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our church and community.
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Lifelong Learning Abroad

As you read this, I'm most likely touring Greece and Turkey on a trip with Bishop Malone. It's a trip I get to go on to fulfill my continuing education requirements...I get to go to Greece and Turkey for my job!



Each year, the Board of Ministry requires that pastors complete three continuing education units. Also, as part of our annual time away from the local church, we're given two weeks for continuing ed. And, funds for continuing ed are included in my compensation. AND because I'm a "young-ish clergy," over ¾ of the trip was paid for by the East Ohio Foundation! Woot!

So, from September 26th- October 5th, I get to retrace some of the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul. I'll visit ancient communities where Paul established churches, including Colossae, Corinth, and Ephesus, and see many of the significant sites of the New Testament.

Then, I get to come back and share it all with you! In October & November, I'll teach a class on the Book of Colossians on Wednesday evenings, and we're planning an opportunity for me to tell you about my trip and eat some Greek and Turkish food!

The closer this trip gets, the more excited I get. And yet, I do not take the privilege of this trip lightly. The fact that this trip can be considered "work;" that I am employed by a place that is able to finance this trip because of people like you; that I work with amazing people that will keep things running fabulously while I'm gone; and that I have wonderful in-laws who are coming to stay with my kids (and dog) and also preach for me.

I do not take this privilege lightly. And I'm reminded that privilege is not something to feel guilty about, but to recognize and to figure out how to share it with others. So while I'm on the other side of the world, know that I will be thinking of you and giving thanks to God for you, and for the breathtakingly beautiful world God created so we could explore it!

Take care,

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Emergency Line: 440-290-6671

A pastoral emergency is something that *just can't wait*: a loved one is in critical care, there's been a death in the family, a pastor is needed. Call the church at 440-526-8938. What do you do if it's after hours or the office is closed? **Call our new Pastoral Emergency Line: 440-290-6671** and leave a message. The "pastor on call" will get back to you as soon as possible.



Trying Something New—Contemplative Worship

On October 9, we will bring our 8:30 worship service indoors. As we make this transition, we recognize that the 8:30 worship loses some of its uniqueness and attraction. Last year, when we moved indoors, we saw a significant drop-off of attendance at 8:30, with people choosing to worship at the second service or online. This year, we're using the transition to indoors as an opportunity to try something different.

Just as the outdoor service is something not all churches do, we (the Sunday Morning Task Force) began brainstorming ways we could worship uniquely indoors. After much conversation and prayer, we decided to try a contemplative worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Contemplative Worship is a time in which we quiet ourselves in order to open our hearts, minds, and souls to the Presence of God.

During these times of demanding responsibilities and draining schedules, contemplative worship is an opportunity to still the internal busyness, allowing us to settle deeply into God. It's an opportunity to move into prayer and communion with God before going out to engage the world in our work and relationships.

Contemplative Worship waits for the Divine Mystery in the silence, words and music. *And yet*, it does not imply that a person must be proficient in a certain skill or spiritual discipline to participate. ***To participate in contemplative worship, one simply needs a desire to seek God and be open to however God might choose to move within his or her life.***

I encourage you to worship with us at 8:30 in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. We'll transform the space into a worshipful environment where we can gather for a time of prayer, scripture, Holy Communion, song, and silence.

When we move back outdoors in the spring, we'll worship in a "traditional" style, like we have in summers past. However, if we have people who are enjoying contemplative worship and would like to continue, we're open to continuing that, too!

Coffee Hour—a Recipe for Welcome

Our new worship schedule makes space for joyful gathering with classes, coffee and conversation. But coffee hour, doesn't just happen. At Brecksville UMC, we have a special recipe of ingredients:

1. **Fresh brewed coffee (and tea!)**
The Snyderwine Family has our cupboards stocked with locally roasted Carusso's Coffee and a variety of teas.
2. **Refreshments.** It could be donuts or cookies, or fresh fruit and homemade banana bread. Sharing a bite is an opportunity to nourish one another.
3. **Reusable Mugs.** Our collection of mugs are conversation starters in themselves! Washing and reusing them every week is one way we help care for God's creation.
4. **Conversation.** Each week, we'll have conversation starters - questions to help us explore Sunday's message together. (A help for those of us who aren't so good at small talk.)
5. **You!** Coffee hour is more than small talk. It's a time to get to know one another, make life-long connections, lift one another up, and learn how we can pray for one another.

