

THE GOOD WORD

Once the baby is born, the work begins

Preparing for Christmas takes a lot of resources —time, energy, finances: gifts to buy, worship services to go to (or prepare), parties to plan, decorations to display, celebrations to attend... the list goes on. And usually by the end of our Christmas festivities we are exhausted and in need of a long winter's nap.

Every year I have to remind myself: once the baby Jesus is born, the real work begins.

It's like preparing for the birth of a child, a wedding, or any other big life event. We prepare and plan and focus so much on "the big day," that often we forget that the one day is just the beginning!

After a baby arrives, there's a child to take care of for the rest of their life!

After a wedding, there's an entire life together with someone by your side! After graduation, there's a career to navigate and a life to discover! And after all the Advent and the Christmas celebrations are over, we are challenged to live out the message of hope, love, joy, and peace that the Christ Child brings. Every moment of everyday, this is our challenge.

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Is Christianity more relevant than ever? Can a religious framework help us live fully? Our **January sermon series**, based on the book *Fully Alive* by Elizabeth Oldfield, will ask these questions and more - in an honest and challenging way. Using the structure of the seven deadly sins, we'll explore positive opposites to the ancient list of vices - updated for the modern world. If you choose to read the book for this series, be forewarned: Oldfield isn't afraid of using "swear words." This series will be challenging, calling us to take an honest look at how we live out our faith. It will also give us an opportunity to view life from a perspective that's different from the one to which we're typically accustomed. Want to dive deeper? **There will be a discussion group**, Tuesday evenings at 7 beginning January 14. Sign up at BUMCLinks.com

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FROM THE PASTOR



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Each fall, as the year comes to a close, I spend time in prayer and discernment on where God wants us to focus in the coming year. As I began this process for 2025, the word healing kept coming to mind. So I asked God, ***“what would it look like to be a healing church?”***

As if in reply, experiences from the past year came to mind...

I've encountered quite a few people who have come to BUMC with scars from other churches and Christians who tell them they're wrong—just by virtue of being who God created them to be. And others who have been told, “you're not good enough.” “God will never love you.” “If you don't do exactly what we say, you will burn in hell for eternity.”

I've also been confronted by the ways the Church has been complicit in racism, the oppression of minorities, and the abuse of creation, all in the name of “getting more people.”

And I've met with people who share their struggles with loneliness, or worry because their children are battling anxiety and depression at increasingly young ages.

It didn't take me long to understand that the work of becoming a healing church is multi-faceted. It means healing ourselves, our relationship with God, and our relationships with one another. And it includes doing the work to heal past harm that has been done, either personally or institutionally—acknowledging the harm, making amends, and committing to do better in the future.

This is the hard and holy work Mary sings about when she dreams about the new kingdom God was ushering in with Jesus: “he has lifted up the humble and has filled the hungry with good things” (Luke 1:52-53). And Jesus gave us an example of this hard and holy work throughout his ministry.

So now, as God's people, we will continue this good work of healing and restoration until Jesus comes again.

In 2025, we will begin by looking inward—asking, what are those things that keep us from living fully in God's presence? Then, we will look around us and wonder, “Where can I bring healing to the individuals, relationships, and world around me?”

Once the baby Jesus is born, the real work begins.

Will you join me in this holy work?

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

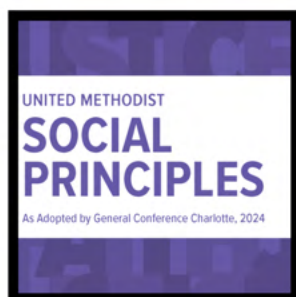


Radicle Methodism

Sundays, January 12 - February 2 at 9:30

If you're not a gardener, you may think the title of this class is a typo. A radicle is the first part of a seedling to emerge from a seed. In this four Sunday course with Pastor Heidi, you'll travel back to the roots of Methodism and up through the modern day to investigate questions like, "What makes United Methodism unique?" and "What does it mean to be a 'vile Methodist?'"

If you can't join us in person, there is a free online self guided study. Sign up at BUMCLinks.com



Methodist Social Principles

Sundays, February 9 through March 2 at 9:30 - Ask about online options!

The United Methodist Church believes God's love for the world is an active and engaged love, a love seeking justice and liberty. We cannot just be observers. We care enough about people's lives to risk interpreting God's love, to take a stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex. We are challenged to engage in deliberative reflection and encourage intentional dialogue between faith and practice. Join Rev. Kathy Dickriede and friends to learn what our Social Principles say and discover ways we can each live into them. Members of our congregation will share their stories and hearts each week!



