor of the church.) When you use Amazon Smile, they can be shipped right to the church. Find our shopping lists (printable and Amazon) on BUMCLinks.com

Thank you for branching out in service, Brecksville UMC!

- Contributed by Kathy Auble, Missions & Outreach Committee



#BeSomebody

My grandmother used to talk about her friend, Somebody. When my sisters and I would leave Legos all over her sewing room floor, Grandma would say, “Uh, oh. *Somebody* forgot to clean up again! I’m going to have to have a talk with her!”

When there are opportunities to serve our community, we all think about our friend, Somebody. “Surely, *Somebody* will fill that need.” Or, “I’ll sign up later, when *Somebody* reminds me.”

The Missions & Outreach Committee wants to make it easy for you to be Somebody. Sign up to receive alerts by text, email or phone when there is an unfilled need. Tell us what kind of opportunity you would like to hear about—acts of service, prayer, presence or treasure—and we’ll reach out with a call to action when you’re needed.

Sign up at BUMCLinks.com, at church, or by phoning the office: 440-526-8938 - Submitted by Melanie Smith



Leslie Miller distributes kits at Medworks Clinic



May 19 was a great day for our first Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Work Day of 2022! We had a big team helping rehab a home on Ewell Avenue in the Buckeye neighborhood of Cleveland. Pastor Heidi, Jinho Lee, Chuck Gezze, Jamie Schwendeman, Jeff Hastings, Scott Hastings, Jaclyn Torres and Melanie Smith worked on things like priming baseboards, pulling carpet staples, hanging drywall, removing siding, installing insulation, removing outlet covers, washing walls and demoing a porch railing. Leading the way were Habitat volunteers Dave Podolny, Bill Webb and Dave the electrician. Sweet Kathy Auble showed up at the end of the day with popsicles for all!

Best of all, this house will soon be a home for a Habitat partner family who has already put in their own volunteer hours (at least 300 of them!), is completing financial literacy training, and who will own the home from day one with a no interest loan from Habitat. Safe affordable housing will improve this family's life, and building equity will give them a strong foundation for the future!

We have two more work days this year - August 25 and October 27 (both Thursdays). Volunteers must be at least 17 years old, and there's something for people of all abilities to do. Can you help? Sign up at BUMCLinks.com or contact the office!

Peacemaking, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding

Peace With Justice Sunday is June 12

The gospel is a message of redemption but also of peace and freedom. As Christians, we are called to spread peace, do good and stand for justice. Take a look at the scriptures:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9
"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." - Romans 12:21
"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8

Not much has changed when it comes to peace and justice from the culture and context of those Scriptures to today. We still need to work to encourage peace and seek justice. As United Methodists, Peace with Justice Sunday is one way we are working together to seek justice.

While we recognize that no nation or culture is absolutely just, we believe that we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers. It is necessary to work together to resolve conflict peacefully because it is in that resolution where work such as eliminating poverty, caring for orphans, and kick starting health initiatives can be successful. So what does being a peacemaker, peacekeeper or peacebuilder look like?

Peacemaking is defined as the process of creating a settlement between differing parties. If you have children, we are sure that you have played the role of peacemaker many, many, many times. Even if you don't have children, perhaps this is a role that has been played by you or a friend to help settle a dispute.

Peacekeeping is keeping people from attacking one another by creating a buffer of neutrality between them. On a global scale, we've seen the UN or neutral nations act as peacekeepers. At a local level, this could mean involving a mediator to help.

Peacebuilding is a process that establishes peace through resolution, institution building or at the political level with the goal of preventing recurring violence. Like any good lesson, it is never enough just to learn it. We must now act on what we know.

Peace with Justice Sunday is based on these ideas that the way to stand for justice is to simultaneously create pathways for peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. It is a day to take action by funding peace with justice programs in our communities.

