



# The Good Word

The Newsletter of Brecksville United Methodist Church

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## BUMC: Living In Christ, Serving in Love

### *Volunteer Fair Builds Community*

The BUMC 2012 Volunteer Fair was held on Sunday January 8 in Fellowship Hall. Organizations that serve our communities were on hand to explain their work and to describe ways that volunteers can get involved. We produced information booklets highlighting each organization and how *you* can get involved. If you missed the fair, copies of the booklet are available in the Parlor and on the church website. The Volunteer Fair provided a chance for our congregation to volunteer and learn, and it provided service organizations the opportunity to meet one another and network. Through our fair, the Caring Cubs found more ways for their youngest volunteers to serve, and other organizations received new volunteers. All of the organizations who participated were delighted to inform our congregation. Thank you to all who participated. You all helped to make the 2012 Volunteer Fair a successful event.

- Lynn Spencer



**February 22**  
**7:30 pm**

This simple, meditative service is an important beginning to your Lenten journey. Join in this very special time of resting in the presence of God and consciously removing anything that might be keeping you from drawing closer to God. We will explore together what it means to observe Lent and the significance this season can have in our lives. The service will include music, reflection, and the imposition of ashes for those wishing to receive them.

## 2012 Chili Cook Off



On Saturday, Jan. 21, the United Methodist Men crowned a new Chili Champion, Craig Kotnik! This is the second year that Craig's chili has taken the top prize.

*See more pictures on our website!*



8:45 First Service

10:00 Education Hour

11:15 Second Service

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# Tie a Knot In It

*Comments from Rev. Clark Stein*

Winter drags on...I am rather tired of winter. I'm not much good at cold weather, grey skies, biting winds, snow shoveling, waiting for the car to warm, bundling up, Kleenex, coughs and the like. It is easy for me to want to rush right into spring, warmer weather, bluer skies, gentler winds, cleansing rains, warm sun, and outward signs of life.

As we begin our Lenten journeys, I remember that Jesus asked all listeners to consider the cost of discipleship. It must have given the original listeners as much pause as it gives to us today to hear the words, "If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me." We tend to look toward the ultimate goal without appreciating all the moments in between the beginning and the triumph in the end. Following entails journeying. The end of our journey may well be a cross, and we need to determine whether or not we will bear it, but in the meantime, let us not miss all of the encounters daily brought our way. Jesus led a life of encounter. It is in the measure of these encounters that we determine what is important to us, what we will stand for, and ultimately what we would be willing to die for.

There is an old sailor's saying that goes, "When you reach the end of the rope, tie a knot in it and hang on." Jesus was ever alive in the moment. So much so that when he was near death, his last words on the cross were those of a bedtime prayer taught to Jewish youth in their childhood. "Into your hands I commit my Spirit," was recited much like, "Now I lay me down to sleep." It was with this simple childhood prayer that he tied a knot and decided to hang on. I believe it was in the recognition of deepest winter. It was a time for Jesus that held grey skies, biting winds, not many signs of new life. In his deepest encounter with lifelessness, Jesus committed himself to God's care as a child going to sleep at night, aware that the journey would continue with the birth of a new day.

As we journey together this Lenten season, may we truly appreciate our daily encounters with the deepest winter. For at the end, when spring breaks, we may stand truly amazed with the rest of creation that in spite of cold and biting winds, life pushes up in the new day having been about its business unobserved.

Staying warm,

*Pastor Clark*



**Coffee Fellowship**

**In February, Music Board**  
will be hosting coffee hour  
on Sundays in the Parlor  
between services.

## You're Invited!

To **GAME NIGHT** at the  
Thielmans on Saturday, February  
25<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 pm -? RSVP 330-467-1014 or  
[cthielman@roadrunner.com](mailto:cthielman@roadrunner.com). Appetizers or  
desserts welcome, but not necessary.





# Music Notes

There is still time to purchase your tickets for...

## *Music in the Valley*



A benefit event in support of the concert/recital series at  
Brecksville United Methodist Church

**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

**7:00 – 10:00 o'clock pm**

Our privately chartered train will depart at 7:00pm from the  
Brecksville Station at Station Road.

