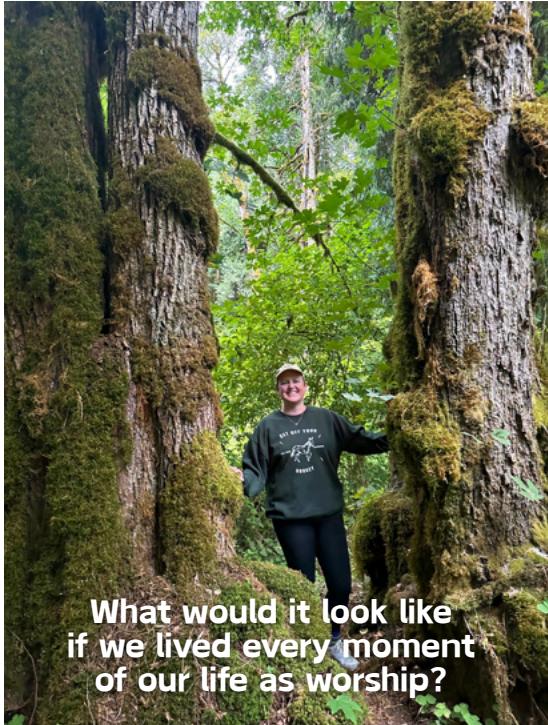


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THE GOOD WORD

October 2025



At the end of August, I went to a retreat in Portland, OR. About 25 women spiritual leaders from all over the country (and one from England!), gathered at a retreat center for a week of tending to our souls.

A day or two into the retreat, one woman remarked, "It's interesting that we haven't had worship yet." My response was, "How interesting! I feel like this whole time has been worship!"

I knew what the woman meant—we in fact did not have a set-apart time where we sang worship songs, read scripture, prayed, and listened to a message. But we did gather together, listen to songs and sang along if we knew the words, learned together, had conversation with one another, and opened ourselves to the Spirit's wisdom—whether that was through traditional prayer, meditation, or other forms of centering. *Continues on next page...*



Death Over Dinner

Saturday, November 1 at 5 pm

Let's face it. There's no cure for being human, and we are all going to die. But *how we want to die* represents the most important and costly conversation America isn't having. Can we do better at talking about death? We're bringing together resources to share an uplifting interactive adventure - over a simple meal - that transforms this seemingly difficult conversation into one of deep engagement, insight and empowerment. Come gather around the table for an evening of conversation that can be life - and death - changing.

This is a first time event at our church, so we need your help. If you are interested in attending, please complete the interest form at [BUMCLinks](#) *as soon as possible*. Your feedback will help determine the menu and other plans. Space will be limited! Let us hear from you so we can save you a seat!

Sacred Sound Bath Experience

October 17 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Step into an hour of deep rest and renewal through the healing power of sound. A sacred sound bath invites you to simply lie back and be immersed in soothing vibrations from instruments like singing bowls, gongs, and chimes. The gentle waves of sound create space for relaxation, prayerful reflection, and a sense of spiritual grounding.

No experience is necessary—just come with an open heart and a willingness to be still. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, or pillow so you can be comfortable as you rest in the sound. Come and experience the peace of being held in sacred sound. **RSVP at [BUMCLinks.com](#)**

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The main difference was that there wasn't a time where worship "started" and "ended." We gathered at the beginning of the week, and acknowledged God's presence with us, and then continued to do that throughout the week—while we laughed and sang and learned as a group, journaled and hiked in solitude, ate and laughed at meals, and supported one another in our small groups.

Worship is the act of showing reverence, adoration, and devotion to God. I can't think of anywhere in the Bible where it says that worship has to be a set apart time with a beginning and an ending. Yes, it is good to set apart time in our lives to focus exclusively on God's goodness in worship. However, just as God is not confined to our sanctuary, worship need not be confined to an hour on Sunday morning (or whenever you choose to worship that week!)

We show reverence to God when we hear someone share a different political view than us (even something that doesn't make "logical sense") and we choose to see the Divine Spark within them rather than "the enemy." We show adoration to God when we see a beautiful sunrise and think, "Wow, God! Good show!" We show our devotion to The Way of God when we choose to let the person on the highway merge in front of us rather than wave our fist (or finger) and yell.

