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The Good Word



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Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.

Children's Ministry Art Show

On Sunday, September 22, worshippers at BUMC experienced a special treat — an art show presented by our Sunday School Students!

Featured works included paintings on canvas which our students created this summer to spruce up the church Drama Room.

The kids also painted ceramic bowls, which were then glazed and fired at the Kiln in Brecksville. These empty bowls were symbolic of the empty bowls many hungry kids face when they sit down for a meal.

The bowls were available for purchase by donation, and the kids were able to raise over \$160 to fight hunger!

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the CROP Hunger Walk, which works to eliminate hunger locally, nationally, and around the world.

What a beautiful display of love. Thank you to all of our student artists and to all those who supported them!



Photos by Bev Huber



Sunday Mornings
 8:45 Contemporary
 Worship
 10 Education Hour
 11:15 Traditional Worship



It All Starts with Prayer

"Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want most is for men to pray- not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God. And I want women to get in there with the men in humility before God, not primping before a mirror or chasing the latest fashions but doing something beautiful for God and becoming beautiful doing it."

-1 Timothy 2:8-10

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We are a busy people. It seems as though life comes running at us at times, and we are reduced to merely responding to things as best we can. Schedules rule our lives, and we try and scratch out enough room in our appointment books to meet the perceived needs of the day. It isn't enough to know that we all have these issues. The fact that we are driven by smart phones and 10 minute intervals doesn't make anything right, or real, or true, or honest. How can we interface with others and the world around us with integrity? That, to me, is the ultimate question. It is a matter of priorities. It all starts with prayer...

Three ministers were talking about prayer in general and the appropriate and effective positions for prayer. As they were talking, a telephone repairman was working on the phone system in the background. One minister shared that he felt the key was in the hands. He always held his hands together and pointed them upward as a form of symbolic worship. The second suggested that real prayer was conducted on your knees. The third suggested that they both had it wrong- the only position worth its salt was to pray while stretched out flat on your face.

By this time the phone man couldn't stay out of the conversation any longer. He interjected: "I found that the most powerful prayer I ever made was while I was dangling upside down by my heels from a power pole, suspended forty feet above the ground."

As your schedules fill, and life runs at you full speed ahead, keep prayer under everything you do. I pray for you all daily. I ask your prayers for me. Sometimes the most effective ones are prayed upside down and backwards with a sincerity that says I really can't get out of this without you; which, of course is always true. May you find peace in your business, and opportunities for prayer at every turn.

Peace enough for the day.

Pastor Clark



Old Cell Phones Earn Money for Missions.

Cell phones are manufactured using precious metals and plastics. Bring your old phones (no cords or accessories, please) to the red bin in the cloak room. Proceeds from recycling go to our missions budget!



Fellowship Hour Hosts for October:

Uh-oh. No coffee?

Who will step forward for this important ministry?

October Sundays

So much going on in October...

... make sure you're in worship for these special celebrations!

October 6 – World Communion Sunday

Each year, we take the opportunity in worship to recognize the connection we share with our brothers and sisters all around the world. Incredibly, people in hundreds of nations will all observe communion “together” on this special day. Join us for uplifting worship featuring our Children’s Choir, Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, a procession of world flags, and a great variety of multi-cultural music!

October 13 – Men’s Ensemble

Many of you have shared how much you enjoy hearing this great group of guys sing! Men’s Ensemble will be sharing *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* and *What a Friend (We Have in Jesus)* at both services. (This is your last chance to see them before some of our “snow birds” head south for the winter.) Chancel Choir will also sing *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* at 11:15 worship. This will be a Sunday of great music!

October 20 – High School Membership Sunday

Two classes of our Confirmands did not have the opportunity to join the church when they made their Confirmation. Make sure you are here at first service to formally welcome this awesome group of young people into church membership! We are so excited to officially welcome these 11th and 12th graders into the church family to which they already contribute so much time, talent and vitality. (Participants should also mark their calendars for October 6 and 13, as they will meet with Pastor Clark on those Sundays at 12:15 in the Youth Room in preparation for membership Sunday.)