Please call the office ASAP to reserve any remaining tickets!



### **Music with a Mission 2012: March 23**

Mark your calendar for this fun annual event in support of YSP and the Music Department! Our famous DJ's, live band, and great music will return on **Friday, March 23!** Dinner will be at 6:00pm, with the show "1,2,3 Rock!" to follow. Watch the Good Word and your bulletin for details on how to purchase tickets!

## **Messiah Sing**

The BUMC Music Department, in conjunction with the Brecksville Center for the Arts, is very proud to announce a community-wide Messiah Sing on **Sunday, April 22**. This exciting event will be held at 4:00pm in our Sanctuary. Featuring a chamber orchestra, organ, and trumpet, we will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sections of George Frideric Handel's powerful work, *Messiah*. Here's how **you** can get involved!

- ♦ Be a part of the "lead" chorus. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings, beginning immediately, from 7:45 to 9:00pm, at the Brecksville Middle School on Mill Road.
- ♦ Open auditions will be held for Soprano, Tenor and Bass soloists (by single movement) on March 5 and 6 in the Sanctuary. Please contact Joy for audition information.
- ♦ Just show up and sing on **Sunday, April 22**. Scores will be available at the door. (You are also welcome to come and listen!)

See Joy for additional details or to help out "behind the scenes"!



## **Scout Sunday Feb. 12**

*Bringing Youth to Christ Through  
Scouting Ministry*

Boy Scout Troop 175 invites the congregation to enjoy a **Pancake Breakfast of Appreciation** after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Services on Scout Sunday. After taking part in services, Scouts will prepare and serve breakfast for which there is no charge (but donations accepted.)

The Scouting program at Brecksville United Methodist Church is more than just an activity for youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

As the Cleveland Council celebrates its 100th anniversary, we salute the volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership. Merit badge counselors help Scouts learn more about vocations and hobbies. Volunteers serve behind the scenes on committees so that community organizations using the Scouting program can find the best leadership possible for the youth related to their organizations.

Many men and women offer their services to Scouting, but more volunteers are always needed to serve as leaders or share their special skills with young people and other adults. All these people experience a special sense of achievement through their work in Scouting.

We congratulate all the volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout Northeast Ohio and want to offer a special prayer and word of the thanks to the leaders of Boy Scout Troop 175, which is 88 years old and chartered to Brecksville United Methodist Church since 1942.





## MILESTONES

News of the Fellowship

*Have news you would like to share?  
Please call or e-mail Melanie.*

Thirty years ago I moved to Ohio from New Jersey and joined Brecksville United Methodist Church. Over the years the church was there for me whenever I needed assistance – from welcoming me to the community, to helping me when my daughter was born prematurely, to supporting me now in my illness. I have been astounded how many people have stepped forward to provide assistance, cards and words of support and I have been stunned at the amount of caring displayed. I thank all of you for it. I am moving to Brunswick to live with my daughter, but I intend to keep my membership in BUMC. This is where my heart is. I hope people will stay in touch (or stop by!) My address is: Susan Parry Whelchel, 4720 Cottonwood Ln, Brunswick OH 44212

*God bless all of you. Susan*

Dear Friends:

I am living at Emeritus at Camelot Place in Medina. I am comfortable here with my children near-by, but would still welcome calls or visits from old friends. I am well, but my vision is deteriorating and taking with it many of my favorite pastimes. My address remains 21 Leisure Lane, Medina, Ohio 44256. My phone is 440-539-6891.

