



WHAT I LEARNED AT WORK-SHIP TODAY



A popular afternoon spot on FM 95.5 the Fish radio is called "What Did You Learn in School Today?" I wondered the same thing about our time at "workshop" on Sunday. Here are some of my impressions.

Once again I learned God is faithful. As we made final plans last week someone asked, "How many people should we expect?" We honestly had no idea, but we hoped for 200 and left it in God's hands. In faith we set up chairs, hoping that they would be filled. On Sunday morning we had to add more! Praise God for moving the hearts of the people of Brecksville United Methodist Church.

I learned that when we go beyond just writing a check and roll up our sleeves it makes our mission work personal. We somehow can overcome distance and social and economic differences to see others as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I learned, as I watched children, teens, parents, grandparents and great grandparents work together, that our efforts not only gave life to the phrase "serving in love," but also built up our sense of community.

I learned our compassion can be limited by what we don't know. How many of us knew there are 44 Native American tribes represented in Cleveland, that diabetes was rampant in the population, or that suicide among Native American youth is a tremendous problem? How many of us could imagine buildings in Africa ruined by lack of downspouts, showers made from palm fronds or that mosquito nets have limited success because of lack of beds?

But now we know. What else don't we know? Do we have the courage and determination to find out? Pastor Clark, in his reflection on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, reminded us that our neighbor may not be someone who comes to us, but rather someone we seek to find. Maybe we learned today that knowing where to look will help us find our neighbors.

Finally I learned this culminating event of our six week Lenten study of The Hole In Our Gospel is not an end, but a beginning. Several people expressed how meaningful they thought today's service was. Others said they hoped we would be doing this again. Still others asked a very exciting question, "What can we do next?" Some folks already have ideas.

I can only expectantly wonder what God may have in store for us next. I hope that in our efforts Sunday we were obedient to the words of Micah 6:8, "To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Will our further hope be that God would reward our obedience by allowing us to see more "... good works which He has prepared in advance for us to do?" I believe He will. Let us join in fervent prayer for just that.

-Dave Podolny

WORK-SHIP BY THE NUMBERS

Thanks to you, we filled our collection bin **12** times. **33** baby kits were assembled. **49** cloth bags were sewn and filled with school supplies for Church World Service. **23** backpack school supply kits were filled for The Native American Education Center. We rolled **188** rolls of toilet paper, created **35** placemats for Kairos Ministry, made **25** cards for Ugandan orphans, and wrote **20** letters on behalf of victims of human trafficking. **93** pairs of underwear, **289** assorted toiletries and **more** were collected.

Thank you to all!

Sunday MORNING WORSHIP

8:45 Contemporary Service

10:00 Education Hour

11:15 Traditional Service

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I Died!

Comments from Rev. Clark Stein

A man came back from a weekend retreat experience, and when a neighbor asked him how it had gone, he said, "I died!"

Puzzled, the neighbor asked him what he meant. "You see," the man answered, "I went to this thing not knowing what to expect. But in the process of that long weekend, I discovered that I had spent my whole life hiding behind a lot of masks. I realized that I had never even let my wife see me as I really was. I'd been playing games with her, playing games with my children and playing games with others- never letting anybody know who I really am. The worst of it was to discover that I didn't even know myself. I was not in touch with my own honest feelings about myself. And, as all this was being exposed over the weekend, I died over and over again."

He went on, "It was a painful thing for a middle-aged man to discover that he is not even in touch with his own honest feelings about himself. I am convinced," he said, "that I had to go through this death experience in order to become the new person I hope to be now."


An old Chippewa Song goes: as my eyes search the prairie, I feel the summer in the spring.

May is so full of resurrection moments, new life. May you sense the summer in the spring.


Peace and joy.

Pastor Clark





Who's hosting
Coffee Hour
in May?
**Worship
Committee!**



Put Old Glasses to Good Use!

Bring them to the coat room collection bin. Our UMW delivers them to eye doctors who recycle them for those in need!