One such program we want to highlight is the Peace with Justice Network. This network provides resources and legislative actions to support peacemaking and peacebuilding. Learn more by visiting their website:

www.umcjustice.org/what-we-care-about/peace-with-justice. - From ResourceUMC.org



LIFELONG LEARNING

Lectio Continues Through Summer

Join us as we continue digging into the scripture and finding the way God is speaking to us through *Imaginative Prayer* and *Lectio Divina* throughout the summer. Consider joining our little community one Monday morning (at 10:30) or Tuesday evening (at 7 pm). The experience is rich and meaningful. Come try it for yourself!

Sprouts Takes it Outside this Summer

Sprouts (a program for kids from pre-school on up) will meet on the church lawn after Children's Moment (during the 10 o'clock service) each Sunday when the weather allows through the summer months. We will learn about the amazing variety of plants and animals in God's beautiful creation and celebrate our awesome and creative God! Encourage your child to wear clothes and shoes they can be outside in and don't mind if they get a little dirty. On rainy days, we will meet in Room 403.

VBS is Fast Approaching!

We are so excited that all our big plans for this year's VBS in the Park are well underway and we already know it is going to be a great week. This year's theme is ***Food Trucks... on a Roll with God!*** We have over 100 children registered already and so many fantastic volunteers that will make the week an amazing time of learning about and witnessing God's overflowing love for all of us. ***Would you like to be part of the fun?***

- We will need some items donated as we get closer to July and will be sharing a list later. For now we would like to begin collecting pint sized Mason jars. Have a few extra laying around the house? Bring them to the container labeled 'VBS' in the coatroom.
- Keep our campers, our teachers and crew leaders covered in prayer!



On the 4th Sunday of each month, we gather in the Sanctuary (and online) after the 10 am worship service to share some of our favorite hymns. Have a request? Send it in and you may hear it at the next Hymn Sing! office@brecksvilleumc.com

Teacher appreciation Sunday June 5

If you taught Sunday School this year, be sure to come to church on June 5 as we recognize the ways you have helped create safe spaces for our kids to grow with God and one another. Let's all lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for these amazing folks! Is God calling you to teach Sunday School next year? Reach out to Jenny to learn about it! jenny@brecksvilleumc.com



Hayden, Lucy, Sara, Ash and Ben pose with their confirmation necklaces.

Confirmation 2022

On May 22, we celebrated the confirmation of Ben Eberhardt, Sara Kwiatkowski, Lucy Shijo, Hayden Vincent and Ash Watkins. Confirmation is an opportunity, offered to students in 7th grade and above, to have a personal exploration of what it means to be a Christian, and more specifically, a United Methodist.

Students learn about scripture, church history, prayer, spiritual development, theology, mission, and the structural connections of the UMC. This learning takes place in Sunday School, with mentors, during worship, on retreat, and in other avenues throughout the year.

The culmination of the confirmation journey comes when students deciding to claim their faith as their own and become full members of the United Methodist Church. Confirmation is a continuation of baptismal vows that parents make for their children, where students can now say for themselves, "yes, I want to follow Jesus and I choose to be a United Methodist."

If you would like to know more about confirmation, please reach out to Pastor Heidi (pastor@brecksvilleumc.com) or our Director of Youth Ministries, Dana Schwendeman (dana@brecksvilleumc.com.)



Reach Out Camp in Lakeside, OH is from July 17-23 and you still have time to register your youth to attend! Students who will be in 8th grade in the fall up to graduating seniors are invited to attend Reach Out camp with us. For over 50 years, Reach Out has been an East Ohio United Methodist summer camp that aims to inspire youth to live a life of service and Christ-like love. During the week of camp youth will have the opportunity to enjoy the gorgeous views of Lakeside, OH and have an overnight experience at a local missions location that Reach Out has partnered with in order to make a difference in the community. Over the course of the week, youth engage in worship, crafts, Bible study, swimming, games, and more. Reach Out is a truly unique experience that youth can only have at camp. Dana and Jamie Schwendeman are both on staff and would love to see some Brecksville UMC faces at camp this year. Registration is on the East Ohio Camps website and email Dana at youth@breckvilleumc.com with any questions!