Want to be part of this ministry—by setting up, providing food, serving or cleaning up? Call the office! 440-526-8938



The Journey of Faith

On Bible Sunday, September 18 we celebrated special milestones on the journey of faith, third grade and confirmation. Although not everyone was able to be there, Bibles were (or will be) presented to third graders:

Camille Grace Baker, Carter Joseph Barnum, Nora Lynn Cooper, Edison Ryan Davis, Matthew David Gardner, Emerson Knight, August Jonathan Mihalek, Annabelle Joy Mihalek, Wally St. Julian, Ryleigh Wischmeier and Cornelia Saroj Welch and Confirmands: Mitchell Bell, Jordan Welch and Andrew Scott.



Our Money Story

On October 9th we will begin our Stewardship Campaign. What is a “stewardship campaign,” you ask?

A stewardship campaign is when we acknowledge all God has given us and prayerfully consider what we will give back to God in the coming year. In biblical times, a steward supervised a household or an estate. As “stewards,” we acknowledge that God is the source of all we have—money, time, and abilities—and that it’s our responsibility to care for these things well.

October is the ideal time to do this, as it’s during the harvest season, when we’ve traditionally recognized all that God has given us (and then give thanks to God at Thanksgiving!) Knowing how much people are pledging to the church also helps us set our budget for the coming year.

The last Sunday of our stewardship campaign (October 30) is called Commitment Sunday. During worship, we place our pledge cards (copy enclosed in this newsletter) on the altar, recognizing our commitment to God for 2023. We will pray over these pledges: that they will bring us closer to God and will be used for God’s work through Brecksville United Methodist Church.

This year, our stewardship series is called Our Money Story. We will focus on this theme in worship, bible study (Sundays at 9:30!), and with a devotional booklet you can pick up at the church. Our Money Story recognizes that we all have a money story, whether we acknowledge it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame. Or a story that our actions won’t have an impact. Or a story that we don’t have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves? This theme invites us to discover and tell our money stories in light of God’s money story of liberation and justice. It also encourages us to transform our stewardship practices into more full expressions of who we are and what we believe.

This theme is intentionally direct—it invites us to name exactly what we’re talking about and not skirt around it. We know that to speak of money is to invite tension into the room. But it’s time we reframe this. Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story. Thinking about God’s money story should be liberating, inviting, and transformative.

Yes, our stewardship campaign helps us plan the budget for the coming year, but most importantly, we pray that it is a time of recognizing our abundance—no matter our story—and bringing us closer to God. - Rev. Heidi Welch and the Finance Committee



Our Money Story *Sundays at 9:30. October 9, 16, 23, and 30*



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discussion, Alan Scheufler will lead conversation (with assistance from Becky & Mike Paroda) around our shared narratives, helping each person discover and tell their money story in light of God's money story of liberation and justice. Register at BUMCLinks.com or drop in!

Let's Talk Podcasts *Sundays at 9:30 in 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 talking with faith friends, this class might definitely be for you! Join

Don and Cathy Krolkowski and Max Gabor as they open up dialog about some awesome and relevant podcasts that you can access for free throughout the week. Once you listen, just pop into Room 301 at 9:30 on Sunday morning to join in on the discussion. This first Sunday will be an introduction to the class and you will get the name of the first podcast to listen to in the coming week.

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts

Sundays at 9:30 in The Chapel or Online

You are uniquely gifted by God to do good and fulfilling things in life. You may be absolutely aware of the skills, talents and abilities you possess, or you may still be working on discerning them. Either way, join Jenny Gee for this fun and interactive class

where we will dig into discovering the most amazing us that God created us to be. Join us in the Chapel at 9:30.

Have an idea for a class or small group?

Is there a book you've read, a movie you've watched, or an interest you'd like to explore with others from your church family? Maybe an evening class or weekday morning class would work better for your schedule? Reach out to our Director of Education, Jenny Gee, and share your idea!

Jenny@brecksvilleumc.com

Classes Sunday at 9:30 for all our children too!

The Wiggle Room is open for our 'under 3' crowd, who have lots of fun playing with Mr. Matt and all the awesome toys. 2nd floor near the elevator.

Preschool - K will spend October in the early books of the Bible and meet Adam and Eve, Joseph and his brothers and Moses. More importantly, they will hear the message of how God is with us through good times and bad and always loves us, just the way we are. Room 402.

