

The Newsletter of Brecksville United Methodist Church

The Good Word



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Brecksville, Ohio 44141

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Open Doors. Honest Worship.

You're Invited

*...to be a part of Music and
Worship on Sunday mornings
this summer!*

- ▶ Summer Choir will sing on June 10, July 8, and August 12. Show up at 9:15 in the Sanctuary. We will practice together and share an anthem at the 10:00 worship service. Join us!
- ▶ Men's Ensemble will be singing on June 17, July 15, and August 19. There is still time to get involved! Contact Ric Lesinski at rlsinski@econtrol.com for more information!
- ▶ **We love** solos and ensembles. Joy will help you pick out a song, or share one of your personal favorites with the congregation!
- ▶ Be a liturgist! Become 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 if you feel a call to ministry!!

We need you!



2012 Confirmation

BUMC's 2012 Confirmation Class:
From Left to Right

Amelia Guell, Bailey Archacki, Sarah Ford,
Darren Calovini, Monica Kotnik,
Daniel Auble, Jenna Schroedel,
Luke Dorman, Maddy McBride

The eighth grade year is not only an important year in school, as students finish middle school and prepare for high school, but it is an important year for life in the church. The Brecksville United Methodist Church has chosen this time to offer youth the opportunity to confirm for themselves the vows made for them at baptism. We call this special ritual *Confirmation*. Confirmation is the moment when each young person, personally, chooses to publicly state their faith in Jesus and their commitment to life as a Christian. In a sense, this is the moment when each young person becomes an adult in the church.

On Sunday, May 20, we shared in this important moment when nine eighth graders were confirmed during second service. As part of the confirmation liturgy, Pastor Clark asked each of us:

**Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.**

To see more photos from Confirmation Sunday visit the church website:

www.brecksvilleumc.com

Photos courtesy of Don Krolkowski



8:30 Outdoor Worship
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

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My Summer Wish

Comments from Rev. Clark Stein

....'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.' - Matthew 25:34-40

A family had gone to the movie, and on the way in the young man of the family stopped at the refreshment stand to pick up some popcorn. By the time he got into the theater the lights were already dim. He scanned the theater and evidently couldn't find his family. He paced up and down the aisles searching the crowd in the near darkness. As the lights began to go down even further he stopped and asked out loud, "Does anyone here recognize me?"

We head into our summer hours here at the church, and all of us look forward to a time of ease and play. We look forward to the kids being home from school, watching plans made during the winter months pan out in family fun times of vacation, watering the garden, watching the grass grow. The songwriter had it right when he described the summer days as "lazy and hazy." Summer is a rejuvenating time.

Rarely, though, do we allow that Christianity can coexist with the notion of "fun." It is almost as though when the sun shines, church and church activities are put on the back burner. I want to challenge you in your play times this summer. Wherever your travels may take you, whether with Brecksville folks or apart, look for the presence of the Risen Christ in the people you encounter. Be willing, as you venture out, to take a look at new people and places through the eyes of the One who has created it all. Be willing to take the risk to engage folks in conversation, and to share your sense of joy and fun with them. May all your "fun" times continue to reflect your lives of faith.

"I'm really worried," said one little boy to a friend. "Dad slaves away at his job so I'll never want for anything, so I'll be able to go to the university if I want to. Mom works hard every day washing and ironing, cleaning up after me, taking care of me when I get sick. They spend every day of their lives just working on my behalf. I'm worried..." His friend asked, "What have you got to worry about?" And he replied, "I'm afraid they might try to escape."

Does anyone recognize me? I wish for you a summer of fun and ease and enjoyment; a summer of reconnection with important people and things. I wish for you a worshipful summer; a rejoice filled summer. I'll see you in church!

Every Blessing,

Pastor Clark



Our UMW supports the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky by collecting Campbell's Labels for Education. This Methodist facility's mission is to lift up Jesus Christ by providing basic needs in Appalachia through God's love. Clip the "Labels for Education" Symbol and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. More info: www.labelsforeducation.com



Who's hosting
Coffee Hour
and Lemonade
in June?