Music, Music, Music

Wow! This spring has already been tremendously busy! It's important to stop, take a deep breath, and look back at all the exciting and edifying things that have been going on. Perhaps you weren't aware of some of the wonderful events that have occurred in the Music Department over the past few months. Read on...



On Saturday, February 11, we boarded the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for *Music in the Valley!* A wonderful evening was had by all who attended, including food, stargazing, and Karaoke! This event raised almost \$4,000 for our Concert Series.

On Saturday, March 10, several of our Christian Musical Arts Program (CMAP) children and youth attended a full-day choral workshop at First Congregational UCC in Akron. They experienced a wonderful day of singing and learning with clinician, Lee Gwozdz, which culminated in sharing a Festival Worship Service in the afternoon. Thanks to all who participated and attended the concert in support of our young musicians!



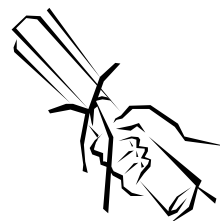
On Friday, March 23, every available member of every one of our ensembles participated in Music With a Mission: 1, 2, 3, Rock! Our youngest CMAP members, Middle School singers, High School Choir, Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, and lots of other brave souls ventured on stage to raise money for YSP this summer. Note: Joy is already taking suggestions for next year's theme!

In April, we have already celebrated Palm Sunday and Easter with choir, instruments, our CMAP Musical (*Hallelu! He Lives!*), lots of youth participation, and much celebration! On Sunday, April 22, we joined together with the Brecksville Center for the Arts to host a community-wide singing of *Messiah* in a continuing spirit of Eastertide. With chorus, chamber orchestra, organ and over 200 in attendance, it was truly a spectacular afternoon of glorifying God through music!



And here is what you still have to look forward to...

- ♪ On May 6, enjoy worship leadership from our High School singers at 8:45 and Chancel Choir at 11:15.
- ♪ On May 13 at 11:15 worship, hear a special anthem for choir and handbells, purchased and prepared in honor of the UMW Ministry at our church, as part of UMW Sunday.
- ♪ On May 20, hear worship leadership by our Middle School singers at 8:45, as well as special music from Maddy McBride and Jenna Schroedel at both services, as part of Confirmation Sunday.
- ♪ On May 27, we welcome guest harpist Joe Rebman, alongside flautist Becky Chen, with a variety of unique and reflective special music at both services.
- ♪ June 3 is MUSIC SUNDAY, and we will hear a variety of wonderful music from Psalm setting to Spiritual, as we praise God for the gift of music! There is still time to get involved in Music Sunday – contact Joy if you wish to sing in the Festival Chorus or be a part of our Music Sunday Orchestra!



2012 Graduates

Are you, or someone in your family, graduating from high school, college, graduate or professional school? Graduation Sunday is June 10, and we would like to recognize your accomplishment!

To be included in the Graduation Bulletin, please send the following information to the church office:

- ♦ Name (as you wish it to appear)
- ♦ Graduating from...
- ♦ Degree
- ♦ Significant activities and areas of involvement
- ♦ Special recognition, honors and awards
- ♦ Future plans
- ♦ Any other information you would like to share.
- ♦ Will you be present at the Graduate Recognition Service in the **10:00** am worship service on **Sunday, June 10?**

Please return to the church office along with a copy of your senior picture by Wednesday, May 30.

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Help us spruce up the church grounds on Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 am until noon. Everyone's welcome! Bring your work gloves and garden tools! Contact the office to add your name to the list of folks helping the church get ready for summer! 440-526-8938.



United
Methodist
Women

The UMW meeting is **Thursday, May 3**. Join us for continental breakfast and fellowship starting at 9:30 a.m. and stay for our program

City Mission, Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center

Linda Uveges, program manager for the Women's Crisis Center -- City Mission Laura's Home. Learn about the role of the City Mission and the Women's Crisis Center in helping women and children of the area. Laura's Home is in need of the following items: women's underwear, children's underwear, bath towels and wash cloths. A donation of any of these items would be greatly appreciated.



UMW actively supports the **Brookside Center** on Pearl Road. We would like to thank everyone for your continued help and support. Do not forget the food items which feed so many people in need. You can drop off your donation in the Brookside Center box in the coat room by fellowship hall.

