

THE GOOD WORD



Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem was accented by the jubilant waving of palm branches and is re-enacted at our 10:30 Service Palm Sunday. Unfortunately, for the communities where these palms are harvested, palm fronds do not always represent the same jubilation they do for us. That's why we support economic and social justice through the purchase of Eco Palms. Learn more at EcoPalms.org



On Maundy Thursday, we will share in a light meal and conversation in Fellowship Hall as we remember the Last Supper. Through scripture, prayer and the celebration of Holy Communion, we will remind ourselves of God's unwavering presence in any "in between" we may face. If you can't join us in person, set aside time to join us for a special "online only" worship experience streaming at 7 pm - and available anytime after that.



Good Friday marks Jesus' journey to the cross. This year, we will gather in the sanctuary to hear the voice of Simon of Cyrene through imaginative monologues that invite us to embody our grief. Then, we will follow Jesus' body to the tomb, where hopelessness intertwines with hope. This service will be streamed live. If you can't join us in person, worship on line through our website, Boxcast, YouTube or Facebook.



Easter Sunday

7 am Sunrise Service
On the Front Lawn

9 am Traditional Easter Service
with the Resurrection Brass
Please note corrected time

10:30 am Easter Service
with the Worship Band

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The State of the Church

It's hard to believe that the COVID-19 pandemic began over 5 years ago. Not only was it a transformative time in our culture and individual lives, but it also marked a moment of transition for the church. We began streaming worship online (remember worshiping from "Studio 65"—aka the Parlor?), and we learned how to create community while being physically distant (remember Leslie's retirement drive-by parade?)

We also took the disruption to our "normal" as an opportunity to discover what God had created Brecksville United Methodist Church to be—reminding ourselves of who we had always been so that we could live into it with more intentionality.

We were reminded that Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to create safe spaces to grow with God and one another.

When we began gathering again in-person in 2021, it didn't take long to realize how much had changed: people who had been "BUMC staples" were no longer with us, due to death or moving away, and we had many new faces who began calling Brecksville UMC their spiritual home.

At the same time, we became exceedingly aware that the relationship between the church and greater culture had drastically changed. Trends that we had been seeing for years finally came to a head—people were worshipping less often, and the likelihood that someone new would walk into the church became as likely as someone attending a wedding they weren't invited to.

I'm very proud of how we have handled the plethora of transitions that have come our way. Throughout all the changes, we have stayed attuned to where God is leading, allowing the Spirit to direct everything from sermon series and songs sung in worship, to how we govern ourselves and what mission opportunities we say "yes" to.

At the same time, I realize that the "regular" person in the pew might not know a lot of what's been happening—both within BUMC and the communities we serve, and the greater Church culture. **So, on April 27th, we will have one worship service at 10:30 where I share the "State of the Church."** We will gather together as a community of faith, celebrate what God has been doing in our midst, and pray that God's wisdom will lead us into the future.

Then, after worship, we will gather for a time of conversation and intentional listening. We will learn what people's passions are, how they hear God calling us to be in partnership with our communities, and pray for each other.

Everyone is invited to attend this Listening Post—whether you're a life-long BUMC-er or are brand new to BUMC. While I have no idea what the future holds, I'm confident that God is calling us to work together to share God's redemptive hope and love with the world.

Thanks for being on this journey with me,

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



A Call to Awakening

"The pure of heart see all things full of God. They see him in the firmament of heaven, in the moon walking in brightness, in the sun when he rejoiceth as a giant to run his course. ... They see him 'preparing rain for the earth,' 'and blessing the increase of it.'" – John Wesley

This is my favorite time of year. From mid-March to mid-April I start to walk through my yard and into my woods picking up any of the loose trash blown into the area through the winter. I sit for hours-on-end picking thousands of acorns that have settled among the stones on my patio and digging out hundreds of wayward oak seedlings from my garden beds. To some it might sound tedious. For me, it has become a form of prayer and a time of expressed gratitude. As we near the end of April, the tasks change and become more physical and more wonderful. The smell of the soil, the wiggle of the worms and the promise, hope and miracle of each little shoot coming through the ground. Each aspect of that springtime garden is a reminder of the generous, creative and amazing God we love and serve. It is also a reminder of our responsibility toward caring for all of creation.

The United Methodist Social Principles tell us it is our sacred calling to be responsible stewards of and to care for all of creation. We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God's goodness and providential care. Some may call creation care a 'political issue' and climate change a 'partisan argument' but our UMC Social Principles clearly state that we are to acknowledge that unsustainable human activities have placed the entirety of God's creation in peril. And that our activities are causing the destruction of ecosystems through our overconsumption, short-sighted policies and the poor management of natural resources.

