



# The Good Word

*Open Doors.*

*Honest Worship. Determined Service.*

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Pastor Clark climbs a ladder—*Photo by Don Krolkowski*



## Celebrating 200 Years

On September 21, we celebrated 200 years of worship in Brecksville. Our worship service was led by our Festival Choir, comprised of almost 40 singers of all ages! The liturgy and the music for this service had special significance, as they were also shared at earlier services of dedication. We heard the debut of two pieces written specifically for this milestone occasion. Pastor Clark used a ladder to illustrate his sermon, based on Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. After the service, we gathered on Brecksville

Square for fellowship and fun. We ate great food, learned more church history, played games, enjoyed music from *Joyful Bound*, and enjoyed a time of great fellowship. Thanks to all who took part!



A History Walk began at the Gazebo—*Photo by Bill Rittman*



Picnicking—*Photo by Jeff Brubaker*



Evangelism Committee's new BUMC t-shirts—*Photo Kathy Stein*



Potluck Buffett — *by Bill Rittman*



BUMC kids enjoying some lawn games—*Photo by Kathy Stein*



8:45 Contemporary Worship

10 Education Hour

11:15 Traditional Worship

*Bring a friend!*

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## These Days



Imagine that you picked up your newspaper one morning and read an editorial that went something like this:

“The world is too big for us. Too much going on, too many crimes, too much violence and excitement. Try as you will, you get behind in the race, in spite of yourself. It’s an incessant strain to keep pace...and still, you lose ground. Science empties its discoveries on you so fast that you stagger beneath them in hopeless bewilderment. The political world is news seen so rapidly you’re out of breath trying to keep pace with who’s in and who’s out. Everything is high pressure. Human nature can’t endure much more!”

Was that editorial written last week or last month or last year? Believe it or not, it appeared in a newspaper called *The Atlantic Journal* on June 16, 1833- more than 180 years ago!

Keep the faith,

*Pastor Clark*

**Big  
Thank  
You!**

Dear friends,

Many thanks from the Stein house to you. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words as we celebrated 20 years of ordained ministry. The reception, thoughtful words and gracious gifts all left us very touched. We count it a privilege to be in ministry with the good folks of Brecksville UMC, and thank you for the many ways you care for us.

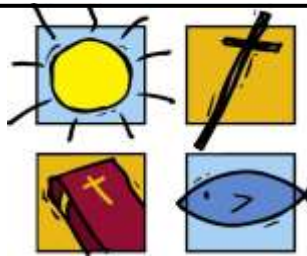
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Special Thanks to the Music and Worship Board for hosting  
Coffee Hour in September!  
Our October hosts will be Gifts & Memorials.

# EDUCATION HOUR

ALL AGES  
Sunday at 10



The education hour is taking on a whole new look this year! We are so excited to launch our new community study of the lectionary. What does this mean for you? It means congregational connections! Everyone will hear and experience the same Scripture stories in the liturgy, during the Sunday School hour and at home. The entire congregation unites around the same Sunday readings.

Look in your bulletin each week for the Congregational Connections page. Whether your home is bustling with toddlers or teenagers, you live quietly with adults, or you live alone, this bulletin insert will bring Sunday's reading home. It will give you concrete suggestions for exploring the scriptural theme, whether in conversation with your family and friends or to reflect on during your quiet meditative time. Our weekly e-mail newsletter, *The Sunday Blast*, will also contain resources for digging deeper each week. Sunday School begins Sunday, Sept. 28!

## Mustard Seed Fund

### New Opportunity to "Gift" BUMC

*Endowment gifts are unique acts of love and faith. They connect us to the legacy of those who have come before us, and help us to leave our own legacy for the future.*



The Gifts and Memorials Committee has established a new giving fund called the *Mustard Seed Fund*. This new fund offers church members a new level of giving with which to join the BUMC gift community. All gifts to this fund are undesignated and will be handled with the principal remaining intact, while annual earnings (per the G&M formula) are used to fund special requests for the church. The minimum gift is \$1,000.

The Committee thanks Mr. Trevor "Bob" Johns for bringing this idea forward and for being the first contributor to "seed" the fund. Our hope is many more members will participate in the Mustard Seed Fund, helping it to grow and fulfill church needs much like the parable of the mustard seed.

