



The Good Word



Brecksville United Methodist Church

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ENGAGE.

Saturday, June 3, at 4:00 pm
Faith. Family. Food. Fun!

We have an awesome opportunity for worship here at BUMC on June 3. But we need your help!

We know that the #1 reason folks give church a try is because YOU invite them! Will you help us invite family and friends to ENGAGE? Here are some things you might say... **You're invited to experience spiritual connection in a whole new way.** We call it Engage.

Engage is...

- inclusive and comfortable.
- time spent being together in community.
- an interactive experience that enlivens the senses.
- time designed with families in mind—but you don't need to have a family to be a part of it!



Engage is time set aside for growing your spirit.

We understand that traditional “church” doesn’t work for everyone. **Engage** is a different way of doing church for people who haven’t found the right fit yet. We want you and *your* family to be a part of it on **Saturday, June 3 from 4 pm to 6 pm.** Won’t you join us for fun family-friendly activities, conversation and a healthy meal? Our focus this month is Human Value and Dignity. We will talk about the sacred worth God has placed in EVERY single person!

- We’ll be assembling toiletry kits for people affected by poverty or natural disaster.
- We’ll also be designing materials which will be used at a Vacation Bible School in Liberia, Africa this summer. How cool is that?
- We’ll be visiting prayer stations and learning about some of the challenges faced by individuals in our community and world.
- We’ll be hearing stories and responding with movement and music.
- We’ll be sharing worship together in a casual, family-friendly way.

If you or someone you know has been looking for an opportunity to “do church differently”, please join us and bring a friend! RSVP on our church Facebook page for updates and more information! [www.fb.com/Brecksvilleumc](https://www.facebook.com/Brecksvilleumc).

Can't make it this time? Mark your calendar for our next event, Saturday, September 9.
Questions? Learn more by contacting Joy at outreach@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938.



June 4 - September 3

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 Worship on the Lawn

10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

The Crib and Toddler Room is open during the 10 o'clock service!

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Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star!

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

A mother, wishing to encourage her young son's progress at the piano, bought tickets for a Paderewski performance. When the night arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away. When eight o'clock arrived, the spotlights came on, the audience quieted. Only then did they notice the boy up on the bench innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". His mother gasped, but before she could retrieve her son, the master appeared on stage and quickly moved over to the keyboard. He whispered to the boy, "Don't quit - keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side, encircling the child, to add a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young child held the audience mesmerized.

In our lives, unpolished though we may be, it is God who surrounds us and whispers into our ears time and again, "Don't quit - keep playing". And as we do, God adds and supplements until a work of amazing beauty is created.

I pray that you will enjoy warm summer evenings of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star", theme and variations.

Blessings.

Pastor Clark



Peace with Justice Sunday

June 11, 2017

On Peace with Justice Sunday, one of the six special Sundays of United Methodist Giving, we give generously so we can empower the local church worldwide.

Did you know?

- John Wesley created a program that provided free medical service to the poor in London. We honor that legacy on Peace with Justice Sunday.

Did you know?

- The first Methodist Social Creed in 1908 focused on working conditions and health care for workers and the community. We continue this advocacy on Peace with Justice Sunday.

On Peace with Justice Sunday, we give so that all God's children have adequate access to homes, jobs, food, clean water, health care, education and more. Please join this time honored tradition and help us change the world.



East Ohio Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) will be marching in Cleveland PRIDE parade this year, and you are invited to participate! On Saturday, June 24, we will meet in Voinovich Park at 10:00 am, and the parade steps off at 11:00 am. RMN will provide a vehicle for those who are unable to walk the full parade route. Following the parade, there will be a rally, food, and a lot of fun in downtown Cleveland! All are welcome! If you have questions or would like to participate, contact Joy Parker at outreach@brecksvilleumc.com

Come out and help us spread the word that ALL are welcome at Brecksville United Methodist Church!



Summer Ushers Needed!