October 27 – Children’s Worship Sunday

On this special Sunday the children of Brecksville UMC will share their thoughts and talents with the congregation during both worship services. The children have spent the first two months of Sunday School getting more familiar with the Bible, exploring the history books and reading the poetry contained in the Psalms. They are learning about the call of the disciples as told in the Gospels and about the birth of the church as described in Acts. Each week they have focused on a different section of the 66 books that make up our Bible and are excited to share with you some of what they have learned. They will lead us in worship and as liturgists and members of the Praise Team. Don’t miss this wonderful morning, led by our young people!

Safe Soap



Perhaps you heard the news reports lately about soap dispensers in public places that are often laden with harmful bacteria. Never fear! Years ago, our church replaced all of our old soap dispensers with a new style with replaceable bags of soap which are sealed so they can't be contaminated. Remember, hand washing for 20 seconds with warm water and soap has been documented to be by far one of the single most important things we can do for our health!

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



FALL CLEAN-UP here, Saturday, November 9 at 8:30am. Bring rakes, pruners, tarps, work gloves, etc. Many hands make light work. Mark your calendars for November 9! Questions, contact a trustee. Thank you.



Work has begun on our annual Guidebook Directory, which will be delivered to our homes by January. Do we have YOUR family membership record correct? If you haven't already done so, now's a great time to update your information so it's listed correctly. Let us know:

- ▶ How you'd like your name listed.
- ▶ Your address and phone.
- ▶ If you'd like you cell phone and/or e-mail address included.
- ▶ Or if you'd like to be left out of the directory.

Drop a note in the church office, call 440-526-8938 or e-mail:

office@brecksvilleumc.com

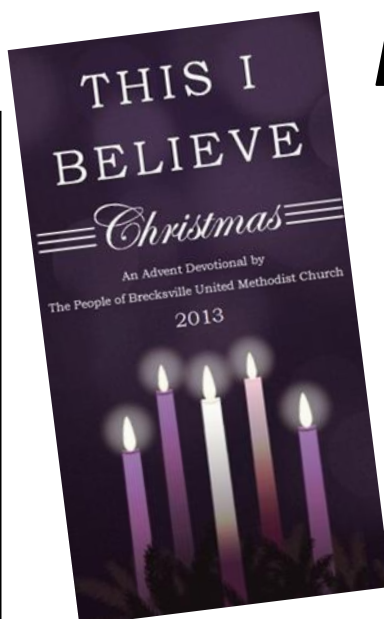


We salute our veterans! The Evangelism Committee will recognize Veterans' Day on Sunday, November 10. If you or a family member has served, please submit your name, years of service, and branch of service to the church office before November 6.

Veterans' Day honors men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America's quest for world peace and our nation's desire for justice and freedom throughout the world—our nation's higher goals.

Veterans Day is actually rooted in Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies met with German leaders to sign a truce ending World War I. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decided that our nation should remember with thanks the end of that war and honor those who served in the military. He called the holiday, Armistice (truce") Day.

The name Armistice Day was kept until 1954 when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day remembering the sacrifices of veterans and "the task of promoting an enduring peace."



Advent Devotional 2013

The leaves have just started to fall, but it's not too early to starting thinking about our Advent Devotional. This year's theme is "This I Believe" based on the popular 1950's radio series of the same name hosted by Edward R. Murrow. What do you believe about Christmas? Share it with the congregation! Everyone is welcome to write and writing prompts will be provided. Essays must be received by November 18—but early submissions are appreciated! We need 25 writers to make this gift to the congregation happen. Can you be one of them? Contact the office to sign up! 440-526-8938 or

office@brecksvilleumc.com

Help Wanted: Building Closer Being good stewards of our building requires some dedicated souls to serve as weekly building closers. The Trustees are in search of a volunteer closer to serve in the closing rotation—approximately one week per month. What does a closer do? They walk the church at the end of the day (usually around 9:30—10 pm) and make sure the church is secure: all of the doors are locked and all of the lights are off. Can you help? Please contact the church office at 440.526.8938.

Recycling Paper Fights Hunger! When you bring your old newspaper, cereal boxes, phone books, paper bags, cardboard boxes (flattened please), and anything else made of paper to the recycling bin in the church parking lot, you're helping raise money to fight hunger! River Valley Paper buys this paper from the church by the ton, and the money we receive goes into the church hunger fund. While you're feeding the hungry, you can also feel good about keeping the paper out of the landfill! THANK YOU ALL for helping with this effort!