At press time,
no one has
signed up! Can
your commit-
tee fill the
gap?



Faith and American Politics

*Are you tired of attack ads?
Do you avoid touchy political subjects?
Does discussing "the issues" get your blood boiling?*

THEN THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!!!

Get ready 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. We will meet weekly on Monday evenings at the church.

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

Peace with Justice Sunday

June 3, 2012: Around the world people struggle with violence, injustice, pain and suffering. Our financial gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday give The United Methodist Church a voice in advocating for those who struggle.

Where does the money go? Low-income immigrants in Dallas receive legal counsel. A church ministry in Tennessee helps youth reconcile with their families. Child soldiers in Liberia are rehabilitated. The "Lost Boys of Sudan" reunite in Virginia. A Tacoma, Washington congregation hosts an anti-poverty summit. Oklahoma fifth and sixth graders learn ways to resolve conflict without using violence. The list continues.

Peace with Justice Sunday awakens us to the needs of the world and calls us to act on causes that lead to clean air and water, equal opportunity health care and education, fair living wages, safe communities, a world without war and more.

It is our chance to walk the talk; to put our money where our faith is; to transform good intentions into action. Please do all you can to help your United Methodist church work for peace and justice in Christ's name.

—From the General Board of Church and Society

THOUGHT PROVOKING

Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict – alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence. -- DOROTHY THOMPSON, AMERICAN FREELANCE WRITER

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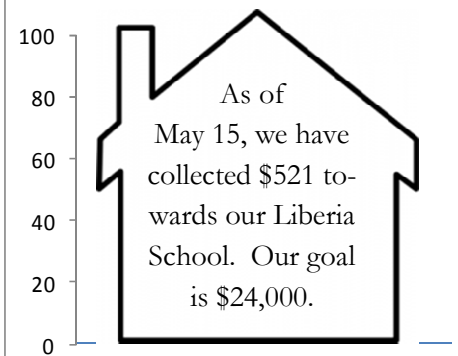
For specific information about ministries supported by the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, contact: **PEACE WITH JUSTICE PROGRAM** - General Board of Church and Society, 100 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington, DC 20002-5614, www.umc-gbcs.org, (202) 488-5600



Sharing God's Love

Interfaith Hospitality Network is a wonderful outreach to help homeless families get their feet on the ground. Four families will be housed at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church the first week in June. Our church will be the hosts for the group Sunday night June 3. We need YOUR help. If you are interested in cooking a meal or being a host, contact Craig Czarnota 216-577-3000. It's a great experience!

\$1 Week Campaign



This Month's Hike:

Royalview Picnic Area, Millstream Run Reservation, Sunday, June 3, 2 pm. Take Route 82 west past W 130th, turn south (left) on the Valley Parkway. **Right** onto Royalview Lane and drive what feels like forever, back to the reservable picnic area (#9 on the map). This is a moderate hike of about 5 miles. We'll cross several small streams and see a chimney left standing from a former maple sugaring company. The hills are moderate. Contact Carole Brachna for details!

AED for BUMC!

Our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is installed and ready for emergencies. On May 17, Brecksville Fireman, Mike Packard, came to the church and presented a training class on the device. The biggest lesson? ANYONE CAN USE AN AED. You don't need special training, the device talks to you and tells you just what to do.

Our AED is located on the wall near the front door of the church.

An AED is used in conjunction with CPR and greatly enhances the survival rate for those suffering from arrhythmic heart conditions.

We are planning a four hour CPR certification class here at the church this summer, and would like to get an idea of how many folks would be interested in the training. The only cost would be \$3, which would be charged only if you would like an official card from The Red Cross.

Contact the office to add your name to the list! 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com



The UMW meeting is **Thursday, June 7**. Join us for continental breakfast and fellowship starting at 9:30 am and stay for our program about yoga with Dave Smiths.