*Wishing you all the blessings  
of the season, Ruth Stoddard*

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| Doris    | Cipolla    | 02/01 |
| Douglas  | Hubert     | 02/02 |
| John     | Olenik     | 02/02 |
| Donna    | Bambic     | 02/03 |
| Brian    | Buttolph   | 02/03 |
| Colin    | Johnson    | 02/03 |
| Brooke   | Toman      | 02/03 |
| Ashlyn   | Yeater     | 02/03 |
| Barbara  | Soltis     | 02/04 |
| David    | AuWerter   | 02/05 |
| Kathleen | Davis      | 02/05 |
| Colin    | Hamilton   | 02/05 |
| Faith    | McAllister | 02/05 |
| Lynn     | Spencer    | 02/05 |
| Robert   | Andree     | 02/06 |
| Paul     | Olszko     | 02/06 |
| Nancy    | Ramsey     | 02/06 |
| Chloe    | Boldt      | 02/07 |
| Rebecca  | Chen       | 02/08 |
| Nancy    | Knowlton   | 02/08 |
| Chad     | Boldt      | 02/09 |
| Eric     | Buttolph   | 02/09 |
| Sarah    | Nurre      | 02/09 |
| Robert   | Williams   | 02/09 |
| Pamela   | Johnson    | 02/10 |
| Marjorie | Webb       | 02/10 |
| Douglas  | Bender     | 02/11 |
| Marla    | Hocutt     | 02/12 |
| Kelly    | McLuckie   | 02/12 |
| Gladys   | Smith      | 02/12 |
| Gloria   | Southam    | 02/12 |
| Leslie   | Hoffman    | 02/13 |
| William  | Hurder     | 02/13 |



## February Birthdays



|           |            |       |
|-----------|------------|-------|
| Monica    | Kotnik     | 02/13 |
| Andrew    | Kubek      | 02/13 |
| Mallory   | McCrodden  | 02/13 |
| Alec      | Wilson     | 02/13 |
| Ellen     | Falko      | 02/14 |
| Lucy      | Fesler     | 02/14 |
| Dorothy   | Jordan     | 02/14 |
| Abigail   | Smith      | 02/15 |
| William   | Kranstuber | 02/16 |
| Matthew   | Miller     | 02/16 |
| Stephanie | Fisher     | 02/17 |
| Grace     | Ford       | 02/17 |
| Christine | Hudacek    | 02/17 |
| Emma      | Piorkowski | 02/17 |
| Scott     | Campbell   | 02/18 |
| John      | Kenney     | 02/18 |
| Alexandra | Kenney     | 02/19 |
| Sally     | Bibler     | 02/20 |
| Nancy     | Hoyer      | 02/20 |
| Matthew   | Ling       | 02/20 |
| Brendan   | Root       | 02/21 |
| Daniel    | Rajkovich  | 02/22 |
| Stephen   | Warth      | 02/22 |
| Erin      | Gee        | 02/23 |
| Janet     | Kleckner   | 02/24 |
| Eric      | Louttit    | 02/24 |
| Olive     | Priest     | 02/24 |
| Miriam    | Buttolph   | 02/25 |
| Nancy     | Wygonski   | 02/25 |
| Darcie    | Engler     | 02/27 |
| Angela    | Harper     | 02/27 |
| Emily     | Hastings   | 02/27 |
| Johanna   | Klein      | 02/27 |



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we have recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others: Look around BUMC and you might hear **Katie Bartholomew** delivering the liturgy (on New Year's Day, no less!);

**Lynn Hobzek and Lynn Spencer** bringing together opportunities to serve with the Mission Fair; **Ben Magistro** lending a hand with the parking lot ministry; or **Senor Skip Smith** working his chili cook off magic and gathering everyone together on a cold winter Saturday. We are thankful for each of you!

# Poverty in the Suburbs

This December, we had originally planned to take your generous donations of hats and mittens into the heart of the city. The West Side Catholic Center on Lorain Avenue, just a moment's walk from the West Side Market, was the planned destination. When we called ahead to let them know we were coming they said they had so many donations this year that they did not need any more hats, gloves or mittens. I did a quick web search and found the Parma Heights Food Pantry listed as a location that would accept food, clothing, books and toys and called to see if they could use hats and gloves. A jubilant man on the other end of the line gave me an emphatic "yes." He had just turned away a family who needed these items because they had none to offer. That afternoon I undecorated the tree in the Parlor and headed down to the Parma Heights Food Pantry on Pearl Road near the intersection of York.