Have You Heard?

Brecksville United Methodist Church has a Children's Choir!

We meet each Tuesday from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. in the choir room (that's Room 304, one floor up from the Sanctuary), beginning on Tuesday, October 1.

Come enjoy singing games, beginning voice development, and fun with musical instruments!

We would love for you to join us!

Please contact Joy Parker with any questions.

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Living in Christ, Serving in Love



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BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

Concert Series 2013-14

Saturday, November 16, 7:30 pm

Nicole Keller, Organist

Hear organ soloist Nicole Keller share a pairing of new music for the instrument alongside staple repertoire on our newly refurbished Casavant-Freres pipe organ. *Free!*



Sunday, December 8, 4:00 pm

Brecksville Center for the Arts

Christmas Concert ~ ring in the holiday season with this annual holiday tradition, featuring Daniel Pinkham's energetic Christmas Cantata.

Thursday, February 6, 7:30 pm

The Steel Wheels in Concert

"Fiddle-rich and mandolin-driven, their music includes all the elements I most appreciate in acoustiblow music- energy, strong and distinctive lead vocals that are supported and complemented by acute harmony, instrumental proficiency, originality tied to tradition, new songs that sound old and traditional songs that sound as they always have." — Donald Teplyske, Roots Music

Tickets on sale now \$10 - www.thesteelwheels.eventbrite.com



Sunday, March 8, 7:30 pm

Student Recital

This recital features talented student performers from Brecksville UMC and includes the presentation of our annual music department scholarships.

Sunday, April 6, 4:00 pm

Brecksville Center for the Arts

Spring Concert featuring the Brecksville Community Chorus and Youth Chorus

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North Coast District Youth Gatherings 2013-2014

*Christ Centered Opportunities to Grow in Faith,
Leadership, and Commitment to love and serve Jesus*

Mission Movie Night

Sunday, November 3, 2013

3:00-6:00 at Brecksville UMC

“Last Flight Out” is an adventure movie and a good discussion starter about how we live Jesus’ love. Also fun & pizza!

Ohio Guidestone: Thank you for the school supplies you donated to the children in the residential and group homes at Ohio Guidestone in Berea. I was overwhelmed by your generosity. If you would like to get to know the home more, consider attending the Thank-a-Friend luncheon on October 18. Details below! - *Sandy Crist*

You are invited to
THE
21st Annual
**THANK-A-FRIEND
LUNCHEON**

Presented by:
The Berea Children's Home Auxiliary



Friday, October 18, 2013
11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

OhioGuidestone
Gahn Administration Building
202 East Bagley Road
Berea, Ohio 44017



Say “thank you” to someone special...

Thank your neighbor or just treat an employee or co-worker to lunch in appreciation of their hard work.

Take time to thank those in your life who mean the most and support OhioGuidestone.

**All proceeds benefit children in our residential and group homes.*

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 11:00 a.m.
• Tours available
• Silent Auction of gift baskets and bake sale begins
- 12:00 noon
Luncheon begins
Lunch includes a three-course chicken meal.
Vegetarian option available upon request.
- 1:00 p.m.
Tours available

Registration Information

Please fill out the information below and return in the enclosed envelope. Please print guest names on the reverse side. If you have questions, please call Kelley Likes, Advancement Coordinator, at 440.260.8231.

R.S.V.P. by October 7, 2013

Name _____

Company or Church Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Sponsorship Amount _____

Number of tickets purchased _____

Additional Donation _____

____ I cannot attend; a donation is enclosed.

Please make checks payable to:

OhioGuidestone
202 East Bagley Road
Berea, Ohio 44017

Or pay by credit card:

____ Visa ____ MasterCard
____ Discover ____ Amex

Account # _____

Security Code
(located on back of card) _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Tear off and return in enclosed envelope. If bringing guests, please print names on the back.



UMW Shopping Tips

How you can help others at the grocery store!