Living every moment of our life as worship means acknowledging that no matter where we are, God is within and around us, emanating from each person and plant and morsel, so that "whatever [we] have done to the least of these, [we] have done to [God]." It means letting go of our desire to control a person or situation, and rather relinquishing to the Truth that God is present and is the One with the ability to transform hearts and minds (even our own!)

And this is the way that I choose to live into our value of Honest Worship: worshiping authentically and holistically, with our heart, mind, soul, and body... today and every day.

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

The Daily Examen: Practicing Gratitude, Noticing God

Sundays through October 19 at 9:30 in the Parlor

In a noisy, fast-moving world, the ancient practice of the Daily Examen offers a way to pause, reflect, and become aware of God's presence in everyday life. In this class, we are exploring the origins of the Examen, learn its simple yet powerful steps, and discovering how it can deepen our daily gratitude and attentiveness to the Spirit's movement.

More than just a study, this is a practice—one we'll live out together over the course of the class. You'll be invited to pause and prayerfully reflect each day of the week, noticing moments of joy, challenge, and God's quiet nudges. When we gather on Sundays, we share our experiences, encourage one another, and grow in our awareness of the sacred woven into our ordinary days.

A Season In Between

Sundays at 9:30 am October 26 - November 16 in the Chapel

Between our class on The Daily Examen: Practicing Gratitude & Noticing God class (see write up on previous page) and our Advent series, we'll spend four weeks together exploring... something! While the details aren't finalized, you can count on lively discussion, a chance to connect with others, and insights that encourage your faith. Sometimes the best surprises come when we don't know exactly what's next.

Membership Class

Sundays at 9:30 on the third floor. October 19 - November 2 in room 302

This 3-week class builds on what you learned in Basic Beliefs, and focuses on what it means for you to be an active member of this local church, Brecksville UMC. This class will be spent helping you to learn about your God-given gifts, and how you can use those gifts to glorify God through Brecksville United Methodist Church.

Let's Talk... Podcasts:

Sundays at 9:30 in Room 301 (on the third floor)

What might we discover when we explore our big questions through the lens of faith? This class invites you to do just that. Thought-provoking podcast episodes featuring engaging voices and ideas that challenge, inspire, and expand our perspectives are shared each week. On Sunday, we gather community to reflect, wrestle with the questions, and seek where God might be leading us. With content from sources like *Hidden Brain*, *Super Soul Sunday*, *How to Be a Better Human*, and more, we talk about issues that matter deeply to our hearts and to our faith. Whether you're ready to speak or simply to listen, you'll find space here for curiosity, honesty, and hope. Learn what we're listening to this week at BUMClinks.com

Holy Hell Book Discussion

Mondays at 7 pm in The Parlor, September 22 - October 13

What if everything we thought we knew about Hell was wrong? We're continuing our discussion of the book by Rev. Derek Kubilus from last spring - but anyone can join at anytime! Drop in as you're able for this engaging discussion.

Lectio Divina

Monday mornings at 10:30 in the Chapel

Each week, we rest with one passage of scripture—slowing down enough to truly listen. Through prayer and guided reflection, we open our minds to God and engage our holy imagination, picturing ourselves within these sacred stories. As we step into the scene, noticing what we see, hear, and feel, we listen deeply for how God is speaking to us through these ancient words here and now. This gentle practice helps scripture come alive and invites us into a more personal, transformative encounter with God.

Spiritual Direction

Are you longing for a deeper connection with God or seeking clarity about where God is leading you? Spiritual direction offers a safe, sacred space for prayerful conversation. A spiritual director is a trained, compassionate listener who will walk alongside you on your journey—helping you notice God's presence and activity in your everyday life, and inviting you to reflect on your own responses. This ministry nurtures your prayer life, supports you through seasons of discernment, and encourages you to live fully into your calling as a follower of Jesus.

Email:

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The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Thursday, October 9. Gathering time at 9:30. Conversation at 10.

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Jesus’ parable of the workers in the vineyard is one of the most surprising—and maybe unsettling—stories he told.

Everyone gets paid the same, no matter how long they worked.

