# BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOVEMBER 2024

# Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

"We'll tell the next generation all about the praise due the Lord and his strength—the wondrous works God has done."—Psalm 78:4, CEB

The gift of organ and tissue donation allows us to put faith into action through the wondrous works of science and technology.

Jennifer Loud had a double lung transplant in August 2020. "The transplant," she said, "saved my life. I give God glory and praise for orchestrating my entire transplant journey," Jennifer said. "I prayed that God would put me in the hands of skilled and experienced surgeons and send me a medical team that understood my complex medical history. I asked God to deliver a double, not a single, lung transplant."

United Methodists observe Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday on the second Sunday in November. (November 10, 2024.) On this Special Sunday, we come together around the issues of life and thanksgiving.

Jennifer says, "My hope is that others will see the second chance that organ donation has given me and will consider being organ donors themselves."

Learn more about organ donation in Ohio: donatelife.ohio.gov

# A Prayer for Voting

Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward outing. We are grateful for the right to vote. Empower us, O Lord, to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than our own personal preferences. Give Jesus rather than our own personal preferences. Give is wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes with a umble spirit, and let our voting be an act of prayer. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for is not our savior, but you are the One in whom our are not our savior, but you are the One in whom our is not our savior. May you direct our new president with a heart for justice and truth. And regardless of who is a heart for justice and truth. And regardless of who is a heart for justice and truth. And regardless of who is a heart for justice and these things in your holy name. <u>Amen.</u>



As United Methodists, we believe that God has given us principles for how to live in a community. Central to Jesus' teachings, life, death, and resurrection is the Great Commandment: we must love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:35-40; Mark 12:28-34) Scan the QR Code to learn more about United Methodist Social Principles.

# **Honoring Veterans**

#### Sunday November 10

*Veterans Day*. A day of honor, respect, support and service for those who have served our country through the armed forces. Join us for a coffee hour reception starting at 9:30 in the Parlor and for a veterans slideshow and prayer at the start of the 10:30 service. If you would like to be included in the slideshow, please send your photo, branch of service and years of service to Office@Brecksvilleumc.com or call the office (440-526-8938) by Wednesday 11/6

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# FROM THE PASTOR

## Things We May Not Imagine, and Never Know

We will never fully understand just how much of an impact we make in this world.

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to celebrate the life of Bill Long. In their retirement, Bill and his wife Ruth became active in the Emmaus community—attending and then serving on 3-day retreats where people encounter the fullness of God's grace and learn what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus.

The Emmaus community became one of their passions, so when the opportunity arose to begin a teen version of Emmaus (called Chrysalis), Bill and Ruth jumped at the chance to help teens understand the unconditional love of God.

Years later, at barely 15-years-old, I went on Northeast Ohio Chrysalis Flight #14. While at Camp Asbury that snowy February weekend, I heard God call me into ministry.

Fast-forward 20+ years, and I became Bill's pastor here at Brecksville UMC. At his funeral, I got to share with his family that I was standing in the pulpit that day because of Bill and Ruth.

When they helped lay the foundation for Chrysalis, Bill and Ruth didn't know a little girl named Heidi Pifer needed to hear the message of God's unconditional love. They didn't know how God would use Chrysalis to speak to Heidi and call her into ministry.

Bill and Ruth were simply following God's call that God had for them.

That's the beautiful thing about being obedient to where God is calling— God will use us in incredible ways we haven't even imagined, and might never know.

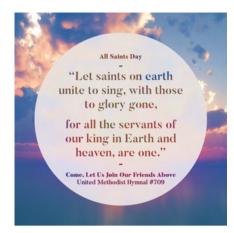
As we celebrate All Saints Sunday this November 2nd, may we be reminded of and give thanks for all those saints whom God has used to show us God's unconditional love and redeeming grace.

Take care,

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



HONEST WORSHIP



## All Saints Sunday November 3 at the 10:30 Service

The silence of a Sunday morning is interrupted by the tolling of a church bell. The bell rings very slowly and repeatedly, with a moment of silence between each toll. The sound is a reminder to pause and remember.

On **All Saints Sunday**, United Methodists around the world publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, All Saints Sunday honors the impact each life has on another.

At Brecksville United Methodist Church the names of all who have died in the past year are read, a candle is lit, and the church bell is tolled for each person. Prayers are lifted for the departed as the congregation honors and celebrates them.

