



When Passions & Gifts Collide

My son Jordan started distance running this year. He'd never run a day in his life, but he wanted to get out of taking PE class, so he signed up for track. He enjoyed it, made a few friends, and they encouraged him to try cross-country this fall.

As he began the cross-country season, we thought, "He's been running for 6 months—he's just going to go out there and have fun." But each race he got a little faster and a little faster, pushing himself to cut seconds and then minutes off his time.

Fast forward to the end of the season, and he was able to run with varsity in the last race. And he loves it!

Jordan's always had a knack for sports—good hand-eye coordination and overall athletic ability—but we haven't been able to find a sport he liked. When he was little, we tried soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. But during a soccer game, he sat down and started playing with the grass and flowers before coming and telling us "I'm done. Can we go home now?" And basketball didn't go much better: he scored a couple of baskets for the other team and then cheered for them when they won, not understanding why people on his team were sad. Lacrosse, well, we didn't make it past a few practices.

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All Saints Sunday, November 2 at 10:30 am

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

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

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

Among the people we will honor are these faithful people from our church body who went on to the church triumphant in the past 12 months: **Dale Beaver, Patricia Frank, Ruth Holmes, Phyllis Phillips, Marjorie Priest, Carl Rossborough, Dana Schwendeman, Jen Spieth, and Dave Stoffer.**

To add your loved one (who died between November 2024 and 2025) to the list, please contact the Brecksville United Methodist Church office by texting 833-556-1171, calling 440-526-8938 or emailing hello@brecksvilleumc.com before Thursday, 10/30 at 3 pm. **We will also fill the altar with photos of our saints.** Photos can be of anyone you want to celebrate and remember, regardless of when they died. Bring your photo to church anytime before All Saints Sunday at 10 am.

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So watching him really flourish in cross country has been such joy. And it's an example of what happens when our passions and the gifts God has given us collide.

The past few months I've seen this in the church, too.

Shannon, our Finance Manager, began at our church a year ago to help us keep track of our finances. But within a few months, it was evident that along with finances, one of her passions was small groups—something we've wanted to integrate into the BUMC culture for years, but didn't know how. This fall, Shannon is training 4 small group leaders who will begin leading their groups this winter. And each week people share their interest in joining a new small group!

Another example is the Bike Ministry. Jenny has been fearlessly spearheading our Bike Ministry for the past decade. However, as that ministry has grown, it's taken more and more time that she's needed for creating classes, meeting with individuals as a spiritual director, and other "Education Director duties."

This past summer, we put a call out to the congregation for new leaders to take the reins (handlebars?) of this important ministry. In September, Jenny met with six individuals who are excited to take on this ministry and "get spokes to folks!" Thank you, Matt Botzman, Wally Kudlaty, Jim Lee, Anna Miller, Alan Scheufler, and Mike Scott!

Back in September, we released our Fall Spiritual Trail Guide. In the front, we shared links to a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and a list of how those gifts align with ministries and missions here at Brecksville UMC. If you're wondering how your gifts and passions might collide, the Spiritual Gifts Inventory is a great place to start. And this newsletter is filled with all sorts of upcoming opportunities to put your gifts and passions into practice!

As a parent, there are few greater things than when you see your kid fill with joy as they use their unique gifts and become a fuller version of who they've been created to be.

And I can't help but imagine God feels the same way!

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Altar Flower Dedications

Add beauty to our worship services and honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with an altar flower dedication. You can order flowers through the office, your favorite florist, or bring your own! Contact Anthy to reserve your date and talk about the options. 440-526-8938 or hello@brecksvilleumc.com.





Practicing Our Faith

Sundays at 10:30 - November 9-23

We often confine our faith to certain texts or spaces... but it can be so much more! In this short series, we will explore how Christian practices can enrich all areas of our lives and shape a way of life that reflects God's love for us, for others, and for all of creation.



Advent Begins November 30 - Every Advent, we light candles, sing carols, and pray for Christ's coming because we believe God entered a frightened world to bring good news. We hold onto hope because we believe that Christ did come—that's the promise of the season. Our hope is not flimsy or fleeting. It's gritty, resilient, and can endure—no matter what we fear or face. This season, let us insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.