Encouraging Teens and their Families with a "Slow" Summer Faith

You did it! You and your family survived another school year. With early mornings, to-do lists a mile long, and jam packed schedules, the school year can feel like a never ending treadmill of busyness. Then June arrives and you think, "finally time to relax." But in reality, schedules still fill up, week-long camps take over, and "summer break" doesn't feel like a break at all. Before you know it, school is back in session and we start the cycle over again.

This is a one way ticket to burnout for you and your family, especially your teens. Humans need time to pause, catch our breath, and invest in our own wellbeing, away from the hustle and bustle. This is easier said than done, but one way to do that is by adopting a "slow faith" in the summer. What is "slow faith?" Slow Faith takes time out of our normal day-to-day activities to pause, see where God is working in our lives, and appreciate the moment. Slow Faith encourages us to slow down. Planning Slow Faith activities into your schedule takes practice. You won't always get it right, but intentionally setting time with your teen to invest in them is always worth the effort.

Some Slow Faith activities to try this summer:

- ⚙ Watch the sunset together.
- ⚙ Take a walk together in a park you've never been to.
- ⚙ Watch a movie together with themes about mental health and young people. (Have a favorite? Share it in our Facebook Group!)
- ⚙ Go to the beach together and collect shells, rocks, or sea glass.
- ⚙ Go for a drive together and share your favorite music with each other
- ⚙ Stargaze together in the backyard
- ⚙ Plant something outside together
- ⚙ Look at old pictures together
- ⚙ Cook a meal or bake something together
- ⚙ Go to the library or a bookstore and pick out your summer reads together

You probably noticed that most, if not all, of these have very little to do with things you would traditionally think of as "churchy" or "faith filled." All of these activities create moments of pause in order to spend time together and that creates opportunities for conversation and connection that work for you and your teen. Slow Faith is all about that connection - with God, with your teen, and with yourself. I hope you give some of these a try this summer and find time to slow down! - Dana Schwendeman, Director of Youth Ministry

UMW Potluck Picnic in the Park

Thursday, June 2

Come gather with the women of the church on Thursday, June 2 from noon to 2 pm for an old-fashioned Methodist potluck! Bring a meat, side dish or dessert to share, as well as your own beverage to Sagamore Hills Park, 11550 Valley View Rd., Sagamore Hills OH 44067. Restrooms are nearby. Picnic tables are available, but you can bring your own chair if you prefer. We will provide plates, napkins, plastic ware and such.

DIRECTIONS: From SR 82, going East across the bridge. Turn Left on Chaffee Rd., turn right at the end of the road on Valley View Road. The picnic area is 0.9 miles on the right, 0.2 miles past Canal Rd.

Call or email Kathy Sopka at (440) 821-5203 or kmineagain@cox.net for questions.

We take a break from meeting in July and August. Mark your calendar for our **September Meeting!** Police Chief Kathleen Dolan of Beachwood will talk about her career development. This is an evening meeting, so people are encouraged to bring their teens to hear about her success. More details to follow.



The Mother's Day Bake Sale Was a Big Success!

Mother's Day was UMW Sunday. Here's a big THANK YOU to all the people who served as ushers, greeters, bakers, and sales people during church and at the bake sale, and all of you who supported the cause with a donation. We made \$575.25 for the UMW Missions Fund!

When you give to the Brecksville United Methodist Women, you are supporting efforts to enrich the lives of women and children locally and around the world. ALL gifts are welcome—you do not need to be a member, or a woman, to contribute! Your support will help our good work to continue into the future. *Checks payable to Brecksville **UMW** (United Methodist Women.)*

JOYFUL GATHERING

Cookies & Lemonade On the Lawn

The Fellowship Committee is hosting refreshments on the church lawn between services on Sunday, June 5. Come enjoy some summertime together!

Graduation Sunday

June 5 is also Graduation Sunday! We will celebrate the people of our church family who are graduating from high school, college, technical school or with advanced degrees. If you would like to be included, please complete the "Grad Sunday" form at BUMClinks.com!