May will be a busy month for **Church Women United**. On May 6 the Greater Cleveland Church Women United is celebrating its 100th birthday!! Quite an accomplishment for a church group. If you interested in attending this luncheon party (cost is \$35), please call Nancy at 440-838-4341 for all the details.

The Parma-Southwest District of Church Women United will be holding their annual **Spring Potluck Salad Luncheon** on May 15 at Parma South Presbyterian Church at noon. Cost is \$3.00 plus a salad donation. The program will be "Mrs. Noah" telling the group of her trial and tribulations being Noah's wife and the agonies of the flood. If interested call Nancy at 440-838-4341.

Summer Worship & Music Opportunities

At BUMC, there are lots of great ways to get involved in worship and music during the summer months. Consider these neat opportunities...

- ♪ This summer, our Men's Ensemble will be singing about once per month in worship. If you would like to be a part of this relaxed and fun ensemble, contact Joy or Ric Lesinski.
- ♪ Summer Choir will sing on the 2nd Sunday of each month: June 10, July 8, and August 12. This is a great chance for families to sing together without a big time commitment, so mark your calendar!
- ♪ The summer months are a wonderful and relaxed time to share special music. Do you have a vocal or instrumental solo you have wanted to share? Drop Joy an email with your ideas. She can also help you choose a piece of music to share!
- ♪ Have you ever considered being a liturgist? Contact Joy to be a part of our liturgical ministry in a variety of ways – from writing a prayer or Call to Worship to being up front to read or pray, there are many different ways to get involved!
- ♪ Be an 8:30 worship leader! Our outdoor worship service is a relaxed and comfortable way to "get your feet wet" as a song/worship leader. Contact Joy to become a part of this ministry!
- ♪ Do you have other ideas? We're "idea friendly!" Drop Joy an email (music@brecksvilleumc.com) if you feel a call to ministry!!



Look at the political climate around you. Are you saddened by polarizing rhetoric? Do you struggle to express your political views for fear that you will be judged or criticized? Are you prepared to open your heart to points of view that may be very different than your own? Are you brave enough to explore the relationship between your faith and your politics? Then consider *Faith and American Politics*, an exciting and dynamic opportunity to...

- ☛ grow and be stretched in the way you **think** about your own faith and your own politics.
- ☛ discipline yourself to **listen** to the personal and spiritual journeys that have brought people to their worldviews.
- ☛ learn to effectively and graciously **express** principles that are important to you.

In this time of harsh electoral politics, our goal above all else will be to *love each other*. If you're ready to take the challenge, contact Pastor Clark or Joy. Monday evenings are under consideration for this 10-week summer course (subject to change as the group comes together).

Want to learn more? Go to www.faithandamericanpolitics.com.

FAIR TRADE FAIR

CHANGE
TODAY
CHOOSE
FAIRTRADE

A Fair Trade Mini-Market **May 6** 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

At Brecksville United Methodist Church's **Fair Trade Fair**, you'll find unique vendors offering intriguing, handcrafted gifts, jewelry, personal accessories, home decor, sculpture, textiles and other incredible treasures from around the world.

The event will be held at the church on **Sunday, May 6** from **8:30 am** through **2:30 pm**.
It is free and open to the public.

All of the products featured are "Fair Trade Certified." Fair trade provides under and unemployed artisans with an opportunity to earn vital income and improve their quality of life by establishing a sustainable market for their hand-crafted products.

Your purchases at the Fair Trade Fair help change the lives of artisans in developing countries, giving them opportunities to earn income that pays for food, education, healthcare and housing. At the Fair Trade Fair, you'll find beautiful and unique gift ideas, perfect for Mother's Day, weddings, birthdays and every day.

For more information, contact the church office at 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com.

Over 14 Featured Vendors Including:

Illuminating Nations Through Offering
an Opportunity
Canaan Fair Trade Ten Thousand Villages
InterReligious Task Force on Central America
Women of the Cloud Forest
Village of Hope Uganda
Revy Direct
Around the World Treasures
And More!
6th and 7th graders will be giving tastes of and
selling Fair Trade chocolate and coffee

The "Up-To-Date" Vendor List is on
The Church Website

Would you like to help?