Bring your big smile and cheerful welcome and help usher during our summer worship services (help is needed at both 8:30 and 10 am.) Summer is a great time to try something new. Make it a family affair or ask a friend to join you in this important ministry. It's an easy but vital role in our church family. We are happy to show you the ropes. Give it a try, it's fun meeting and greeting everyone! Sign up at church on Sunday or talk with Leslie Miller 440-526-8938 or leslie@brecksvilleumc.com

Sunday Counter Needed

Are you detail oriented person willing to work on a three person team once a month to count, balance and deposit the church's Sunday giving? Are you a member of this church? Are you willing to submit to a background check and commit to the highest standards of confidentiality? Are you feeling called to help? Call Ann Rittman at 440-526-5618 or abrittman@sbcglobal.net!

POP UP Worship

Throughout this summer, members of our worship band will partner with our friends up at Nehemiah Mission to offer "pop-up" worship to the community at various locations around Cleveland.

What is pop-up worship? Worship can happen wherever two or more are gathered. So on many Wednesday evenings, around 7:15 pm, the work team in residence at Nehemiah Mission will join with staff, local residents and members of the community to worship together at one of the work sites (homes) for that week. It's a pretty awesome way to take worship outside the walls of the church and into the community where folks need to experience the love of Jesus! If that sounds cool to you, then you are definitely invited! By definition, pop-up worship locations will be decided as we go through the summer, so watch your bulletin and the church Facebook page, or contact Joy Parker at outreach@brecksvilleumc.com to be put on our email list and stay apprised of details and locations. We hope you will "pop up" and worship with us!!



On May 21, we celebrated Confirmation Sunday. *Introducing the 2017 Confirmation Class.* Neilson Tate, Lauren Sendrey, Sydney Hazelton, Helen Lee, Josh Kwiatkowski, Jack Kenney, Cole Mihalich, Carly Johnson, Carly Kubek, and Eliot Slifcak. Photos: www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/aboutus/galleries/



With Appreciation

“The Calovini's wish to express their gratitude for the love and support shown to them upon the death of Paul's mother. The cards, expression of care and sympathy, and prayers are appreciated more than you can know. We are so blessed to be part of this congregation.”

- *The Calovini Family*

“Everyone was so kind when I recently lost my brother and my sister. Thank you for your prayers and concerns. I love you all.”

- *Ruby Ludwig*



June 6 at noon Cool off with a Salad & Sandwich!

The church staff is preparing lunch, and we want you to join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall.

It's FREE if you RSVP!

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440-526-8938

Sign up Sunday in the Parlor
Or contact the office: 440-526-8938
office@brecksvilleumc.com



Betsy Jaszczak	1	Gil Phillips	9	Michael Pace	23
Rick Krause	1	Paul Phillips	9	Linda Rollins	23
Leslie Miller	1	Sam Phillips	9	Anne Ford	24
Laura Tereshko	1	John Zakarowsky	9	Katie Bellingham	25
Harmony Lasich	2	Garrett Croes	10	Kylie Engelhardt	25
Fran McClean	2	Megan Rohrer	10	K. K. Hood	25
Judy McCrodden	2	Jim Monnett	11	Jacob Nelson	25
Bill Bisco	4	Sarah Hurder	12	Brian Pasek	25
Robert Butler	4	Tom Kuttler	13	Jerry Bartholomew	26
Aaron Georgevich	4	Amber Lasich	15	Linda Crouch	26
Grayce Herrick	4	Zeke Stein	15	Craig Czarnota	26
Tammy Jaite	4	John Falko	16	Darren Krolikowski	26
Russell Slifcak	4	Charlotte Sebastian	16	Jimmy Zawada	26
Kimberlee Fisher	5	Dan AuWerter	17	Shirley Galik	27
Cathy Krolikowski	5	Marge Novak	18	Jan Kranstuber	27
Walter Kudlaty	5	Judy Helm	19	Ruth McDonel	27
Jenna Schroedel	6	Allie Cline	20	Krissy Nelson	27
Darren Calovini	7	Kevin Kwiatkowski	20	Joe Bartholomew	28
Courtney McDonough	7	Russ Martin	21	Dorothy Bowles	28
Lauren Scott	7	Mark Pace	21	Liam McLoughlin	28
Ruth Koberna	9	Bill Webb	21	Deanne Kloss	29
		Stella Figer	22	Melanie Smith	29
		Gavin Santora	22	Taylor Cave	30
		Neilson Tait	22		