Bringing in the Light of Christ



The United Women of Faith were looking for a way to honor a dear friend and beautiful soul, Bev Huber, who passed away May 21. The decision was made to engrave our acolyte wands with Bev's name. The engraving isn't showy or flashy, which makes sense because Bev was a quiet servant for the Lord. For over 40 years, Bev guided, organized and loved our acolytes! Children who grew up in this church remember her sweet way of teaching them the importance of bringing Christ's light into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service and then carrying it out into the world at the end of the service. Ask one of our acolytes to show you the wand to see the memorial to Bev printed along the stem.

Special Worship Service

The East and West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church are coming together to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a joint worship service **Sunday, Jan 19 from 4 - 6 pm** at Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike.



Themed “Living the Dream: Bold Faith, Hopeful Future,” the event hosted by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will focus on building Dr. King’s vision of a beloved community rooted in justice, love, and hope. Retired Bishop Julius C. Trimble, General Secretary of the General Board of Church & Society of The UMC will be the keynote speaker. This meaningful and uplifting gathering is free and open to the public. [Learn more at BUMCLinks.](#)

Politics? In Church?

Many of us are glad that the recent election is behind us and are hoping that we won’t have to deal with politics for a while. However, life is not that simple.

Issues such as hunger, poverty, homelessness, lack of healthcare, inequities in our criminal justice system, or the need for our communities to be safe places for all regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation don’t go away simply because the election is over. So, what is the church’s role?

We do an excellent job of caring for the hungry and the unhoused, and meeting people’s basic needs. However, that is only one (important) part of what we are called to do.

Proverbs 31:9 calls us to “defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Jesus challenged the religious and political order and advocated on behalf of those who were without political or social power – women, children, and the poor.

John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist Church, advocated to abolish the slave trade and for better treatment of prisoners.

Much of the organizing for the civil rights movement took place in churches.

The United Methodist Church’s Social Principles provide guidance on our responsibilities as a church and as individual Christians to seek social justice.

Our Social Principles state, *Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable” and that the government “must therefore be held accountable for protecting the innocent, guaranteeing basic freedoms and liberties, protecting the natural world, and establishing just, equitable, and sustainable economies.*

It is not appropriate for the church to support individual political candidates or parties, however, the church is called to take its lead from Jesus by holding its government accountable to caring for the vulnerable, etc. through nonpartisan political involvement. So, what could this look like at Brecksville UMC?

One option we are exploring is to join with the Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), an organization of 36 Cleveland area religious organizations who work together to be a positive force for change in the greater Cleveland area.

If you have ideas, thoughts, or would like more information about GCC, check out their website (greaterclevelandcongregations.org) or talk with Pastor Heidi, Jim Slagle, Kathy Dickriede, Janet Kleckner, Deb Watkins, or Brenda Calovini. - Submitted by Jim Slagle



United
Women
in Faith

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UWF meets the first Thursday of most months in the church parlor. Gathering for fellowship and refreshments begins at 9:30 am. Programs begin at 10 am.

Upcoming Programs

- No meeting in January. Stay home and get cozy!
- February 6 – **Kate Valentine** – Sustainability in Your Own Backyard (the interaction of soil, insects and plants)
- March 6 – **Rev. Peg Welch** – Origins of Women's Groups in the United Methodist Church--in India??
- April 3 – **Peg Bobel and Linda Whitman**, editors of Native Americans of the Cuyahoga Valley
- May 1 – **Brenda Calovini** – Social Justice history of United Methodist Women

Join our mailing list! Email UWF@Brecksvilleumc.com

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

Second Thursday of the Month - January 9

Fellowship starts at 9:30 - study begins at 10 am

Join us as we conclude our study on The Angels of Christmas. This month we will learn about the angels that visited the shepherds in the field the night of Jesus' birth. How do artists portray this event and what does the Bible tell us about it?

EVE CIRCLE

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 in the Parlor

Help fill hygiene bags for
Trials for Hope!



What's cooking?

Joyful Gatherings, the brand new Brecksville UMC Cookbook features over 300 favorite recipes, including appetizers & beverages, soups & salads, vegetables & side dishes, main dishes, breads & rolls, desserts, cookies & candies and more from over 200 cooks. Like this appetizer from Gail Meyer:

CHEESE AND BACON PUFF APPETIZER

1 cup mayonnaise
½ cup grated cheddar cheese
2 tsp drained horseradish

1 TBLS cooking sherry
½ package cooked crumbled bacon
18 pieces sliced cocktail rye bread

Mix altogether. Spread thickly on little breads and place on a broiler pan. Broil until brown and bubbly. Watch so they don't burn. Serve immediately on a large platter.