The volunteers there gave me a tour of the small but well laid out facility. They explained how they determine the level of need with their clients. They showed me the shelves of cans and boxes of food. They explained that they have very little canned fruit to offer because it is more expensive and very few donations of fruit arrive to them. They showed me the shelves that held individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper; they un-wrap large packs and individually wrap the rolls to help the donations go further. They took me to the room that had a few racks of everyday clothing and two racks of "professional clothing" so that clients could have something nice to wear on a job interview. Beyond that room there was a room with a small number of old toys left. It was only a few days before Christmas and most of what had been donated was picked over. They were so grateful for the soft teddy bears that someone left under our hat and mitten tree.

I grew up in Parma on the Parma Heights border, just minutes from this facility. My mind was spinning as I was touring a food pantry in this nice middle class suburb. Finally I asked Ann George, who runs the food pantry, what sort of need is there in the area. "The need is great" she said. When she was asked to take on this project through her church, Pleasant Hills UMC in Middleburg Heights, she was told she would be providing service for about 50. The pantry now tries to provide for 260 and the number is growing. Many of the clients have never needed help before and many have a very hard time accepting the help. Suburbs of Cleveland are not the only ones feeling the sting of the economy. This is a sad trend that is happening all over the country.

- Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education



BUMC asked for your donations of business clothing in the month of January and these will be taken to the Parma Heights Food Pantry on February 1. For the month of February we are asking that you donate canned or jarred fruit, an apparent luxury for our brothers and sisters that accept help from the Parma Heights Food Pantry. Please leave your donations (be sure to check the expiration dates!) in the box in the coatroom marked "Fruit Drive". Your help to our nearby neighbors, who are struggling through these hard economic times, is greatly appreciated. Please keep the people of the Parma Heights Food Pantry and all social service agencies and the people who find themselves at the door of the Food Pantry looking for the most basic items for their cupboards at home in your prayers.

## The New York Times

**The following is an excerpt of an article by Dustin Franz from the New York Times:**

The poor population in America's suburbs — long a symbol of a stable and prosperous American middle class — has risen by more than half since 2000, forcing suburban communities across the country to re-evaluate their identities and how they serve their populations. For the first time, more than half of the metropolitan poor live in suburban areas.

As a result, suburban municipalities — once concerned with policing, putting out fires and repairing roads — are confronting a new set of issues, namely how to help poor residents without the array of social programs that cities have, and how to

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# The New York Times

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get those residents to services without public transportation. With the state slashing funds, the suburbs have to ramp up social services and economic development on their own. This comes at a time when the suburbs are facing these challenges with the tightest budgets in years.

This shift has helped redefine the image of the suburbs. "The suburbs were always a place of opportunity — a better school, a bigger house, a better job," said Scott Allard, an associate professor at the University of Chicago who focuses on social welfare policy and poverty. "Today, that's not as true as the popular mythology would have us believe."

Since 2000, the poverty roll has increased by five million in the suburbs, Midwestern suburbs have ranked high. Recently, the rise has been sharpest in communities where the housing collapse hit the hardest, like Cape Coral, Fla., and Riverside, Calif.

Nearly 60 percent of Cleveland's poor, once concentrated in its urban core, now live in its suburbs, up from 46 percent in 2000. Nationwide, 55 percent of the poor population in metropolitan areas is now in the suburbs, up from 49 percent.

Poverty is new in Parma Heights, a quiet suburb of cul-de-sacs and clipped lawns, and asking for help can be hard. The Parma Heights Food Pantry, which began serving several dozen families a month in 2006, and now helps 260, draws a stream of casualties from the moribund economy. Many never needed food relief before.

Like Mary W., 59, who has worked all her life, most recently at a tire company in Cleveland, and was always the one to remind colleagues to donate to charity. Now she is the one who receives it.

When she first came to the pantry, "I cried my eyes out," said Mary, who asked that her last name not be used because she did not want her children to know about her financial troubles.

At Vineyard Community Church in Wickliffe, Brent Paulson, the pastor, said he had to post an employee in the driveway the day the church's food bank was open to coax people inside, they were so ashamed to ask for help. In a sign of just how far the economic distress had spread, one volunteer saw his former boss come to the pantry.