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings this month, we lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. People like the Ali Family, who were generous with the gift of food for the April Engage meal; for Alan Scheufler, whose heart for mission helps move God's work in the world forward in some powerful ways; Anastasia Brachna, who stepped forward and asked Pastor Clark if she could participate in worship as a liturgist. It was a delight to hear her voice in worship! And Ric Lesinski, who stepped in and helped serve coffee hour one Sunday morning when we were shorthanded. We are so thankful for each and every one of you, named and unnamed, and for all of the ways that you radiate God's love out into the world!

church council MEETING

A New Structure for Ministry

On May 9 we held our first Church Council meeting and had great attendance. The Church Council format combines and replaces the Administrative Board and Council of Ministries meetings into a single meeting focused on collaboration within our ministries and committees. And our first meeting was exactly that! After a devotion by Pastor Clark, we

recalled our 2017 church goals to help steer our visioning. The goals are: 1) better committee engagement 2) three new intentional outreach programs, and 3) develop additional small group activities. To keep our meeting focused on new business, committee updates were reviewed prior to the meeting. This allowed our meeting time to be spent on brainstorming different ways to collaborate and combine resources to carry out our goals and expand our ministry and outreach. Just one example of this new collaboration was Church & Society offering to host a Youth Group meal and discussion. We are very excited about the momentum and partnerships created in our new Council format. We invite you to attend our next Council meeting on August 8 at 7:00. Meeting minutes are posted at www.brecksvilleumc.com/go

Summer Running Group



Would you like to get in better shape and take care of your body this summer? We have an awesome group of our church family and friends out running on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm** and **Saturday mornings at 8:30 am**, led by Noel Zickefoose (pictured at left.) The group meets at the Station Road trailhead in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. ALL are welcome: children, families, moms and dads with strollers, walkers, and new participants may join at any time. Running group is FREE and will continue through August. You can join our Summer Run Group on Facebook for details and updates:

www.facebook.com/groups/724065724433318

We have identified several 5K races throughout the summer that support our community and the United Methodist Church. Thanks to **Ryan, Kate & Jack Burrows, Adrienne Leska, and Jenna Schroedel** who joined **Joy Parker** at Edgewater Park for the Habitat for Humanity Run/Walk/Mosey and represented BUMC in our first 5K of the summer! Join us for an upcoming 5K and see how much you can improve your time over the summer!

Our next 5K opportunity will take place on Wednesday, June 14 at Lakeside Chautauqua in Lakeside, Ohio (during Annual Conference). The Bishop's 3C's 5K Run/Walk is at 7:30 am and raises money for Clinics, Classrooms and Churches in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and Russia. Come up early and stay for a wonderful day including the annual MFSA Luncheon, Joyful Parade and Open Table Worship. (You can learn more about these events elsewhere in the Good Word!)

Mark your calendar for upcoming opportunities as well:

- Sunday, July 2 – Brecksville Home Days 5K
- Sunday, July 9 – Broadview Heights Home Days 5K
- Saturday, August 19 – Recovery Resources 5K Run for Recovery

APOSTLES 2017 BUILD

Habitat Spruce Up Day

Friday, June 9

We have room for a few more volunteers to work alongside Habitat Staff and other volunteers as we help spruce up the **Puritas** neighborhood. We will be working on projects at neighborhood homes near our Apostles Build home including repairing fences and porches, painting, staining, and a lot of landscaping and debris removal.

The check-in tent will be located at **12112 Longmead Ave**, our Apostles Build home.

8:30 am – 9:00 am Check-in

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Volunteering

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Lunch Break

Habitat will supply water, Gatorade and snacks for you throughout the day.

Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. 16 and 17 year old volunteers need to be accompanied by an adult.

To volunteer, contact Joy Parker at outreach@brecksvilleumc.com



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Fill The Truck for Easter Seals, August 26 and 27

This annual fundraiser benefits both Easter Seals and United Methodist Women's missions, and is a great way to get rid of your no longer wanted cloth items and small household goods. Look for a list of accepted items on the bulletin board on the first floor of the church. So clean out those closets and start gathering up your donations, but keep them at home for now. We'll have a collection area in Fellowship Hall **after Vacation Bible School** (donations will be accepted starting July 30.) Thank you!

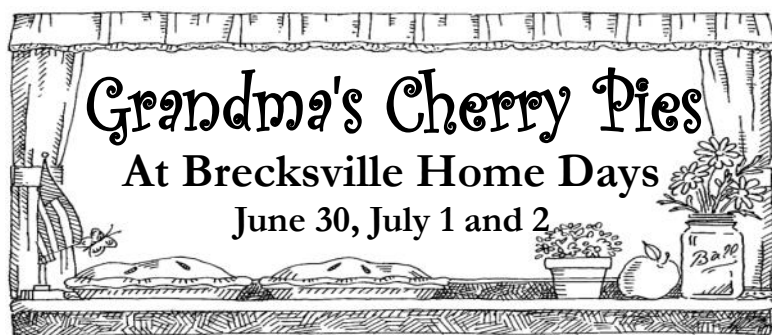


SUMMER CEREAL DRIVE

The summer months, when school breakfast programs are on hiatus, can be tough ones for families who are food insecure. We can help Cleveland kids start the day with breakfast this summer by focusing our Brookside Food Center collection on cereal and breakfast foods. Can we collect 50 boxes of cereal before June 15? If you can help, bring your donations of cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, and breakfast drinks to the collection bin in the first floor coat room. Our donations will be delivered by UMW Volunteers (who also work at the food center!) on Friday, June 16. *Thank you for your generous donations to last month's feminine hygiene drive!*

BUMC at the Ballpark

Our church has reserved a block of tickets on **Friday, June 2** to watch our Akron Rubber Ducks take on the Reading Fightin' Phils. Game time is 7:05 and there will be a fireworks show after the game. Did you reserve tickets? Jenny Gee and the Fellowship Committee are coordinating this event. Please contact Jenny with questions, or to see if there are any extra seats! 440-526-8938 x 230 or education@brecksvilleumc.com. Go Ducks!



Grandma's Cherry Pies At Brecksville Home Days June 30, July 1 and 2

A Brecksville Home Days Tradition. Pre-order your sweet treats today! Complete this form and return to the church office. **PRE-ORDERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.** Last year, we sold out! *If not pre-ordered, pies will be \$15 if any are available!*

Name:		Phone:	
Item	Qty	Price	Total
Favorite Cherry Pie - 10" Pie		@ \$12.00	
Bountiful Blueberry Pie - 10"		@ \$12.00	
Take & Bake Cherry Pie		@ \$12.00	
Take & Bake Blueberry Pie		@ \$12.00	
Blueberry Cobbler - 8" Round		@ \$10.00	
Cherry Cobbler—8" Round		@ \$10.00	
Decadent Chocolate Cake - 8" Sq		@ \$7.00	
For Pickup: _____ Friday, June 30 after 12 pm _____ Saturday, July 1 after 12 pm _____ Sunday, July 2 after 12 pm			TOTAL
<p><i>Make check payable to BUMW and return your pre-paid order to the church office.</i></p>			

GOLF SCRAMBLE & COOK OUT

A benefit for the Music/Worship Scholarship Fund

Saturday, June 17, 2017

BRIARWOOD GOLF CLUB

2737 Edgerton Road, Broadview Hts, OH 44147

12 pm Shotgun Start / Arrive by 11:30 am

\$75.00 Person

\$60.00 Youth 21 and Under

\$25 Dinner Only

Dinner after 18 holes.

Steak, Chicken or Veggie Burger










Foursomes and Individuals welcome!