Advent Dinner Church

Wednesday, December 3 at 7 pm

Come share a simple meal of soup and bread lovingly prepared by the church staff as we have conversations, light candles, pray, and read scripture. Experience a celebration of Holy Communion integrated into the meal. Participate as much as you're comfortable, confident that God will meet us during this special time set aside to stop and listen, wait, hope, pray, breathe and reflect. ***Want to contribute to the meal? Bring a dessert to share!***

The Lasting Legacy of Memorial Gifts

On *All Saints Sunday*, our thoughts turn to those who have gone before us in the faith. If you are considering a way to honor a loved one, a Memorial Gift is a beautiful, tangible choice that allows their spirit to keep giving.

Think of our Living Memorial Fund (gifts of \$5,000 or more) as a spiritual endowment. The principal stays invested, growing steadily, while the annual income allows the church to tackle critical projects that our regular budget simply can't cover.

For example: In years past, income from the fund played a key role in updating the furniture in the Parlor, improvements to the fellowship hall kitchen, streaming technology, and equipment for our worship band. This work honors the past by ensuring the church is physically ready to serve the community today - and into the next generation.

Building on the Past. The tradition started in 1964 by thoughtful members who realized that honoring the past is the best way to secure the future. Today, the Gifts & Memorials committee continues that work, carefully stewarding these gifts to build a permanent foundation for our church's ministry.

Many Lives, One Legacy: Whether a gift is \$25, a Mustard Seed gift of \$1000 or a Living Memorial donation of \$5,000 or more, every contribution is pooled to become a powerhouse for good. Your gift ensures that Brecksville United Methodist Church continues to be a safe space to grow with God and one another — a living honor to every beloved soul who has helped build this community.

We invite you to continue this powerful tradition. Learn more about how to give by visiting the church office or our website.

Celebration Garden

The brick patio in the center of the church lawn is a focal point during outdoor worship, and anytime we're in the church lawn. Many of the bricks there are engraved to honor and celebrate the people in our lives. These bricks tell our stories and share the joy of family milestones: honoring a loved one who has passed on to the church triumphant, celebrating a birth or baptism, or marking the date of a wedding or special anniversary. November is a great time to consider adding a brick to the Celebration Garden. For details, please visit BUMCLinks.com or call the church office 440-526-8938.





Sunday Morning Kids' Classes

Because every kid and every family is different, we offer 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)

Each week we'll watch a short video about the amazing people of the Bible 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 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 through May 2026 for grades 6 through 12

Looking for a safe space to be your perfectly imperfect self? You'll find friendship, faith and fun at Youth Group. Each week we do our check-in with each other while noshing on pizza. Then we have a conversation around real-life people of many faith's featured in the book *Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints* by Daneen Akers followed by a game and fun activities.

Learn more: BrecksvilleUMC.com/youth-group

Come and join us for Project Feed! Youth of East Ohio are packing meals for families experiencing food insecurity. It's a one-day mission project where you get to meet others your age from around the conference while we help make the world a little better, one meal at a time.

What to expect: Our time will be filled with music, laughter, an occasional shenanigan, and wrapped up by joining together for dinner. You won't want to miss it! Families are welcome to caravan from the Brecksville UMC parking lot at 2:30 pm or meet us at the event at 3 pm. We will return to the church around 6 pm.

Where: Kent First UMC 1435 East Main St., Kent

When: Sunday, November 16 from 3-5 pm

Who: All youth, grades six and up. Grown ups welcome to tag along

Why? To share the love of God with our neighbors - and have fun

Ways to Pray: Deepening Awareness of God's Presence

Four-Week Spiritual Practice Series October 26- November 16

Sundays at 9:30 in the Chapel

Join Jenny Gee and friends for a gentle journey into prayer as a way of awareness. Explore how stillness, listening, and gratitude can open our hearts to God's quiet presence in daily life. Each week introduces a simple spiritual rhythm, drawing from ancient Christian practices and contemplative wisdom. We'll rest in silence, listen to scripture with fresh ears, notice God in the ordinary, and cultivate gratitude as a daily way of seeing. The atmosphere will be peaceful and reflective—no special experience required. A small prayer station each week will invite you to engage with the theme in a hands-on, personal way. Come as you are, and discover how prayer can gently awaken your awareness of the divine in all things.

Let's Talk... Podcasts:

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

Each week, we explore big questions through the lens of faith with thought-provoking podcast episodes featuring engaging voices and ideas that challenge, inspire, and expand our perspectives. We listen individually, then gather in community Sunday mornings 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 investigate 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 and drop in anytime!

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. Drop in anytime!