Brecksville Home Days

It's time for Brecksville Home Days! The United Methodist Women have hung up their aprons and will not be making pies this year. So we're hosting a Pie Baking Contest! (See the article on the next page for how you can help). The Missions & Outreach Committee needs your help with the contest, to serve in shifts at the booth, (where we'll have a fun, interactive game!) and at a diaper changing station we're hosting for families on the church grounds.

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For decades, the Brecksville United Methodist Women have served their famous cherry pies at Brecksville Home Days. This year, the tables have turned. Bakers from the community are encouraged to share their best recipes in a good old fashioned pie baking contest, open to all ages, on the afternoon of Saturday, June 25.

Bakers are encouraged to prepare their favorite pie in a disposable container, and bring it along with a written copy of their recipe to Home Days. A group of “celebrity” judges will critique each entry based on taste, overall appearance, creativity, and texture. The top scoring pies will receive a prize ribbon - and all contestants will receive a collection of recipes (to be mailed at a later date). The entry “fee” is a donation of non-perishable food items for the Brecksville Human Services Center.

The church is currently recruiting judges and prizes. Are you a culinary professional or aficionado? Is your business “pie friendly?” Reach out to the church for more information!

Complete details, contest rules and entry form will be available soon at www.BUMCLinks.com. For more information, email Melanie Smith, the church’s Director of Communication & Connection, melanie@brecksvilleumc.com or call 440-526-8938.

Self Care Corner

Inspired by Nature- Pebble Meditation Summer means spending time outside and seeing nature come to life in bright, colorful hues. Getting to explore outside is not only enjoyable, it can also be relaxing and great for our mental health. Thich Nhat Hahn, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk, poet, leader, and teacher, found inspiration for mindfulness by looking at the nature around him. He created this meditation to help him connect within himself and also with the elements around him. This meditation is often referred to as "The Pebble Meditation" and is a great introduction to meditation for all ages. Try it as you explore the great outdoors this summer!

The Pebble Meditation - Find four similar sized stones or pebbles and take a seat on the ground or on a chair or bench. Place the four stones in a row next to you and close your eyes. Breathe in for a count of 4, hold for a count of 4, slowly release your breath for a count of 4, and hold for another count of 4. Repeat this breath exercise twice (or as many times as you need).

When you are ready, pick up the first pebble and hold it in your hand. Feel its smoothness, its coolness, the weight of it in your hand. You will do this for each of the pebbles and each one represents an element of nature to be inspired by. Hold the pebble in your hand and close your eyes, speaking aloud each of these meditations written by Thich Nhat Hahn:

Pebble #1: Flower

- Breathing in, I see myself as a flower.
- Breathing out, I feel fresh.
- Flower, Fresh.*

Pebble #2: Mountain

- Breathing in, I see myself as a mountain.
- Breathing out, I feel solid.
- Mountain, Solid.*

Pebble #3: Water

- Breathing in, I see myself as still water.
- Breathing out, I reflect things as they truly are.
- Water, Reflecting.

Pebble #4: Space

- Breathing in, I see myself as space.
- Breathing out, I feel free.
- Space, Free.*

*During these final phrases for each pebble, breathe in and out three times, taking time to pause between putting down and picking up each pebble.