THE HOLE IN OUR  
WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT OF US? **GOSPEL**  
SIX-WEEK QUEST

## 2012 BUMC Church-wide Lenten Study

This year we will embark on "The Gospel Quest" based on the 2010 Christian Book of the Year "The Hole in Our Gospel" by one time Lenox China CEO and current president of World Vision, Rich Sterns. Through his own personal story, Mr. Sterns asks,

- ♦ *What does God expect of us?*
- ♦ *Is our faith just about going to church, studying the Bible and avoiding the most serious sins—or does God expect more?*
- ♦ *Have we embraced the whole gospel, or a gospel with a hole in it?"*

Through insightful scripture examination, Rich leads us through our view of the Gospel, our tendency to put things ahead of God, the faces behind the statistics of global poverty, our attitudes and misconceptions about it, the origins of poverty, the scourge of human trafficking and the global AIDS epidemic. He then shows us practical solutions and asks us to consider what we can and are willing to do.

You may feel shock at the scope of the problem of global poverty, grief at the plight of millions of AIDS orphans or outrage at young girls being sold into prostitution. This study will not leave you unchanged.

Pastor Clark has challenged us to "climb out of the boat" and risk going outside of our comfort zone. This study will help us do that. It is the next step in "living in Christ and serving in love."

When one of our fall Sunday school classes did this study, they finished the class saying, "Where do we go from here? What do we do next?" Those who participate in Lent will have a similar experience.

The 6 week study consists of a short DVD presentation in the sanctuary, followed by small group discussion during the Sunday School hour. If Sunday morning is difficult for your schedule, we will also offer at least one evening class. At the end of the program we are planning a hands-on mission experience for the congregation.

Rich Sterns says, "We must never see poverty or justice as 'issues' that need solutions; rather we must see the human beings at the heart of those issues who need and deserve our love and respect. I believe we really can alter the world, but we can only do it one person at a time. And when enough people choose to do this, even a crisis on a global scale can change." Our congregation can be those people who will choose to alter the world.

*The cost of the book is \$10. Contact the church office today to reserve your copy!*

# United Methodist Giving: Our Dollars at Work

**Connectional Giving** enables United Methodists to do together what no church, district or annual conference could do alone. When we join The United Methodist Church, we promise faithfully to participate in its ministries through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. By paying apportionments at 100 percent and giving faithfully to the six church-wide Special Sundays, we become a part of something big and we accomplish wonderful things in Jesus' name! When you give through our local church your gifts expand our church's ministry globally.

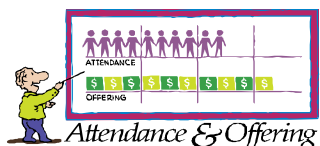
## There are 7 apportioned funds approved by General Conference:

Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Episcopal Fund, General Administration Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, World Service Fund. Read more about these funds online at [www.umciving.org](http://www.umciving.org).

**There are 6 church wide Special Sundays approved by General Conference:** Human Relations Day Sunday, January 15; One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 18; Native American Ministries Sunday, April 22; Peace With Justice Sunday, June 3; World Communion Sunday, October 7; United Methodist Student Day, November 25.



For more information about United Methodist Giving visit [www.umciving.org](http://www.umciving.org)

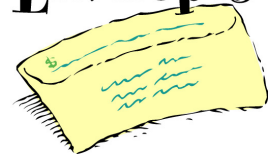


Can we make our numbers grow? Why not bring a friend to church or Sunday School?

| Date        | 1st Service Attendance | Sunday School   | 2nd Service Attendance | Offering |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| December 24 | 5 pm: 319              | 8 pm: 312       | 10 pm: 160             | \$6,116  |
| December 25 |                        | One Service: 75 |                        | \$1,913  |
| January 1   |                        | One Service: 80 |                        | \$970    |
| January 8   | 159                    | N/A             | 94                     | \$11,507 |
| January 15  | 148                    | 119             | 95                     | \$6,120  |
| January 22  | 147                    |                 | 104                    | \$6,791  |

*"Do all the good you can,  
in all the places you can,  
to all the people you can."*  
- John Wesley

## Offering Envelopes



2012 Offering Envelopes  
Are available. If you  
would like a set, please call  
the church office:  
440-526-8938

## BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, Feb. 7

You don't need a special reason to give blood. **You just need your own reason.**

- ◆ Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.
- ◆ Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.
- ◆ Some believe it is the right thing we do.

