

# THE GOOD WORD



Dana Schwendeman, Maria Shurik, and Kim Petro

## Why Pride Matters

It took some courage to walk up to our church's booth at BBH Pride Fest and say "I'm kinda looking for a church." The 15-year-old from Broadview Heights explained that she had been very active in her church her whole life, but after she came out as gay "They didn't let me keep coming to youth group because they said I was a danger to the other kids." Even so, her faith was still important to her. "When I came out nothing changed about me. I still love Jesus."

After the event, our Youth Director, Dana Schwendeman, shared a photo from Pride Fest on her Instagram account and soon got a message from someone she knew at the church where she grew up. How is it that Brecksville UMC could be at a Pride event?

Dana shared about our church's journey to becoming a reconciling and inclusive church. Her old friend asked "What's the catch? Is it a 'love the sinner, hate the sin' sort of thing?" Dana could sense the hurt this friend experienced when her church had not been supportive or inclusive when she and her girlfriend (now wife) attended.

When Dana explained the ways our church celebrates LGBTQ people and includes them in the full life of the church and that they are a necessary and beautiful part of the Body of Christ, Dana said "She was blown away and said that she and her wife will be visiting on Sunday. I was so happy!"

Those who have felt harm from the church in the past may wonder if we really mean it when we say that God's love is unconditional, that God loves *all* people, "even if and no matter what." Our presence at Pride is an opportunity for conversations to begin and questions to be answered.

As Pastor Heidi shared in her message on June 2, "Again and again throughout scripture, Jesus shows us that true, Godly love isn't easy—it's not passive, taking the path of least resistance—rather, it's taking the path of excellence. Loving God with our whole self, with 'all of your heart, and with all of your soul, and with all of your mind' is demanding and risky." Let's give thanks to God for a love like that.



## From the Pastor

At Annual Conference this year, I was asked by Rev. Ed Fashbaugh, the East Ohio Director of Connectional Ministries, to share about how the Simplified Accountable Structure has impacted our church. I thought it might be helpful to share my reflection with our church community.

When Ed called me about sharing, it was an immediate "yes." We just transitioned to this new model on January 1st of this year, and we are already seeing the benefits of having everyone around one table each month, fully focusing on not just the "work" of the church, but the mission and goals of our church.

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In fact, the day Ed called, I had finished my report for Leadership Board. And in it, I wrote, *I don't have an update specific to our goals. I know that's the important work to focus on, and yet I'm not sure how to dedicate more time when so much time/energy is being consumed by planning and preparing for Sundays, dealing with rental negotiations, staff needs, pastoral care, etc. I don't say this as an excuse—I really want to figure out how to make "goal work" my main work.*

That's not anything I would've shared in our previous model—especially in such an intentional way.

It doesn't have anything to do specifically with the building, so Trustees wouldn't have concerned themselves with it.

It didn't have to do with the bottom line or even really stewardship, so Finance wouldn't have been inclined to dedicate time to it.

Our quarterly Church Council meetings were more focused on reviewing the work of the past rather than focusing forward.

I might've shared it with SPRC, but the conversation would've been more about helping me prioritize time, rather than how to prioritize the *goals* of the church in the *work* of the church.

Essentially, there was no meeting where time was devoted to the questions, "How are we working towards our goals?" "What do we need to do differently to live out our mission of *creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another?*"

Working with a team of leaders who are deeply committed to the overall mission of our church—not what they think is the most important work of the church, their favorite ministry, or "the event we've always done"—but where God is leading Brecksville UMC in the next year, 5 years, and 10 years—that's been a game changer.

It's no longer up to me and my awesome staff to lead the church into the future, but we're teamed with a dedicated group of leaders from the congregation who are asking questions like, "What are the stories of how God has used our church community to impact people's lives—both inside the church and outside?" "How do we need to re-prioritize our resources to focus on where God is calling us?"