United Methodists believe in the "communion of the saints," which includes not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before them, a "great cloud of witnesses," which surrounds the living and cheers each of us on.

If you would like to recognize a loved one who died between November 2023 and 2024, please contact the Brecksville United Methodist Church office by texting 833- 556-1171, calling 440-526-8938 or emailing info@brecksvilleumc.com before Thursday, 10/31 at 3 pm.

We will also fill the altar with photos of our saints. Photos can be of anyone in your family you want to celebrate and remember, regardless of when they died. Bring your photo to church anytime before All Saints Sunday at 10 am.

# Memorial Gifts

#### Creating a Lasting Legacy

In 1964, our church established a Gifts and Memorials Fund to honor and recognize our loved ones. Those honored or memorialized by these contributions have been part of our lives and now have left a legacy to our church. By these gifts God's work and house have been blessed.

#### How do I give a Memorial Gift?

Giving a memorial gift is easy. If giving by check, please include "Memorial Gift - and name of the person being remembered" in the memo line. Online, choose the Gifts & Memorials fund and include the name of the person remembered in the memo line. The person's family will be notified of your gift.

#### How are these gifts used?

Memorial gifts are invested by the Gifts & Memorials Committee in perpetuity. The principal of the fund remains invested, while income received from the investments may be used for church purposes as determined by the Committee. Gifts to the Living Memorial Trust Fund (a minimum of \$5,000) are special gifts. Names of our Living Memorial Donors are commemorated in the Celebration Garden and on a plaque in the church lobby.



#### **Celebration Garden**

The brick patio in the center of the church lawn is not only a focal point during outdoor worship times. Many of the bricks there are engraved to honor and celebrate the people in our lives. These bricks tell our stories and share the joy of family milestones: we honor a loved one who has passed on to the church triumphant, we celebrate a birth or baptism, we mark the date of a wedding or special anniversary. November is a great time to consider adding a brick to the Celebration Garden. For details, please visit BUMCLinks.com or call the church office.

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# LIFELONG LEARNING - FOR KIDS & YOUTH



Reach out to Dana at Youth@brecksvilleumc.com with any questions





Come and join us for Project Feed! Together the youth of East Ohio will pack meals for families experiencing food insecurity. This is a great chance for your youth to serve together in a one-day mission project. You will meet other youth groups from around the conference while we help make the world a little better, one meal at a time.

What to expect: Our time will be filled with music, laughter, an occasional shenanigan, and wrapped up by joining together for dinner. You won't want to miss it! Families are welcome to caravan from the Brecksville UMC parking lot at 3:30 pm or meet us at the event at 4 pm. We will return to the church around 7 pm.

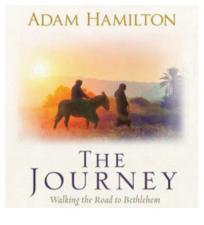
- Where? Northampton UMC- 852 W Bath Rd, Cuyahoga Falls
- When? Sunday Nov 10 from 3:30-6 pm (pizza at 6)
- Who? All youth, grades six and up, and their families
- Why? To share the love of God with our neighbors and have fun!

## SIGN UP AT BUMCLINKS.COM BY NOVEMBER 2ND!





LIFELONG LEARNING



#### Advent Study Begins

#### The Journey

#### 9:30 am in the Chapel. November 17– December 15

Join Jenny and friends as we take a unique look at the Christmas story through this 'travel-log' video study. Adam Hamilton leads us on a trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem to explore the places that show up in the birth story of Jesus. We will see and hear historical information and archaeological data that will help bring the birth story to life! Sign up at BUMCLinks.com or at the Welcome Station on Sunday morning.

#### Let's Talk - Podcasts

Sundays at 9:30 - Room 301

Do you enjoy listening to podcasts? Do you have a favorite? Are you looking for something to expand your thinking while you drive to or from work? Even if you aren't sure what a podcast is, but you enjoy having meaningful conversations with your faith friends, this class is definitely for you! Join Don & Cathy Krolikowski and Max & Matt Gabor as they open up dialog about some awesome and relevant podcasts that you can access for free throughout the week. The weekly podcast suggestion will even coincide with Pastor Heidi's sermons!! Once you listen, just pop into room 301 at 9:30 on Sunday morning to join in on the discussion.