On the 3rd Friday of each month, a UMW group of women work at Brookside Center. There is a serious need for the following items: baby diapers, paper products (toilet paper), personal hygiene products (tooth paste, shampoo), and soap products (bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent). Many of these items can not be purchased with food stamps. There is a bin in the coat room labeled "Brookside". Please help us fill it for October.



If you're going out to shop for these items, consider buying them at Acme Fresh Market. Save your receipt and bring it to the collection bin in the coat room. The UMW will receive 5% back, if we're able to collect enough receipts!

Another way to help, is to get out those scissors! Our UMW supports the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky by collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. This Methodist facility's mission is to lift up Jesus Christ by providing basic needs in Appalachia through God's love. You can help! Clip the Box Tops Symbol from participating products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. More info: www.BTFE.com



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Flat Rock 2013 Quilt Auction is Sunday, October 13 at 1:30 held at North Canton Faith United Methodist Church located 300 Ninth street NW. The auction begins at 3:15. Flat Rock is hoping to raise \$17,000 for their various therapeutic programs and expects to have over 100 quilts to auction.

UMW Meeting Oct. 3

Want to know more about the Cleveland Playhouse Square? Join the Brecksville United Methodist Women on October 3 for a Cleveland Playhouse Square presentation presented by Joe Scotch. This should be of interest to anyone who has attended plays or programs at the various theaters. The morning begins at 9:30 with fellowship and continental breakfast followed by the program. In October UMW collects the World Thanks Offering. Both women and men are invited. We hope that you plan to attend.



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



Interested in a quiet, remote, prayerful weekend with your maker? Join our trip to The Abbey of Genesee, a Roman Catholic community of monks who lead a life of solitude and silence, prayer and penance in a joyful spirit of faith. At the Abbey you are encouraged to follow the worship schedule (six services daily) of the monks. The rest of the time you are open to pray, meditate, conference with a monk, hike, eat, and sleep. Interested in learning more? Visit www.geneseeabbey.org – or talk to Craig Czarnota or Kendall Lancaster or call the church office to be put on the list (440) 526-8938. This year's dates are November 1-3. Suggested donation to the Abbey: \$50 per person – this includes two nights private room and all meals. We will car pool the 4 hour trip to the abbey, which is just south of Rochester, NY. Let the church office know soon as it will fill up fast!

Contemplative Prayer Group

A newly formed ecumenical contemplative prayer group meets each Tuesday 1:30pm at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Brecksville. 2 hours of centering prayer first are followed by enrichment to facilitate the development of this spiritual path. The time is divided, to accommodate for schedule needs. Come for all or part of it! For more information or to ask about evening sessions contact 440.526.9865 or www.prayingfromtheheart.org.



*Do you have news to share? Contact
Melanie! office@brecksvilleumc.com or
440-526-8938*

Congratulations to Pastor Clark and Kathy on the wedding of their eldest son, Caleb. He and new bride, Claire, were wed in New Jersey on September 21st.

Condolences go out to the family of David Engler, Sr., a long time member and resident of Chippewa Place, who passed away on September 11 at age 92. Mr. Engler was a WW II Army Air Corp veteran who served as a pilot in the European Theater of War.

First Wedding Anniversary wishes go out to two church staff members! Joy and Stacy Parker were wed a year ago in September, and Kyle and In Hye Allen were married a month later. Boy, a year goes by fast! Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years!

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Scripture Readings
Announcements
Upcoming Events
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Happy Birthday!