When I shared with them that I didn't focus on the goals that month, they affirmed that things needed to be re-prioritized so we will make steps—even small steps—toward our goals. And it led to a larger conversation about how we're using our resources of staff, volunteers, and finances. Asking ourselves, "Is this a sign of larger changes that need made?"

It's almost... Wesleyan: loving, grace-filled accountability focused on God's leading. 10/10, would definitely recommend.

*Pastor Heidi*

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



**Brecksville UMC's VBS**

**Camp Firelight**

July 8-12 from 9:30-12:30

*"Whenever I'm afraid,  
I put my trust in you."*

-Psalm 56:3

As we go to print, there are still a handful of spots open for the best week of the summer **Camp Firelight VBS** at the Oak Grove Picnic Shelter the week of **July 8-12**. Each day of the week children and volunteers will hear a different story from the Bible that assures us that we can trust God to be with us in every situation. Please surround the children, their families, and our volunteers in prayer this month! Want to support VBS? See the Close the Budget Gap article in this newsletter!



**What can you do with an old T?**

Our Vacation Bible School kids can use them to make a 'Jacob's Dream Pillow' on the first day of Camp. Have a clean t-shirt to donate? There's a collection bin (look for the label) in front of the coat room on the 1st floor. We need them by July 3!



**Summer Prayer Stations**

*Sundays through September 1*

Come explore the self guided prayer stations set up for you in the Chapel. There are nine different stations to visit out at your own pace. Some stations have handouts to take home so that you can incorporate some new practices into your prayer life.



**Lectio Divina**

*Mondays at 10:30 am*

*Tuesday Evening Lectio returns in the fall.*

Looking for a way to engage with Scripture in community with others? Join us on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the Chapel (on the second floor) for Lectio Divina. Spiritual Director Jenny Gee leads us in this ancient practice of "divine reading." Try it and see if it's for you! Want to learn more? Reach out to Jenny at [education@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:education@brecksvilleumc.com)

**THANK YOU**  
**2023-24 Teachers & Helpers!**

Harper Adanich  
Tracy Adanich  
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Jason Bell  
Mitchell Bell  
Eliza Botzman  
Michelle Botzman  
Paul Botzman  
Rebecca Burgstahler  
Hannah Burgstahler  
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Renee Cooper  
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Max Gabor  
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Heidi Slagle  
Jim Slagle  
Kim Vann  
Matt Vann  
Sophia Vann  
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Ash WatKins  
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United  
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in Faith

faith

action

sisterhood

You are welcome in the Brecksville United  
Women in Faith!

Explore what it means  
to draw closer to God  
and one another.

### UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION

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Three exciting curricula on this theme.

Adult - *Welcome Home* by Neomi Fletcher

Youth - *Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of*

*God's Kin-dom* by Nica Sy

Children - *Me in the Kin-dom* by Kathy Cook

Join us for a time of spiritual renewal!!!

## Mission U at University of Mount Union

**The Kin-dom is Among You:**

**Drawing Closer to God and One Another**

*Three days (two nights) July 19-21, 2024*

Join with the United Women in Faith at Mission U as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another. Check-in at the University of Mt. Union is Friday, July 19 at 3 pm for a program that ends Sunday, July 21, 12 pm. Costs vary by option - \$75 and up. **Register by July 5!**

Jesus told his followers the kin-dom was among them (Luke 17:21). What does that mean? Who does Jesus say will inherit the kin-dom? How do we transform ourselves and our communities in ways that bring us closer to the kin-dom and the kin-dom closer to us? Dive into these questions and more at Mission U 2024 as we examine Scripture together and join in worship, fellowship, and action. Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news with a fresh vision. **Register at BUMCLinks.com**



## Congregational Care Team

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*The Congregational Care Team Calling Card*

### Please surround the team in prayer.

Matt Auble (Starting Fall 2024)

Linda Crouch

Craig Czarnota

Jeff & Lucy Fesler

Chuck & Becky Gezze

Gail Huth

Sharon Judson

Ruth McDonel

Marianne Nolan

Robin Raybuck

## COURAGEOUS INCLUSION

### Congregational Care Team

*"Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority... Freely you have received; freely give." - From Matthew 10*

"Maxine" taught Sunday School for 40 years. She used to be the person everyone went to for help, but she isn't able to leave her house much these days. With eyesight not what it used be, she's uncomfortable driving. Her kids come and visit when they can, but she misses her friends from church and longs for the days when she was part of the church community. Most of all, Maxine misses the presence of a friend who can share a Bible verse, a prayer or a reminder that she is not alone - she is loved by God and loved and remembered by her church family.