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| 1 | Rick Krause | 9 | Ann Hurley | 24 | Anne Ford |
| 1 | Leslie Miller | 9 | Gil Phillips | 25 | Kylie Engelhardt |
| 1 | Leelee Perry | 9 | Paul Phillips | 25 | K. K. Hood |
| 1 | Adam Smith | 9 | Sam Phillips | 25 | Jacob Nelson |
| 2 | Jeannette Dumot | 9 | John Zakarowsky | 25 | Brian Pasek |
| 2 | Harmony Lasich | 10 | Megan Rohrer | 25 | River Roberts |
| 2 | Fran McClean | 11 | Jim Monnett | 26 | Jerry Bartholomew |
| 2 | Judy McCrodden | 11 | Cydney Tormento | 26 | Linda Crouch |
| 4 | Bill Bisco | 12 | Sarah Hurder | 26 | Craig Czarnota |
| 4 | Robert Butler | 12 | Trevor Vastartis | 26 | Darren Krolikowski |
| 4 | Aaron Georgevich | 13 | Thomas Kuttler | 26 | Silas Spitzer |
| 4 | Grayce Herrick | 15 | Amber Lasich | 26 | Jimmy Zawada |
| 4 | Tammy Jaite | 16 | John Falko | 27 | Shirley Galik |
| 4 | Russell Slifcak | 16 | Susan Vojtko | 27 | Jan Kranstuber |
| 5 | Kimberlee Fisher | 17 | Dan AuWerter | 27 | Ruth McDonel |
| 5 | Cathy Krolikowski | 19 | Charlie Cooper | 27 | Krissy Nelson |
| 5 | Wally Kudlaty | 19 | Judy Helm | 28 | Joe Bartholomew |
| 6 | Megan Gardner | 20 | Kevin Kwiatkowski | 28 | Dorothy Bowles |
| 6 | Jenna Schroedel | 21 | Russ Martin | 28 | Lori Cooper |
| 7 | Darren Calovini | 21 | Mark Pace | 29 | Deanne Kloss |
| 7 | Courtney McDonough | 22 | Gavin Santora | 29 | Julia Patterson |
| 7 | Lauren Scott | 22 | Neilson Tait | 30 | Taylor Cave |
| | | 23 | Michael Pace | | |
| | | 23 | Linda Rollins | | |

Thank You!

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 are all blessed when people like Scott Campbell and Bob Bloch step to the plate. For

over 15 years, Scott and Bob volunteered on the mowing team—and Scott organized the mowing schedule for most of that time. Thank you, gentlemen, for caring for the church grounds so well! On a recent rainy Sunday, Ric Lesinski picked up an umbrella and met folks in the parking lot, providing them shelter from the rain as they entered the church building. Talk about a warm welcome! Watching kids grow is one of the joys of being in a church community. What a gift to hear Mitchell Bell deliver the liturgy at the 10 o’clock service. Thank you Mitchell for sharing the word of God! Doug Holmes is one of those folks who shows up, somehow knowing just what is needed. Thank you for cleaning the benches, serving as an usher, and a church closer, Doug!



JUNE

Show your care with prayer!

“Thinking of you” is a great reason to send someone a card or letter! Say a prayer, write a note, add a stamp and send a smile!

Week of June 5

Bill Long

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Week of June 12

David Stoffer

6942 Woodwalk Dr
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Week of June 19

Nancy Manaska

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Brecksville, OH 44141-2476

Week of June 26

Jim Mueller

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Westlake, OH 44145-6773

Do you know someone who would appreciate being on the list? Contact Pastor Barbara! Check back next month for a new list!

Cleveland Pride

An Outreach of Love

Our church's presence at Pride in the CLE underscores our commitment to Courageous Inclusion. By marching together, we are proclaiming the message that God's love is for *all* people. The parade is Saturday, June 4 in downtown Cleveland.

Why are we a sponsor of the parade? Our hope is that our presence and support will help create safe spaces for all people to grow with God and one another.

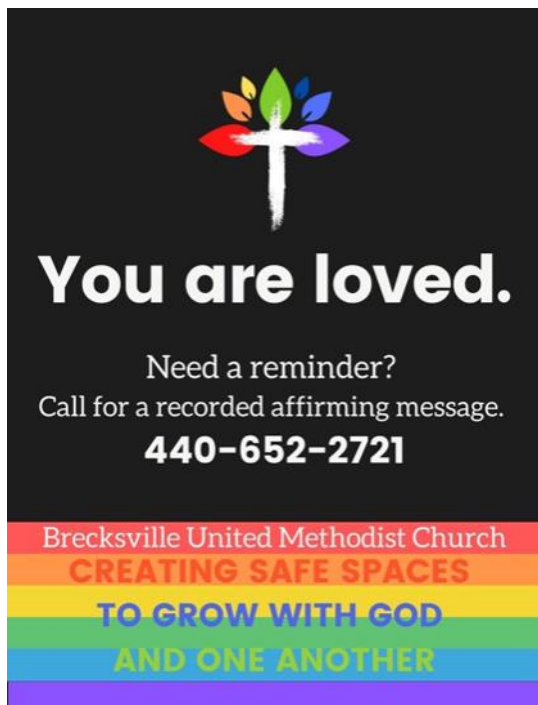
To help share that intention, we created an Affirmation Hotline — a recorded message that anyone can call anytime, day or night. Callers are reminded that God loves them just as they are and that there are people who care for them. The recorded message is a mix of voices—recorded by individuals at church and at home—edited together into one message of love and hope.