Asbury Bremeth Circle invites all members of the church to join us on June 14 for a tour and lunch at Laura's Place - a women's and children's residence sponsored by the City Mission. A tour of the facility will be provided along with lunch. The price of admission is underwear, socks, and/or flip-flops for the ladies in residence. Please meet at the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to car pool to the Home. If you have any questions, please call Nancy at 440-838-4341.

BUMC Youth in Mission

On Sunday, June 10, just after the school year ends, 17 classmates and I will fly to Little Rock, Arkansas to work as volunteers on the Heifer Ranch in nearby Perryville. The Heifer Ranch is one of Heifer International's global



Photo courtesy of Heifer International

learning centers. Heifer International is a worldwide group whose mission is to help communities end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth, and to teach the idea that one person can make a difference. Heifer International first started almost 70 years ago when a church mission relief worker from the mid-west named Dan West was handing out rations of milk to hungry children during the Spanish Civil War. After West returned home he dedicated himself to ending hunger permanently by providing families with livestock and training so that they could learn to feed themselves without having to depend on others for food. In 1947, 17 heifers left New York for Puerto Rico and from that Heifer International was born, with the simple idea that giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief is the better way. In return the recipients promise to pass on the offspring of the animal they receive to someone else in need. Heifer International has helped more than 65 million people help themselves.

The Heifer Ranch in Perryville is Heifer International's oldest and largest learning center. While there, we will get a first hand look at the challenges surrounding hunger and poverty. Heifer Ranch is also a farm and has animals like water buffalo, camels, goats, pigs, and, of course, heifers. We will help take care of the animals and crops, help with upkeep of the ranch, and make building bricks for people who cannot afford to buy them. One night we will stay in one of Heifer's global villages to experience what it is like to live with hunger and in poverty. My classmates and I will be at the Ranch for five days, returning home on June 15. Our Sunday school classes have supported Heifer International's work for some time. It will be good to get a first hand look at what all has been and can be accomplished with donations. I will report back again when I get home about what all I learned. - Alec Wilson, Grade 8, Old Trail School

Stitch in Time Returns in September

"Stitch in Time" is a success. We will meet again in September. Our regular meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am. We will continue to make gifts for the mitten tree. Anyone who likes to knit or crochet, or would like to learn is welcome. We are collecting any donations of yarn which might be languishing in drawers, closets or attics. Talk to Sandy Crist for information. PS the best part of the meeting are the laughs and fellowship!



BUMC Supports Fair Trade



The Fair Trade Fair held in Fellowship Hall in early May featured a great selection of items created by artisans or farmers who were justly compensated for their work.

Every time we purchase a fair trade item we are helping the poorest people of the world build a better life for themselves and their families. When it comes to food, fair trade farmers use sustainable farming practices, including fewer pesticides and agrochemicals. Fair Trade food products are simply better for your health.

To continue our support of this cause, our church will be placing a bulk order to Equal Exchange each month. Equal Exchange partners with farmers and farm co-operatives to justly compensate them as they provide high-quality organic coffees, teas, chocolates, bananas and snacks from all over the world.

Below you will find our BUMC order form. We can order anything you like at **wholesale prices** with **no shipping charges!**

Is there an Equal Exchange item you love that is not listed here? Go online to

shop.equalexchange.com to see descriptions of each of these products, and see the whole array of products to choose from. Equal Exchange does not ship chocolate during the summer months. If you are looking for some delicious Fair Trade chocolate to satisfy your craving check out the shelves at Heinen's, Whole Foods or Trader Joe's this summer. Be sure and look for the "Fair Trade Certified" seal.

Please have this month's order turned in by June 10.

You can leave your order form in Jenny's mailbox in the copy room or drop it in the collection plate. Pay in advance or when you pick your products up. **Items will be available for pick up at church on June 17.**

We invite you to join us. Together we can create stronger local communities, a more just food system and a healthier planet!