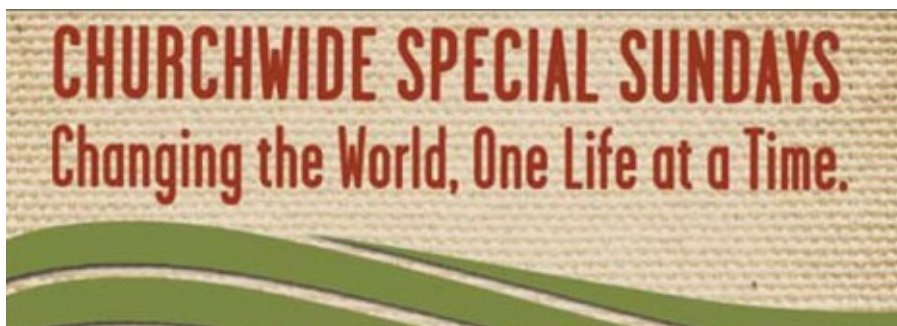
*There are plenty of ways you can help
make this event a success!*

- ▶ Help set up on Saturday.
- ▶ Work a table during the fair.
- ▶ Help tear down on Sunday.
- ▶ Tell your friends and family to come!

Contact Jenny Gee to learn more:

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FAIR TRADE! Guarantee a FAIR deal for producers in the developing world. Choose FAIR TRADE!



When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings—especially the joy of making a difference in someone’s life. In The United Methodist Church, we have annual opportunities to share beyond our regular gifts through church wide Special Sundays with offerings. The United Methodist General Conference created the unique Special Sundays to help congregations work with communities, rebuild shattered lives, strengthen self sufficiency, encourage partnerships, nurture Native American ministries, model peace and justice, provide scholarships and loans for United Methodist students, and much more.

One Great Hour of Sharing was celebrated on March 18 of this year, and our church raised \$540 for UMCOR. One Great Hour of Sharing began in 1946 as a special effort of the Episcopal Church. In 1949, the observance became ecumenical. Today different denominations celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for all of UMCOR’s work by covering the costs of doing business (i.e. shipping school kits to Mutumbami, Zimbabwe or cleaning buckets to families in the United States.)

BUMC recognized Native Americans Sunday on April 22 as part of our Work-shop Service. \$476 was raised for Native American Ministry.

One member remarked, “Special Sundays are an opportunity for me to walk the talk. My world is so small and by participating in these offerings, I help people who are beyond my limited reach.”

Special Sunday’s for the remainder of 2012 are:

- ◆ Peace with Justice Sunday—June 3
- ◆ World Communion Sunday—October 7
- ◆ United Methodist Student Day—November 25.

God has blessed us, and through church wide Special Sundays we can pass on those blessings to others.

BUMC Obituary Notification Service

Our church office is often among the first to receive word regarding a death in our BUMC family. Would you like to receive an e-mail notification with obituaries and funeral arrangements as we learn them? If so, complete this form and return it to the office, or send an e-mail to: office@brecksvilleumc.com

Yes, I would like to sign up for Obituary Notification from BUMC

Name:

E-mail Address:

\$1 PER WEEK MISSIONS PROJECT

You may not think \$1 can make much of a difference. But when combined with \$1 from each BUMC Member and multiplied by 52 weeks, we can make real change.

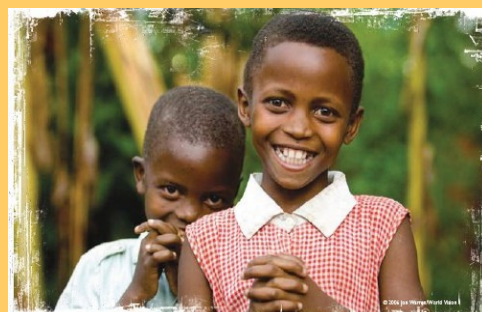
Our church and the East Ohio Conference have an ongoing relationship with Camphor Mission in Liberia. Our own Janet Kleckner has traveled on 3 mission trips to the Mission, most recently in January.