Sharing God's love and repairing harm is our call as Christians. Take a listen to the hotline. If there's someone you know who needs to hear it, why not share it with them?










Another opportunity for Honest Worship in June—the Annual Conference Open Table Service. Come to beautiful First UMC Akron for an Open Table Worship Service. We will gather for a light dinner at 5 pm followed by Open Table worship at 6 pm. We are thrilled to announce our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Churches and an ardent voice for ending the death penalty in Ohio. Read his complete bio here: www.ohcouncilchs.org/copy-of-staff

Additional worship leadership will be provided by Rev. Gregory Kendrick of Cory UMC and music will be performed by members of BUMC's praise team! First UMC of Akron is within walking distance of the John S. Knight Center, and there is ample free parking at the church (263 Mill Street). There will be childcare on site, and the service will be live streamed at the website link provided. As always, this event is open to all—bring your friends!




Racial Justice Prayer & Action Challenge. Our Christian principles charge us to be a community of prayer and action. We are called to work towards liberation — as a spiritual and actionable practice. For this reason, the General Commission on Religion and Race invites us to participate in the Racial Justice Prayer & Action Challenge. For six weeks, beginning on Juneteenth (Sunday June 19) look for daily prayers on social media, along with weekly challenges to help you put your prayers into action. Watch for more details, including downloadable prayer books, coming soon!

June

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | | 1 6:30 Breakfast 10:30 Lectio Divina | 2  9:30 UMW Picnic 9:30 Pastor's FB Live | 3 7 pm Worship In the Woods | 4 Pride Parade 9 am Bike Fix It Day! |
| 5 <i>Pentecost Graduation Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 9:30 Cookies & Lemonade 10 Worship In Sanctuary | 6 <i>Summer Office Hours Begin 8 am—1 pm Mon—Friday</i> 10:30 Lectio Divina | 7 10 Staff 1 Bike Fix It w/ Key Bank 1:30 Comm at Chippewa 5 Vision Tm 7 Lectio | 8 6:30 Breakfast | 9  9:30 Pastor's FB Live 8 Band | 10 5 AC Soup Supper 6 AC Open Table Worship Svc | 11 |
| East Ohio Annual Conference | | | | | | |
| Middle School Mission Experience—Nehemiah | | | | | | |
| 12 <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 9:30 Hygiene Kit Assembly Day 10 Worship | 13 10:30 Lectio Divina | 14 10 Staff 7 Lectio | 15 6:30 Breakfast | 16  <i>Good Word deadline</i> 9:30 Pastor's FB Live 8 Band | 17  | 18 9 am Worship In the Woods |
| Youth Annual Conference | | | | | | |
| 19 <i>Father's Day Juneteenth</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship Pearl Road Dinner? | 20 10:30 Lectio Divina  | 21 10 Staff 10 Stitch 7 Lectio 7 Trustees | 22 6:30 Breakfast | 23  9:30 Pastor's FB Live 10 GW Party 8 Band | 24 <i>Visit our booth at Home Days!</i> | 25 Medworks Clinic Pie Baking Contest! |
| Youth Annual Conf | | | | Home Days | | |
| 26 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship In Sanctuary 11 Hymn Sing | 27 10:30 Lectio Divina | 28 10 Staff 7 Lectio 7 Finance | 29 6:30 Breakfast | 30  9:30 Pastor's FB Live 8 Band | | |
| Home Days | | | | | | |

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