Your Name:	<i>Order is due June 10</i>
Phone:	<i>Return to the office, or drop in collection plate.</i>
E-mail:	<i>We will notify you when the order is delivered to the church.</i>

Coffees	Roast	Product size	Cost	Quantity	TOTAL
Organic Decaf Coffee	●●○○ Full City Roast	12 oz	\$7.00		
Organic Breakfast Blend	●○○○ Medium	12 oz	\$7.00		
Organic French Roast	●●●● French Roast	10 oz	\$7.00		
Organic Hazelnut Cream	●○○○ Medium	12 oz	\$7.00		
Organic Love Buzz	●●●● French Roast	10 oz	\$7.00		
Teas					
Organic Green Tea		20 tea bags	\$3.00		
Organic Black Tea		20 tea bags	\$3.00		
Organic Chai Tea		20 tea bags	\$3.00		
Cocoa					
Organic Baking Cocoa		8 oz cans	\$5.00		
Organic Hot Cocoa mix		12 oz cans	\$5.00		
Organic Hot Cocoa mix		5 lb bag	\$28.00		
Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil		500 ml	\$10.00		
Geobars					
Mixed Berry		6 38g bars/box	\$3.25/box		
Chocolate Raisin		6 38g bars/box	\$3.25/box		
Apricot		6 38g bars/box	\$3.25/box		
TOTAL ORDER					



Introducing our **NEW** Youth Director

Getting to know **KYLE ALLEN**

God is good! All the time! After rolling across our great country with my life packed into a trusty old Camry, I saw just how big and amazing America is and just how much we love big things. I saw the biggest rocking chair and drove by the world's largest gift shop. Then there was the land's largest toy collection. My favorite though was the 72oz steak in Amarillo dubbed the world's biggest! I guess it was rather fitting that I was leaving the country's most populated state and one filled with all kinds of other superlatives (largest debt?)

As I rolled across the Ohio border God reminded me this is the one state where I have the most family and some of my fondest childhood memories. As I drove north towards Cleveland, sign names flashed me back to family vacations, church retreats, school trips, and a lot of travel soccer. It's good to be home! It is also so good to be here at Brecksville, my new home, where people have already made me feel very welcome.

I look forward to getting to know you all. As for myself, I'll give you a little head start. I'm a big college football (go Sooners) and NFL (Cowboys and Browns – yes it's been rough) fan, and also love to play soccer and tennis. Camping and being out in nature (hoping to start fishing again) also rank high for me. My fiancée, In-Hye, is originally from South Korea and is dying to catch Shin-Soo Choo play for the Indians. She arrives in Cleveland in July and we'll be married in October. We both love cooking and look forward to discovering local markets. We are both also into photography, concerts, museums, coffee, driving trips, and did I mention cooking?

I want to say a warm thanks to you and our Lord for the amazing chance to serve this church family and community. I'm excited to see all the dynamic ways God is going to continue transforming the BUMC youth in 2012 and beyond! I hope you'll join me on this ministry adventure.

-Kyle Allen

Things are looking up this summer!

Welcome to Sky: Where all things are possible with God!



In just a few short weeks, our church will soar into the Sky...Sky Vacation Bible School, that is! Kids will worship God through songs and prayer, experiment with Sciency-Fun Gizmos, and discover life-changing Bible truths in fun and memorable ways.

To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. We'd like to share a few ideas about ways you can help make this program a success. Peruse the following list, and pray about where God might use you.

Station Leaders: Use easy-to-follow leader manuals and prepare one 20-minute session each day, which you will repeat with four different groups of approximately 20 kids. We need leaders for the following stations:

- Up & Away Sing & Play/Fly Away Finale (daily opening and closing, includes leading songs)
- Imagination Station (fun, hands-on science experiments)
- All-Star Games (high-energy games, with an emphasis on missions)
- Sky High Movie & Missions (video adventure and discussion)
- Skydive Diner (helping kids make snacks)
- Wild Blue Bible Adventures (incredible, surprising explorations of Bible stories)
- Preschool Treehouse Director

Crew Leaders: Shepherd a small group of elementary aged children through each day's activities...and there's no preparation!