First - Fourth graders begin this year hearing the story of Jonah and the Big Fish, exploring the story through art, music, cooking and science. They will hear the message that God is near us, even when we turn away. Room 403.

Fifth and Sixth graders hear the awesome story of Jesus' birth and early years before he began his ministry. It is always the right time of year to learn about the gift of Jesus coming to live alongside us on earth. Room 303.

Our Confirmands begin their Bible Unit as they spend this year getting an amazing overview of scripture. Meet in the Youth Room on the 4th floor near the elevator.

Finding that you can't make it on a Sunday? That happens. Check out Facebook Live around 11:30 am on Sunday mornings to get some helpful hints, table time conversation starters, and a few fun activities that you can do as a family to help bring our Sunday morning lessons right into your home.

Wednesdays at 7 pm
Oct. 12 - Nov. 16
COLOSSIANS

Join Pastor Heidi for this 6-week online Bible Study of Paul's letter to the Church of Colossae. Pastor Heidi will share photos from her recent trip to Turkey & Greece where she visited Colossae!



Joyful gathering for students grade six and up: *Sundays from 5-6pm on the church lawn or the 4th floor.* What will you discover at youth group? Each week we start with dinner and check-in time to hear about how our week has been. Then we dive into a short Bible study, we are looking at The Beatitudes right now! We finish our time with a

fun and wacky group game. Before they know it, kids are back home, filled with joy and confidence, ready to start their school week on the right foot. Check out our October youth group plans below:

- Oct 2 - "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit" and Extreme Spoons!
- Oct 9 - "Blessed are Those Who Mourn" & Playdough Pictionary
- Oct 16 - "Blessed are the Meek" and Board Game Night!
- Oct 23 - No Youth Group
- Oct 30 - Youth Group Halloween Party! Pumpkin Carving and Take Home Family Bible Study

Dana Schwendeman, Director of Youth Ministry

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Lectio Divina

...
Mondays at 10:30 am
or
Tuesdays at 7 pm
in the Chapel

...
A slow, meditative reading and praying of a Scripture passage.

*All are welcome.
There is no homework.
Drop in anytime!*



Come to me all you who are struggling and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.—Matthew 11: 21

Are you a young person (18 to 35) who would like to connect with others on the shores of Lake Erie at beautiful Lakeside, Ohio? The East Ohio Conference, Connectional Ministries, and EOC Young People's Ministries are hosting a weekend of devotions, fellowship and naps, Friday, October 14 at 7 pm through Sunday, October 16 at noon. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes housing and breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Registration link at BUMCLinks.com Email Chasity Opphile at CraveCUMC@gmail.com with questions!



DETERMINED SERVICE



Photo by Bill Rittman

Trick or Trot is Saturday, Oct 22

This great community event, hosted by the Brecksville Kiwanis, is a fundraiser for refugee families in our community—and our church is a sponsor! Come out for a 5kRun, costume party and trick or treating fun run. Want to help at our information table?

Email Missions@brecksvilleumc.com Ready to race or walk for a good cause? Find the registration form at BUMCLinks.com



Have you heard that there are a large number of Ukrainian Refugees in need of bikes in the Valley Forge School District? We can help fill that need with our large number of bikes in need of repair. Come to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 16 after the 10:30 worship service. We'll enjoy some food together then work on getting spokes to folks. No previous experience required. All are welcome to come help this great cause! Questions? Email jenny@brecksvilleumc.com

Hygiene Kit Assembly Day, Sunday Oct 30

2000 patients are expected at the MedWorks Dental Clinic at the convention center downtown on November 18 and 19. Our church is partnering with Strongsville UMC and other area churches in an attempt to give a hygiene kit to every patient in attendance. Unconditional care is the focus of MedWords — they provide needed healthcare and wrap around services to anyone in need, no questions asked. You can help share the love! Pick up some hygiene kit items on your next shopping trip and drop them off at church by Oct. 23 then come help assemble kits in Fellowship Hall between services on October 30. *Call to action — shop now!* Shopping lists at BUMCLinks.com or pick up a printed list at church.



Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Work Day #3

Thursday, October 27: 9 am—3 pm

Each year Since 2016, our church has taken part in the Greater Cleveland Faith Build - Churches coming together to provide the prayers, funding and people power needed to build or rehab a house, making the dream of home ownership possible for a working family.