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life.

**Some Health Benefits:** You will receive a mini physical to check your pulse, blood pressure, body temperature, and hemoglobin

### Come prepared.

- ◆ Have a light meal and plenty to drink.
- ◆ Bring your donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification.
- ◆ Bring the names of medications you are taking.





## UMW Collects Campbell's UPC Labels for Henderson Settlement

Have you been clipping your Campbell's Soup Labels? Thank you! The only part of the label that we need to turn in is the UPC code pictured above. Bring yours to the collection bin in the cloak room. Keep them coming!



United  
Methodist  
Women

Come to the UMW meeting Thursday, February 2. Start the morning at 9:30 with a continental breakfast and fellowship. At 10:00 we will have installation of officers for 2012. Everyone, including the men of the church, are welcome to a special program which will feature our pastor, Rev. Clark Stein.



## Summer Camp Open Houses

Want a chance to tour the sites, talk to the staff and see what is being offered for 2012? Join us at Camp Asbury - February 5th, Camp Aldersgate - April 15th, Camp Wanake - March 31st, May 6th, and May 19th. For more information please call (800) 831-3972 ext. 108 or check us out on the web at

[www.EOCSummercamps.org](http://www.EOCSummercamps.org)

# YSP Teams up with Brecksville Kiwanis



When the Brecksville Kiwanis started looking for caterers for their weekly meetings, one place they turned was to BUMC. Our youth stepped up and decided to give it a try, and will be preparing one meal per month through June to raise money for their summer YSP trip. You'll find them in

the kitchen on the third Thursday of each month. If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Mary Kotnik, Alan Scheufler, Ruth Herman or Catherine Vastartis. Happy cooking kids!

## People to People Fundraiser



This summer I will be traveling to Europe as a student ambassador to learn about the different cultures and way of life of several countries. I will be traveling to England, Ireland, Wales, France, the Netherlands, and Belgium. The program, called People to People, was started by president Dwight D. Eisenhower, who believed that the path to peace was paved by sharing experiences and understanding. On February 18, I will be having a Chili Dinner in Fellowship Hall to help raise money for my trip. Come enjoy my award winning chili from the chili cook

off 2011. Donations are welcome. I hope that everyone can come help support me on February 18th from 5:30-7:00. Hope to see you there!

- Matthew Manocchio

# WSEM

West Side  
Ecumenical  
Ministry

Dear Friends at Brecksville UMC, Accept our heartfelt appreciation for your support of WSEM Food Center at Brookside. You bring hope into the lives of people at a very difficult time. When the month of December came to an end, Brookside had assisted 984 families with holiday and basic food items. Because of the generosity of many, 553 children received toys, hats, and gloves. Brookside is able to continue to serve in the heart of our city neighborhood because you care about children, women, and men struggling for a life with dignity. Best wishes for a blessed New Year,

Lou Keim, Director, WSEM Food Center at Brookside





*North Coast District  
United Methodist Church  
Leadership Academy 2012*



**Calling the Church to Action -**  
*Wherever Vitality and Vision Are Present,  
Christ Brings Victory*



*Four Key Areas are the Drivers of Vitality:*  
**Lay Leadership    Small Groups & Programs  
Worship Service    Pastor**

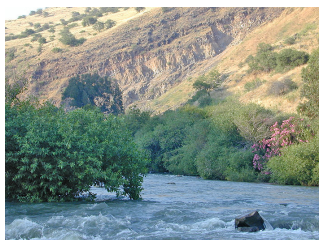
**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Bishop Gregory V. Palmer**  
of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference



**Saturday, February 4**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**(Registration 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.)**  
**Church of the Saviour United Methodist**  
**2537 Lee Road**  
**Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118**  
**216-321-8880**