Crew Leaders for preschoolers: Be a friend and helper to a group of five preschool children...again, no preparation required!

Still don't see something that interests you? We'd also love to have a...

- Registration team
- Decorating team
- Photographer
- Publicity coordinator
- Supply coordinator

Guess what? There are also a few spots for anyone who's dramatically inclined! **Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a place for you!** We believe that God will use this incredible program to reach many children with the message of his love, so please prayerfully consider your role in Sky VBS. Feel free to contact me by e-mail, phone, or in person if you have any questions.—Jenny Gee, Dir. Of Christian Education
education@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938

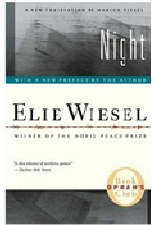
For more information about Sky, visit group.com/vbs/sky or facebook.com/groupvbs. You'll connect with others who have volunteered in similar programs in the past.



Summer Book Group Returns!

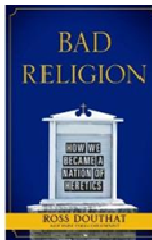
Join us on the deck for summer sunshine, tasty food, and lively discussion!

Once again, we will meet around noon at Joy & Stacy's home in Strongsville [13432 Tradewinds Drive] and continue until we're ready to call it an afternoon. Grilled lunch fare and beverages will be provided; participants are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Families are welcome – a game or movie can be made available to children in a nearby part of the house. Please contact Joy with any additional questions. **We hope to see some new faces this year!**



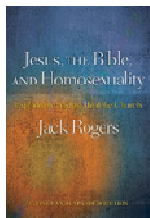
Sunday, July 8: *Night* by Elie Wiesel, Jewish-American writer, professor, activist, Nobel Laureate, and Holocaust survivor. Book Cost: \$9.95, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition* for \$9.99.

Night is Elie Wiesel's masterpiece, a candid, horrific, and deeply poignant autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps. This new translation by Marion Wiesel, Elie's wife and frequent translator, presents this seminal memoir in the language and spirit truest to the author's original intent. And in a substantive new preface, Elie reflects on the enduring importance of *Night* and his lifelong, passionate dedication to ensuring that the world never forgets man's capacity for inhumanity to man.



Sunday, July 29: *Bad Religion* by Ross Douthat, American author, blogger and New York Times columnist. Book Cost: \$14.41, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition* for \$12.99.

Bad Religion offers a masterful and hard-hitting account of how American Christianity has gone off the rails—and why it threatens to take American society with it. Writing for an era dominated by recession, gridlock, and fears of American decline, Douthat exposes the spiritual roots of the nation's political and economic crises. He argues that America's problem isn't too much religion, nor is it an intolerant secularism. Rather, it's *bad religion*: the slow-motion collapse of traditional faith and the rise of a variety of pseudo-Christianities that stroke our egos, indulge our follies, and encourage our worst impulses. Douthat's urgent call for a revival of traditional Christianity is sure to generate controversy, and it will be vital reading for all those concerned about the imperiled American future.



Sunday, August 26: *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality*, by Jack Rogers, Professor of Theology Emeritus, San Francisco Theological Seminary. Book Cost: \$11.56, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition* for \$9.49.

In this best seller, evangelical theologian and former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Jack Rogers makes a biblical case for equal rights for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT). The book describes Rogers' own change of mind and heart on the issue, argues for a Christ-centered reading of Scripture, debunks stereotypes about people who are LGBT, and presents ideas for how the church can heal itself and move forward again. A fascinating combination of personal narrative, theology, and church history, this book is essential reading for all concerned with the future of the church and the health of the nation.