The last of our three work days is coming soon. If you are 16 years old or older and would like to be part of the crew, please go to BUMCLinks.com and click the form to sign up *before October 11.*

House Blessing & Dedication

Wednesday, October 26: 10 am

The 2022 Faith Build House, **9815 Elwell Avenue**, is nearing completion and we're invited to a house blessing and dedication on Wednesday, October 26 at 10 am. You are invited whether you were part of a crew or if you just want to gather to celebrate the home's completion. Come meet our partner family and welcome them to their new home!



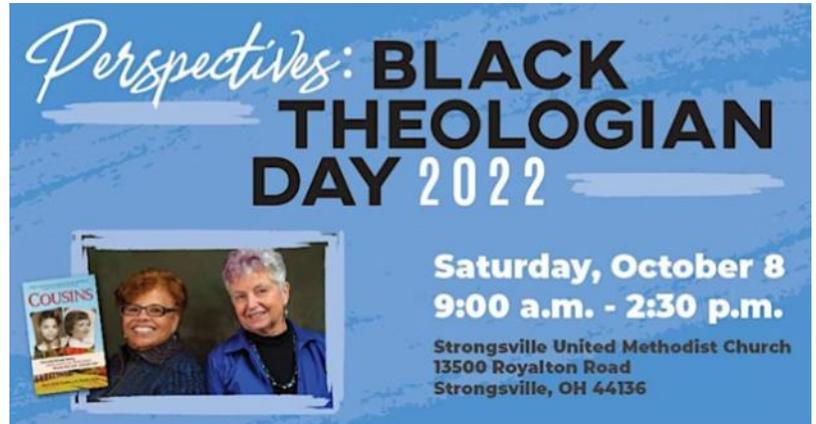
COURAGEOUS INCLUSION

SITTING = SUPPORT

What? I can show support to someone just by sitting? How does that even work? It's simple. By sitting in a car participating in the Pride Ride on Sat. Oct. 8 you're sharing the message of God's inclusive love and our church's message of inclusion.

The Pride Ride was so fun in 2021, the Inclusion Task Force thought we should do it again! From decorating the cars in rainbow regalia to honking and waving to supporters lined up on the sidewalks as we drove the downtown Cleveland route, it was great to show the LGBTQ+ community we care. If this sounds like something you can do too (remember, you are just sitting in a car. Easy peasy!), sign up at BUMCLinks.com or call the office.

We will carpool from the church, time TBD and other details to follow. We will decorate the cars once we get to the start of the route. Stay tuned!, We will get more information to you as it becomes available. - *Deanne Kloss, Inclusion Task Force*



An opportunity from from the East Ohio Conference

Learn ways to reach across the racial divide and work toward racial reconciliation in your personal life, your church, and your community. Come hear cousins Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby share their experiences of discovering they are connected through slavery and then embarking on a path toward reconciliation and reparation. Their presentation will draw on lessons from their 2021 book, *Cousins: Connected through slavery, A Black woman and a White woman discover their past – and each other.* Registration and more information at BUMCLinks.com.

Creating Safe Spaces To Grow with God and One Another

At Brecksville United Methodist Church, we whole-heartedly welcome all people to come as their perfectly imperfect selves. Sadly, there are those who have been hurt by the church.

October is LGBTQ+ History Month and October 11 is recognized as National Coming Out Day. According to a recent national survey by the Human Rights Campaign, many young LGBTQ people fear or face rejection from their families due to their family's religious beliefs and traditions.

When we are bold and courageous in sharing the love of Jesus Christ and God's inclusive message of love, healing and hope, we are creating space for LGBTQ people to explore their faith.

The Inclusion Task Force is creating sharable graphics for National Coming Out Day, reminding everyone that God's doors are wide open! Look for them on the Brecksville UMC Facebook and Instagram pages and share them with your friends!