To make a gift to the Mustard Seed Fund, please make your check of \$1000 or more payable to "Brecksville United Methodist Church" and designate on the check, "Gifts & Memorials- Mustard Seed." Please forward your check to the church office. If you have any questions about the fund, you can contact the church office or any member of the Gifts & Memorials Committee.

*Matthew 13:31-32*

*He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."*

Is Your  
**Pledge**  
Up to Date?

### Catch-Up-Reminder

Each January, we start out the Church financial year with great blessing of many Pledges from our wonderful BUMC church family. We budget our expenses based upon those Pledges. As those Pledge payments are received, we pay our bills, pay our employees, and support the important programs and mission work of our church.

Every year we start off strong with Pledge payments, experience a decline during the Summer months, and we catch back up in the Fall. This year, our Summer giving declined a little more than normal. We ask that everyone take a look at where they stand with their Pledges, catch-up to where their Pledge payments should be, and finish out our year with great faith and hope for the future.

- Alan Scheufler, Chair of Finance Committee

Do you have a heart for worship and music?

We would LOVE to see you in the Music Department this fall!!

Chancel Choir

Handbell Choir

Praise Team/Instrumentalists

Technology Team

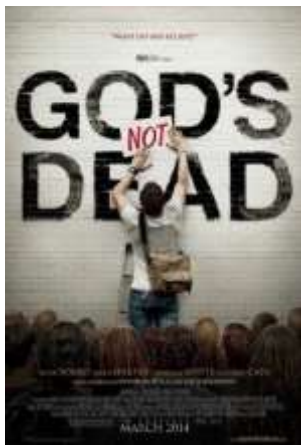
Activities & Events

Contact Joy Parker

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## ***God's Not Dead... He's Surely Alive!***

How far would you go to defend your faith? Join us for a church-wide movie night on October 5, from 6-9pm in the Sanctuary, as we watch the hit movie, *God's Not Dead*. This movie follows the story of a college student faced with a tough decision – should he deny his faith in order to avoid a failing grade, or stand up for his Christian beliefs and risk his academic goals?

*God's Not Dead* weaves together multiple stories of faith, doubt, and disbelief, culminating in a dramatic call to action. This movie and discussion time will educate, entertain, and inspire our congregation to explore what we really believe about God.

Come enjoy popcorn, candy, and soda, be entertained by this lively and thought-provoking movie, and grow through discussions with children, youth, and adults, as we come together to explore just how far we would go to defend our faith.

*Need more information?*

Email Courtney at  
[youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com)



### **High School Youth News**



October 5 – We won't be meeting at our normal Sunday night time this week...instead, bring your entire family and join us in the Sanctuary as we watch and discuss the hit movie, *God's Not Dead*. Check out the announcement for more info!



October 18 – The District Youth Council and Strongsville UMC have invited us over for a bonfire and awesome time of fellowship and worship, from 5-9pm! There will be a number of youth groups from throughout the area, so this is a great time to invite any hesitant friends! RSVP to Courtney if you're interested in joining us for some delicious food and fun.

### **Middle School Youth News**



At this time, we'll plan on continuing to meet every Wednesday from 3:30-5pm in the youth room. Don't worry if you have a conflict at this time – we'll be sure to schedule plenty of events and activities at varying times throughout the year so that you're able to join us!

### **Confirmation students!**

*Please mark your calendars for two dates!*



October 5 – Following second service, we will be meeting in room 301 to discuss the confirmation process and to meet with our mentors. Students and parents should be present for this meeting.

November 14 and 15 – Our Confirmation class will be going to Nehemiah Mission! We'll plan to leave after school on Friday, and will be gone until Saturday evening. This trip is highly encouraged for all students making their confirmation this year, as it will be a great time of relationship building and community service in Cleveland. We ask that each student contribute \$30 to the overall cost of this trip, which includes all meals and supplies for our mission work, as well as overnight accommodations. More details will be shared at our meeting on October 5.



# 2014-15 Concert Series Announced

At Brecksville UMC, our concert series is one of the ways in which we open our doors to the community and seek to glorify God through music. All concerts are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted; a freewill offering is usually collected during intermission.



*Greater Cleveland Flute Society Flute Choir  
Saturday, November 1 @ 7:30pm*

This wonderful ensemble, under the direction of Becky Chen, has shared with us in worship several times over the past few years. We are very excited to welcome them back for a full-length concert of music for flute choir, including the unique alto and bass flutes! A reception will follow in the Parlor.