The Social Principles go on to identify ways that we can alter our actions so that we can create a positive impact on the environment. We can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, refrain from overconsumption, repurpose and recycle materials, reduce our personal carbon footprint and avoid purchasing and using products that harm the environment. While we have personal responsibilities to make changes within our homes, we must also act in community. As Christians, we have a responsibility to raise our voices to demand the development and enforcement of policies and practices that protect all of God's creation.

How will you make changes to your day to day living to create a more just, healthy and hope-filled earth? It is the best way to show our gratitude toward our generous Creator. The City of Brecksville is celebrating Earth Day on April 27 (see the Determined Service page for more information.) One day will not undo the damage we've done to God's creation over decades. Earth Day simply reminds us that we must be advocates for the earth and be defenders of creation every day if our children and grandchildren will have a world that can sustain them. - submitted by Jenny Gee, Director of Education

Brecksville UMC is continually looking for ways to improve our commitment to environmental stewardship. Do you have ideas, or are you moved to start a new earth-friendly practice here? Reach out to Jenny at education@brecksvilleumc.com to chat about it!

Learn more about the United Methodist Social Principles and find more resources on our website: www.brecksvilleumc.com/CreationCare



Join Anthy in the Chapel each Wednesday for Prayer Lab: a time to come together in supportive community, and experiment with different forms of contemplative prayer practices. In each hour-long session, Anthy will facilitate two guided prayerful meditations, each lasting about 20 minutes each with a short break in between, and if time allows, a period of sharing our experiences afterward. Whether you're just curious about Christian contemplative practices and just getting started on the path, or looking to enhance your established practice, Prayer Lab is open for all! Instruction will be given at each session, and each session will be a little different. Two groups are forming soon: drop in to whichever best suits your schedule, or join Anthy each week in both groups!

Morning group: Begins Wednesday, April 23rd at 9:00am, then every other Wednesday

Evening group: Begins Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00pm, then every other Wednesday

The Chapel is also open weekdays from 9:00-9:30 for **Silent Prayer Circle:** a time to practice together without a facilitator, or to pray in whatever silent way you choose with others!

Let's Talk - Podcast

Sundays at 9:30 in room 301

Lenten Lectio Divina

Mondays at 10:30 in the Chapel



VBS

IN THE PARK!

For Kids: Sunday School, Sprouts and Seedlings

Age appropriate Faith filled fun
Sundays at 9:30 and 10:30. Email
Jenny@brecksvilleUMC.com to
learn more!

Youth Art Project Under Way



During the season of Lent, BUMC youth have been collaborating on an art piece each Sunday evening at youth group. Using contrasting colors they have been filling in the Lenten open hands symbol little by little. While collaborating they reflected on how we often find ourselves in between two opposing ideas. Check out their completed artwork on Easter Sunday!

Registration Opens April 1. VBS is July 7-11

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

Welcome to the best week of summer - Brecksville UMC's Vacation Bible School. This year we will have fun with **Road Trip: On the Go with God**, a super awesome VBS where children learn that they can trust God to be with us wherever we go! We will spend the week hearing about ordinary people in both Old and New Testament stories who found that God was with them on their journeys. Sometimes their journeys were filled with joy and people who loved them, and sometimes life took them places that were frightening or lonely. We will learn together that no matter how on course or how far off course we are in life, we can trust that God is right there with us!

The kids will experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks. They will go on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know that God is always with them, and learn ways to connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives.

This year we have a new meeting location. We were unable to reserve the Oak Grove Picnic Shelter so we are moving to the **Blossom Hill Pavilion**. It has been an awesome experience being outdoors in the wide open spaces and we are excited that we are able to do it again this year, even though it is in a different location. **VBS will be the week of July 7-11 in the morning from 9:30 to 12:30** and is open to children, age 3 (and fully potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. If you have friends or family who you think will enjoy VBS let them know that registration will open April 1 and remain open until we reach capacity. If you can serve as a volunteer (all 5 days) your child(ren) attend for free. Volunteers must complete a background check and participate in our Child Protection Policy Training.

Tiered pricing allows you to choose the rate that best fits your financial situation. The pricing option you choose remains confidential and in no way influences the experience your camper receives.