The Congregational Care Team is an answer to the prayers of people like Maxine. Those serving on this team are equipped with training and resources to use their gifts of caring and presence to check in on someone like Maxine once a month or more. The team will meet quarterly for training and resources, with the next meeting in September. Interested in learning more about this ministry? Email Pastor Heidi: [pastor@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:pastor@brecksvilleumc.com)

# Closing the Budget Gap

It takes all of us! Are you willing to sponsor one or more of the following church expenses? Check the circle(s), fill in the info below and return this form to the church office, place in the offering plate, or give it to any staff member. **Or Give Online:** Select the fund code "Close the Gap" or visit [onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/give/CTG](http://onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/give/CTG)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Sponsor a Child**

**\$45**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**One Day of Snacks**

**\$80**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Crafts for one Day**

**\$12**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**1 Child's T-Shirt**

**\$10**

MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR

**Children's Programming**

**\$167**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL

**Curriculum Expense**

**\$2,000**

**1 Youth Group Dinner**

**\$20**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE RESOURCES

**Journeying Through Grief Books**

**\$10**

**Sponsor a Bible**

THIRD GRADER

**\$27**

CONFIRMAND

**\$30**

*Yes, I can help!*

**Piano Tuning**

**\$800**  
*One Year*

*Let me take care of this one!*

**Guest Musicians for Christmas & Easter**

**\$5,000**  
*Count me in!*

**Communion Supplies**

**\$125**  
*One Month*

**\$1500**  
*One Year*

**Staff Computers**

**\$500** *Each*

**Newsletter Postage**

**\$45** *One Month*

**Birthday Card Postage**

**\$41** *One Month*

**Newsletter Printing**

**\$150** *One Month*

**Bulletin Paper**

**\$14** *One Month*

**Toilet Paper**

**\$20** *One Week*

**Sponsor Christmas EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**\$225**

**Confirmation Workbook**

**\$15**  
*One Student*

**\$100**  
*2024 Fall Class*

**Christmas Eve Candles**

**\$75**

*Happy to be able to help!*

**Food for a Pearl Road Dinner**

**\$200**

*Yes, I want to help feed our hungry neighbors!*



BUMC's  
got Talent!  
Christmas In  
July  
7.19.24



## BUMC's Got Talent:

Tickets on Sale Now!

Friday, July 19, 2024

Doors open at 5 / Dinner at 6

Show starts at 7



## How do you get to Carnegie Hall?

*With a little help from your friends!* Our Chancel Choir has been invited to perform last year's cantata with its composer, Joseph Martin, at Carnegie Hall in New York City - and we can help send them there! How? With a Joyful Gathering! Join us for a night of entertainment, good food and fun at **BUMC's Got Talent**. It's a "Christmas in July" themed fundraiser in Fellowship Hall. Doors will open at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm featuring the Welch Family favorite: Christmas Tacos! At 7 pm the curtain will open for **BUMC's Got Talent**. Tickets are on sale now! Individual tickets are \$17 per person for those 10 years and older, or \$10 for a children's ticket. Purchase your ticket at [BUMCLinks.com](http://BUMCLinks.com) or see Anthy in the office with cash or check. *Tickets will not be available at the door.* Contact Machala Comenschek-Slike, Director of Music for more information! [music@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:music@brecksvilleumc.com)



## There's more than one way to fix a bike!

Between Vacation Bible School and actual vacations, we aren't able to dedicate a Saturday to repairing bikes in July. BUT the need for bike repair still exists, and it is great. What can we do?