*Sonatas for Cello & Piano  
Saturday, November 22 @ 7:30pm*

Cellist Robert Anastos and pianist Joy Parker are collaborating to bring you a selection of duet sonatas that span a range of time periods and stylistic characteristics. The program will include *Sonata F Major (Op. 5, No. 1)* by Ludwig van Beethoven, *Sonata in Bb Major (Op. 45, No. 1)* by Felix Mendelssohn, and *Sonata for Cello and Piano (Op. 32, No. 1)* by Camille Saint-Saëns. This concert will be followed by an informal reception in the Parlor.

*Brecksville Community Chorus & Youth Chorus  
Annual Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 8 @ 4:00pm*

This traditional concert offers a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, or neighbors to experience the welcoming and joyful atmosphere at our church! The program will feature a variety of music including works by G. F. Handel, Tomás Luis de Victoria, John Rutter, Randall Thompson, and Moses Hogan. A festive reception will follow in Fellowship Hall!

## *Looking ahead...*

We will be joined in the spring (date TBD) by emerging artists The Gray Havens, out of Crystal Lake, Illinois. You can check out their music online at [www.thegrayhavensmusic.com](http://www.thegrayhavensmusic.com).

We also look forward to welcoming back perennial favorite jazz artist, Josh Rzepka! Check out what Josh has been up to at [www.joshrzepka.com](http://www.joshrzepka.com). Josh will be with us in the spring months as well, as his tour schedule allows. Stay tuned for details!



## Upcoming Music Events

Chris Toth invites you to the following events for which he is the music director:

[\*The Dybbuk\*](#), November 6-16, CSU Theater at Allen Theatre Playhouse Square

*Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well*, November 20-23, Marinello Theatre at John Carroll University

And this event for which he is the organist:

**Handel's MESSIAH**, November 23 at 4 pm, Grace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights



The Abbey of Genesee is a Roman Catholic community of monks living a life of solitude and silence, prayer and penance in a joyful spirit of faith in New York state. Join our annual retreat to the Abbey November 7-9. Cost is \$65 per person per night, which includes your private room and all meals. We will car pool the 4 hour trip to the abbey, which is just south of Rochester, NY. To reserve your spot, please submit a \$50 deposit to the church (checks made payable to BUMC, "Abbey" in the memo line.) The trip will fill up fast!



*We salute our veterans!*

The Evangelism Committee will recognize Veterans' Day on Sunday, November 9. 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. Call 440-526-8938 for more information!

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."

## IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT *Thanksgiving!*

Brookside Food Center will be dispersing *Thanksgiving meals* to local families in need in November. The success of their program depends on the kindness and generosity of *people like you!*

On Friday, October 17, our United Methodist Women will be delivering your donations to Brookside. Please help us fill the bin in the coat room with food like:

- Canned green beans
- Apple sauce
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed stuffing
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned gravy
- Pumpkin or apple pie filling
- Pie crusts
- Etc.



Paper products, such as napkins and paper towels, are also greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate money for turkeys, please make your check payable to "WSEM Food Center at Brookside" with "Turkey" in the memo line. Bring your check to church before Oct. 17 and we'll deliver them along with the food!

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Your contributions make a *world of difference* to families in need.  
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### How To Help Liberia

The Ebola crisis in Liberia has many ripple effects. Schools in Liberia, both public and private, are closed until at least January. This means salaries are not being paid to teachers, custodians, cooks, grounds keepers, agriculture workers, and even clinic workers. For most families at Camphor Mission, those salaries are their primary source of support. Without that income, many families face starvation. You have the opportunity to sustain life in Liberia by becoming a family sponsor. On World Communion Sunday, October 5, we will kick off an adopt-a-family campaign to help our friends at Camphor Mission in Liberia. You will receive a picture of the staff member you are sponsoring and will have the opportunity to support them with your contribution of one month's salary. (One month's salary ranges from \$50 to \$300 US.)