Fair? Unfair? Or a radical vision of God’s abundant grace? We will dive into this powerful story together, exploring what it says about justice, generosity, and how God’s kingdom reorders our expectations. Bring your questions, your doubts, and your curiosity—

this will be a chance to wrestle with the text and discover fresh meaning for our lives today. Come ready for good conversation, honest questions, and a story that still challenges us to this day.

Sunday School
Faith & Fun for Kids
Sundays at 9:30 and 10:30
Scan code or visit BUMClinks.com

Sprouts and SEEDLINGS

Sunday Morning Kids' Classes

Every kid and every family is different. This year we're offering a variety of ways for children to grow in faith and learn God's stories. Choose what's best for your circumstance:

At 9:30 – Who's Who in the Bible (Holy Moly)

Come discover the amazing people of the Bible in a fun and interactive way! Each week we'll watch a short video and then dive into games, crafts, and activities that bring the story to life. Kids of all ages will get to know a Bible character—what they did, how they followed God, and how their story connects with our own lives today. Meet your teacher in Room 402.

At 10:30 we have two options. Seedlings and Sprouts.

Seedlings – A gentle, “old-school” style class perfect for younger children and anyone who enjoys a quieter setting. Children will hear Bible stories, pray together, and enjoy simple, hands-on activities at an unhurried pace. Families may choose Seedlings for children of any age.

Sprouts – A lively, rotation-style class where we explore the same Bible story for six weeks through different learning stations—science, cooking, storytelling, games, video, music, and crafts. This class is designed for older kids with more independence; children must be in 1st grade or higher to join Sprouts.

Whichever path you choose, your child will experience God's love, engage with scripture, and build lasting friendships. Seedlings & Sprouts meet following the Children's Moment at the 10:30 service. Kids can be picked up in Rooms 401 or 402 after service ends.

The Wiggle Room

Kids are always welcome in our worship spaces, but The Wiggle Room is available as another option! Staffed from 8 am until noon on Sundays, it's a safe space for our little ones, infants and up. Each adult caregiver is background checked and mindful of allergies and other needs.

Register Your Kids

We want to be sure your child is registered for classes so we can provide the best environment possible for them to thrive. Sometimes that means knowing about food preferences, allergies, photo permissions—or even just being prepared for curious bees during outdoor adventures! Please take a moment to visit BUMClinks.com and fill out the registration form.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

Youth Group Sundays from 5:30-7 pm

September 14, 2025 through May 2026

Looking for a safe space to be your perfectly imperfect self? Brecksville UMC's Youth Ministry is the place for friendship, faith and fun for students in grades six through twelve. Each week we do our check-in with each other while noshing on pizza. Then we have a conversation about one person who worked for more love, kindness, and justice in the world - real-life people of many faiths featured in the book *Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints* by Daneen Akers. Here are some of the remarkable people we'll be learning about in October:

- October 5 – **Ani Zonneveld**, who reminds us that “people are more alike than different, even when they pray to God with different names.”
- October 12 – **Thich Nhat Hanh**, who teaches “our response to suffering can bring more suffering, or it can bring some relief and hope.”
- October 19 – **Florence Nightingale** who said, “God called me in the morning and asked if I would do good for him.”
- October 26 – Something completely different! It's a **Pumpkin Patch Party** (5-7 pm)

Learn more: BrecksvilleUMC.com/youth-group



Hey, Students!

You have a support squad on call 24/7

Do you know that your church family is always cheering you on? We love you and are so excited to see all the ways you are growing! Tell us what you are up to this year and how we can support all the amazing things you're doing outside of church. Are you on the Robotics Team? Debate? A member of the band? Play a sport? Dance? Crew on the Cuyahoga? We want to cheer you on. Do you want us to show our support from the stands? Send up prayers for a big test? Buy tickets for your next performance? Support you in some other way? Let us know, and Mr. Auble and friends will show up in the way you want! Email Jenny at jenny@brecksvilleumc.com

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

Be Still

Sundays at 8:30
in Fellowship Hall



World Communion Sunday, October 5

We join ecumenically in acknowledging our unity in Christ as we come around his table. Jesus claims us as siblings and invites us to journey together to perfect love.