#### The Membership Class

Sundays at 9:30 - Room 303 - 10/27 through 11/17 This step in the Membership Journey focuses on what it means to be a discipling, active member of Brecksville UMC: using your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to love God and love others. In this 4-week class, you will learn about your Godgiven gifts and strengths, and discover the ways you can use them to glorify God through Brecksville UMC. All are welcome to participate in this class - if you have never worshipped here or have been here for years. Come grow with God and one another!

New members will be received during services on Sunday, November 24

#### **Books for Independent Study**

Books for Lifelong Learning

The online bookseller Bookshop.org, supports independent bookstores and your purchases through our shop on the website support the ministries of our church! If you're a reader, check out our bookshelves - which will be updated frequently! Here are our current lists:

- Bibles
- What does it mean to be United Methodist?
- Lifelong Learning Fall 2024
- Youth Ministry Book Shelf
- <u>Creation Care</u>
- Education for Mission
- <u>All In God's Image</u>
- For Those Who Mourn
- <u>10 Books To Feed Your Faith</u>
- Books We're Exploring
- Personal Growth





United Women in Faith

faith action sisterhood

# The Chancel Screen

First Thursday of the Month - November 7, 9:30 am Have you ever wondered about the imagery on the screen in the Sanctuary? Or about the artist who created it? Are you asking yourself, "what's a chancel?" The Brecksville United Women in Faith invite you to come learn

with them in a special presentation about the Chancel Screen, Thursday, November 7. Presentation starts at 10 am in the Sanctuary. If you can't be here in person, join us online at BrecksvilleUMC.com/streaming, live or later. All are welcome! Join the ladies for refreshments and conversation in the Parlor at 9:30 am.

# ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

#### Second Thursday of the Month - November

Fellowship starts at 9:30 - conversation around our study begins at 10am Everyone is welcome, meet in the Parlor and bring your own coffee or tea. This month we continue our study The Angels of Christmas as we learn about the visit of the angel to Joseph in a dream. What instructions did this messenger from God give to Joseph and how does Joseph respond? Come join the lively discussion around this beautiful part of our Christmas story we don't often focus on.



# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AUTUMN BAKE SALE



November 2 & 3

A fundraiser for the missions fund! Calling all bakers! Please reach out for details UWF@BrecksvilleUMC.com



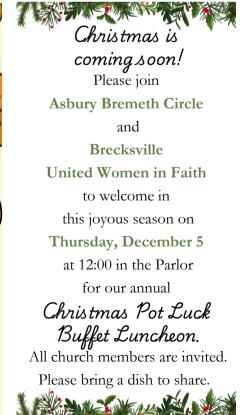
Calling all bakers! The UWF Fall Autumn Bake sale will bring sweet treats to Charge Conference and Sunday morning services - all to benefit the many missions UWF supports, including Stepstone Academy, RAHAB, and local food banks. Bring your cookies (in packs of 6), cakes, pies, any any goodies to church on Friday, 11/1 (4-6 pm to the kitchen); Saturday, 11/2 (9-12 to the lobby on the 2nd floor); Sunday (11/3, 9 am - 12 noon). If you'd like to help price or sell the treats, call Kathy Sopka at 440-821-5203 to volunteer or email Sharon at cuyahogafamily@roadrunner.com

# EVE CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30

# **Care Cards** for College Kids

Join us in the Parlor as we prepare and mail gift cards to our college students! Reminding them that they are loved by their church family.



Join our mailing list! Email UWF@Brecksvilleumc.com

# 6 Ways to Give Back this Christmas Season 🇰 \* 👬 🎼 🕻 🧰 \* 👬 \*

We asked East Ohio Ministry partners serving neighbors in East Ohio for their Christmas wishes. Helping to fulfill these wishes is life-changing work. Please keep each of these worthwhile organizations, their volunteers and the people they serve in your prayers this month!



ACCESS - Ashland Emergency Shelter www.ashlandaccess.com
Temporary shelter and meals to homeless women and families in Ashland.
Wishes: Laundry soap, pillows, shampoo and conditioner, copy paper, stamps, letter envelopes. Cash donations.



## Brookdale Orchard www.brookdaleorchard.org

Feeding the mind body & soul. Providing living wage employment for residents of the Hough neighborhood in CLE Wishes: Pick-up truck. Lawn care equipment: mowers, edgers, trimmers. Lawn power equipment maintenance and repair.

## Mission Barn <u>www.missionbarn.org</u>

A member of the UMCOR relief supply network in New Castle PA. Wishes: Large leather work gloves. 6-14 oz. pump plastic bottle insect repellent. Cash donations.