In the meantime - or if you are not able to attend worship on October 5 - you can send a check payable to East Ohio Conference Fund 9936, with Camphor Support on the memo line to:

East Ohio Conference  
PO Box 76019  
Cleveland, OH 44101



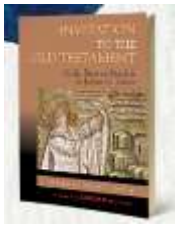
**"God bless you for  
the good heart  
you have for  
Liberia."**

- Cecelia Cephas  
Directress, Camphor  
Mission Station

# An Opportunity to Explore the Old Testament

*Search Scripture...Find Community*

*Monday Evenings at 7 pm: October 27—December 15*



Rediscover the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many voices of the biblical text. Hear the magnificence of a Creation hymn, discover the law and wisdom teachings, listen to the warning of the prophets and explore the poetry of the Song of Solomon.

This study is called a “short term Disciple Bible Study.” If you have done a Disciple Bible study in the past, you'll find the same quality content, with a shorter time commitment. Each segment is 8 to 10 weeks. You may choose to do one and then take a break or continue with subsequent studies.

If you have not taken part in a Disciple Bible study this is a great way to start. Each week we will watch 2 video segments. With the first we will gain insight from biblical scholars and in the second we will take a visual tour of archaeological sites, ancient artifacts, and other physical remains related to and illuminating scripture and events. We will then spend time as a group reflecting on what we read that week.

What can you expect to gain? You will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament as an integral part of the Christian Bible and a renewed discovery of our identity in God and God's vision for all things.

Daily reading of scripture is a must for this study. If you are interested in participating, books will be for sale beginning September 28 during the Sunday School hour for \$10. With the book you will get a list of the scriptures to read before our first meeting. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning October 27. Questions? Contact Jenny at [education@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:education@brecksvilleumc.com) or 440-526-8938.

## About That Bible...

On September 14 we celebrated Third Grade Bible Sunday. We gave Bibles to our five 3rd Graders at the 8:45 worship service and recognized them with a time of sharing during the 10:00 Sunday School hour. It was a good day! Third Grade Bible Sunday is not just for kids and their parents. It is a day for all of us. We know that kids of all ages are always watching adults; they see what we do, hear what we say and notice how we spend our time. Our actions, above all else, demonstrate what is important to us. The church is here to partner in the practice of demonstrating to our children and youth what it means to love God.

We gathered in the Fellowship Hall to share memories of receiving Third Grade Bibles or a particularly meaningful Bible study. Many shared how they read the Bible, why they write in their Bible and what special papers they might tuck between the pages. This year, Third Grade Bible Sunday presented us a great opportunity to show each other (not just 3rd Graders) the importance of our faith and our love for scripture. It was another chance for us as the church to publicly recognize how important these kids are to us and how important God's Word is to us. Above all, it was a chance for us to keep the promise we made to them in Baptism to support them in their Christian journey. Thank you to everyone who attended. You are wonderful witnesses of your faith! -Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education



## What are you doing Wednesday Evenings?

Cornerstone of Hope offers hope to those who grieve!

BUMC has committed to sending two people to Cornerstone of Hope, Brecksville Road, Independence, Wednesdays, from 5:15 to approximately 7 pm to assist with serving a prepared meal and clean up afterward.

Wednesdays, September 24 through November 12

If you can share your time on a Wednesday evening, please e-mail [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com) or call the church office 440-526-8938



## AED/CPR Training

If we can get 10 people to commit, Brecksville Fire Department will conduct an AED/CPR refresher course here on Wednesday, October 29 from 7—9 pm. If you'd like to take part, please RSVP as soon as possible to the church office: 440-526-8938

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

Congratulations to Don and Pat Butler and to Craig and Pam Czar-nota who celebrated 65 and 40 years of marriage in September, and to Noel Fenton and Mark Zickefoose who said "I do" on September 13.

Also in September, we celebrated the baptism of Kaden Mack Juniper, son of David and Rebecca Juniper and grandson of Don and Marianne Salsbury.

We welcome Emily Vastartis, daughter of James and Amanda Vastartis, who was born on September 19. She is the granddaughter of Catherine and Mark Vastartis.

We recently lost two long serving members of our church family. Don Yates passed away in July and Gloria Southam in September. Don had been a member here for 52 years and Gloria for 38. Both celebrations of life occurred here in our sanctuary. They were certainly lives to be celebrated!

*The Trustees extend Special Thanks to:*

Paul Olszko who volunteered to clean the scale from our outside benches. They look brand new! We really appreciate the hard work. Thanks, Paul.