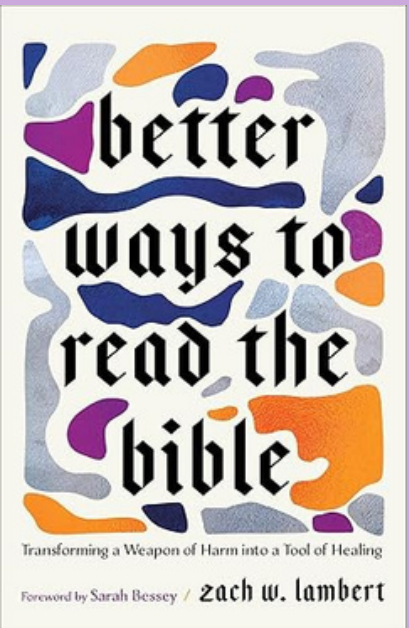


Death Over Dinner

Saturday, November 1 at 5 pm

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](http://BUMCLinks.com) ***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!



Book Study

Mondays at 7 pm starting 11/3

If you've been hurt by harmful interpretations of the Bible or feel disconnected from Scripture, ***Better Ways to Read the Bible*** offers a path forward to reclaim the Bible's life-giving message. This accessible resource will help you

- break free from harmful interpretations that distort Scripture's true message,
- develop Christ-centered reading practices,
- renew your relationship with Scripture,
- apply new frameworks to challenging Bible passages that have historically been misused to cause harm, and
- connect with Christians who embrace Scripture's call to abundant life for everyone.

This book welcomes all Christians--regardless of background, doubts, or wounds--to re-engage Scripture in life-giving ways.



DETERMINED SERVICE



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!

Lights for Lions

Do you have broken or non-working holiday lights and extension cords? Don't throw them away! Recycle them through the Cleveland Zoo to help protect lions and cheetahs in Tanzania. Broken, non-working strings of lights and extension cords (without packaging) can be dropped off at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for recycling November 1 through February 15. Proceeds from recycling support the Zoo's lion and cheetah conservation program partner Lion Landscapes.



Where: At the main entrance of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way (you don't need a Zoo ticket to drop them off) or year-round at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, 4750 East 131 Street in Garfield Heights **OR bring your**

lights to church on Sundays, November 23 - through December 21 and the BUMC Green Team will drop them off for you!

Want to help our community care for God's creation?

Our next Green Team meeting is **online** Tuesday, Nov 18 at 7 pm. Email Melanie@Brecksvilleumc.com for info!



November Donation Drive: Canned Food Tree

This harvest season, let us share our blessings with those in our community who are in need. Your donations of non-perishable food items and household cleaning supplies will help fill the shelves of local pantries and bring warmth and relief to local families in these cooler months. Please bring your contributions to the wooden collection bin on the first floor.

Fix a Bike on Bike Fix It Day

Saturday, November 8

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

Two Ways to Support Trials for Hope

Saturday November 8 and Sunday, November 9

On Saturday, 11/8, we'll travel to Cleveland for a **Toy Sorting Event** to get donated toys ready for holiday gifting for kids in need. 9 am to noon. On Sunday, November 9 from 11 am to 1 pm, enjoy brunch with friends at their annual fundraiser, with brunch, a silent auction and a "buy now" table with new or nearly new items. All are welcome. Both events take place at Lakewood UMC. Contact the office or Kathy or Matt Auble to RSVP for both!



JOYFUL GATHERING

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 23 at 11:30 am

In preparation for the season of Advent, we gather together to decorate the building with Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands. Come be a part of this joyful activity for all ages! Stay after the 10:30 service for food, Christmas music and fun!

Brecksville Christmas Parade Reception

returns to BUMC Sunday, November 30

The City of Brecksville celebrates the start of the Christmas season with a parade and tree lighting on Brecksville Square. We will host hot chocolate and cookies in Fellowship Hall as part of the festivities. Want to help? Email [Hello@Brecksvilleumc.com](mailto>Hello@Brecksvilleumc.com)



Gifts & Graces

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us...” – Romans 12:6

What is your superpower? What is your favorite nickname and why? Who or what brings you joy? What have you been recognized by others for? What are you most proud of? How would the people closest to you describe you?

Answering these questions will be easier for some than for others, depending on how self-aware you are. Self-awareness is about understanding ourselves through our own lens but also through the lenses of those around us. Knowing our spiritual gifts, or our strengths, is an important foundation for stepping fully into life as a disciple of Jesus. Jesus was surrounded by people who were different from him and one another, but still they lived in community. Each of them had their own gifts and flaws, and were loved just as they were - even if, and no matter what.