October

BIRTHDAYS



Olivia Toman	1	Evan Jatsek	11	Dan Hurder	21
Heather Dean	2	Jane Petrie	11	Mia Ports	21
Blakely Raybuck	2	Nick Telischak	11	Hazel Gear	22
Lorrie Stratis	2	Cindy King	12	Garth Olszko	22
Cindy Hubert	4	Julianna Tait	12	Olivia Klipfell	23
Austin Karn	4	Thelma Loeffler	13	Sara Kwiatkowski	24
Mitchell Madaus	4	Ryan Rybak	13	Emily Shijo	24
Alex Vastartis	4	Lawry Kardos	14	Carol Herzing Dobos	25
Brian McCrodden	5	Michelle Blatnik	15	Gerry Beaver	26
Robin Raybuck	5	Josh Kwiatkowski	15	Gretchen Mates	26
Madison Hart	6	Thuy Ai Nguyen	15	Chris Nguyen	26
Anthony Karn	6	Bob Suazo	15	Gavin Pence	26
Cathy Suk	6	Marilyn DeMoor	16	Nate Rosenthal	26
Kay AuWerter	7	Lucy Shijo	16	Arthur Wise	26
Herb Einheit	7	Cathy Walden	16	Beth Hogan	28
Savannah Jacob	8	Dion Adanich	17	Kim Meyer	28
Michael Jaszczak	9	Megan Culley	18	Dean Rybak	28
Nancy Manaska	9	Carly Kubek	18	Jason Bell	29
Mark Spencer	9	Natalie Vastartis	18	Anet Smith	29
Lauren Chenney	10	Carolyn Jatsek	20	Ric Lesinski	31
Matthew Sendrey	10	Eliza Botzman	21	Brenden Meyer	31
		Mark Hubert	21	Leslie Selig	31



Each week at Staff Meeting we celebrate “God Moments” and lift up prayers of thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. We had a lot to be thankful for since our last issue! Most recently, it was Fall Kick Off.

We wouldn’t let the rain dampen our plans! Special

thanks to the Fellowship Committee, including Lynn & Mark Hobzek, Donna & Dave Sibits, Judy & Bruce McCrodden, Fran McClean, Donna Houston, Catherine Vastartis, Marla Knight and Sharon Manocchio. Matt Botzman jumped in and was a great help with set up! Gretchen Mates was a wonderful host at the information table. Gene Svoboda volunteered his wonderful photography skills and created beautiful portraits. And sweet Mike Gezze wowed the kids and everyone with his artistic skills, even inspiring one budding artist to try his hand at caricatures. Special thanks to Farmer’s Feast for the food, too! When Covid struck and Machala was unable to be here one Sunday morning, Deanne Kloss stepped in and lead us in song — and serve as liturgist. That lady can do it all! You really came to the rescue, Deanne! The Noggle Family saw that we didn’t have lemonade one Sunday morning and they stepped in and saved the day. Thank you, Katie, Bill, Mia and Paige!



OCTOBER

Notes & prayer!

An autumn day is more beautiful when you find a note in your mailbox! Why not say a prayer and send a letter or card to one person each week this month?

Week of October 2

Kathy Sopka

500 Tollis Pkwy Apt 104
Broadview Hts, OH 44147-1802

Week of October 9

Ruth Holmes

4036 Brookside Rd
Clarkston, MI 48346-1168

Week of October 16

Nancy Kroenke

487 Austin Drive #136
Barberton, OH 44203

Week of October 23

Dick & Carol Sladky

7020 Windward Hills Dr
Brecksville, OH 44141

Week of October 30

Bill & Ann Rittman

200 Laurel Lake Dr Apt E373
Hudson, OH 44236-2181

Do you know someone who would enjoy getting some love in their mailbox? Contact Pastor Barbara to nominate someone for the list!



MILESTONES
News of the church family

E-mail or phone Melanie
with news to share!

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440-526-8938

Janine Telishack extends her thanks for all of the prayers and cards she received that made her feel so cared for during her recent bout of Covid.

Wedding bells have been ringing and wedding plans are being made. Congratulations to the Krolikowski family on the wedding of daughter Mallory in September and engagement of son, Darren and to the Kotniks, on Monica's engagement. Prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for you all!

The life of Patricia Butler was celebrated here in Brecksville in August. Pat passed away after a brief illness in July. A member of our church since January 1969, she will be remembered for her life of service and care, her ready smile and her sweet demeanor. Please keep her family in prayer.



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Integrated Treatment of Autism Focus of UMF meeting Oct 6

Autism is the topic that will be covered by our speakers at the October 6th meeting of United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women). Donna Rowan Culley, a Speech Language Pathologist and owner of Reaching New Heights in Brecksville, will discuss their therapy techniques with her daughter, Laina Culley Matuch, a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst. (They are daughter and granddaughter of BUMC member Elinor Rowan.) Associate Bridget Moran, Occupational Therapist will join them. Bring your questions.