Mary Kotnik who organized our Mulch Day. Helping her were Catherine Vastartis, Jinho Lee, Michael Lee, Bob Lundholm and Scott Campbell. We spread ten cubic yards of mulch around the Church's flower beds, trees and shrubs. Thanks to all who helped!



Melissa	AuWerter	10/01	Thuy Ai	Nguyen	10/15
Heather	Dean	10/02	Robert	Suazo	10/15
Loretta	Stratis	10/02	Karen	Thielman	10/15
Donald	Butler	10/03	Marilyn	DeMoor	10/16
Lois	Giesel	10/03	Lucy	Shijo	10/16
Cynthia	Hubert	10/04	Cathy	Walden	10/16
Mitchell	Madaus	10/04	Megan	Culley	10/18
Patricia	Butler	10/05	Carly	Kubek	10/18
Robin	Raybuck	10/05	Johanna	Bondra	10/21
Richard	Burroughs	10/06	Mark	Hubert	10/21
Madison	Hart	10/06	Daniel	Hurder	10/21
Anthony	Karn	10/06	John	Klipfell	10/21
Tim	McDonel	10/06	Hazel	Gear	10/22
Megan	Myers	10/06	Garth	Olszko	10/22
Kay	AuWerter	10/07	Olivia	Klipfell	10/23
Herbert	Einheit	10/07	Sara	Kwiatkowski	10/24
Jean	Hlay	10/07	Emily	Shijo	10/24
Bailey	Archacki	10/08	Carol	Dobos	10/25
Savannah	Jacob	10/08	Geraldine	Beaver	10/26
Michael	Jaszczak	10/09	Gretchen	Mates	10/26
Cecilia	Podolny	10/09	Chris	Nguyen	10/26
Mark	Spencer	10/09	Nathan	Rosenthal	10/26
Lauren	Chenney	10/10	Arthur	Wise	10/26
Amy	Myers	10/10	Beverly	Dubin	10/27
Matthew	Sendrey	10/10	Bethany	Hogan	10/28
Edward	Hayes	10/11	Kim	Meyer	10/28
Jane	Petrie	10/11	Dean	Rybak	10/28
Nicholas	Telischak	10/11	Jason	Bell	10/29
Julianna	Tait	10/12	Brittany	Hotaling	10/29
Thelma	Loeffler	10/13	Ben	Magistro	10/29
Ryan	Rybak	10/13	Anet	Smith	10/29
Lawry	Kardos	10/14	Brenden	Meyer	10/31
Josh	Kwiatkowski	10/15	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. People like Bob Hudacek, who enlivens our worship with music, and serves as a church closer as well; Paul Olszko who made our old church benches look brand new; the Evangelism Committee who joyfully took on hosting duties for our 200th anniversary potluck, and Michelle Shively who's creative talents helped make our church timeline a reality. We're thankful for all of you!



# News from the Brecksville United Methodist Women

## UMW Thursday, October 2

The guest speaker at this month's United Methodist Women meeting is Carol Broadbent, President of the North Coast District United Methodist Women, sharing a message about World Thank Offering. Start the day with us at 9:30 with a continental breakfast and fellowship followed by the 10 program. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to attend!

## UMW Clothing Drive

On October 4 & 5, from 9 am—5 pm each day, the Easter Seals truck will arrive and we want to fill a truck with clothes! This collection is for anything that is cloth—even stained items. All donated items will be reused, re-sold, or recycled and proceeds will benefit both our UMW Missions Fund and Easter Seals. So clean out those closets and ask your friends if they have anything to donate. Collection bags are available now in the church Parlor, or use your own. Help us fill the truck!



## Come Join The Circle!

A new UMW circle has formed and you are invited to be a part of it! We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. We will sometimes do a Bible study, sometimes have a speaker and sometimes do community outreach. Our ages range from 16 to 70-something and everywhere in between.

On October 1, we are going to view the video put together by the Westside Community House gals and then we are going to begin our Bible study "Bad Girls of the Bi-

ble" by Liz Curtis Higgs. This month we focus on Eve.