In our last Leadership Board meeting, Kristi led our spiritual formation and challenged us to think critically about the labels we put on the world and people around us. The social media algorithms are very good at distinguishing “us” from “them”, “good” from “bad”, and every other harmful dichotomy imaginable. How can we step out of that non-reality and into the nuance of real life as a follower of Jesus? It can start with getting more clarity on what your gifts and strengths are, but we can't stop at self-awareness. A key step in our faith journey is putting our gifts to work as we find ways to help “His will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.”



I encourage you to explore the Spiritual Gifts Inventory tool if you haven't already done so (scan this QR code at left, or check out the Fall Trail Guide at BUMCLinks.com .)

When you are ready to take the next step in putting your gifts into action, and need some guidance about ways to do that through Brecksville UMC, I encourage you to reach out to Pastor Heidi or Jenny Gee or anyone on staff.

Our BUMC community is filled with disciples of Christ. The collective strength of our church family lies in our ability to live and work and gather and serve and worship together in a beautiful (sometimes chaotic) harmony, despite - and because of - our differences.

-Maria Shurik, Leadership Board

Leadership Board Class of 2026

Our Leadership Development & Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the newest members of our Leadership Board.

Brenda Calovini and her husband, Paul, joined our church in 2008, when their boys, now grown, were in middle school. Brenda's loving spirit, gifts for music ministry, and passion for our social principles will serve our congregation well.

Brian Bendlak and his young family started worshipping with us during the pandemic and became members in 2024. A coach and tech wiz with a passion for food justice and nature, Brian's unique skills and talents will be invaluable to the Leadership Board.

Tracy Scott, who also joined BUMC in 2008, has been an invaluable part of our children's ministry and Sunday School volunteer team. Her love of children and gift of thoughtful discernment make her a valuable addition to Leadership Board.

Kathy Louttit - part of the Leadership Board class of 2027 - will step into the role of chair.

Heartfelt thanks to **Kristi Eberhardt**, **Julie Kubek** and **Jim Slagle**, class of 2025 who complete their terms in December; and to chair **Alan Scheufler**, who will serve as ex-officio through 2026.

We are grateful for each of you and your willingness to step into this call! Please keep the entire Leadership Board in your prayers as they focus on the mission and governance of our church.

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.





Working for the common good

Fred Barnes was arrested at work in front of his co-workers for a nonviolent misdemeanor offense. He remained in jail for the next three days, waiting to appear before a judge so he could post bond. By that time, he had lost his job, his dignity, and even his dog which was sent to an animal shelter while Fred was in jail.

Eventually Fred's case was resolved without any additional jail time. But the damage was done before he was even convicted of a crime.

Fred shared his experience with 244 people, including ten from Brecksville United Methodist Church, who attended an October forum on pretrial justice organized by Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC).

Six Cleveland Municipal Judge candidates also spoke at the forum and shared their ideas to improve pretrial justice. All six committed to support a process which would allow persons to appear before a Judge within 24 hours of being arrested. This would prevent people from languishing in jail for days just waiting to appear before a judge.

GCC brings 39 faith organizations together, the newest of which is BUMC, to try to make positive change in the greater Cleveland area. Some of the changes are needed due to people lacking access to health care, being unfairly treated by the justice system, or living in poverty.

Our United Methodist Social Principles state that "love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and the promotion of the common good."

It is difficult to address systemic problems alone. But, by working together with the other faith organizations who are part of GCC, we have an opportunity to successfully advocate for specific changes which can help improve our community for all. - Submitted by Jim Slagle



True & Chosen Name: A Service of Naming

Sunday, November 16 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.



Fair Trade Fair and Holiday Boutique

Sunday, Nov. 9, 8 am to 1 pm St. Basil the Great Church

at the church's Family Life Center, 8700 Brecksville Rd. in Brecksville.

Looking for unique gifts that honor artisans who receive a living wage, decent working conditions and a fair price for their work? Shop St. Basil's Fair Trade Fair and Holiday Boutique! Items for sale include women's beaded necklaces, bracelets and purses from Indonesia; coiled bamboo bowls from Viet Nam; Middle Eastern spices and Canaan olive oil; jewelry made from African amber; scarves and purses woven in Ecuador; El Salvadoran jewelry from recycled materials; and silk scarves made from recycled saris from India. This free event also includes fair trade coffee and donuts.

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



United Women in Faith

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NOVEMBER UWF MEETING

Thursday, November 6. Gathering at 9:30. Program at 10 am

Take a virtual walk through Cleveland history and Lakeview Cemetery with Kathy and Matt Auble.

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

Radicle Methodism: Discovering the Roots...