Contemplative Worship Service Returns October 5

As the weather cools, we move indoors for a unique worship opportunity - our Contemplative Worship Service. With a focus on achieving a direct, intimate, and experiential relationship with the Triune God through prayer and contemplation, this evolving worship experience features ancient practices of the early Christian Church. *Join us in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 8:30.*

All Saints Sunday, November 2

A special day set aside to remember those who have gone before us in the faith. The names of those who have died in the past 12 months will be read as a candle is lit and the church bell tolls. Please submit your names to be read by Sunday, October 26. Contact the office: 440-526-8938 or Hello@brecksvilleUMC.com. All are invited to bring a photo of a family member you would like to remember on All Saints Sunday. Photos can be of anyone in your family, way back or a recently deceased person who you want to celebrate and remember.

A Spiritual Practice and Gift of Love: Prayer Shawls Bring Comfort

My mother's prayer shawl, shared with her shortly before she died, continues to bring me comfort. Every stitch is a prayer. Its warmth a reminder that God's arms are around us. Holding my mother's prayer shawl reminds me that we don't walk our path alone. The hands who knit it created a tangible reminder of God's love. When Sandy Crist came to me to talk about ways to share the ministry with others, my heart jumped. This holy and meaningful work needs to bless as many people as possible!

What is a prayer shawl? A prayer shawl or lap blanket is a tangible symbol of comfort, care, and prayer during times of need or celebration. A small group of knitters and crocheters, called Stitch'n'Time, create prayer shawls for our congregation.

How do I request one? If you have a family member or loved one in need of a prayer shawl or lap blanket, please reach out to the church office. The shawls and lap blankets can also be given for joyous occasions, such as the birth of a baby, a wedding, or a baptism.

Can I help? Do you knit or crochet? Consider taking part in this spiritual practice. The process of making the shawl is a form of meditation and prayer. Each stitch is infused with blessings and intentions for the person who will receive it. If you don't share this talent, pray for the ministry or consider a financial donation for supplies.



Stitch'n'Time meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor at church. Creating together fosters a sense of community and shared purpose among crafters, but you don't have to attend the meetings to be part of this ministry. Reach out to the office to be put in touch with Sandy for patterns and tips.

The Stitch'n'Time ministry connects makers with recipients, creating a ripple effect of kindness. What a blessing it is to so many. May the person who receives each shawl - and the dear one who created it - be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love! - *submitted by Melanie Smith*



Horizons Costume Parade - Thursday, October 30

It's a *joyful gathering* when 40 pre-school students trick-or-treat in Fellowship Hall. Grab some treats (your costume is optional) and join the staff sharing love and fun with the kids. Parade starts at 9:30 and you'll be out the door by 10 am!



DETERMINED SERVICE

October Donation Drive for victims of domestic abuse

Domestic violence and child abuse affects us all. The statistics are grim. In the United States, 1 in 4 women will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. 1 in 3 adolescents is a victim of some form of dating abuse from a partner.

Journey Center for Safety and Healing envisions a community where safety and well-being are achieved by empowering people to find a path toward healthy, thriving relationships.

We can support this work through donations of personal hygiene items, diapers and baby bibs and more. Shop for these items and bring them to the green donation bin on the first floor of the church, or shop their Amazon wish list to send them directly to the Center. Details at BUMCLinks.com

Contemplative Practice

Sit quietly with your hands open. Imagine placing before God one act of service you've been doing lately—especially one that has begun to feel like a burden. Ask God to fill that service with joy, connection, and purpose. Then sit in silence, trusting that joy will return—maybe not all at once, but in time.

Action Step

Find one act of service this month that brings you joy and invite someone to do it with you. Whether it's visiting a neighbor, writing Care & Prayer Mail notes of encouragement, or volunteering at a local organization, do it not because you should, but because it makes you feel alive in Christ.

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, *serve joyfully*, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

What does it mean to serve joyfully?

To serve joyfully is to live with the freedom that comes from knowing our worth is not in our performance but in our belonging to God. Joyful service is a resistance to despair, a response to suffering, and a rhythm of connection in a world that is both weary and longing for hope.