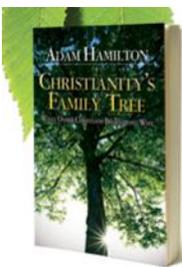
Elinor Rowan & Donna Culley

The philosophy at Reaching New Heights is child first. We will meet your child where he or she is right now. We will develop a treatment plan based on your child's strengths and weaknesses as well as likes and dislikes. Our goal is the same as yours - to help your child reach his or her true potential. Every child is unique and every child's needs are different. It is important that therapy be motivating, engaging and FUN so your child is an active participant and wants to come to the sessions.

The meeting starts with light refreshments at 9:30 am on Thursday, October 6th, with the presentation at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in Autism is welcome to come!

Annual Celebration, East Ohio Conference, United Women in Faith

Kimberly Chapman-Wynne addresses "Who is My Neighbor?" at Berea United Methodist Church, 170 Seminary Street, Berea on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. First session begins at 10 am. \$15 – includes light breakfast & lunch. Child care available – no fee – bring a sack lunch for each child. Send your name, Church & District (North Coast), & diet restriction to: Kelly Korb, 210 Blue Spruce Ct., Seville, OH 44273 by October 7. Questions? Email Sharon at: cuyahogafamily@roadrunner.com



Asbury Bremeth Circle

A study group for women. Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. Next meeting October 13.

Have you ever wondered about other Christian denominations and what the differences in beliefs are? That will be the focus of this year's Asbury Bremeth Study. All women are invited to join us for a study of Adam Hamilton's *Christianity's Family Tree*. This month, we learn about Catholicism. Invite a friend and join us on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 in the Parlor.

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>The Wiggle Room is open from 8 to noon every Sunday Morning!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Journeys of Paul in Turkey & Greece</i> <i>Pastor returns 10/6</i></p>						
<p>2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 Last Worship on the Lawn this year! 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10—1 Blood Drive 10:30 Worship 5 Youth Group</p>	<p>3 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>4 2:30 Communion Svc Chippewa 7 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>5 6:30 Breakfast</p>	<p>6  9:30 United Women in Faith 9:30 FB Live 6:30 Choir 8 Band</p>	<p>7 “God In Nature” on FB Live every Friday around noon!</p>	<p>8 Pride Ride Black Theologians Day at Strongsville UMC</p>
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<p>23 <i>Last day for Hygiene Kit Donations</i> 8:30 Contemplative Worship, FH 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>24 10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>25 10 Worship & Staff Mtgs 10 Stitch’n~Time 7 Lectio Divina 7 Finance</p>	<p>26 6:30 Breakfast 10 Faith Build House Blessing 7 Pastor’s Online Bible Study</p>	<p>27  9 Faith Build Work Day 9:30 FB Live 10 Newsletter Party 6:30 Choir 8 Band</p>	<p>28 9:30 UWF Board Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



We are called to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children – just as we are all welcome at Christ table



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OCTOBER 2, 2022



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.



MY COMMITMENT TO GOD IN 2023

Through the grace of God and in thanksgiving for all God's blessings, I/we pledge our gifts and resources for the mission of our community

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

If this is a joint or family pledge, the additional family members to whom this pledge should apply includes: _____

I/we commit to payments to the GENERAL FUND in the amount of \$ _____

Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

Planned Expense Fund Pledge

The planned expense fund (PEF) is set aside for scheduled maintenance of the church building and parsonage. I/We plan to give \$ _____ to the Planned Expense Fund each week month quarterly annually for a total of \$ _____ in 2023.

My/our total pledge amount for 2023 is \$ _____ + \$ _____ = \$ _____
(General Fund) (Planned Expense) (TOTAL)

I/We understand that this pledge can be changed at any time.

Check any that apply:

- I would like a set of offering envelopes.
- I plan to give electronically. <https://onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/Give>
- I have included the church in my will or trust.
- Tell me how I can support the church through stocks, appreciated assets, etc.
- I am giving more this year knowing that many have fewer financial resources this year.
- I would like to share my money story and how this church has shaped me.

Signature _____ Date _____

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A digital pledge card and other resources are available at BUMCLinks.com

Holy God,
It is not always easy to give what we have.
We count pennies.
We weigh the pros and cons.
We calculate what we have given before,
And we remind ourselves what we are giving now.

And yet,
Even though it can take work for us to practice release,
We trust that you can take these gifts -
However freely or reluctantly given -
And use them to build a more beautiful world.

For that is who you are.
You are forever building castles out of sand,
Disciples out of people, and new life out of cautious gifts.
Right what is wrong.
Balance the systems of injustice.
Use these gifts to build the world that we can only imagine
But you can bring forth.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.



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