**To register, e-mail: [ncdistrict@ncdistrictumc.org](mailto:ncdistrict@ncdistrictumc.org)**  
**More info at: [www.northcoastdistrictumc.org](http://www.northcoastdistrictumc.org)**

## Monday Night Adult Bible Study



Ever wonder what it would be like to study the Bible right where it happened? To be looking at the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus walked on water and where he stilled the storm, while reading the stories from the Bible? What does the Jordan River look like, where Naaman washed and was cured of leprosy, or the Israelites crossed into the

Promised Land? The next best thing to actually being there is our Monday Night Bible Study class. We watch a DVD of a particular Bible history place and hear a well known historian/pastor tell about the history and the significance of the place. We then study the lesson in even greater depth from a background study of that place/time. Each week is a separate lesson, and there is no cost other than your time. Come join us any Monday night from 7 to 8:30 pm for fellowship and a very enlightening view of Bible lessons from the Holy Land. (Note: There will be no Bible Study on Feb. 6 or 13.)

- Les Buttolph

## We Want Your Old Cell Phone



Do you have an old cell phone sitting in a drawer somewhere? Put it to good use – recycle it for BUMC! Bring your old phones (no cords or accessories, please) to the red bin in the cloak room.



### Why? Here are Seven Good Reasons ...

1. The EPA estimates cell phones will be thrown away at a rate of 130 million a year. If Americans recycled all of the cell phones that are tossed aside annually, we could save enough energy to power more than 24,000 homes for a year.
2. Right now, only about 10 percent of those discarded cell phones are recycled.
3. Recycling just one cell phone saves enough energy to power a laptop for 44 hours.
4. Cell phones, PDAs and other electronic devices contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, arsenic and brominated flame retardants. Many of those materials can be recycled and reused; none of them should go into landfills where they can contaminate air, soil and groundwater.
5. Electronic devices also use rare metals that are often mined in the most conflicted areas of the world, areas where human rights are ignored and environmental damage from mining is great. Recycling the metals from existing phones means less demand for these “conflict metals.”
6. For every one million cell phones recycled, we can recover 75 pounds of gold, 772 pounds of silver, 33 pounds of palladium, and 35,274 pounds of copper. Cell phones also contain tin, zinc and platinum.
7. BUMC earns money for each phone we recycle. Last year, we recycled about 30 phones, earning about \$30 - - which went right into our missions fund.

Recycling old phones makes sense. Thank you for doing your part!



What will you do this Lent to observe this holy season? Give up something? Add some spiritual exercise? What about doing some mission work? How can you show increased stewardship of your life during these weeks before Easter?