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.brecksvilleumc.com/golf
or at church on Sunday!

Help Sponsor a Meal. Dinner sponsorships available!
Sponsor a hole, \$100.

Your generosity will be acknowledged with a sign in the tee box.

GOLF TEAM REGISTRATION

Golfer 1)_____	\$75/\$60			
Golfer 2)_____	\$75/\$60			
Golfer 3)_____	\$75/\$60			
Golfer 4)_____	\$75/\$60	<i>Checks Payable</i>		
Dinner Only _____	\$25	<i>to BUMC</i>		

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Send to BUMC Music Department, 65 Public Square, Brecksville OH 44141
Call 440-526-8938 with any questions or E-mail music@brecksvilleumc.com



Summer Choir

Your Voice is Needed! This choir will sing on the last Sunday of the following months; June, July, August and September. Our first Summer Choir opportunity begins Sunday, June 25th. Singers will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:15 to learn a simple piece, and share it during offering time at the 10:00 worship service. This choir is open to singers of ALL ages and ability levels! It is also a great chance for families to sing together. Join us!

Summer Men's Ensemble

Looking for a small, charming and charismatic group to sing with this summer? Come join the BUMC Summer Men's Ensemble! The group will sing one Sunday each month during the 8:30 and 10:00 am offertory times. Offertory Sundays for this small ensemble include: June 11, July 16, August 13, and September 10! Rehearsal times will vary, and occur once a months. The first rehearsal starts on Thursday, June 8 from 7:00 pm -7:30 pm in the choir room. Looking forward to a great time!



Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus & Community Band

Monday, June 5 at 7:30 pm
Brecksville Human Services Building

Monday, June 12 at 7:30 pm
Broadview Heights Recreation Center

Take a trip through the decades, featuring classic tunes like *Johnny B. Goode*, *The Sound of Silence*, *Since U Been Gone*, and *Pompeii*. You'll want to sing along! Both concerts are free and include complimentary refreshments!

Committee Roster 2017

We have an incredible group of individuals engaged in leadership for this year! Our Committee Roster was presented at Church Council Meeting in May, and you can find a copy on our website at www.brecksvilleumc.com/go. If you have a question our would like to learn how you can get involved in the work of a committee, contact the office at 440.526.8983 or e-mail office@brecksvilleumc.com.



Graduate Blessing

Graduation Sunday, June 4. Celebrate 2017 graduates with us at our 8:30 and 10 am worship services! We will honor the hard academic work of these students and encourage them in their next life steps!

- Are you graduating from high school, college, graduate or professional school? On Graduation Sunday, we would like to share your accomplishment with your church family! To be included in the Graduation Bulletin, please take a moment to complete a short survey **before May 30**. brecksvilleumc.wufoo.com/forms/graduation-sunday-2017/ Don't want to complete the survey? That's OK. Simply e-mail the church office before May 30. office@brecksvilleumc.com



Youth Annual Conference, June 9 to 11 - The East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church hosts a very special weekend where students from many districts come together to discuss what it means to be a Christ-follower in the world, how we put our faith into action, and why creating community makes a difference. By voting on various submitted issues, students have the opportunity to voice their concerns and participate in the greater life of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. We will be taking a group of students to experience this wonderful weekend. Wanna come along? E-mail Dana at youth@brecksvilleumc.com for more info!



Serving in Love

Youth Service Project, June 18 - 24. Milton, PA, here we come! On Sunday, June 18, our YSP group sets off on a week of mission adventures! This year, we are 9 youth and 5 adults strong. This terrific group will build relationships, repair homes, and grow their own spirits as they participate in hands-on mission for a week. Thanks to everyone who has supported YSP through their time, donations, and blessings. With your help our students have the opportunity to grow closer in their relationship with Christ, experience different parts of the country, and make new friends. We can't wait to tell you all about our trip!

We want to give our prayer and our support to the team as they depart, and everyone is invited to be a part of that in two important ways.