Gail Meyer



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TALK!

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Tune in 1.7.25

Pastor Heidi's weekly live check-ins return - on a new day! Join her on **Tuesdays at 9:30 am** on Facebook Live for her weekly musings on ways we can live out our mission of creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another.

Explore Ministry Teams for 2025!

Looking for ways to use your God-given strengths and gifts to serve God through BUMC in 2025? You can help fulfill our mission of creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another by serving on a Ministry Team.

Want to learn more? ***Bring this form to church with you,*** call the office 440-526-8938 or email info@brecksvilleumc.com when you're ready to take the next steps!

- **The Building Maintenance, Grounds and Parsonage Maintenance Teams** care for the physical property of the church, the church grounds and the home where our pastor lives. If you like to help fix things, garden, or enjoy household projects one of these teams could use your talents!
 - **Missions & Community Engagement Team**—plans and executes ways we can connect with our local communities and serving others locally, nationally & internationally. This team has the honor & responsibility of managing the Missions budget.
 - **Joyful Gathering Team**—We are a church that likes to have fun together, and this team creates opportunities for community building for our church family throughout the year. Lots of opportunities to serve for single events and short term projects!
 - **Sunday Morning Coffee Team**—helps create an atmosphere of joy and connection in our Parlor on Sunday mornings. From brewing coffee to washing mugs; making (or buying) pastries & fruit; to creating a fun playlist, this team is all about joyful gathering.
 - **Worship Arts Team**—works with Pastor Heidi and to help enhance the visual aesthetics of our worship spaces. Use your gifts to help people both in-person and online connect with worship.
 - **AV Team**—helps run sound, slides, and cameras for worship services. Or, help create videos to highlight ministry areas and events!
 - **Alternative Revenue Team** looks for ways beyond the offering plate to financially support the work of the church. Have ideas? Join this team!
 - **Welcome Team**—for those who enjoy making people feel welcome, seen and loved. Serve on a Sunday morning rotation, occasionally or for special weeknight services and funerals. We will give you the tools, tips and tricks you need to enjoy this role!
 - **Funeral Team**—a lot of care goes into hosting a funeral service and luncheon at our church, from greeting people, to setting up and taking down tables and chairs, to serving food and drink. It's a holy thing to care for those who are grieving.
 - **Stewardship Team**—works with the Leadership Board to communicate how we use the money we have been given, ensuring Stewardship isn't just a season in the church, but something we think about all year long.
 - **Audit & Budget Teams**—annual work with our Finance Manager. Like numbers and details? Enjoy looking for the ways God would have us impact the world? One of these teams may be for you!
 - **Counting Teams** serve on a rotation to count and deposit the weekly offering. Discretion and care are prerequisites for this important team.
 - **Church Closers** serve on a rotation, one week at a time, to ensure that the church building is locked up, safe and secure at the end of each day.
 - **Green Team**—a group of people who work together to promote sustainability within our church and care for God's creation within our community.
- This list is not complete.** If you would like to serve in a different way, we want to hear from you, too!



Our choir joined voices with 31 other choirs from across the United States at Carnegie Hall on December 1. Choir Member Shelly Meek and Director Machala Comenscheck-Slike share their experiences below...



Shelly's Story: On a crisp Friday morning we boarded a plane to New York City! We knew this would be a great adventure no matter what! On Saturday morning we started rehearsing at 8AM. There were about 220 people rehearsing together for the first time. I sat beside someone from Tennessee and another from Indiana. There were many other church choirs in our combined choir from all over the United States! Joseph Martin, the composer, was our choir director and he was a joy to work with! He and his accompanist were so entertaining as he Joseph expressed the way we should sing the music with joy, reverence and compassion for this Christmas season. It was a joy as our combined voices sang together rehearsing and to hear the rich tones from all of the voice sections.

Rehearsing at Carnegie Hall was amazing, our voices were so much fuller there, and we had an orchestra to join us. Standing in a place where so many other famous artists have performed over the years was overwhelming. It was a beautiful hall.

Between rehearsals we were able to visit many different places in the city and were able to enjoy more of our free time thanks to your help. This trip was a blessing for all of us! Thank you! - *Shelly Meek*

Machala's Story: The day after Thanksgiving, Brecksville UMC took a group of 4 VIP guests and 13 performers to join in a choir of over 200 voices. Together, we performed our 2023 cantata *A Weary World Rejoices* in New York City - conducted by the composer himself, Joseph Martin - in historic Carnegie Hall, where some of the world's greatest musicians have performed since 1891.

This trip was possible because of the support of the BUMC community. Whether you performed at or attended BUMC's Got Talent this summer, made financial donations to those who needed aid to attend the trip, or kept us in prayer during our travels, your support made it possible.