# Midwest Mission www.midwestmission.org



A facility for collecting, processing, sorting, and shipping material goods for disaster response. **Wishes:** Pillows & twin sheet sets. Laundry detergent. 0-6 month onesies for the Layette Kit. (These are ongoing needs.) Cash donations.



Project Hope for the Homeless <u>www.projecthopeforthehomeless.org</u>
An ecumenical shelter in Lake County. Restoring hope. Renewing lives.
Wishes: Toilet paper, paper towels, decaf coffee, paper plates, plastic
utensils. Cash donations. Visit our open house December 13, 10 am-12 pm!



Trials For Hope <u>www.trials4hope.org</u> Providing wholesome food, personal care items & warmth to those in Cleveland. Wishes: Hand warmers, emergency blankets, candles, socks. Cash donations.

# Learn how to give through each organizations' website or contact the church office.

**CONNECTIONAL** LEARN MORE MINISTRIES www.eocumc.com/finance/advance-special.html



Thank You COUNTING TEAM!

Collecting the church offering is a sacred trust. What we do with the money immediately after it is collected matters. Fortunately, we have have established policies for secure handling and counting of weekly offerings and, most importantly, a dedicated team of *offering counters* who prepare a weekly deposit and report giving totals.

In September of 2011, Ann Rittman began leading our counting team. Her gifts of clarity, competence and kindness have been so important in this role, and we are thankful for her leadership! Ann has recently stepped back from this role and Sue Ellenberger has accepted this responsibility. Thank you, Sue for answering this call!

As having a rotation of counters is a best practice, we have established weekly counting teams. Counting is one of those acts of service that happens "behind the scenes" so we may not even know it is happening. Please lift up a prayer of thanks for our counting teams and their faithful service.

- First Sunday: Sylvia Fowler and Paul Botzman
- Second Sunday: Sue Ellenberger and Dave Brown
- Third Sunday: Bob Bloch and Carol Wilson
- Fourth Sunday: Bob Lundholm and Kathy Holmes
- Fifth Sunday: Jeff Hastings and Jack Drescher

The counting team works closely with our finance secretary, a role filled by Anthy Imes our Office Manager. Everyone involved with the local church collection and accounting process is instructed on the importance of keeping all financial information confidential, and is committed to protecting the privacy and security of each gift and giver.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, would like to read our counting policies, or if you would like to serve as a counter in the future, please speak with Pastor Heidi or email info@brecksvilleUMC.com.

\*Please note that you must be a church member to serve as a counter.



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If you prefer to order online, scan this QR Code or visit BUMCLinks.com

## **Cookbooks Make Great Gifts!**

Joyful Gatherings, the brand new Brecksville UMC Cookbook features over 300 favorite recipes, including appetizers & beverages, soups & salads, vegetables & side dishes, main dishes, breads & rolls, desserts, cookies & candies and more!

Spiral Bound Cookbook, \$15

Durable, spill resistent, heavy cover. Heirloom quality.

#### Your name:

Email:

Phone:

I will pick up my books at church.

Please mail to (\$6 per book):

Total # of books Ordered:

Shipping costs (if applicable):

TOTAL COST:

Checks payable to BUMC or pay online

> Return to the church office 65 Public Square Brecksville, Ohio 44141



# **JOYFUL GATHERING**

## **Board Game Night**

#### Save the Date! Saturday, November 16 at 6 pm

The Joyful Gathering Team is excited to host a super fun night for all ages. Come by yourself, bring a friend or the whole family. There will be games available for all ages. Don't know how to play? Your table will teach you. No need to choose a particular game in advance, you can do that when you arrive... and you can switch out throughout the evening if you'd like. Bring a snack to share - drinks will be provided.

Your RSVP will help us plan for the event. If November 16 rolls around and you haven't RSVP'd but want to come, please do! The more the merrier.

Have a game you'd love to share? Bring it!! Contact Jenny education@brecksvilleumc.com if you have questions,

Learn more and register at BUMCLinks.com

#### Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 24 at 11:30 am In preparation for the season of Advent, we decorate the building with Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands. Come be a part of this joyful gathering for all ages! Stay after the 10:30 service for food, Christmas music and fun!