**A free Kindle reader application is available for most smart phones, iPhone, iPod touch, tablet, or any computer. If you are someone who hesitates to accumulate more books, this might be an option for you!*

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



Help Spread the Word!
Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 12
Brecksville Community Center

2 pm—7 pm

For more information:

www.redcrossblood.org

1-800-GIVE-LIFE | RedCrossBlood.org

Russia Volunteer in Mission Update

As you read this article, the 18-member East Ohio Conference Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team, including Tony Cipolla and I, has arrived in Russia. We are living and working at Boarding School No. 5 in Kursk, a city in southern Russia. The school serves developmentally delayed youngsters aged 7 to 21. Your continued prayers are valued by the team, caregivers and students. We're thankful for your generosity in donating sports and recreation equipment, which the Boarding School so desperately needs for their students.

We will return on June 5, and will bring our interpreters, Nastya and Katya, for a three-week visit to the United States. They will visit team members in Westlake, New Haven, Brecksville and Chesterland, and will be staying in Brecksville twice. First, with Lynn and Mark Spencer from June 7 to 10, and then with Judy and Bruce McCrodden from June 21 to 24, their departure date. Read more about Nastya and Katya on the church [website](http://www.brecksvillechurch.org)! -Bruce McCrodden



A memorial service for Gorman Eilbeck was held at the church on Monday, May 14. Fittingly, the sanctuary was filled with beautiful music, love, tears and laughter as family and friends gathered to celebrate a life well lived.

Dr. Art "Gil" Quade was laid to rest on May 14. Beloved husband of Joan for 58 years, Dr. Quade was a father, grandfather, podiatrist, and US Army-veteran.

Helen Lee, a third grader at Highland Drive Elementary School won first place for her song "Lost in Darkness" at this year's Parent School Organization sponsored Students in the Arts Competition.

Gloria Southam thanks everyone for their cards and prayers during her surgery time, and sent along the poem below which sums up her thoughts. It was given to her by Margaret Anderson many years ago.

The Power of Prayer

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer:
Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.
We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes, but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.
Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer: Oh, let us pray!

- Anonymous



June Birthdays

Elizabeth	Jaszczak	06/01	Marjorie	Novak	06/18
Leslie	Miller	06/01	Judith	Helm	06/19
Laura	Tereshko	06/01	Allison	Cline	06/20
Jeannette	Dumot	06/02	Kevin	Kwiatkowski	06/20
Frances	McClean	06/02	Dianne	Urdzik	06/20
Judy	McCrodden	06/02	Russell	Martin	06/21
Bill	Bisco	06/04	Mark	Pace	06/21
Robert	Butler	06/04	Sarah	Stanley	06/21
Aaron	Georgevich	06/04	William	Webb	06/21
Grayce	Herrick	06/04	Stella	Figer	06/22
Tammy	Jaite	06/04	Neilson	Tait	06/22
Russell	Slifcak	06/04	Michael	Pace	06/23
Kimberlee	Fisher	06/05	Linda	Rollins	06/23
Elyse	Hensley	06/05	Anne	Ford	06/24
Cathy	Krolikowski	06/05	Mary Lou	Morris	06/24
Jenna	Schroedel	06/06	Katherine	Bellingham	06/25
Darren	Calovini	06/07	Karolyn	Hood	06/25
Courtney	Drescher	06/07	Kylie	Hulten	06/25
Lauren	Scott	06/07	Jacob	Nelson	06/25
Gil	Phillips	06/09	Brian	Pasek	06/25
Paul	Phillips	06/09	John	Bartholomew	06/26
Sam	Phillips	06/09	Linda	Crouch	06/26
Joyce	Banjac	06/10	Craig	Czarnota	06/26
Garrett	Croes	06/10	Darren	Krolikowski	06/26
Megan	Rohrer	06/10	William	McLuckie	06/26
James	Monnett	06/11	Linda	Merhar	06/26
Sarah	Hurder	06/12	Joyce	Szekelyi	06/26
Marilyn	Schillo	06/12	James	Zawada	06/26
Tom	Kuttler	06/13	Shirley	Galik	06/27
Jeanette	Buttolph	06/15	Janet	Kranstuber	06/27
Zeke	Stein	06/15	Ruth	McDonel	06/27
John	Falko	06/16	Krissy	Nelson	06/27
Daniel	AuWerter	06/17	Joseph	Bartholomew	06/28
Mary	Hoffman	06/18	Melanie	Smith	06/29
			Taylor	Cave	06/30