In addition to a Methodist Church, Camphor has a school that teaches children up through 8th grade. Many students live at the school, miles away from their families. Education is so important for these children, as Liberia slowly begins to recover from civil war. Education may mean the difference between survival and death.

Here is where we come in. The teacher housing at Camphor Mission is barely livable. An entire teacher’s family lives in a single room. Another teacher’s family lives in the next room. There are no working bathrooms, just a concrete floor and a few brick walls.

Together, if each of us church member gives \$1 per week for the next 12 months, we will raise over \$25,000 toward providing livable housing for the teachers of Camphor Mission.

If you are moved to give, please mark “\$1/Week Project” on your envelope or check. The need is desperate. Let’s show how \$1 can make a powerful difference.



BUMC's New Staff Member



Kyle Allen, in baseball cap, with volunteers & staff.

The search is over! We are pleased to announce that Kyle Allen will be joining the Brecksville United Methodist Church staff as Youth Director in mid-May.

In the coming weeks, you'll learn a lot more about Kyle, but here's a little background. After spending his early years in Ohio, he traveled around the globe. He joins us from Van Nuys United Methodist Church in California, where he has lead three ministries: Children & Youth, College and Young Adult. He has served as a missionary in Tak and Chonburi Provinces, Thailand where he taught daily conversational English and Bible courses to primary through high school students. A graduate of New York University, with majors in English Literature and Philosophy, Kyle has begun a Masters of Divinity program with The King's College and Seminary and hopes to complete his degree here through Ashland Seminary.

Kyle and his fiancé are eager to return to Ohio and look forward to our changing seasons and living closer to Kyle's family. His sister is the associate pastor at the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, and lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband and four kids.

In his cover letter, Kyle said, "I love reaching and loving youth where they are and how they are, while calling them to embrace and love Jesus and His standards. I cherish opportunities to make teens peacemakers and world changers in their schools and communities. My hope is to give them the Christian worldview and help them build the spiritual strength necessary to stay successful and involved Christians when they enter university."

We look forward to welcoming Kyle to our church family!

Youth Dates to Note



May 5: Spring Church Yard Clean Up
Come lend a hand! 8:30—Noon

May 12: YSP Plant Sale Pick Up
10 am to Noon

June 10: Graduation Sunday

June 15—17: Youth Annual Conference
Lakeside. Sign up today! See Jenny for details.

July 9—13: YSP Trip
Time's running out! Get those service hours!

JUNE 15 - 17, 2012

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EAST OHIO CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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March 7-April 27 - \$38, includes t-shirt (\$68 with meals)

REGISTRATION

April 28-May 30 \$48 includes t-shirt (\$78 with meals)

WALK-IN

\$68 (no meals, t-shirts not guaranteed)

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*Have news you would like to share?
Please call or e-mail Melanie.*

Congratulations to Lynn and Mark Hobzek on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Lane Annabella Bigler.

Amy, Patrick and DJ Magee welcomed Adeline (Addie) Kelly Magee to their family on Saturday, April 14th. Nancy Knowlton is the proud Grandma.



Bill & Jan Kranstuber 5/18/1944
 Bill & Ann Rittman 5/12/1962
 Dick & Pat Gordon 5/29/1971
 Mike & Karen Memmer 5/29/1971
 Donald & Robin Raybuck 5/26/1973
 Laddie & Pam Papp 5/24/1975
 Chuck & Becky Gezze 5/29/1977
 Jeff & Sue Hastings 5/26/1979
 Dick & Claire Hayes 5/10/1980
 Doug & Susan Hurst 5/8/1982
 Jim & Claudia Monnett 5/27/1995
 Victor & Leslie Selig 5/8/2004
 Michael & Susan Hart 5/29/2010
 James & Amanda Vastartis 5/29/2010



AED Training

Our Trustees are installing an Automated External Defibrillator in the church. An