- **Adopt a bike for at-home repairs.** Take it home, clean it up and do needed repairs and replacement of parts. Bring it back to be delivered in August.
- **Take a bike to the shop!** Support a local bike store by taking one of our bikes there for a tune up.
- **Shop for bike parts** so we'll have plenty at our next Bike Fix It Day in August. See our wish list at [BUMCLinks.com](http://BUMCLinks.com)

Reach out to [bikes@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:bikes@brecksvilleumc.com) for more info!

SAVE THE DATE!

POOL party

SUNDAY AUG. 4 NOON - 7

The Joyful Gathering Team  
and Catherine and Mark Vastartis  
invite all for a day of family fun!

Rain date 8/11

More details coming soon!



**THANK YOU**

We are grateful for these generous people who donated give-aways and swag for our booth at BBH PrideFest.

Linda Crouch

Max and Matt Gabor

Debra Monnin

Mark & Linda Moore

Jamie & Dana Schwendeman

Melanie & Jim Smith

The Vann Family

Anonymous Donation of Skittles and bracelets - Thank you to you!!

Thanks also go out to Matt and Kathy Auble, Bob Fehlner, Jenny Gee, Anthy Imes, Maggie Jones, Kim Petro, Dana Schwendeman, Maria Shurik and Catherine Vastartis who were a warm presence at our booth or helped set up.

Missions & Community Engagement Team Meeting  
Sunday, July 14  
11:45 am

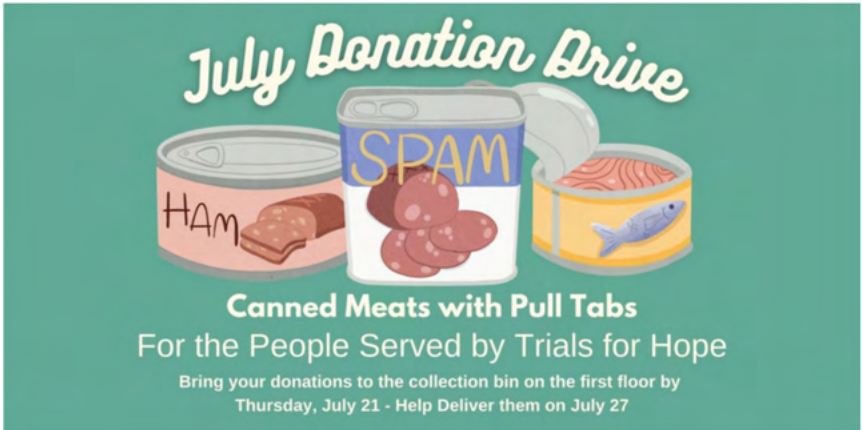


**Youth Summer Mission Pop Ups**

Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us for one-day service and missions opportunities June through August. We will aim for one monthly, but you never know when a new project might **pop-up!** Our second pop-up will be in July (date TBD) where we will partner with the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to learn about invasive plants and how we can care for God's Creation. This one day project will involve pulling invasive plant species from the parks, learning about the importance of the parks in our area, and exploring the great outdoors. This is a great project for youth who love to get outside! Want to help us? Reach out to Dana for more information on this and all of the YSM Pop Ups! [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com).

**Reach Out Group Comes to Visit**

East Ohio Camp's Reach Out is a summer camp focused on service to others. Our church will be hosting a wonderful group of Reach Out Campers for an overnight mission experience July 9 and 10! The youth will be volunteering their time with our church's missions with both a day at our VBS in the Park and in the evening heading to Trials for Hope to help Jonathan and the crew give unsheltered people care and dignity. We encourage you to pray for the group while they are visiting and say hello!