Melissa	AuWerter	10/01	Michelle	Blatnik	10/15
Loretta	Stratis	10/02	Josh	Kwiatkowski	10/15
Donald	Butler	10/03	Thuy Ai	Nguyen	10/15
Lois	Giesel	10/03	Robert	Suazo	10/15
Cynthia	Hubert	10/04	Karen	Thielman	10/15
Mitchell	Madaus	10/04	Marilyn	DeMoor	10/16
Alexander	Vastartis	10/04	Lucy	Shijo	10/16
Patricia	Butler	10/05	Cathy	Walden	10/16
Marcia	Cline	10/05	Megan	Culley	10/18
Charles	Hayes	10/05	Carly	Kubek	10/18
Edward	Hayes	10/05	Caleb	Stein	10/20
Robin	Raybuck	10/05	Johanna	Bondra	10/21
Richard	Burroughs	10/06	Mark	Hubert	10/21
Madison	Hart	10/06	Daniel	Hurder	10/21
Everett	McDonel	10/06	John	Klipfell	10/21
Megan	Myers	10/06	Hazel	Gear	10/22
Kay	AuWerter	10/07	Garth	Olszko	10/22
Herbert	Einheit	10/07	Olivia	Klipfell	10/23
Bailey	Archacki	10/08	Sara	Kwiatkowski	10/24
Savannah	Jacob	10/08	Emily	Shijo	10/24
Michael	Jaszczak	10/09	Geraldine	Beaver	10/26
Cecilia	Podolny	10/09	Gretchen	Mates	10/26
Mark	Spencer	10/09	Chris	Nguyen	10/26
Lauren	Chenney	10/10	Nathan	Rosenthal	10/26
Amy	Myers	10/10	Arthur	Wise	10/26
Matthew	Sendrey	10/10	Beverly	Dubin	10/27
Edward	Hayes	10/11	Bethany	Hogan	10/28
Kristine	Hollo	10/11	Dean	Rybak	10/28
Jane	Petrie	10/11	Jason	Bell	10/29
Nicholas	Telischak	10/11	Brittany	Hotaling	10/29
Julianna	Tait	10/12	Ben	Magistro	10/29
Thelma	Loeffler	10/13	Anet	Smith	10/29
Ryan	Rybak	10/13	Abigail	Aslinger	10/31
Lawry	Kardos	10/14	Brenden	Meyer	10/31
			Leslie	Selig	10/31



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. Folks like Brenda Calovini and Craig Kotnik, who enliven our worship with music. People like Jin Ho Lee, Susie Loughner, and Kay Mendlik, whose servant hearts lead them to help with education programs. And people like you!

Special Sunday Church Visits



Our youth will have some amazing opportunities this year to experience several different styles of Christian worship services as we will head out as a group to visit and join in worship with two Protestant denominations as well as Roman Catholic and Coptic congregations. Our youth Sunday school classes for grades 6 through 12 will attend these special Sundays in lieu of our education hour classes.

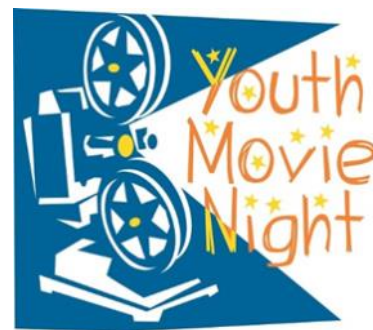
We are in need of chaperones to help drive youth on these Sundays. Contact Jenny Gee or Kyle Allen if you can assist. Participating youth will need to make sure they have turned in a 2013/2014 Medical Release Form, which is available on the church website at:

www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/bumconline/forms

Please mark your calendars for dates and **times** of our visits as we will meet at BUMC and then leave as a group.

- ▶ **October 13:** Cuyahoga Valley Church (meet at 10 am at BUMC)
- ▶ **November 24:** St. Basil's Catholic Church (meet at 10 am at BUMC)
- ▶ **January 19:** The Friends Church (meet at 10 am at BUMC)
- ▶ **March 16:** St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church of Cleveland (meet at 8:30 am at BUMC)

If you would like more information, or if you have questions, please contact Kyle at youth@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938 x 227.



High school youth - come hang out on a very special night of food, fun, and friends. Come get to know some new people and connect over dinner and a movie. We'll meet Saturday October 26th from 6-9 pm at a very gracious host's house. Friends are welcome too! Please RSVP to Kyle at youth@brecksvilleumc.com by October 21st.

A Warm Welcome

A welcoming & hospitable climate begins at the curb, continues into the heart of the congregation, and moves outside church walls into the community. The ministry of welcoming is the responsibility of the entire church family, and a way of ministering to people, seven days a week, in all walks of life. Are you doing your part?

Ushers Wanted! Call the Office!

You're invited to the BUMC Music & Worship Board 3rd Annual Tailgate Party!