Thursday, November 13. Gathering time at 9:30. Conversation at 10.

Just as a tiny radicle anchors a seed and begins its growth, our Methodist roots ground and nourish who we are today. Let's dig deep into the early soil of The United Methodist Church—its people, movements, and spiritual convictions and explore how they continue to shape us.

Join your UWF friends for thoughtful conversation, fresh insight, and a renewed appreciation for the living tradition we share. Together, we'll explore where our story began, reflect on what it means for our faith today, and imagine how those roots might help us grow into the future God is calling us toward. Fellowship starts at 9:30 - conversation around our study begins at 10am. Everyone is welcome, meet in the Parlor and bring your own coffee or tea.

thank you

Our Fall Bake Sale for Missions raised \$567 for programs supporting women, children and youth in northeast Ohio and beyond.

Thanks to all who purchased & baked goodies!

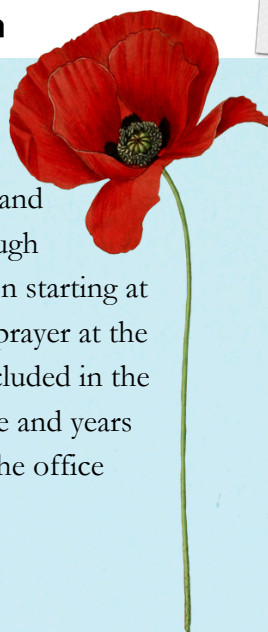
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Honoring Veterans

Sunday November 9

Veterans Sunday. A day of honor, respect, support and service for those who have served our country through the armed forces. Join us for a coffee hour reception starting at 9:30 in the Parlor and for a veterans slideshow and prayer at the start of the 10:30 service. If you would like to be included in the slideshow, please send your photo, branch of service and years of service to Melanie@Brecksvilleumc.com or call the office (440-526-8938) by Wednesday 11/5



EVE CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 in the Parlor

College Care Package Project

In November Eve Circle is sending a note and surprise gift to our church members who are currently attending college. It's a fun way to keep in touch with students and 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.



Greeting Cards Wanted

For Veterans and Senior Citizens

Beginning Veterans Sunday we will be collecting Christmas cards to deliver to patients at the Cleveland Veterans Administration Hospital. We will have a basket of cards to sign. We welcome donations of purchased or homemade greeting cards for all occasions!



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

Week of November 2

Nancy “Nan” Einheit

Has a milestone birthday!

6958 Chapel Hill Dr

Brecksville, OH 44141-2718

Week of November 9

Jamie Schwendeman

It was his birthday last week!

1451 Tollis Pkwy Apt 345

Broadview Hts, OH 44147-1883

Week of November 16

Sandy Crist

It's her birthday this week!

9973 Gatewood Dr

Brecksville, OH 44141-3643

Week of November 23

Sean Brown

It's his birthday this week!

10676 Partridge Trl

Brecksville, OH 44141-1417

Week of November 30

The Burgstahlers

Have a new address

2340 Huntington Lakes Dr.

Libertyville, IL 60048

*Nominate someone who could use a reminder
that they are loved and kept in prayer!*

Email Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com

November BIRTHDAYS

1 Nan Einheit	10 Becky Bendlak	21 Ellie Batcheller
1 Jack Romance	10 Michele Mihalich	21 Rich Ling
1 Joyce Wuerth	10 Bryan Miller	21 Ian Roberts
2 Chia-Tien Chen	10 Logan Vastartis	21 Doug Robie
2 Judy McBride	11 Terry Bennett	22 Kimberly Campbell
3 Tony Cipolla	11 Jan Kaminski	22 Benny Kantorowski
4 Jamie Schwendeman	11 Jim McBride	22 Becky Paroda
5 Elaine Geringer	12 Kevin Vastartis	22 Jennifer Sendrey
5 Ella Nelson	13 Preston Christensen	25 James Berry
6 Brandon Calovini	14 Monica Geib	25 Debbi Scheufler
6 Karl Robie	14 Gregory Warth	25 Ryleigh Wischmeier
7 Ardyn Olszko	14 Brian Wygonski	26 Douglas Farling
8 Cathy Drescher	16 Sandy Crist	26 Kelly Meyer
8 Tom Ellis	16 Edison Davis (Eddy)	26 Natalie Teare
8 Brandon Fisher	17 Michael Gezze	27 Sean Brown
8 Darell Fisher	17 Zachary Johnson	27 Evan Davis
8 Linda Moore	17 Carol Snyderwine	28 Gina Goodwin
8 Jim Slagle	18 Jim Berry	28 Kim Ling
8 Palmer Stachowski	19 Brandon Klipfell	28 Nick Rajkovich
9 Bob Fehlner	19 Sharon Manocchio	29 Kaitlyn Hazelton
9 Al Filips	19 Donald Raybuck	29 Harper Vastartis
9 Cameron Wasie	19 Diana Wise	30 Palmer Hurley