- YSP Commissioning.** On **Sunday, June 4**, we will commission our YSP Team during the Benediction time at both services. You will have an opportunity to lay hands on the team and surround them with love, prayer and support as they make the final preparations for their mission journey.
- YSP Send Off.** On **Sunday, June 18**, we will have a send-off for the team at 7:30 am in the church parking lot. Come join the prayer circle and share a brief time of prayer and devotion before the team gets on the road. Help us show our YSP youth and adults how much we love and support them!

Mark Your Calendars!

July 9-15 Reach Out Camp at Lakeside, OH
July 17-21 Middle School VBS

September 10 at 5 pm
—our first All Youth Dinner of the 2017-2018 school year!

*Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237
or youth@brecksvilleumc.com*



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Time's Running Out. Register for Vacation Bible School Today!

The countdown is on for Vacation Bible School! Our theme is superheroes and all children from pre-school to fifth grade are invited to soar with us at what we are calling Hero Central! This superhero adventure includes music that makes you want to get up and dance, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and more. Together we will explore how, through God, we can 'power-up' and discover our inner strength! Volunteers are still needed to help make this awesome week a reality. In the past few years we have had around 100 children participate - what a wonderful sight it is to see them all up and dancing and praising God! Consider being a part of it this year! Contact Jenny to learn more: 440-526-8938 ext. 230.

Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21

9 am - 12 pm each day

For kids in Pre-school through Fifth Grade

Childcare available for little ones under 3 if you volunteer!

\$25 for the whole week.

Maximum cost is \$50 per family.

Parents who volunteer all week can sign their children up for \$10 each!

Register Online: 2017.cokesburyvbs.com/brecksvilleumc.com

Annual Conference

East Ohio Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) invites you to **SAVE THE DATE** and plan a **JUSTICE-SEEKING DAY AT LAKESIDE** on **Wednesday, June 14**, during the upcoming East Ohio Annual Conference. You don't have to be an Annual Conference delegate to attend these events! The morning will begin with the 3C's 5K at 7:30 am (see Summer Run article for details).

- **The Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) luncheon** and program will take place at Lakeside UMC. The luncheon begins at 12:00 noon with a suggested donation of \$10. Following the luncheon, keynote speaker Bishop Sally Dyck will bring insight and offer a challenge as we continue working for God's justice in the world.
- **The Joyful Parade** will take place at approximately 5:00 pm. Meet at Hoover Auditorium to join the joyful march down to the lakeside for Open Table worship and fellowship. We will sing and make a joyful noise to God! Volunteers are still needed to assist with banners, balloons, and parade organization.
- The day will culminate with **Open Table Worship and Communion Service** in the Banquet Tent Next to Hotel Lakeside, when the Joyful Parade arrives (approx. 5:30 pm). Join us for inspiring worship, led by Bishop Sally Dyck of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. The meditation at Open Table Worship will be "Jesus and the Love of God." Following the service, pizza and beverage will be available during a time of fellowship.

Come to Lakeside on June 14, spend the day, and enjoy the fellowship and Christian Love!

Stick to the Script

5 Days of Acting Out Our Faith in New and Sticky Ways

Middle School VBS July 17 through 21

Vacation Bible School grows up! Save the date for a great week of thoughtful discussion, meaningful learning, service in the community, summer fun and friendship. We promise no baby songs, no pipe cleaner crafts, and no duck-duck-goose on the lawn. (Well, maybe duck-duck-goose on the lawn!)

Adult Volunteers Needed! While the curriculum for the week is still in the planning stages, we know that we will need adult chaperones. If you can devote a few hours of your day to our Middle School kids, Dana would love to talk to you! Call 440-526-8938 ext. 237 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com.



Monday, June 19

10 am in the Chapel

Preschoolers come, with your caregiver, to hear the awesome story of Noah's Ark. We will celebrate God's love for us and promise to care for us. We will hear stories, sing songs and make some fun rainbow crafts!! Everyone is welcome.



Change the World Day

A great team of Brecksville UMC volunteers took part in Change the World day at Nehemiah Mission on May 20. Learn more and see photos on our Facebook page @BrecksvilleUMC.