AED is a medical device designed to quickly analyze the heart's rhythm and safely deliver an electric shock if needed. An AED will not shock someone if the heart rhythm is not life-threatening. Our AED will guide its user through the rescue process with simple audible and visual prompts. If you would like to be trained to use the device, please contact the church office: 440-526-8938 or -mail.: office@brecksvilleumc.com

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Karen	Pace	05/02	Sara	Meyer	05/17
Shelby	Olszko	05/03	Gorman	Eilbeck	05/18
Sandra	Meyer	05/05	Emily	Kotnik	05/18
Suzanne	Blatnik	05/06	Brandon	Toman	05/18
David	Shively	05/07	Philip	Hines	05/19
Linda	Faulk	05/08	Marjorie	Arnold	05/20
Stephanie	Holmes	05/08	Ava	McFarlane	05/20
Lori	Pasek	05/08	Kirk	Robinson	05/20
Allie	Russo	05/08	Ryan	Wilson	05/20
Eric	Chen	05/09	Emily	Miller	05/21
Jennifer	Gee	05/09	Nicholas	Bondra	05/22
Scott	Hastings	05/09	Brian	Culley	05/22
Alison	Bell	05/10	Kenneth	Hedges	05/22
Jack	Drescher	05/10	Mark	Hobzek	05/22
Sandra	Kovalik	05/10	Beverly	Huber	05/23
Nancy	Lee	05/10	Nathan	Hudacek	05/23
Michael	Stratis	05/10	Michael	Lee	05/23
Evan	Croy	05/11	Brett	Hof	05/24
Bobby	Hotaling	05/11	Evan	Jaite	05/24
William	Rittman	05/11	Taylor	Kwiatkowski	05/24
Joseph	Tereshko	05/11	Thomas	Taylor	05/24
Douglas	Hurst	05/12	Gabrielle	Croes	05/25
Kathy	Stein	05/12	Alan	Scheufler	05/25
Walter	Walburn	05/12	Bob	Johns	05/26
Chris	Wygonski	05/12	Carina	Kosla	05/26
Michael	Paroda	05/13	Alison	Rickert	05/26
Nancy	Sirianni	05/13	Catherine	Vastartis	05/26
Nora	Culley	05/14	Greg	Diver	05/27
Danielle	Fisher	05/14	Donald	Krolikowski	05/27
Wyatt	Slifcak	05/14	John	Neville	05/27
Melanie	Smith	05/15	David	Engler	05/29
Jeffrey	Drescher	05/16	David	Engler, Jr.	05/29
Harry	Fox	05/16	Bailey	Mendlik	05/29
Donald	Rickert	05/16	Joshua	Dietrich	05/30
Lauren	Sendrey	05/16	Ashley	Pace	05/30
Matthew	Dietrich	05/17	Miriam	Moore	05/31
Lynn	Hobzek	05/17	Clark	Rechkemmer	05/31



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we have recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others: Look around BUMC and you may see **Catherine Vastartis, Craig Kotnik, Kathy Holmes and others** coordinating a great Music with a Mission event; **Jeff and Marilyn Schillo** helping our 5th graders serve communion; **Chris Toth** filling the sanctuary with music; **Kendall Lancaster and Craig Czarnota** leading a Sunday School class or Bible study; **Alyena Gee** and **Sean Lundholm** helping with the projection screens during worship; and **Dave and Cec Podolny** lighting a spark that ignites us for mission. Their efforts made Worship possible!

Thank You Notes

A gift in honor of Brecksville United Methodist Church has been made to Guidestone (formerly Berea Children's Home) by the Kiwanis Club of Brecksville. The gift will help continue Guidestone's mission of equipping and empowering children and families to reach their potential and become contributing members of a strong community.

Thank you, Kiwanis!

Thank you all for making our daughter, Emma's, baptism a joyous and wonderful experience. It was an honor to have Emma baptized where I grew up and was married. We look forward to many more memories like this at the church!

The Santora Family

To Our Church Family:
Thank you for the outpouring of love and sympathy on the loss of our dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Erna Loreta. Your ongoing prayers and support during her very difficult last month were also such a strength to us. Special thanks to the church staff and UMW volunteers. You were an integral part of Mom's celebration of life services. We will always remember your thoughtfulness.