**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 EVERYONE who made our 2025 Pumpkin Patch such a wonderful outreach: Kim Vann, Matt Gabor, Anthy Morgan-Imes, Melanie Smith and the **104 (and counting)** individuals to signed up to help, PLUS our own Youth Group, the Brecksville Broadview Heights Key Club and National Honor Society, students from Normandy High School and several members of the community who came to help unload our “bonus” delivery of pumpkins. The Vann Family, Catherine Vastartis, Maria Shurik and the Houff family went above and beyond in making sure we were all fed on our first pumpkin delivery day. We needed those baked potatoes – and had enough to share with the cast of the Addams Family production at the Brecksville Theater next door! Before all those pumpkins arrived, we looked around the church yard and thought, “The weeds sure don’t mind the heat!” Thank you Matt Botzman, Chuck & Becky Gezze, Jeff & Sue Hastings, Katie Noggle and others who helped spruce up the yard before the big event. It has been a joyful way to be in community with one another because of each of you! It’s so wonderful when people consider a new call. Thank you Alison Galioto and Kaycee Borders for teaching Sunday School this year! Shelly Meek, thank you for sharing your knowledge and gifts on the audit team. And to all our friends who serve on the funeral reception team, your time is a beautiful gift of caring. **Thank you all!**

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<p><i>Daylight Saving time ends!</i></p>  <p>2 ALL SAINTS 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group</p>						<p>1 <i>Let's have DINNER and talk about DEATH</i></p>  <p>5 D.O. Dinner</p>
	<p>3 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Bible Book Study</p>	<p><i>Happy Birthday, Jamie!</i></p> <p>4 10:30 Staff 2 Mission Food 2:30 Chippewa Communion Svc</p> 	<p>5 6:30 Breakfast</p>	<p>6 9:30 UWF 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band</p> 	<p>7 <i>Bike Fix-it Day tomorrow!</i></p> 	<p>8 9 Bike Fix It Day 9:30 Trials for Hope Work Day</p>
<p>9 Veterans' 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Town Hall 5:30 Youth</p> <p><i>FAIR TRADE FAIR AT ST. BASIL'S</i></p>	<p>10 10:30 Lectio 6:30 BBH Pride Parent Support Grp 7 Book Study</p>	<p>11 10:30 Staff 2 Mission Food 6:30 Eve Circle College Care Package Project</p>	<p>12 6:30 Breakfast</p>	<p><i>World Kindness Day</i></p> <p>13 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 6:30 Choir 7 Leadership Bd 8:30 Band</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Leadership Board Retreat</p>
<p>16 </p> <p>8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mentoring 3 Project Feed 6 Naming Service</p>	<p>17 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Bible Book Study</p>	<p>18 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff 2 Mission Food 5 Sew4Good 7 Green Team online meeting</p>	<p>19 6:30 Breakfast <i>Last day to submit news for the November newsletter!</i></p> 	<p>20 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band</p> 	<p>21 9:30 UWF Board Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> 
<p>23 </p> <p>8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Hanging of the Greens 5:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>24 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Bible Book Study</p>	<p>25 10:30 Staff 2 Mission Food</p>	<p>26 6:30 Breakfast</p>	<p>27 HAPPY THANKS GIVING</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday, Sean!</i></p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Advent Begins 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship 4:30 Christmas Parade No Youth Group!</p>	<p>1 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Bible Book Study</p>	<p>2 10:30 Staff 2 Mission Food 2:30 Chippewa Communion Svc</p>	<p>3 6:30 Breakfast 7 Advent Dinner Church</p>	<p>4 9:30 UWF 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band</p>	<p>5</p>	



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Save these dates

Advent Dinner Church, Wednesday December 3

Longest Night Service, Saturday, December 17

Christmas Extravaganza and Cantata Sunday, December 21

Christmas Eve Services

10:30 am - Joyful Morning Carols & Candles
 3 pm - Traditional Service with Organ
 5 pm - Christmas Pageant with Worship Band
 8 pm - Carols & Candlelight
 with Chancel Choir & String Quartet



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.