Jesus never served out of obligation. His service was not mechanical or strategic. It was deeply personal and joyful. He washed feet. He fed crowds. He restored dignity. He touched the untouchable. And all the while, he served with joy, not because it was easy, but because it revealed the nature of God.

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

-Matthew 20:28 NRSV

What's striking is that Jesus' service was never detached from joy, even in the face of suffering. The joy was in the connection, in the freedom, in the love poured out and received. He teaches us that service is not merely an act of doing; it's an act of being fully present to another.

Many of us may feel tired or worn out. We see division, conflict, fear, and violence permeating society. The church has labored long in difficult times—through pandemics, denominational uncertainty, and community division. Yet, in the midst of it all, the vision invites us to serve joyfully—not out of pressure, but out of possibility.

Joyful service doesn't mean pretending everything is fine. It means trusting that the Spirit is still at work—even in the small, the slow, the seemingly insignificant. It's planting seeds we may never see grow. It's showing up with food, with listening ears, and with hands ready to work, not because it's glamorous, but because it's the way of Jesus.

The world often tells us to serve to prove something: our value, our virtue, our place. But joyful service is never about being the hero. It's about being part of a community - a body -where everyone offers what they have, and where grace flows both ways.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'.

-1 Corinthians 12:21

This kind of service doesn't isolate. It connects. It invites people to show up with their gifts—no matter how big or small—and to trust that their offering matters. Whether it's organizing a clothing drive, bringing a casserole to a grieving neighbor, or staying late to stack chairs, joyful service is the thread that holds the community together.

Joyful service isn't always about solving problems. It's about presence. It's about showing up, again and again, with your whole heart—even if it's tired—and trusting God to multiply the offering. *- Adapted from the Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously series by Bryan Tener at UMCDiscipleship.org*



HOME GATHERING

Wednesday, October 1 at 7 pm

AT BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- If you were mayor of your community, what's the first thing you would do to make life better for you or someone you love?
- Could you imagine ways BUMC could be part of a solution?
- If you were to ask a friend, "What do you think of BUMC?" what would they say?
- Where do you sense God moving?

These are the questions Pastor Heidi and our Leadership Board are wondering about ... and hoping you can answer! We have a fantastic Vision Frame-- our mission, values, strategy, and measures. But we need a clearer picture of how God is leading us to use our resources to create safe spaces to grow with God and one another -- create after school opportunities for middle schoolers? Rent spaces to those in the business of caring for our body, mind, and soul (counseling, massage therapy, etc.)? Begin a program to help seniors stave off dementia? Something completely different?

Come to a Home Gathering on Wednesday, 10/1 at 7 pm to discuss these questions and hear from others. Unable to join that day? Email heidi@brecksvilleumc.com to share your answers!

The 2025 Leadership Board:

Kristi Eberhardt, Kathy Louttit,
Michael Houff, Julie Kubek,
Alan Scheufler (chair), Matt Gabor,
Jim Slagle, Maria Shurik, Deb Watkins,
Rev. Heidi Welch.

LEADERSHIP BOARD & MORE



Seasons of Change

What is your favorite season? I've often had a difficult time answering this question myself, and my response seems to change every time I contemplate it. While winter is not usually the season that comes to my mind first, I have always found it magical with its longer nights, holiday spirit and scenes of freshly fallen snow glistening like a blanket of diamonds. Who could argue that cozying up with a good book and a fragrant, warm beverage under your favorite fuzzy blanket doesn't bring joy?

Spring is usually my go-to answer because of my April birthday but also due to the sprouting buds and flowers. The glory of Easter Sunday and the Earth's long- awaited rebirth make my heart feel alive again after a winter of hibernation.

Since I am a teacher, summer would be a natural answer as it brings relaxation and rejuvenation and time to complete all of those chores and tasks that go by the wayside during the school year. Long, sunny days, family vacations, campfires and no 5 am alarm make summer a strong contender in this competition!

And then there is fall--brilliant, splendid fall which brings with it so much change and evokes so many memories by fully engaging all of our senses. Autumn is perhaps the season that invites all of us to "pick me, pick me!" as a favorite. From crunchy piles of leaves and colorful, wooded venues that seem almost surreal, to fall activities such as hayrides, apple picking and football games, this season offers something for everyone! And who doesn't love to choose a pumpkin to carve or decorate your front step? (Speaking of pumpkins, I know where you can get some and support a great cause at the same time!)