Love, Linda & Jim Rollins and Family

Dear BUMC Family, Words cannot express our appreciation for the church's overwhelming generosity given to the Ramer family. "Thank you" doesn't begin to cover our gratitude. Our hearts are over flowing with appreciation. The church's love, prayers and support means so much to us. We are very grateful to have such a wonderful church family.

God Bless, Tim & Leslie Miller

Don't see your birthday listed? We may not know when it is! Have a message you'd like to share with the church family? Send it in! Have some news for Milestones? Let us know!

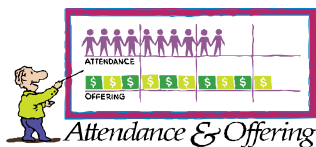
Have you moved? Updated your e-mail or phone number?

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Update your Good Word Subscription: we can mail AND e-mail you a copy, if you'd like!

Please email or call the church office.

440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com



Attendance & Offering

Can we make our numbers grow? Why not bring a friend to church or Sunday School?

Date	1st Service Attendance	Sunday School	2nd Service Attendance	Offering
March 25	160	172	120	\$9,735
April 1	235	134	160	\$17,321
April 8 (Easter)	255	Sunrise -36	196	\$11,045
April 15	130	141	101	\$6,147
April 22—Work-shop			190	\$4,650



Confirmation Sunday is May 20

We will celebrate our confirmands at the 11:15 Worship Service.

This year's Confirmation Class:

Bailey Archacki
Daniel Auble
Darren Calovini
Luke Dorman
Sarah Ford
Amelia Guell
Monica Kotmik
Madelyn McBride
Jenna Schroedel
Alec Wilson



This month's **Sunday Heels** hike will feature the Plateau Trail in the CVNP. Let's meet at **2 p.m. May 6** at the Oak Hill Trail-head in Peninsula.

Directions: from Peninsula, head west on 303, left (south) onto Riverview Rd., right onto Major Rd., left onto Oak Hill Rd. The trail is 4.9 miles long, and described as moderate to difficult. There is at least one long-ish hill, but we'll take our time on that.







On the Radio

Have you heard our new radio ad? Listen

to FM 95.5 the Fish or click the link that says "Listen to a Welcoming Message" on the home page of our church [website](#). The ad was made possible by a donation by a church member to Cross International. The donation will help orphans in Haiti and help us to reach out to the community and invite them to worship with us. We hope to repeat this effort in the fall. Stay tuned!

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Elaine Geringer and Janet Nelson</p>		1 11 Staff Mtg	2 6:30 Dwnbrk 4 MS Choir 6:15 Wed. Wheels	3 9:30 UMW 4 WoEmmaus 5 Men's Grp 6:15 HS Ens 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	4 7 Emmaus 9 Men's Bible Study	5
6 Communion & Acolyte Recognition Sunday 8:30 Fair Trade Fair 8:45 Worship 10 Ed Hour 11:15 Worship 2 Hiking Club	7 7 Bible Study	8 Super Tues 11 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball 7 COM 8 Committee Mtgs—COE, Music, Evan- gelism, Mis- sions, Wor- ship, Youth	9 6:30 Dwnbrk 4 MS Choir 6:15 Wed. Wheels 7 Nominating Committee Meeting	10 9:30 Asbury 4 YSP Ki- wanis Dinner 4 WoEmmaus 5 Men's Grp 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	11 7 Emmaus 9 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	12 9 YSP Flower Pick Up 2 Wedding  <p>Time to Bloom!</p>
13 UMW Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Ed Hour 11:15 Worship  <p>Mother's Day</p>	14 7 Bible Study	15 9:30 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball 7:30 Trustees 7:30 Finance	16 6:30 Dwnbrk 4 MS Choir 7 SPR 6:15 Wed. Wheels	17 10 History Gr 4 WoEmmaus 5 Men's Grp 6:15 HS Ens 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	18 7 Emmaus 9 Men's Bible Study  <p>Deadline</p>	19 CHANGE THE WORLD
20 8:45 Worship 10 Ed Hour 11:15 Worship  <p>Confirmation</p>	21 7 Bible Study	22 9:30 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball	23 6:30 Dwnbrk 6:15 Wed. Wheels	24 4 YSP Ki- wanis Dinner 4 WoEmmaus 5 Men's Grp 6:15 HS Ens 7:30 Choir	25 7 Emmaus 9 Men's Bible Study 9:30 UMW Board Mtg	26
27 8:45 Worship 10 Ed Hour 11:15 Worship  <p>Pentecost SUNDAY</p>	28  <p>memorial DAY Church Offices Closed</p>	29 9:30 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball	30 6:30 Dwnbrk 6:15 Wed. Wheels	31 4 WoEmmaus 5 Men's Grp 6:15 HS Ens 7:30 Choir		