#### In Community with Chippewa Place Residents

BUMC Hosts Craft Day Friday December, 13 from 11:30 - 1:30 pm! The Joyful Gathering committee is planning an event with the residents at Chippewa place in December. One of the projects that we would like to make is a rag wreath ornament made from 1x8" strips of fabric.

> If you have any Christmas fabric scraps that you would like to donate for this project, please bring them to to church! Want to help with this project? Call the office!



**Choir Travels to Carnegie Hall** The anticipation is building for our

Chancel Choir's trip to NYC at the end of this month! On Monday, December 4, our traveling choir members will join with 150 other voices in a performance of last year's cantata: *A Weary World Rejoices* by Joseph Martin, conducted by the composer himself at Carnegie Hall. The choir will fly out to The Big Apple the day after Thanksgiving and spend two days rehearsing with the other vocalists and guest clinicians before putting on our show on Monday evening. We can't wait to bring our stories home to you!

We have raised a wonderful amount of money through donations from the choir and our fundraising efforts from BUMC's Got Talent, but we are still about \$1,200 short of funding all of our traveling choir members to attend the trip. Please consider donating to help the Choir achieve this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Mark your cash or check gift "Choir NYC Trip" or give online using this link:

onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/give /DCINY Each month, the Missions & Community Engagement Team identifies ways we can serve in mission and engage with the community. What will you choose to be part of this month? Sign up at BUMCLinks.com

#### **Sleeping Mats**

Ongoing, Loom in the Parlor or work at home Help cut plastic grocery bags for plastic yarn, or help weave mats to be delivered to people living outdoors through Trials for Hope.

#### Fix a Bike on Bike Fix It Day

Saturday November 9

We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am to noon, and have a lot of fun together as we continue to work to get spokes to folks. Doughnuts and coffee are part of the adventure!!

## October Donation Drive Continues in November

As we were collecting for disaster relief in October, we are extending our donation drive for Stepstone Academy another month. This 100% tuition free, K-8 charter school in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, grew out of Ohio Guidestone. Support the students there this month by donating new children's underwear (all sizes) and new or gently used school uniform tops and bottoms: navy or white polo shirts and navy, khaki or black button pants (sizes 12 & 14 are most needed.) Donate through November 24 through our Amazon wish list or by bringing donations to the first floor donation station bin.

## Bread on Bridge @ Nehemiah Mission

#### Tuesday, December 15

There are lots of ways to help with this feeding ministry. Plan the menu, shop for ingredients, prep the meal or help serve it. Learn more and sign up at BUMCLinks.com

## **Quilts Bring Comfort**

What is more comforting than a pretty quilt to snuggle up with on a chilly evening?

Inspired by this year's Advent Theme, *Words for the Beginning* a Sew4Good Group is creating lap quilts to be used to decorate the sanctuary, and then shared with those who need their comfort this winter.

Fabric and patterns have been collected to create lovely quilts for those in need. Whether you are an experienced quilter/sewist or are wanting to try something new, there is a pattern for you. If you haven't used a sewing machine since middle school, we will help you through each step to create a beautiful quilt block.

Room 303 is our bright and spacious workroom. Sewing hours 10 am and 2 pm are being scheduled on Saturdays during the months of December and January. If you have a group of Scouts or students who would like to join the fun, please call Liz Fredrick at 440-655-0174 to schedule an after school sewing session. We look forward to creating lovely quilts together! - *submitted by Liz Fredrick* 

## **Trials for Hope Work Day**

November 16 from 9:30 am - 12 pm

This small nonprofit, located at 41st and Bridge Avenue delivers dignity and hope to those in need the near west side of Cleveland in the form



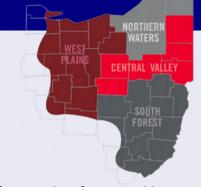
of wholesome meals and personal care items. Want to help? Meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 am to caravan downtown. We'll spend the morning helping as needed packing hygiene kits, organizing shelves, making deliveries to shut ins... Sign up at BUMCLinks.com

## Handmade Gifts Support Sew4Good

#### December 8th from 9:30 to 11:30

Help our sewists make more creations for mission by purchasing baby bibs, adult clothes protectors, cloth shopping bags, bean bags suitable for cornhole, small zipper pouches, dog scarfs, etc. at this Sunday morning sale in the church lobby. Save the date!