Living in Ohio, we are blessed to be immersed in all four seasons and enjoy the changes of the glorious world that our God made. No matter what season is your favorite, I hope that you embrace the changes that occur with the turn of each calendar page. May you take time to notice the beauty around you and find joy in the "little things". My prayer is that you also remember that while change is inevitable, there is one thing that remains constant; our Creator's unconditional, everlasting love for each of us.

—submitted by Julie Kubek, Leadership Board

Charge Conference October 19 in Strongsville

A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a pastoral charge presided over by the district superintendent. The work of the charge conference includes reviewing the mission and ministries of the charge, adopting a budget for all congregations within the charge, recommending candidates for ordained, lay or other forms of ministry, setting salaries and compensation for pastors and staff appointed by the bishop, and more. All church members are welcome to attend our 2025 Charge Conference on October 19 at Strongsville UMC



In the early 2000's, Rev. Rus Martin recognized a need at Brecksville United Methodist Church. How could the church be better equipped to pray together - to seek comfort, make a request, express sorrow, celebrate joy, give thanks - through the power of prayer? With Elinor Rowan's commitment, the BUMC Prayer Chain was born.

For a quarter century, Elinor faithfully stewarded our prayer team, whose number grew from a handful of people to about 60 today. She sent weekly prayer requests while working with four different pastors. When she started, dial-up internet was common, and less than 10% of the population was online. No one had a smartphone, we listened to music on CDs and TVs weren't flat.

Through it all, Elinor kept us connected to one another - and to God - through prayer. Let's surround her in prayer and love as she retires from this important ministry.

Are you feeling called to lead? Talk to Pastor Heidi or Anthy!



True & Chosen Name: A Service of Naming

Sunday, October 12 at 6 pm

Before God named him Abraham, he was called Abram, and before God called her Sarah, she was known as Sarai. Jesus recognized gifts in his follower Simon that Simon himself could not see, and Jesus renamed him Peter, to signify the man Jesus knew he was. These are just a few examples of many stories of renaming found in the Bible. But this is not just history. For many today, particularly for our transgender siblings, God is still renaming us, and calling us to who we are meant to be. For some, our new names and identities come to us in a flash of revelation, like Saul, who became Paul. For others, God whispers our true names to us in our ear countless times from birth, until we finally listen. During this service, we will celebrate and affirm those who have heard their true names, and commission them to live the life God has known for them. Rev. Dianne Tobey Covault, Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones, and Rev. Dr. Joelle Henneman will join Pastor Heidi for this ecumenical service. All are welcome to attend and surround our siblings with the love of God. If you would like your name to be celebrated during the service, please reach out to Pastor Heidi.

Green Team Meets Sunday, October 19 at 11:45



I believe in my heart that faith in Jesus Christ can and will lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the wellbeing of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers and every living creature on the face of the earth.
- John Wesley, a founder of the Methodist movement

Our new Green Team met for the first time in September to talk about the ways our church is already living into our call to creation care and new ways to help make our church property and events greener. Have a heart for composting? Knowledge of renewables? A knack for creative reuse? Join the conversation. Email Green@BrecksvilleUMC.com

United Women in Faith invites you to these upcoming events! Everyone is welcome.
"Even men!"



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Brecksville UWF meets monthly during the school year (typically on the first Thursday)

We gather at 9:30 am in the Parlor for light refreshments and conversation. Our program begins at 10 with a short business meeting taking place after the presentation.

OCTOBER MEETING

On October 2 at 9:30 am in the parlor, our very talented Brenda Calovini will be enlightening us about Social Justice and UWF. Everyone welcome!

No matter who we share the road with, intersect paths with, sit across the table from, ride the elevator with, stand in long lines with, agree with, disagree with, feel different than, look up to, frown upon... we share this in common: we are - each one - created in the image of God.