Party starts at 3:00; Kickoff is at 3:30pm
At Michael & Elizabeth Jaszczak's home,
6672 Beverly May Drive, Independence.
Meat, Buns and Vegetarian/Vegan options will be provided. Please bring a side dish and your choice of beverage. Indoor/outdoor seating will be available – watch the game with friends on the big screen! Donations will be accepted to support the ongoing performing arts series at BUMC. Wear your fan attire!



OCTOBER 2013

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



Bob & Joan
Bloch

1

9:30 Staff Mtg
5 Children's
Choir
7 Evangelism
7:30 Chancel
Choir

2

6:30 Dwnbrkr
5:30 Youth
Worship
6 Men's
Ensemble

3

9:30 UMW
6:15 Bells
8 SPR w/DS



4

3 HS Ensem

5

10 am
"The Mexican"
Bike Ride

6 World
Communion
Sunday
8:45 Worship
10 Ed Hour
11:15 Worship
12:15 Y. Memb

7

8

11 Staff Mtg
5 Children's
Choir
7 Ad Board
8 Super Tues-
day

9

6:30 Dwnbrkr
5:30 Youth
Worship
6 Men's
Ensemble

10

9:30 Asbury
Bremeth
6:15 Bells
7:30 Choir

11

3 HS Ensem

12

13
8:45 Worship
10 Ed Hour
11:15 Worship
12:15 Youth
Membership
Class

14

7 COE

15

9:30 Staff Mtg
10
Stitch'n'Time
5 Children's
Choir
7 Church/Soc
7:30 Finance
7:30 Trustees

16

6:30 Dwnbrkr
5:30 Youth
Worship

17

10 History
Club
6:15 Bells
7:30 Choir



18

5:30 Wedding
Rehearsal



19

2:30 Wedding



3 pm
Tailgate Party

20
Laity
Sunday
8:45 Worship
10 Ed Hour
11:15 Worship
12:30 PWP

21

7 Staff Parish
Relations

22

9:30 Staff Mtg
5 Children's
Choir

23

6:30 Dwnbrkr
5:30 Youth
Worship

24

7:30 Choir

25

3 HS Ensem
7:30 Apollo's
Fire at
BBHHS



26



6 pm

27
Children's
Worship
UMW Soup
Sunday
8:45 Worship
10 Ed Hour
11:15 Worship
12:30 Mentor
Mtg

28

29

9:30 Staff Mtg
5 Children's
Choir
7 Charge
Conference
8 Chancel
Choir

30

6:30 Dwnbrkr
5:30 Youth
Worship
6 Men's
Ensemble

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Looking Ahead...

11/3 Daylight Savings
Time Ends
11/9 Yard Clean Up
11/16 Nicole Keller Concert

When we join The United Methodist Church, we vow to support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. But sometimes, our good intentions get lost in the day-to-day hustle and bustle of life. As a church, how are we doing with our promises? Can you help fill in the blanks?

PRAYERS

Prayers for children’s Sunday School students, who will lead worship on October 27.

Prayers for our Staff Parish Relations Committee as they begin the process of finding a Parish Nurse.

Pray for the people you love, and for those you have difficulty loving.

Other Prayer Concerns:

For prayer resources from the United Methodist Church, visit <http://tinyurl.com/aqrsa8e>

GIFTS

If you have made a pledge or a contribution, you will receive a giving statement (either electronically or on the other side of this page with your mailed Good Word) which outlines your gifts to date this year. If you need additional information, or if you have not received your statement, please contact the church office.

This table outlines the offering received each Sunday since the publication of the last *Good Word*.

Date	Offering
Aug 25	\$12,856
Sept 1	\$12,856
Sept 8	\$9,212
Sep 15	\$10,048
Sep 22	\$6,847

PRESENCE

We’ve set a goal of bringing 300 people together for worship on Sunday mornings. We fell short of this goal again this month. What’s keeping you from church on Sunday?

Date	8:30	Sunday School	10:00	Difference
Aug 25	87		95	-118
Sep 1	90		95	-115
Sep 8	144	126	75	-81
Sep 15	145	152	79	-76
Sep 22	118	137	75	-107

What are some other ways you can be present in the life of the church this month?