## Living Into Our Vision and Values

### *June Leadership Board Report*

Serving as a Leadership Board member at Brecksville United Methodist Church has allowed me to gain new perspectives and see how our new governance model, the Simplified Accountability Structure (SAS) allows for efficiency and cohesion in fulfilling our mission statement - *creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another.*



When I served on the Staff Parish Relations committee, we often needed to seek approval from Trustees or Finance committees in order to follow through with our plans. Essentially, the SAS model has “eliminated the middle man.” Improvements, projects and missions are able to be done in a more timely fashion.

Highlights from our June meeting include budgetary approval for several needed items pertaining to improvement of the facilities (painting project) and staff needs (technology) as well as a discussion of our upcoming Town Hall meeting (June 30) and Flea Market (August 10).

Our most important theme centered around the announcement at General Conference last month which removed restrictive language from *The Book of Discipline* and furthers the inclusion of our LGBTQIA+ siblings into our faith community. As such, it is congruent with Brecksville UMC’s mission statement that we will celebrate the sacrament of marriage regardless of gender.

If you are reading this report in June, please join us for the Q3 Leadership Board Town Hall on Sunday, June 30 after the 10:30 Worship Service. Come hear the latest updates, ask questions and enjoy some food! Mark your calendar now for our next quarterly town hall on October 6.

If you ever have any questions about the Leadership Board, please reach out to one of the Board members or attend one of our monthly meetings.

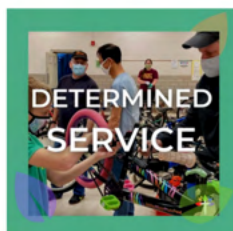
- Submitted by Julie Kubek

### **Your 2024 Leadership**

**Board:** *Alan Scheufler (chair), Zane Burgstabler, Kristi Eberhardt, Matt Gabor, Carolyn Jatsek, Julie Kubek, Eric Louttit, Jim Slagle, Deb Watkins, and Rev. Heidi Welch.*

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY**  
**10.6.2024**  
**Q4 TOWN HALL**





# JULY BIRTHDAYS

## July

Reach out with a prayer and a note, call or text each week this month!

Week of July 7

### Nan & Herb Einheit

*Nan's been in the hospital*

6958 Chapel Hill Dr

Brecksville, OH 44141-2718

Week of July 14

### Faith McAllister

*Has a new address!*

1500 Weaver Dr Apt 420

Granville, OH 43023-0305

Week of July 21

### Carl Rossborough

*It's his birthday this week!*

4386 Hunters Chase Ln

Wooster, OH 44691-7303

Week of July 28

### Janet Patterson

*It's her birthday this week!*

7005 Stadium Dr Apt 416

Brecksville, OH 44141-1887

*Nominate someone who could use a reminder that they are loved and prayed over!*

Email

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

- 1 Jerry Bartholomew
- 2 Domenic Bellone
- 2 Henry McCrodden
- 2 Jack McCrodden
- 2 Derek Ritterbusch
- 2 Sophia Vann
- 3 Kathleen Koteles
- 3 Elizabeth Romance
- 4 Sarah Ford
- 4 Jim Lee
- 4 Johnny Santora
- 5 Douglas Geib II
- 6 Gabrielle Marotto
- 7 Janet Beck
- 7 Wendy Chenney
- 7 Tyler Teare
- 7 Emily Telischak
- 8 Kevan Fisher
- 8 Jon Wygonski
- 9 Amelia Lyons
- 9 Kevin Machesky
- 9 Tracy Scott
- 10 Matt Hof
- 10 Karen Memmer

- 11 Joan Bloch
- 12 Emma Haggerty
- 12 Dave Lienert
- 12 Rus Welch
- 13 Diana Jacob
- 13 Bradley Raybuck
- 15 Grant Barnum
- 15 Bill Neidinger
- 16 Matthew Nurre
- 17 Jim Fredrick
- 17 Stephanie Ling
- 17 Cara Santora
- 18 Camille Baker
- 19 Tim Kenney
- 19 Adriana Sottosanti
- 20 Wade Hurley
- 21 Amy Hazelton
- 21 Zachary Kardos
- 21 Miles Paroda
- 21 Nick Rajkovich
- 21 Stefan Wygonski
- 22 Michelle Botzman
- 22 Paul Frank
- 22 Matthew Mellott