While Christmas may be one of the craziest and busiest times of the year, it's performances like this that give church musicians another reason for the season. There's a sense of community that you find when people from all over the country come together to perform, and there's a sense of joy that you discover when all of those voices join together in harmony. This truly is the most wonderful time of the year! - *Machala Comenscheck-Slike, Director of Music*

There's a rumor going around that there may be a cantata viewing party in the works for January. Stay tuned for details!

TRIALS for HOPE



What is a Trials for Hope Work Day?

We travel to Bridge Avenue in Ohio City, CLE and spend a morning serving our neighbors together.

What will we do?

There are options! You may pack dignity kits, deliver food to shut ins, or load or unload delivery trucks. If you can't help in person consider donating trial sized hygiene items (shampoos, etc), non-perishable food items or large reusable shopping bags.

Why do we do it?

Trials for Hope is delivering dignity and hope to people on the margins. But, they can't do it alone! They serve 3,000 people in the greater Cleveland area who are facing food insecurity and do not have enough personal care and household items for their families.

When do we do it?

This is a bi-monthly service project, serving on a Saturday morning from 9 am - noon. 2025 dates coming soon, but will be in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

How do I sign up?

Visit BUMCLinks.com - or talk to Matt or Kathy Auble!

Quilts Bring Comfort

What is more comforting than a pretty quilt to snuggle up with on a chilly evening? In keeping with our Advent quilt theme, fabric and patterns have been collected to create warm quilts for those in need. Whether you are an experienced quilter/sewist or are wanting to try something new, there is a pattern for you. If you haven't used a sewing machine since middle school, we will help you through each step to create a beautiful quilt block.

Room 303 is our bright and spacious workroom. Sewing hours 10 am through 2 pm are scheduled every Saturday in January. Drop in as you are able!

If you have a group of scouts or students who would like to join the fun, please call Liz Fredrick at 440-655-0174 to schedule an after school sewing session. We look forward to creating comforting quilts together.

Sharing Comfort and Love for Valentine's Day



When 8 year old Austin Pribble saw an organization at the Steelyard Commons Wal-mart collecting for gifts for children in the hospital, he was inspired. "Our church could do that!"

He asked his mom to set up a meeting with the Missions & Outreach Committee and pitched his idea - a project for the whole church, making Valentine's Day Gifts for kids undergoing treatment in the hospital.

Are you ready to help? We don't have all the details yet, but ask you to surround the project in prayer. Our January donation drive will be for this project (shopping list coming soon!) We will be collecting through Sunday, January 26. Save the date for Sunday, February 2 when we'll gather together to assemble the gifts to be delivered by Valentine's Day.

Thank you, Austin, for dreaming up this new way to love our neighbors!



BIKE FIX-IT DAY HELP NEEDED

Help us get Spokes to Folks on Saturday, January 18 from 9 to noon. Coffee, doughnuts and great fellowship is all part of the morning! Varying skill levels welcomed. Learn more -- email Bikes@Brecksvilleumc.com

LEADERSHIP BOARD REPORT



The December Meeting

Pictured from bottom left, clockwise: Kristi Eberhardt, Carolyn Jatsek, Eric Louttit (outgoing), Kathy Louttit (incoming), Michael Houff (incoming), Julie Kubeke, Alan Schenfler (chair), Matt Gabor, Jim Slagle, Maria Shurik (inset - incoming), Deb Watkins, Rev. Heidi Welch and Zane Burgstahler (outgoing).

Leadership Board's First Year

December marks the end of my one-year term on the Brecksville UMC Leadership Board. I have served in several leadership positions since coming to BUMC in 2004 and have found through my participation on the Leadership Board that the church has made a wise change in the way that it approaches governance.

One of the main reasons for changing to the Simplified Accountable Structure was to allow leadership to focus on the mission and ministry of the church and allow others within the congregation to participate on ministry teams to execute tasks and carry out specific aspects of our mission. In our first year, our new governance structure worked in precisely this way.