Come explore the topic of social justice with Brenda Calovini. We all carry biases as part of being human. These biases don't excuse how we perceive others but it does explain those perceptions (ones we are aware of and want to change and those that we might be completely oblivious to). Being aware of our personal biases is the first step to changing how we respond to those who deserve to be seen and treated as ones who are created in the image of God. How can we compassionately work for a more just community, near and far? In this brief talk, with way too much to cover than time allows, we will look at where we have been (women within the United Methodist Church have long been agents for good) and what we can do today to best advocate for social justice reform. To borrow a quote from UMCjustice.org, "Our faith requires it and our world needs it!" When we join with others, our efforts are magnified, our agency is fortified and we don't risk feeling so small against the enormous tide of indifference and cruelty.



Get your bakery recipes out !

On October 19 we're having a BAKE SALE to benefit our mission fund. Bring your bakery to sell to the Parlor on Saturday October 19 from 9 am to noon.

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
Thursday, October 9. Gathering time at 9:30. Conversation at 10.
See write up on page 3!

We also have two subgroups, or circles:
Eve Circle and Asbury Bremeth Circle.

EVE CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 in the Parlor

Come help put together gift bags for our confirmation students. We'll meet at 6:30 in the parlor and all are welcome. Also, any ideas for the gift bags are welcomed! What things might help our teens explore their faith and know they are loved? Lynn Hobzek-kezboh@aol.com

Eve Circle's College Care Package Project

In November Eve Circle is sending a note and surprise gift to our church members who are currently attending college. This is a fun way to keep in touch with our students and to let them know we are thinking of them. To nominate a student to receive a gift, please complete the form at BUMCLinks.com. Donations from our church family make this ministry possible. Eve Circle's funds and any money donated will go towards the purchase of gift cards to be sent to the students. Last year we reached 27 students! Judy McCrodden is leading this project and would love to talk to you about it. Contact the church office for her details.

Join our mailing list!

Email

UWF@Brecksvilleumc.com



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

Week of October 5

Robin Raybuck

It's her birthday this week!

2365 Barnsley Way

Broadview Hts., OH 44147-3674

Week of October 12

Jane Petrie

Happy Birthday Wishes!

6814 Rosemont Dr

Brecksville, OH 44141-2613

Week of October 19

Rev. Heidi Welch

It's pastor appreciation month!

Brecksville UMC

65 Public Square

Brecksville, OH 44141

Week of October 26

Bob & Joyce Weurth

Bob's back in the choir & we love Joyce

8349 Crinkleroot Clearing

Brecksville, OH 44141-1705

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

October BIRTHDAYS

2 Sasha McHenry	11 Nick Telischak	22 Garth Olszko
4 Cindy Hubert	11 Evan Jatsek	23 Olivia Klipfell
4 Alex Vastartis	13 Ryan Rybak	24 Nancy Zeller
5 Brian McCrodden	14 Lawry Kardos	24 Sara Kwiatkowski
5 Robin Raybuck	14 Randy Richards	24 Emily Shijo
6 Dick Burroughs	15 Thuy Ai Nguyen	24 Dominick Bianchi
6 Cathy Suk	15 Josh Kwiatkowski	25 Carol Herzing Dobos
7 Herb Einheit	16 Cathy Walden	26 Gretchen Mates
7 Kay AuWerter	16 Marilyn DeMoor	26 Chris Nguyen
8 Savannah Jacob	16 Lucy Shijo	26 Peggy Bowman
8 Wren Smith	17 Dion Adanich	26 Henry Sleggs
9 Mark Spencer	18 Carly Kubek	28 Kim Meyer
9 Michael Jaszczak	18 Natalie Vastartis	28 Dean Rybak
9 Nancy Manaska	20 Carolyn Jatsek	29 Anet Smith
9 Maria Shurik	20 Andy Batcheller	29 Ben Magistro
10 Lauren Chenney	20 Anna Bloch	29 Jason Bell
10 Matthew Sendrey	20 Anthy Morgan-Imes	31 Ric Lesinski
10 Amelia Nehlsen	21 Mark Hubert	31 Susan Hernandez
11 Jane Petrie	21 Eliza Botzman	

**If you would like to be added to - or to opt out of - the monthly birthday list,
please email melanie@brecksvilleumc.com*