- 23 Ruth Herman
- 23 Nathan Olszko
- 24 Elizabeth Jaszczak
- 24 Vivian Lyons
- 24 Allison Toensing
- 25 Addison Cave
- 25 Lawrence Kaminski
- 25 Matthew Manocchio
- 26 William Olszko
- 26 Carl Rossborough
- 27 Laurie Riccardi
- 28 Claire Burgstahler
- 28 Mary Cay Derry
- 28 Adaline Knight
- 28 Ruby Ludwig
- 29 Patricia Frank
- 29 Janet Patterson
- 30 Paul Dadas
- 30 Rachel Machesky
- 30 Laurie Robusto
- 30 Beth Smith
- 30 Bryan Smith
- 30 Eli Stacher



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 Craig Kotnik. God gifted Craig with music, and he uses his talents with the worship band. We are so thankful for that! Marla Knight showed up in the rain on her birthday to represent our church at the Memorial Day parade.

Marla, we hope your day just got better after that! Paul Calovini is another one of those people who shows up week after week to do behind the scenes work, running our sound for worship. Thanks for helping make worship happen, Paul! We're thankful that Nell Taylor was part of our worship service on June 2, and that she helped lead communion as we celebrated our 10th anniversary of becoming a reconciling congregation. Everyone who shows up to help surround a grieving family with love is giving a priceless gift. Thank you all!

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Wiggle Room</b> A SAFE SPACE FOR KIDS!</p>	1 10:30 Lectio Divina	2 10:30 Staff Mtg 2:30 Communion Service at Chippewa Place	3 6:30 Breakfast 12 God In Nature	4  HAPPY 4th of July Church Office Closed	5  Lawn Care Team: Brown/Sendrey	6  PICK UP A BIKE TO REPAIR AT HOME THIS MONTH!!
	7 <b>8:30 Worship On the Lawn</b> 9:30 Joyful Gathering <b>10:30 Worship</b> Reach Out Camp Begins at Lakeside!	8 10:30 Lectio Divina 5-8 Sew4Good	9 Reach Out Mission Group Overnight Here today & tomorrow!	10 6:30 Breakfast 12 God In Nature	11  PASTOR HEIDI CHECKS IN ON FACEBOOK LIVE EVERY THURSDAY MORNING!	12 Lawn Care Team: Botzman/Meyer
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE PARK, 9:30—12:30						
14 <b>8:30 Worship On the Lawn</b> 9:30 Joyful Gathering <b>10:30 Worship</b> MISSIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT 11:45	15 10:30 Lectio Divina  <i>Happy Birthday, Machala!</i>	16 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff Mtg	17 6:30 Breakfast 12 God In Nature Ladies' Night at the Movies?	18  Newsletter Deadline today! 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Leadership Board	19 Lawn Care Team: Lundholm/Holmes  6 pm BUMC's Got Talent! UWF MISSION U	20 UMVIM Camphor Mission Trip Begins. Keep the team in prayer! AT MT UNION
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## Save the date for the Brecksville Flea at BUMC!

Saturday, August 10, 2024 10 am-4 pm

Have some junk in a trunk that needs to go?  
 Are you a crafter looking for a place to sell your wares?

Have a surplus of garden goodness to share?

Enjoy searching for thrifted treasures?

Mark your calendar for the first ever

**Brecksville Flea at BUMC, Saturday, Aug. 10.**

*Space is limited!*

Registration and details coming soon at

**BUMCLinks.com**

Tell your friends about this joyful gathering.

Enjoy concessions and other delights!

Help keep unwanted items out of the landfill.

**Come shop!** Questions? Call the office!



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

## Open Doors.

*Welcoming all  
 of God's children.*

Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace diversity as a gift. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Brecksville United Methodist Church as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.