Planned Expense Fund Update

The church is blessed to have the Planned Expense Fund and we are incredibly grateful to the congregation for donating to this fund. We are also grateful to everyone involved, especially Alan Scheufler and Eric Louttit, for their many hours of work devoted to developing the fund.

The Book of Discipline mandates that the Trustees Committee care for all church property in the same manner as they would care for their own property. We do not all make the same choices at home, but the Trustees strive to find a balance. That being said here is what we are working on:

Fellowship Hall continues to have water seeping in near the wall by Memorial Hill. We completed improvements a few years ago and 95% of the problem was resolved. Trustees have been researching the continuing problem and will have additional work completed on the exterior of the building at an estimated cost of \$5,581.

The Parsonage. Since the spring of 2016, the Trustees have been working to address water in the backyard and it has become our biggest project. Standing water in the backyard makes it hard to mow, nearly impossible to use the back yard, and provides a fertile environment for disease carrying insects. Trustees consulted with the Brecksville Building Director and engineer, who gave us an initial estimate of \$12,000 to correct the problem. Later, they insisted we

use an engineering firm and tie into the storm sewer system, which increased the estimate to \$15,000. Currently, water bubbles up in the yard near the house when the sump pump goes on, when showers are taken, the garbage disposal is used, etc. Some time ago, an interior water diversion system was installed, which has proven to be a bad system. Between the standing water and the interior water system failure, the back basement wall has a horizontal crack in it and the wall has bowed significantly since the Fall. With these complications, we are expecting the estimate for repairs to approach or surpass \$20,000. Consequently, this project will use most of the Planned Expense Fund. These additional expenditures were not part of our planned expenses.

Painting. One of our Small Groups has graciously offered to paint the three outside doors and entryways. Trustees had \$2,000 budgeted for that project which we re-allocated to paint the pantry in the main kitchen. The pantry is being painted because additional doors were added to keep dust and dirt off of the dishes stored close to the floor. Additionally, there is paint peeling on the shelves and it is sticking to the glasses and falling into and onto other dishes. The painting company hired will also be sanding all of this. This project is scheduled for the week of May 22.

Church Grounds. The beautification, weeding and removal of dead shrubs, plants and the like is an additional project we are trying to complete to maintain the beauty of the church grounds. This item was not in our planning, but we are blessed to have some individuals with a keen interest and talent in this area who offered their assistance after we received complaints about the condition of some of the gardens. The weeding and removal of dead plants is occurring and we will add items as donations occur and/or as the budget allows.

At this point, most other projects are on hold until the above ones are completed and invoices received. Thank you, Everybody, for your support. It is truly a blessing!

thankful

We have been blessed by the tremendous gift of new ovens and griddle in our Church kitchen. This is a replacement of old equipment which needed regular repairs, and were so old the parts were very hard to find.

A member of our congregation saw the problem and anonymously donated one-half the cost to replace the ovens! Gifts & Memorials felt it was an appropriate cause for them to cover the remainder of the cost.

We want to say THANK YOU to the person who gave this anonymous gift. God has moved your heart to make a very generous gift, to take action, and to help everyone else by your generosity. Blessings to you.

And we say THANK YOU to Gifts & Memorials for your contribution. It is because God moved many people in the past to make special gifts to our Church that we are blessed with such a resource.

Sharing special gifts like this helps remind us that everything belongs to God. Psalm 24:1. And when we return to God some of his bounty, we are each then blessed with so much more that God will entrust to us. Matthew 25:14-29.

If you are ever moved by God to make a special gift to help solve a need in our Church, or if a group of you are moved to join together to really make something special happen, please reach out to one of our wonderful Staff members to discuss the possibilities. Making large unexpected gifts can truly warm your heart, and help draw you closer to Jesus as you help strengthen our Church and our ability to transform lives for Christ.