- **Tier 1 - \$30 per child** for the week. This rate is offered thanks to the generous contributions of Brecksville United Methodist members.
- **Tier 2 - \$30-45 per child** for the week. This is a partially-supported rate for those who can pay more than the Tier 1 rate.
- **Tier 3 - \$45 per child** for the week is a rate that more closely reflects the true cost of the camp experience.



Youth Group
April '25
Schedule

6 APRIL YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
5-6pm> Lent Devo> Mission Project

13 APRIL YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
5-6pm> Lent Devo> Hide & Seek

20 APRIL NO YOUTH GROUP- HAPPY EASTER!

24 APRIL YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
5-6pm> Lent Devo> Extreme Spoons

24 APRIL YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
5-6pm> Wheel of Games

Reach out to

Dana



YOUTH@BRECKSVILLEUMC.COM

for more
youth info



April Donation Drive - Summer Camp Gear

As a result of violence and oppression around the world, many families are forced to flee their countries as refugees. Re:Source Cleveland serves many of these families, and their after school program, Corner 65 - which originated at Nehemiah Mission - provides a safe space for teens to grow and flourish.

This summer, we are helping send 14 girls in the program to a week of East Ohio Summer Camp! In March, we held a collection to help cover camp fees, raising \$4,378 so far! This month, we can help fill the girls' packing list. Their families are of limited means, and many of their resources must be shared with their siblings or saved for school. Can you help? Bring your donations to the bin by April 27, or shop our wishlist at Amazon.com or Walmart.com and ship to the church!

The Sew4Good group is making 14 personalized pillow cases. Can we find 14 people to donate a standard sized pillow?

Shower towel
Swim towel
Hand towel
Wash cloth
Flashlight
Bible



Body Lotion or Vaseline
Shampoo/Conditioner for
African American hair
Socks & Underwear-
Underwear sizes 8-14
Socks sizes 5-10

New or gently used duffel bags, cinch sacks or backpacks



Learn to Loom

Sunday, April 13 after the 10:30 Service

Have you been looking at all those disposable plastic bags in the bins around the church and thinking "somebody needs to do something about those things!" Here's your chance!

We'll be gathering together after church on Palm Sunday to enjoy a light lunch and learn how to weave a sleeping mat out of those bags. There's something for everyone to help with, from flattening, folding and cutting bags, to stringing them together into a woven masterpiece. These sleeping mats will add a layer of protection and comfort for folks sleeping outside.

Learn more about this project at
BUMCLinks.com



The United Women in Faith Eve Circle and our Sew4Good group delivered some TLC in March! Our sewists made beautiful fabric bags which the Eve Circle filled with goodies and delivered to those who are homebound. What a beautiful and creative way to share a little tender loving care with those who need it. Thank you all for your determined service and for sharing your gifts!



Bread on Bridge

Every Tuesday evening, members of the community gather at Nehemiah Mission, on Bridge Avenue in Ohio City from 2 pm-4 pm to share in conversation, fellowship and a freshly prepared meal and dessert. In the summer months, the meal takes place outside. Every other month, our church sponsors one of these meals, called **Bread on Bridge**.

Bread on Bridge Tuesdays is about sharing and caring in a multicultural and diverse community. On **Tuesday, April 22** we will prepare and serve the meal. Want to help? Sign up at BUMCLinks.com or talk to Catherine Vastartis or Kathy Dickriede.

Every Tuesday, you're invited to Bread on Bridge! Come alone, bring a friend, bring a group. Share your concerns, joys, and interests in an atmosphere of acceptance, safety, and community. Enjoy quiet discussion at your table, or join in a community forum. Sit back and observe, share a song, poem, or favorite scripture, or lead a conversation.



BIKE FIX-IT DAY

Saturday, April 26 from 9 to noon Once each month we gather together to repair donated bicycles. Want to help *get spokes to folks?* Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 26 from 9 to noon to gather with other members of our community and do some good together! ALL are welcome to lend a hand.



Aleyna Gambone at our table last year.

City of Brecksville Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 27 from 11 am to 2 pm

Our church has been invited to be part of The City of Brecksville's Earth Day on at the Brecksville Horticulture Garage. We will join other area organizations sharing practical ways we care for our earth - God's creation. Some folks are surprised to learn about the Christian call to creation care. Would you be willing to take a shift at the table? Please reach out to Jenny Gee at Jenny@BrecksvilleUMC.com

Remember the "R's" to reduce waste and consumption, save money, and walk gently on God's earth.