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. We are thankful for our welcome teams who create space for all on Sunday mornings. You know who you are, and you are awesome! Speaking of awesome, Abigail Bendlak has been stepping in to help with the tech team and is bringing her experience on her high school environmental club to our church Green Team. Thank you for sharing your gifts and knowledge, Abigail! Jenny's dad, Phil Emery, stopped by the church and saved the day a couple of weeks ago - by recognizing that the freezer door was slightly ajar. Thanks for coming to the rescue, Phil! We had a whole slew of folks making a Saturday matter - by serving with Trials for Hope and Habitat for Humanity, and others sharing God's love at Chippewa Place by scooping up ice cream for an ice cream social. We are grateful for all of the creative ways that you each show up and build God's kingdom here. We celebrate you!

In Remembrance



Carl Rossborough, a member of our church family since 2015, went on to join his dear wife Joyce in the church triumphant on September 13. In 2021, the Rossboroughs moved to Wooster, but those who knew Carl will long remember his voice in the Chancel Choir, his work on the Trustees Committee and his loveable cantankerous ways. A private service will be held at a later date. Please keep Carl's family in your prayers.

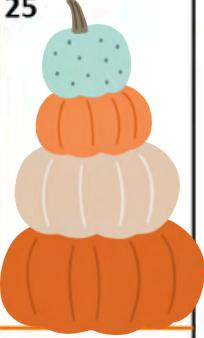
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BUMC PUMPKIN PATCH Open Daily 11 am - 7 pm thru 10/31!			1 Dawnbreakers Breakfast, 6:30 Church Home <i>Gathering</i> <i>Custodian Appreciation Day</i>	2 UWF Meeting, 9:30 Choir, 6:30 Band, 8:30	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday 8:30 Contemplative Worship Service 9:30 Classes for all 10:30 Worship 5 Youth Group	6 Lectio Divina 10:30 Holy Hell Book Study, 7 pm	7 Staff Mtg, 10:30 Food Prep, 2 Chippewa Place Communion Service 2:30	8 Dawnbreakers Breakfast, 6:30	9 Asbury Bremeth, 9:30 Choir, 6:30 Leadership Board, 7:30 Band, 8:30	10	11
12 8:30 Contemplative Worship Service 9:30 Classes for all 10:30 Worship 11:45 GCC Meeting 5 Youth Group 6 True & Chosen Name: A Service of Naming	13 Lectio Divina 10:30 Holy Hell Book Study, 7 pm	14 Staff Mtg, 10:30 Food Prep, 2 Eve Circle, 6:30	15 Dawnbreakers Breakfast, 6:30 <i>Last day to submit news for the November newsletter!</i>	16 Choir, 6:30 Band, 8:30	17 Sacred Sound Bath, 7 pm	18  Bike Fix-it Day 9 am -12 pm Help get spokes to folks!
19 8:30 Contemplative Worship Service 9-12 UWF Bake Sale 9:30 Classes for all 10:30 Worship 11:45 Green Team 2 Charge Conference 5 Youth Group	20 Lectio Divina 10:30  Happy Birthday, Anthy!	21 Stitch'n'Time, 10 Staff Mtg, 10:30 Food Prep, 2 Sew4Good, 5-8	22 Dawnbreakers Breakfast, 6:30 Newsletter Production Party 10 am	23 Choir, 6:30 Band, 8:30	24 UWF Board Meeting, 9:30	25 
26 8:30 Contemplative Worship Service 9:30 Classes for all 10:30 Worship 5 Youth Group	27 Lectio Divina 10:30	28 Staff Mtg, 10:30 Food Prep, 2	29 Dawnbreakers Breakfast, 6:30 <i>ANNIVERSARY</i> Shannon joined the church staff one year ago today!	30 No Choir or Band today Horizons Costume Parade	31  LAST DAY FOR THE PUMPKIN PATCH!	let's have DINNER and talk about DEATH Saturday, November 1

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Let's help fill the Colony Cupboard
with needed items for BBH High School students in need

The Colony Cupboard is a resource for BBH Middle and High School students in financial need. Our community is coming together to help stock the cupboard with essentials for learning. Most needed items this month include **athletic socks, markers, graph paper and lotion**. Bring your donations to the wooden bin on the first floor or shop the Amazon wish list at BUMCLinks.com!



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.