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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| <br>Communion Stewards<br>John & Celeste Olenik | Sunday<br>Coffee hour<br>hosted by<br>Music Board.                             |   | 1<br>6:30 Dawnbrk<br>3:30 CMAP   | 2<br>9:30 UMW<br>4 Wo Emmaus<br>6:15 Handbells<br>6:15 HS Ensem<br>7:30 Choir<br>   | 3<br>7 Emmaus Re.<br>9 Men's Bible   | 4<br>8:30 Leadership Academy<br>9:30 Zumba  |
| 5<br>Communion Sunday<br>8Worship Band<br>8:45 Worship<br>10 Ed Hour<br>11:15 Worship<br>2 Hiking Club                           | 6<br>5:30 Kickbox<br>No Bible Study<br>7:30 Scout Troop 175                    | 7<br>11 Staff Mtg.<br>1 Blood Drive<br>7 Knitting Grp                                 | 8<br>6:30 Dawnbrk<br>3:30 CMAP   | 9<br>9:30 Asbury Br.<br>4 Wo Emmaus<br>6:15 Handbells<br>6:15 HS Ensem<br>7:30 Choir  | 10<br>7 Emmaus Re.<br>9 Men's Bible  | 11<br>9:30 Zumba<br>6:15 Chapel Svc at Chippewa Place<br>7 Music in the Valley<br> |
| 12<br>Scout Sunday<br>8Worship Band<br>8:45 Worship<br>10 Ed Hour<br>11:15 Worship   | 13<br>5:30 Kickbox<br>No Bible Study<br>7:30 Scout Troop 175                   | 14<br>11 Staff Mtg.<br>7 COM<br>8 SUPER TUES Comm. Mtgs<br>8 Zumba<br>Valentine's Day | 15<br>6:30 Dawnbrk<br>3:30 CMAP<br>7 SPR   | 16<br>10 History Grp.<br>4 Wo Emmaus<br>4 YSP Kiwanis Dinner<br>6:15 Handbells<br>6:15 HS Ensem<br>7:30 Choir   | 17<br>7 Emmaus Re.<br>9 Men's Bible<br> | 18<br>9:30 Zumba<br>5 Matt Manno-chio's Chili Fundraiser<br>6:15 Chapel Svc at Chippewa Place   |
| 19<br>8Worship Band<br>8:45 Worship<br>10 Ed Hour<br>11:15 Worship   | 20<br>5:30 Kickbox<br>7 Bible Study<br>7:30 Scout Troop 175<br>BBH No School   | 21<br>9:30 Staff Mtg.<br>7 Knitting Grp<br>7:30 Trustees<br>7:30 Finance<br>8 Zumba   | 22<br>6:30 Dawnbrk<br>3:30 CMAP<br>7:30 Worship<br> | 23<br>4 Wo Emmaus<br>6:15 Handbells<br>6:15 HS Ensem<br>7:30 Choir  | 24<br>7 Emmaus Re.<br>9 Men's Bible<br>9:30 UMW Bd.<br>5 Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Bqt  | 25<br>9:30 Zumba<br>7 Game Night at the Thielman's<br>                           |
| 26 First Sunday in Lent<br>8Worship Band<br>8:45 Worship<br>10 Ed Hour<br>11:15 Worship<br>Lenten Study Begins                   | 27<br>5:30 Kickbox<br>7 Bible Study<br>7:30 Scout Troop 175<br>Presidents' Day | 28<br>9:30 Staff Mtg.<br>8 Zumba  | 29<br>6:30 Dawnbrk<br>3:30 CMAP  | <b>Come Worship With Us!</b><br><b>Feb. 5:</b> Mark 1:29-39 , Isaiah 40:21-31, Sermon: "Hurry Up and Wait"<br><b>Feb. 12:</b> Mark 1:40-45, 2 Kings 5:1-14, Sermon: "Inside Out"<br><b>Feb. 19:</b> Mark 9:2-9, 2 Kings 2:1-14 , Sermon: "Ya Never Know"<br><b>Feb. 26:</b> Mark 1:9-15, Genesis 9:8-17 , Sermon: "Signs and Wonders" |  |   |

For the most current information, click the "general calendar" link on our website at [www.brecksvilleumc.com](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com)



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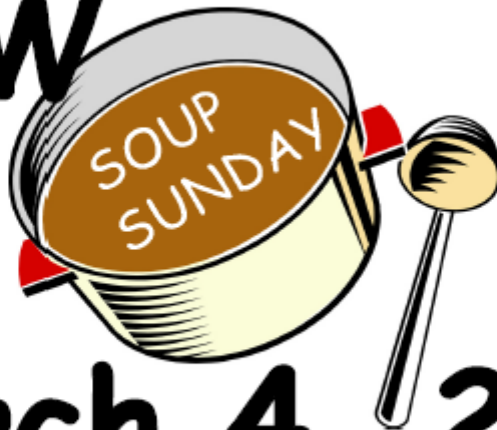
UMW Soup Sunday is March 4. The United Methodist Women will be cooking up delicious Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Basil Soup, Potato Soup and Chili. Proceeds from the sale support the many missions of the UMW. The soup will be sold in the Parlor and Fellowship Hall between services and after the 11:15 am service on March 4. Pre-orders are encouraged.

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**March 4, 2012**

| <b>Soup</b>               | <b>Pint \$4.00</b> | <b>Quart \$8.00</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Chicken Noodle            |                    |                     |
| Tomato Basil (vegetarian) |                    |                     |
| Potato Soup               |                    |                     |
| Chili                     |                    |                     |

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds benefit the many missions of the United Methodist Women  
here at Brecksville United Methodist Church.

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