We started the year by establishing Guiding Principles for the Board and then created short and long-term goals to support BUMC's mission of "Creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another". During the year, we worked with church staff to create Vital Signs to measure our progress in achieving our goals and held quarterly Town Hall meetings to have a little fun and to ensure that we were communicating out the results of our work. Among other things we established an Alternative Revenue ministry team to address the shortfall in our annual operating budget. Through this ministry team we conceived the Brecksville Flea, the BUMC Pumpkin Patch, the Close the Gap campaign, and the Joyful Gatherings Cookbook. In addition to raising revenue for the budget, each of these helped us address our long-term goals by allowing the church to reach out and engage with the community in new ways and providing opportunities for many in our congregation to participate and lead in a manner that they may not have before.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served Brecksville UMC on the inaugural Leadership Board. As Zane Burgstahler, Carolyn Jatsek and I move off the Board, three new members will join (Kathy Louttit, Maria Shurik and Michael Houff). The Leadership Board, and the ministry teams that support it, provide numerous opportunities for those in the congregation to participate in the work of the church. There will be several chances to get involved in 2025. Pastor Heidi, the staff and the Leadership Development Team will be filling out ministry teams early in the year. Enhancing the Leadership Board with the development of ministry teams represents the next evolution of the Simplified Accountable Structure. I'm looking forward to engaging with a ministry team next year. How can you engage? -

Submitted by Eric Louttit

Connect with the Leadership Board through the church office: info@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938



December



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

Week of January 5

Paul Frank

6217 Brookside Rd

Independence, OH 44131-6307

Week of January 12

Katie Singleton

A new regular attendee of our church

7705 Alan Pkwy

Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

Week of January 19

Bob Lundholm

*It's his birthday this week,
and a fond farewell*

264 Poplar Ln

Fairlawn, OH 44333-3012

Week of January 26

Carl Rossborough

4386 Hunters Chase Ln

Wooster, OH 44691-7303

*Nominate someone who could use a reminder that
they are loved and prayed over!*

Email Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com



Pat Frank, who joined
our church family in
1980, died on
November 20, after a
brief illness. She will

be truly missed. Please keep her
husband, Paul, and family in prayer as
they grieve her loss and plan her
memorial service (details will be shared
at a later date.)

January BIRTHDAYS

3 Penny Lienert

3 Michael Patrick

3 Michelle Shively

3 Matthew Vann

3 Emily Vincent

4 Wesley McDonough

4 Donna Sibits

5 Kaya Roberts

6 Nate Machesky

6 Claudia Monnett

7 Lucas Juniper

7 Autumn Lasich

9 Cole Mihalich

9 David Vastartis

9 James Vastartis

11 Brandon Houff

11 Marc Vincent

13 Jennifer Custer

13 Brock Raybuck

14 Maddy McBride

15 Marianne Nolan

15 Sam Papp

15 Adalaide Spitzer

16 Janelle Valenti

17 Eliot Slifcak

17 Kathryn Welch-Young

18 Kim Johnson

18 Ellen Martin

18 Jennifer Schneider

18 Jessica Zawada

20 Sherry Petkovsek

21 Dan Auble

21 Pat Gordon

21 Benjamin Weber

22 Louis Samblanet

23 Kennedy Romance

24 Bob Lundholm

25 Colin Crouch

26 Sue Hastings

27 Emerson Knight

28 Kimmer Cave

28 Donna Culley

29 David Gardner

30 Jill Magistro

30 Don Salsbury

31 Kathy Goebel

31 DJ Magee



Brecksville UMC is a thriving community of faith
because of people like you who care for one
another and reach out in service to those who are
in need. People like Bob Lundholm, who has
served this church with his considerable gifts since

joining our church in 1991. Bob has moved to Fairlawn and will start
attending a new church in the new year. We will miss you, Bob! Kim,
Matt, Sophia and Braxton Vann and Marla Knight lead the way for our
participation in the Brecksville Christmas Parade. Thank you to them
and to everyone who marched or rode along in our truck and trailer!
While our choir was in New York City Brenda Calovini lead our music
for worship services. Thank you, Brenda, for your joy in making music!
Randy Richards, Sue Ellenberger, The Houff Family and Stephanie and
River Roberts all made time to share their experiences of ringing the
church bell and church bell history with a reporter for the Sun News
recently. (If you'd like to read it, it's on Cleveland.com!) It takes a lot of
people to make the "Christmas Magic" happen. Thank you to all who
volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, to help with the
Christmas Extravaganza, sang in the choir, or helped with all things
Christmas Eve. More people will experience the love of God this season
because of you! ***We're thankful for each of you, named and unnamed!***

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY	2 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band 	3 OFFICE HOURS 9 AM - 3 PM SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY	4 10-4 Quilters 
5 Epiphany Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship 5 Youth Group	6 10:30 Lectio Divina	7 9 Tues Talk (FB) 10:30 Staff Mtg 2:30 Mission Food Prep 2:30 Chippewa Place Communion Service	8 6:30 Breakfast 12 Facebook Live: God In Nature	9  9:30 Asbury Bremeth Study 6:30 Choir 7:30 Leadership Board 8:30 Band	10	11 10-4 Quilters 
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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.