**Charge Conference Here** 

On the first weekend in November, ALL of the United Methodist Churches in the Northern Waters District may choose from three Charge Conference sessions to attend, and one of them is here **at Brecksville UMC Saturday, November 2 at 10 am.** All members of the church are encouraged to attend and vote! (See below.)

**Providing a warm Christian welcome:** Do you remember the first time you walked through the doors here? Or maybe the last time you helped someone find their way in the building? It can be confusing for newcomers. We are looking for volunteers to help all of our guests at Charge Conference find their way. Sign up at BUMCLinks.com, or contact the office: ANTHY@brecksvilleumc.com

# Glossary: Charge Conference

"The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry."

From UMC.org

# LEADERSHIP BOARD REPORT

I have had the privilege of sitting on many BUMC committees for the last 20 years. Some spoke to me and my personal interests more than others. Regardless of the committee du jour, I developed a tradition after each meeting ended. During my 20 minute drive home I took that time to call my parents. Honestly, I didn't acknowledge the pattern for many years. Looking back, it was never because I wanted to dish on the latest trustee's report, nor because I had something imminent to share. I believe it was because of this sense of purpose, community and calm serenity that I experience when serving that motivated me to share that quality space with loved ones.

Our October meeting started with a reflection from Jim Slagle of The United Methodist Church's Social Principles, a prayerful and thoughtful expression that speaks to a variety of social issues in the contemporary world. This was a great start to an agenda item about ongoing efforts of the Reconciling Ministries Network and how their work continues to be extremely important. The RMN, to which BUMC is a signatory, works to advance justice and inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community within the Methodist church and beyond. Heidi shared a recent conversation she had with someone from the RMN who mentioned that while the legal pathway for LGBTQ+ inclusion is much clearer (thankfully!), their work hasn't stopped and is more important than ever. While BUMC had a head start adopting reconciling language, there are many churches struggling with education and how to move forward. The LB collectively agreed on our need to openly and actively support the work of RMN and are working on ideas to annually celebrate their work utilizing the anniversary date of BUMC's becoming a reconciling church. More to come!

In other news, this month we welcomed two of our three new committee members to the meeting to observe the meeting structure and cadence and start to gain familiarity with strategic initiatives. We are excited to add Maria Shurik, Kathy Louttit and Michael Houff to the committee and look forward to our retreat in November to get to know each other better, and explore how our individual strengths can be combined to carry out our mission and vision while leveraging our core values. - *Submitted by Kristi Eberbardt* 

Your 2024 Leadership Board: Alan Scheufler (chair), Zane Burgstahler, Kristi Eberhardt, Matt Gabor, Carolyn Jatsek, Julie Kubek, Eric Louttit, Jim Slagle, Deb Watkins, and Rev. Heidi Welch. For contact information, reach out to the church office: 440-526-8938 or info@brecksvilleumc.com



# November

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

Week of November 3 Tony Cipolla It's his birthday this week! 6846 Hidden Lake Trl Brecksville, OH 44141-3191

Week of November 10 Jen Spieth Prayers for healing and comfort 6978 Wallings Rd Brecksville, OH 44141-1026

Week of November 17 **Bishop Hee-Soo Jung** East Ohio Conference Office 8800 Cleveland Ave. NW North Canton, OH 44720

Week of November 24 Sean Brown It's his birthday this week! 10676 Partridge Trl Brecksville, OH 44141-1417

Nominate someone who could use a reminder that they are loved and prayed over! Email **Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com** 

> I want to share my thanks for the many cards notes and kindnesses which so many friends have sent to me. It means so much! Faith McAllister



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Brecksville UMC is a thriving community of faith because of people like you who care for one another and reach out in service to those who are in need. People like Gretchen Mates, who has been busy preparing donated grocery bags for our sleeping mat project, for months! Thank you for

taking this project on, Gretchen! Joanie Olzsko and her family have given their considerable talents to the sleeping mat project, too. It takes many hands to make one mat! Brandon Houff and his dad, Michael, joined the worship band for our Do Unto Others worship series. Thank you, Brandon & Michael, for sharing the violin with us! If we thanked every person who helped unload pumpkins and work the pumpkin patch, we would need a lot more pages in this newsletter. You know who you are! Special "shout outs" to Jennifer Schneider who reached out to Hudson's gymnastics team and recruited some wonderful helping hands, to Addie Knight who posed for some photos to help share how pumpkin pricing works, and to Brandon & Sophia's cousin, Teag Vann, who was visiting from Tampa - displaced from the hurricanes - and brought his sunny disposition to the task. Thank you all for being part of the joyful gathering and outreach to our community! BBH Pride reached out to us to ask if they could host coffee hour on 10/20. What a gift of presence and love. We are thankful for each and every one of you, named & unnamed!