- Blessings, Your Finance Committee

- Blessings, The Trustees Committee

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				 10 UMW Field Trip 6:30 Cub Scout Dinner	2 7 Rubber Ducks Game/Fireworks Parker & Spencer Mowing	3 8:30 Summer Run Group 4 ENGAGE Faith. Family. Friendship. Fun!
4 <i>Pentecost</i> Summer Worship Schedule Begins Communion Graduation Sunday YSP Commissioning 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship	5 7:30 BBH Community Chorus Concert, Brecksville	6 10 Staff Meeting 12 Lunch Bunch 6 Summer Run Group	7 6:30 am Dawnbreakers Breakfast	8 Brown & Sendrey Mowing 7 Men's Ensemble Rehearsal	9 8:30 Habitat for Humanity Spruce Up Day	10 8:30 Summer Run Group
					Youth Annual Conf.	
11 <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship in the Sanctuary	12 7:30 BBH Community Chorus Concert, Broadview Heights	13 10 Staff Meeting 6 Summer Run Group	14 6:30 am Breakfast Lakeside Events 7 am 3C's 5k 12 MFSA Lunch 5:30 Open Table Service	15 12 <i>Good Word</i> Deadline Gee & Gee Mowing	16 UMW Delivery to Brookside— <i>This month's focus is cereal!</i> 	17 8:30 Summer Run Group 12 Music Scholarship Golf Outing
(YAC)	Annual Conference at Lakeside					
18 <i>Father's Day</i> YSP Team Departs 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship in the Sanctuary	19 10 Pre-School Bible Story Hour 	20 10 Staff Meeting 10 Stitch'n Time 6 Summer Run Group 7:30 Trustees	21 6:30 am Dawnbreakers Breakfast	22 Bloch & Campbell Mowing	23	24 8:30 Summer Run Group 10 Cleveland PRIDE Parade
Youth Service Project Trip to Milton, Pennsylvania						
25 8:30 Worship on the Lawn with Baptism 10 Worship in the Sanctuary with Summer Choir	26	27 10 Staff Meeting 6 Summer Run Group 7 Finance	28 6:30 am Dawnbreakers Breakfast	29 Lundholm & Herzing Mowing	30 June 30, July 1 & 2	



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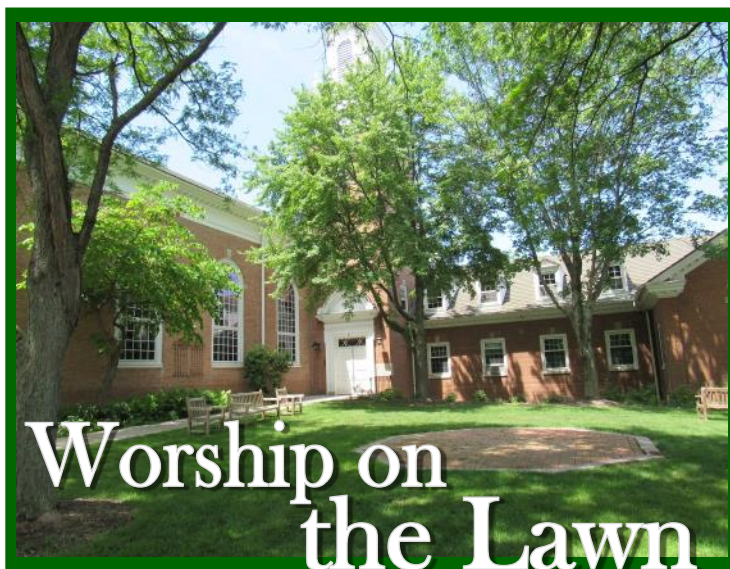
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Open Doors.


Welcoming all of God's children.

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

Sundays at 8:30 am: June 4 through September 3

This casual, come-as-you-are service includes all the important elements of worship in a beautiful, outdoor setting. Grab a lawn chair or blanket, join us on the front lawn of the church, and feed your spirit on Sunday morning!

*In case of rain, we meet in the Sanctuary. Not on early riser? There's a second service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary!



Let all
that you do
be done
in love.

- 1 Corinthians 16:14

Peace with Justice Sunday

June 11, 2017