- **Rethink:** Consider your consumption and waste. Is there a less wasteful way to do the thing?
- **Refuse:** Avoid buying things you don't need.
- **Reduce:** Buy less and less often.
- **Reuse:** Find new uses for items you would normally throw away.
- **Repurpose:** Get creative with things you would normally pitch.
- **Repair:** Learn to fix everyday items instead of buying new ones.
- **Recycle:** Give items a new purpose by recycling them.
- **Rot:** Compost food waste and yard trimmings.

Sew4Good is So Good!

When Michelle Botzman saw the 50 pound bags of rice at our meal packing event in February, she knew the heavy duty plastic would be ideal for a Sew4Good project. Claire Hayes had tested out a pattern for reusable shopping bag months before. In March, the group got



together and stitched up 14 of these great bags to donate to local food banks. We'll also take a few to the Brecksville Earth Day event, as an example of the kind of work our church is doing - using our gifts to the glory of God!



Allyship Workshop – April 28

BBH Pride's Education, Training and Legislation committee is excited to offer a powerful Allyship Workshop here on Monday, April 28 at 7 pm. This interactive session will help attendees deepen their understanding of allyship and explore ways to actively support the LGBTQ+ community.

This workshop builds on the conversation started at our TRANSforming Church Culture event on March 31, providing a follow-up space for reflection, learning, and action. Whether you attended TRANSforming Church Culture or are joining us for the first time, all are welcome!

Allyship is about more than just support—it's about action, advocacy, and creating truly inclusive spaces. Join us to learn practical ways to stand in solidarity with LGBTQ+ individuals in your community.

Who Should Attend? Anyone looking to expand their knowledge, strengthen their allyship, and foster a more inclusive environment—whether in faith spaces, workplaces, schools, or beyond.

Let's continue the conversation and make our community a place where everyone is seen, valued, and celebrated!



It can be tough for transgender and nonbinary people to bear the burden of educating others about their lived experience.

That's why a huge component of being a good ally to people is about putting in the work and educating yourself.

Sam Brinton,
Advocacy & Government Affairs,
The Trevor Project



Easter Flower ORDER FORM



Help fill the Sanctuary with flowers in celebration of Easter Sunday - to the glory of God or to memorialize or honor loved ones. Take your flowers home after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday or donate a plant to a homebound church member.

NAME _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION:
In honor, in memory, to the Glory of God.

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL	TAKE HOME/DONATE
Tulips	\$8			
Daffodils	\$8			
Single Stem Lilies	\$8			
Hydrangeas	\$15			
Hydrangeas - Large 8.5" Pot	\$18			
Azaleas	\$15			
Bulb Garden - variety, 8" Pot	\$15			
 ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 6			TOTAL	

EASTER FLOWER DELIVERIES:

We are looking for helpers to deliver plants starting Tues. April 22. Can you share some spring joy with friends who can't make it to church? ☐ *Yes! I can be part of the delivery team. Contact me with details!*

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United
Women
in Faith

faith

action

sisterhood

United Women in Faith 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 PROGRAM

Thursday, April 3

Interested in Native American history in this area? Join us as Peg Bobel and Linda Whitman discuss their new book “*Native Americans of the Cuyahoga Valley*” a collection of essays by local experts in their fields. The book is part of the Ohio History and Culture collection published by the University of Akron Press, and will be available for purchase and book signing. Refreshments at 9:30 am. Presentation at 10 am in the church parlor.

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

Second Thursday of the Month - April 10

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

Women of faith gather for conversation (BYO coffee or tea!) at 9:30 and a study at 10 am. We are exploring the parables of Jesus. Come join the conversation!

EVE CIRCLE

Our evening group meets regularly for fun and service projects. To learn more, talk to Lynn Hobzek or email UWF@BrecksvilleUMC.com.

Join our mailing list!

Email UWF@Brecksvilleumc.com

JOYFUL GATHERING



Judge's Choice: Best Overall - Mike Gezze. Best Hot - Rasul Welch. Best Mild - Ray Carter. Best Vegetarian - Becky Bendlak. Best Cornbread - Sue Ellenberger. People's Choice: Best Overall, Best Hot & Best Cornbread - Mike Gezze. Best Mild & Best Presentation - Matt and Kathy Auble.

Spicing Things Up:

Chili Cook-Off Raises \$1,200 for Mission Trip!

What do you get when you mix delicious recipes, a supportive church family, and a shared mission? A winning combination! Through generous donations and some friendly competition, our 2025 Chili Cook-off raised an impressive \$1,200 for missions.