Looking ahead to November 5, EARS TO YOU founder and Executive Director, Ruth Crane, will be the guest speaker. Ruth is a cancer survivor with a heart for others. Her topic for the evening is, "How Much Lemonade Can I Make?" EARS TO YOU is a top rated nonprofit started in 2008 whose vision is to provide a moment of joy and hope to those fighting cancer by providing earrings and hats to those in treatment. Check out [www.earstoyou.org](http://www.earstoyou.org) to learn more of Ruth's story and join us for an informative evening. Let's see how WE can become involved in this worthwhile cause. *Everyone is welcome. Please join us!*

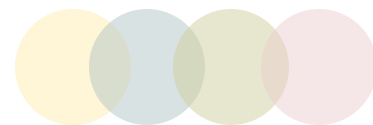
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Your  
Recipes



## UMW Bicentennial Cook Book

Your favorite recipes are wanted for The Brecksville United Methodist Women's Bicentennial Cookbook. Drop a copy of your favorites in the recipe collection box in the Parlor.

Want to read more? Go to [www.brecksvilleumc.com](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com)



## Asbury Bremeth Circle

Join us October 9, and the second Thursday of each month, for laughter, fellowship, and learning. We are watching and discussing a new video series by Adam Hamilton called "Revival." Through this video series we follow him as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley. The focus of the series is to explore the defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to re-discover our spiritual passion. **Don't miss out!! All are welcome.**



## Missing Burgundy Tablecloths WHERE O' WHERE ARE YOU?

Have you seen us? We are a group of 5-7 rectangular burgundy tablecloths. We need to be returned to the kitchen ASAP. We have already missed three Memorial Receptions!







In all seriousness, if you have the tablecloths or know who does please return them *immediately* or notify myself or the office as to their whereabouts. These tablecloths are frequently used for Memorial receptions and they were needed back on August 10 at the service for Don Yates. Our policy states tablecloths are to be laundered and returned within three days.

*Thank you for your help!*

Mary Kotnik, UMW Kitchen Coordinator

# OCTOBER 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Communion Stewards Chuck & Becky Gezze			1 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:30 MS Youth 7 Evening Circle 	2 9:30 UMW <b>5 Men's Group</b> <b>4:30 Children's</b> Choir 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Missions 7:30 Chancel Choir 	3 7 Emmaus Reunion	4 <b>8:30 Women's</b> Small Group  Fill the Truck! UMW CLOTHING DRIVE
5 World Communion Sunday <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Education Hour <b>11:15 Worship</b> 12:15 Confirmation Kick-Off Meeting 6 Church Movie Night Fill the Truck Clothing Drive	6 4:30 BCA Youth Chorus 7 BCA Community Chorus	7 10 Staff Meeting 7 Evangelism	8 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:30 MS Youth	9 9:30 Asbury Bremeth Circle <b>5 Men's Group</b> <b>4:30 Children's</b> Choir 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	10 7 Emmaus Reunion	11 <b>8:30 Women's</b> Small Group 6:15 Ecumenical Chapel Service at Chippewa Place
12 <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Education Hour <b>11:15 Worship</b> 2 Russia VIM Reunion 7 HS Youth Group	13 4:30 BCA Youth Chorus 7 BCA Community Chorus	14 11 Staff Meeting 7 Administra- tive Board 8 Music & Worship Board	15 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:30 MS Youth	16 <b>5 Men's Group</b> <b>4:30 Children's</b> Choir 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir 	17 7 Emmaus Reunion No School BBHCSO 	18 <b>8:30 Women's</b> Small Group 5 District Youth Council Event, Strongsville UMC
19 Laity Sunday <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Education Hour <b>11:15 Worship</b> 7 HS Youth Group	20 4:30 BCA Youth Chorus 7 BCA Community Chorus 7 Staff Parish Relations	21 10 Staff Meeting <b>10 Stitch'n'Time</b> 7 Gifts & Memorials 7:30 Trustees	22 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:30 MS Youth 7 Charge Con- ference at Seven Hills UMC	23 <b>5 Men's Group</b> <b>4:30 Children's</b> Choir 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	24 7 Emmaus Reunion	25 <b>8:30 Women's</b> Small Group All Day—UMW Soup Production
26 UMW Soup Sunday <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Education Hour <b>11:15 Worship</b> 7 HS Youth Group	27 4:30 BCA Youth Chorus 7 BCA Community Chorus	28 10 Staff Meeting 7 Finance	29 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:30 MS Youth 7 CPR/AED Training	30 <b>5 Men's Group</b> <b>4:30 Children's</b> Choir 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir 	31 7 Emmaus Reunion 9:30 UMW Board Meeting  No School BBHCSO	

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

Consider adding the following to your prayer list...