# NOVEMBER

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|   |  |  |   |  | l<br>3 pm<br>Charles<br>Hankey                         | 2<br>10—11:30<br>Northern<br>Waters District  |
| FALL BACK!<br>AYLIGHT SAVING<br>TIME ENDS   |  |  |   | <b>C</b>   | Memorial<br>Service<br>VWF BAKE SALE<br>DROP OFF Y - 6 | Charge<br>Conference<br>BAKE SALE<br>9 - 12   |
| 3 All Saints Sunday<br><b>B:30 Worship</b><br>9 UWF Bake Sale<br>9:30 Classes for all<br><b>10:30 Worship</b><br>1 Recital<br>5 Youth Group<br><b>BAKE SALE</b><br>9 - 12 | 4<br>10:30 Lectio<br>Divina<br>7 Online Bible<br>Study | 5 Election Day<br>10:30 Staff Mtg<br>2:30 Chippewa<br>Place<br>Communion<br>Service    | 6<br>6:30 Breakfast<br>12 God In<br>Nature on<br>Facebook Live  | 7<br>9:30 Pastor's<br>Facebook Live<br>9:30 UVVF<br>Meeting<br>2 Food Prep<br>6:30 Choir<br>8:30 Band                                  | 8  | 9<br>8:30—11:30<br>Fall Yard Clean<br>Up Day<br>EIKE FIX IT<br>9 - NOON                                 |
| Drgan & Tissue<br>Donor Sunday<br>B:30 Worship<br>D:30 Classes for all<br>I 0:30 Worship<br>B:30 Project Feed<br>FAIR TRADE FI<br>AT ST. BASI<br>& AM - 1 P               | II<br>10:30 Lectio<br>Divina                           | 12<br>10:30 Staff Mtg<br>6:30 Eve Circle   | 13<br>6:30 Breakfast<br>12 God In<br>Nature on<br>Facebook Live<br>TVRN IN YOUR<br>2025 PLEDGE<br>FOR A CHANCE<br>TO WIN A PIE! | 14 Newsletter<br>Deadline EARLY<br>9:30 FB Live<br>9:30 Asbury<br>Bremeth<br>2 Food Prep<br>6:30 Choir<br>8:30 Band<br>7:30 LEADERSHIP | 15<br>BOARD MEETING                                    | 16<br>9-3 Leadership<br>Board Retreat<br>9:30 Trials for<br>Hope Work<br>Day<br>6-9 Board Game<br>Night |
| 17<br>3:30 Worship<br>9:30 Classes for all<br>10:30 Worship<br>4 Pearl Road Dinner<br>5 Youth Group<br>PIE WINNER<br>AWOUNCED   | 18<br>10:30 Lectio<br>Divina                           | 19<br>10 Stitch'n'Time<br>10:30 Staff Mtg<br>5—8 Sew4Good<br>6:30 Cantata<br>Rehearsal | 20<br>6:30 Breakfast<br>10 Newsletter<br>Production<br>12 God In<br>Nature on<br>Facebook Live                                  | 21<br>9:30 Pastor's<br>Facebook Live<br>2 Food Prep<br>6:30 Choir<br>8:30 Band   | 22<br>9:30 UWF<br>Board Meeting                        | 23  |
| 24 UM Student Day<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Classes for all<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Hanging of<br>the Greens<br>4 Pearl Road Dinner<br>5 Youth Group                      | 25<br>10:30 Lectio<br>Divina                           | 26<br>10:30 Staff Mtg  | 27<br>6:30 Breakfast<br>HBD, Sean B!  | 28 HAPPY<br>THANKS<br>GIVING   | 29<br>Choir Departs for<br>New York City!              | 30<br>BRECKSVILLE<br>CHRISTMAS<br>PARADE<br>TOMORROW!   |

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First Sunday of Advent, December 1 Advent Dinner Church, Wednesday December 4

Longest Night Service, Saturday, December 21

Christmas Extravaganza and Cantata Sunday, December 22

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

10:30 am - carols and a skit by our kids
3 pm - carols played on the organ
5 pm - telling of the Christmas story by our kids
8 pm - string quintet and our choir.



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