Fellowship Hall was filled with friends, fun and music for a spicy good time! The judges - Matt Vann (Jolly Scholar), Otto Tyson (Cleveland Foundation), Jonathan Gray (Trials for Hope) and Doug Huth (BUMC) had the difficult task of selecting the Judge's Choice winners.

The funds raised will support the team traveling to North Carolina in July to love our neighbors and serve those still recovering from the treacherous storms that went through last year. We are so grateful for everyone who cooked, tasted, and contributed to this awesome event! - Kim Vann

Brecksville United Methodist Church

**NAMES TO FACES
EVENT!**

SUNDAY

**APRIL 6
AT NOON**

FOOD, FRIENDS, AND FUN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP AT BUMCLINKS.COM

A Joyful Gathering - Names to Faces Event

April 6, 2025 at noon

Don't miss this opportunity to put *names to the faces* you see at church in this fun and casual event. We'll have the opportunity to spend a few minutes asking each other interesting questions before moving on to another person! Come for a time of intergenerational fun in Fellowship Hall.



LEADERSHIP BOARD REPORT



Jason Bell Pays it Forward

If you attend the 10:30 worship service, you regularly see Jason Bell and his family on Sunday morning. Jason and Alison joined the church in 2010, and you have often heard their son, Mitchell, serve as liturgist. But, it's sadly easy to imagine an alternate reality where the Bells wouldn't be here.

When Jason was a high school freshman, he was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of blood cancer.

"Through the grace of research, expertise of my doctors, support of family and friends, and armed with faith on my side, I received experimental chemotherapy and a life-saving bone marrow transplant" Jason explained.

But not all patients are as fortunate. That's why Jason is leading a campaign to raise critical funds - \$50,000 - for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The money raised through May 16 will fund research, support patients, and will help ensure that no one must face blood cancer without hope.

Jason would love to tell you more. Find a link to his campaign at BUMCLinks.com, or talk to him at church on Sunday!

PS - Jason's campaign website includes a link to a WKRC Cincinnati video from 1994, celebrating his graduation from high school.

If Not Us, Then Who?

About a year ago I had a conversation with Pastor Heidi. It went something like "Hey, I'm a little concerned about backlash if we get too involved in advocacy for social justice issues." My concerns were not because I personally had issues supporting equity and fairness. But rather, could we be deemed as too political and ruffle the feather of some of our congregation. My, sometimes annoying, people-pleasing tendencies were flaring up.

What I have since come to realize is that quite the opposite may be true. That our mission and values statement is so core to our identity at BUMC that we could be at risk of diluting who we are and how we serve by not "leaning in".

When I think about my personal circle of influence, my employer, my church, my education, kids and friends are top of the list. They each play a critical role.

As an example, I am lucky to work for an organization that has embraced diversity, equity and inclusion efforts as part of our core values. Using small group formats after the George Floyd murder, I was exposed to Ted Talks, books, articles and many points of view that were eye opening and sometimes gut wrenching. I realized I had much to learn. I am forever grateful that my company has a core values statement that supported this learning opportunity.

Another way I have witnessed positive employer influence is through my company's climate action strategy. Having one at all is amazing, but even more amazing is that I was given the opportunity to create a business practice that supports our clients' decarbonization initiatives, which is a pillar within our climate strategy.

And I think we can all agree on the influence of children. It is easy to witness the limitations in thoughts and view as an adult when speaking to the younger generation.

Having a circle of influence also includes the space created to explore and ask questions without judgement. To safely try out something new or different. Maybe for some that is a new hairstyle, for others that can be a new pronoun.

So why was I concerned about living into our churches values as a person with a "woke" job and "woke" personal convictions? Upon reflection, it occurred to me that my comment to Pastor Heidi was rooted in fear of being politically partisan. Somehow my fear of "getting too political" overshadowed the risk we faced by NOT living into our values. I am proud to have a church community that is open to slow learners ☺, who prioritizes justice, compassion and common good in church and in society. - Kristi Eberhardt

The 2025 Leadership Board: Kristi Eberhardt, Kathy Louttit, Michael Houff, Julie Kubek, Alan Schenfler (chair), Matt Gabor, Jim Slagle, Maria Shurik, Deb Watkins, Rev. Heidi Welch.





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

Week of April 6

Dorothy Pliske

A milestone birthday this week!

8239 York Rd Apt 2002

North Royalton, OH 44133-1254

Week of April 13

Alex McMaster

It's his birthday this week!