- Peace in the world.
- Those walking in the CROP Hunger Walk, and those they are walking to support.
- Those in our community in need of a church home. That they might find a way through our doors.
- For those who are served by Cornerstone of Hope. That they may find comfort in their grieving.
- For those being helped by the UMW Clothing Drive.
- For those suffering food insecurity.
- For new babies born this month.

Do you know that Brecksville United Methodist Church has an active e-mail Prayer Chain? To be added to the e-mail list, or to submit a prayer request, please contact [Elrowan33@aol.com](mailto:Elrowan33@aol.com).

# PRESENCE

Date	First Service	Special Service	Second Service	Goal of 300
Aug. 24	78	-	118	-104
Aug. 31	73	-	113	-114
Sept. 7	141	-	97	-62
Sept. 14	142	-	72	-86
Sept. 21		212		-88

**We've set a goal of bringing 300 people together** for worship on Sunday mornings. We fell short of this goal this month. What's keeping you from church on Sunday? What are some other ways you can be present in the life of the church this month?

# 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. 24	11,192
Aug. 31	6,657
Sept. 7	10,033
Sept. 14	8,728
Sept. 21	6,111

# SERVICE

Some ways you can be of service to others this month (look for details in this issue of *The Good Word*):

- Bring your old clothes and other fabric items to the UMW's fill the truck clothing drive October 4 and 5. You can start bringing donations to the Fellowship Hall stage today!
- Give a Wednesday evening of service to Cornerstone of Hope. This is an easy way to serve others! See details inside this newsletter.
- Clip and collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Label symbols. You can help disadvantaged kids in Appalachia—all you need is a pair of scissors.

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

*The people of The United Methodist Church are putting our faith in action by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, which is our church's mission. Through the power of our connection, we are making a positive difference in more than 125 countries.*

# United Methodist News

World Communion Sunday, October 5

One of the six churchwide special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday provides undergraduate and graduate scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students.

From the Africana Worship Book, here is a prayer for World Communion Sunday:

Jesus prayed that we might be one.  
One in spirit  
One in mission  
In union and communion  
with each other and with You.

Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.  
Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.  
Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.  
We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

According to The Book of Discipline 2012 (Par. 263.3), this special Sunday “calls the church to be the catholic, inclusive church.” Please join at Christ’s table and give generously.

--From the Africana Worship Book, Year B, (Discipleship Resources, 2007) Used with permission on the General Board of Discipleship website.



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## A MOMENT FOR MISSION

“Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.” - Psalm 78:1, NRSV

Nickson Bondo is a World Communion Scholar from Democratic Republic of the Congo. He studies at Leipzig University in Germany and hopes to use his education to promote peace in Africa.

Starting in 2011 and continuing for three years, the General Board of Global Ministries awarded Bondo \$10,000 annually to support his educational and related expenses while he prepares for a doctoral degree in peace, leadership and governance at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. Bondo earned undergraduate and master’s degrees at United Methodist-related Africa University in Zimbabwe.

Bondo said his doctoral project “assesses the role of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region in promoting peace and security in the Great Lakes Region of Africa.”

“I plan to work for the promotion of peace, security and transitional justice in Africa and worldwide,” Bondo is unsure of what he will do when he completes his studies. “This can be through a professional career with the General Board of Global Ministries, General Board of Higher Education and Ministries, international and local nongovernmental organizations or as a lecturer or researcher in United Methodist Church-related universities, and any other higher education institutions, depending on opportunities.”

While studying in Germany, Bondo is connecting with United Methodists at The Bethesda Church in Leipzig.

Generous gifts on World Communion Sunday assist promising new leaders like Bondo as well as Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service Training.



Enjoy our lovingly cooked homemade soup, knowing that your purchase supports the many missions of the UMW. Pre-order your soup with this form, and pick up your order in the Parlor and Fellowship Hall between services and after the 11:15 am service on **Sunday, October 26.**

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

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

	Pint \$4	Quart \$8	Total
Chicken Noodle			
Tomato Basil (Vegetarian)			
Church Beef Vegetable			
Chili			
Amount Due (Checks Payable to UMW)			

Questions? Contact Ruth Herman: 330-467-3237

*Thank you!*