SERVICE

- Some ways you can be of service to others this month:
- ☐ The church is in need of a volunteer closer. Every five weeks or so, a volunteer takes a one-week turn of coming to the church around 9:30 pm and making sure the church is locked up for the night. Can you help? Contact Al Harper: 440-838-4938.
 - ☐ Please consider taking a turn in the crib and toddler room. Volunteers are especially needed during the 11:15 worship service. This is an important ministry, and one way that our church family shows care for one another. If you can help, or need more information, please contact Jenny Gee: 440-526-8938.
 - ☐ Do you have a ready smile? Do you like to make people feel welcome? Do you like to help others? Put your gifts for hospitality to good use—become an usher! Contact Cec in the church office to learn more!

Thank you! Other opportunities are listed on the church website!

United Methodist News

“News in the Pews” From the United Methodist News Service

Haitians thank Dakotans for solar ovens

BISMARCK, N.D. — The Haiti Solar Oven Partners project of the Dakotas Annual (regional) Conference will get an extra push this month as Haitian leaders travel across North and South Dakota to thank congregations and gain support for the effort. To learn more, go to facebook.com/haitisolarovenpartners.

The value of small groups

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — “Regular gatherings to share food, laughter, learning, prayer and service are what make ‘small group ministry’ a vital link in our relationship with others,” says Benton Heisler, West Michigan Annual (regional) Conference connectional ministries director. The keys, he writes, are to have fellowship, study, pray, serve, hold one another accountable and group. He also suggests that each group include an empty chair for visitors.

God calls sixth-grader to help homeless

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Lauren Weaver, a sixth-grader and member of First United Methodist Church in Vero Beach, says her compassion for a homeless man led to the birth of “Lauren’s Way,” a communitywide effort to make a difference for the homeless of Indian River County. A video of her testimony is at flumc2.org/pages/detail/2323.

Success with child survival in Liberia

GANTA, Liberia — The five-year Nehnwaa Child Survival Project at Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Liberia has served more than 150,000 Liberians, resulting in a 60 percent reduction in child mortality.

New Jersey plans special session

OCEAN, N.J. — The Greater New Jersey United Methodist Annual (regional) Conference will convene a special session Nov. 2 to take care of organizational matters and remember the one-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy.

Call for Syria negotiations, not attacks

WASHINGTON — An action alert has been issued by the Peace with Justice unit of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, asking church members to call on Congress to oppose a U.S. military attack on Syria and support “vigorous peace negotiations” instead. The agency, along with United Methodist Women, also co-sponsored a Sept. 6 noontime peace vigil at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York. The Rev. Olav Fykse Tveit, top executive of the World Council of Churches, sent an open letter to the U.N. Security Council, opposing military intervention. Greater Northwest Area Bishop Grant Hagiya also urges United Methodists to pray for peace.

Church groups help Syrian refugees

NEW YORK — Humanitarian organizations, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Church World Service, have been working through partner agencies for months to address critical needs as the global debate continues on how to respond to chemical weapon attacks against Syrian civilians.

The need for innovative lay people

DES MOINES, Wash. — The church places too much emphasis on innovative clergy, argues Patrick Scriven, director of communications and young people’s ministries with the Pacific Northwest Annual (regional) Conference. “Relocating the process of innovation where we know the Spirit resides — the community — is our most faithful path forward,” he says.

Scams target United Methodists

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scam telephone calls and emails are not unusual, but several scams lately are targeting United Methodists to obtain money. To find ways to protect yourself, go to charitynavigator.org, click on Tips for Donors. Look to the left side of the Tips for Donors page for Protecting Yourself From Online Scams.



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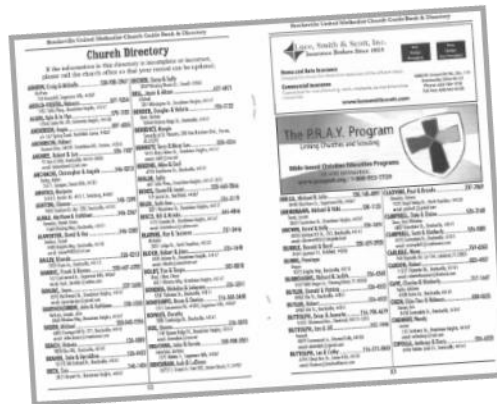
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