10204 Granger Rd

Garfield Heights, OH 44125-3106

Week of April 20

Nancy Kroenke

It's her birthday next week!

487 Austin Drive #136

Barberton, OH 44203

Week of April 27

Nell Taylor

It's her birthday - in her new home

800 Oregon St Apt 209

Sonoma, CA 95476

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

Email Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com



Faith McAllister says

thank you for all the cards
and letters she recently received
from her BUMC friends!



1 Doug Holmes

1 Beryl Burkle

1 Amy Colligan

2 Lauren Brinkmann

2 Leanne Davis

3 Julie Kubek

3 Sherry Klodnick

3 Greg Gambone

4 Matthew Agnew

4 Jessica Agostine

6 Stella McCrodden

7 Mark Moore

8 Derek Brinkmann

8 Dorothy Pliske

8 Philip Borders

10 Alan Harper

11 Hannah Winkler

11 Isaac Shurik

13 Payton Schneider

13 Alex McMaster

13 Kathy Louttit

13 Carri Kenney

14 Mark Pace

14 Ed Jones

14 Michael Houff

14 Matthew Gabor

14 Landon Winkler

15 Matt Nelson

16 Janine Telischak

17 Bill Lang

18 Gail Huth

18 Ken Wise

19 Stephanie Roberts

21 Judy Burroughs

24 Ryan Petznick

25 Tate Fowler

26 Chase Boldt

26 Sara Louttit

26 John Hulligan

27 Becky Juniper

27 Kate Ivers

28 Nancy Kroenke

28 Matt Salisbury

29 Nell Taylor

29 Sheri Zakarowsky

30 Bob Wuerth

30 Barbara Harper

30 Lynn Dorman

30 Jen Spieth

**If you would like to be added to - or to opt out of - the monthly birthday list,
please email info@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. People like the 20 or so people who came together to surround Pat Frank's family in love during her celebration of life reception. Such a gift! Jamie Schwendeman continues to serve, even though he's no longer on staff. Thank you, Jamie, for coming in on your day off, when you were recovering from a cold, to set up our new organ loft microphones. Aleyna Gambone is such a great help with bike ministry and was a big part of a recent bike delivery day (plus she serves *every other week* as an online host for our 10:30 worship service). Thanks, Aleyna! You rock! After **many** years of service, Nancy Knowlton has stepped away from her leadership positions within the United Women of Faith. Thank you, Nancy, for all of the ways you served the UMW/UWF and the community! When the altar cloth caught fire at the contemplative service, many hands sprung into action to extinguish the small blaze, and Ruth Herman stepped forward to sew new cloths. They're beautiful, Ruth. Thank you! During a recent Children's Moment, Brandon Houff spoke so eloquently about his experience serving others at Trials for Hope. Thank you, Brandon, for sharing your gifts, and encouraging others to do the same!

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13 Palm Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Learn to Loom 5 Youth Group	14 10:30 Lectio	15 8 Poetry FB Live 9:30 Tuesday Talk—FB Live 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff Mtg 5 Sew4Good 7 Holy Hell	16 6:30 Breakfast After 12—God in Nature on Facebook Live	17 Good Word Deadline 2 Ecumenical Svc. Chippewa Pl. 6:30 Choir 7 Maundy Thursday 8:30 Band	18 7 Good Friday 	19
20 Easter Sunday 7 Sunrise Service 9 Traditional Easter Service 10:30 Easter Service 	21 EASTER MONDAY Office Closed JESUS HAS Risen 	22 9:30 Tuesday Talk—FB Live 10:30 Staff Mtg 12-4 Bread on Bridge	23 6:30 Breakfast After 12—God in Nature on Facebook Live 9 AM MORNING PRAYER LAB	24  10 Newsletter Production Party 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band	25 9:30 UWF	26 9 Bike Fix It Day 
27 State of the Church Sunday 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship— ONE SERVICE 11-2 Bville Earth Day 11:30 Listening Post 5 Youth Group	28 10:30 Lectio  7 pm Allyship Workshop	29 9:30 Tuesday Talk—FB Live 10:30 Staff Mtg	30 6:30 Breakfast After 12—God in Nature on Facebook Live 7 PM EVENING PRAYER LAB			

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HOLY HELL

BOOK STUDY

TUESDAYS AT 7 PM



Author Derek Kubitilus will join
Pastor Heidi for discussion of his
book *Holy Hell: A Case Against
Eternal Damnation* on Tuesday, April
8 at 7 pm in the Parlor.

What if everything we've
heard about hell is wrong?



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.