This Month's Scripture Focus:

Find this month's scriptures on the home page
of the church website: www.brecksvilleumc.com



WHAT CAN I DO?

Sometimes,
I would like to ask God
"Why do you allow poverty, suffering and injustice when you could do something about it?"

Because I'm afraid God would ask me the same question.

"Well, why don't you ask?"

GIVE OF YOUR TIME

On the first Sunday of each month, the Missions Commission recruits volunteers for **hands-on service opportunities** at the Cleveland Foodbank, Pearl Road UMC Sunday Dinners (previously known as Brooklyn Memorial Dinners), Cornerstone of Hope and Ronald McDonald House. Contact Alan Scheufler, 440-526-1335 or ascheufler01@aol.com, to volunteer.

Les and Cathy Buttolph are organizing volunteers to **serve Thursday dinners** to kids at the American Indian Education Center (AIEC) on Brookpark Road. Contact Les for more information: finance@brecksvilleumc.com or 216-573-5843

During Workshop, we wrote letters to policy makers, urging them to make changes to help end human trafficking. Would you like to **write a letter**? Contact Joy Fenton at music@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938 for details.

Bake cookies for prison ministry. In August, the Kairos team will need dozens and dozens of cookies, baked with prayer and love. Can you help? Contact Les for more info: finance@brecksvilleumc.com or 216-573-5843.

BE A PART OF THE EFFORT

\$1 per week. That's all. But it can make a huge difference. Mission Commission is sponsoring a new Missions Project, where we ask every BUMC member to donate \$1 per week for the next 12 months. Together, with each member donating \$1 per week, we can build livable housing for teachers at Camphor Mission in Liberia. We would like to have housing in place before the rainy season next spring. On the memo line of your envelope or check, mark "\$1/Week Project". Their need is desperate. Please help us make a difference.

GIVE OF YOUR THINGS

UMW is collecting **women's underwear, children's underwear, twin sheets, bath towels and wash cloths** for the Women's Crisis Center -- City Mission Laura's Home. Bring your donation to the May 3 meeting or to the collection bin in the coat room.

UMW is collecting **Labels for Education** and **Box Tops for Education**. We are sending them to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky which UMW supports. There are labeled boxes in the coat room by Fellowship Hall.

This year, 18 volunteers from the East Ohio Conference, including two from our church, will work at an orphanage in Russia that provides services to special needs kids. They are collecting **new sports and recreation equipment** for boys and girls ages 5-18. Balls, jump ropes, games, puzzles, temporary tattoos, sidewalk chalk, etc. can be left in the box marked Russia VIM in the coat room outside Fellowship Hall by May 1.

The Rotation Sunday school children are collecting **used children's books** for a special mission project now through the end of May. Please bring books that your children have outgrown to the box in the Parable Productions classroom (room 302) by May 31.

UMW actively supports the Brookside Center on Pearl Road. **Food items**, which feed so many people in need; can be dropped off in the Brookside Center box in the coat room by Fellowship Hall.

Missions Commission collects **used cell phones** for recycling. When you donate an old cell phone for recycling, it keeps the phone from the landfill, and proceeds from recycling go to the missions budget.

The UMW collects **old eyeglasses**, which are donated to people in developing countries. Give the gift of sight! Bring your old eyeglasses to the collection bin in the coat room.