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 **Chuck Gezze** welcoming others to worship with a smile;

Al Harper and his team of closers making sure the church building is secure; **Cathy Krolikowski** bringing exciting lessons to the Rotation Sunday School kids; or our History Club researching and sharing this church's rich history, **Sylvia Fowler, Marianne Nolan, Sandy Crist, and Jenny Gee.**

Helping Hand for Native Americans



"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matt 25:40 (NIV)

During our Lenten Study, one class focused on the needs of Native Americans in our local community.

As a result, our church is developing a continuing partnership with the Native American community in Cleveland through the American Indian Education Center (AIEC) on Brookpark Road.

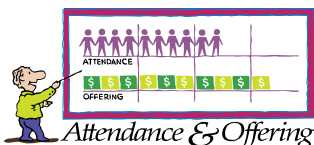
In addition to distributing food, school supplies, and clothing from their limited resources, the Center offers cultural education to the Indian children to assist in preserving their heritage. Children gather there on Thursdays after school. Unfortunately, the Center's budget does not allow them to provide a healthy supper, which the children commuting a longer distance right after school would miss. Some of the low income families do not even have the option of a healthy evening meal. **We can help!**

We are building a rotating calendar for volunteers to provide these meals to the children at the Center every Thursday afternoon. The first volunteer meal was served on May 17, consisting of spaghetti and meat balls, tossed salad, and a dessert provided separately by the Women's Emmaus group.

Can you help with this service opportunity? You may want to provide the meal or a portion of the meal. You may decide that you would like to fund a meal but wouldn't have the time to deliver it. In that case, restaurant gift cards are very useful - particularly if *you* can get a discount at the gas pump for some purchases. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Les Buttolph at the church 440-526-8938 or home 216-573-5843.

The Center also needs healthy non-perishable foods, preferably low sugar, low carbohydrate foods. Diapers, and baby needs are in critical supply. Do you have a bed or dresser that you no longer need? Do you have an efficiency size stove? The center could put all of these items to good use. Please call the Church, and we can arrange a pickup or drop off.

- Les Buttolph



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
April 29	128	152	103	\$10,885
May 6	150	107	91	\$16,548
May 13	174	108	100	\$11,133
May 20	112		175	\$7,854

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at Brecksville UMC:
Thank you for your faithful support of WSEM Food Center at Brookside. With the high cost of food and gas, the burden of poverty is greater for the people we serve. Families are struggling to provide good nutrition for growing children. Your support is especially appreciated during this difficult time. As you go about your day, please know that you have touched the lives of people in need. The world is a better place when low-income and no income families and individuals in our city neighborhood receive food services and outreach support. Thank you for helping to make the burden lighter for the people we serve! Sincerely, Lou Keim, Director

Dear Les and Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of school supplies and book bags. Your donation helps us to provide the youth in our community with much needed assistance. Thanks to the kindness of people like you, we are able to continue with our services to our community. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and your generosity.
Sincerely,
Robert Roche, Executive Director
American Indian Education Center

Your outreach has been a blessing!
To all who expressed their condolences about the recent passing of my mother Adeline, thank you for your cards and prayers. Brecksville United Methodist Church is positive proof that God is working in our lives and reaches those in need. Sincerely, Don Krolikowski

Thanks to everyone for your kindness, prayers, cards, gifts of food, and your presence at my dad's calling hours and funeral. When you lose someone and feel like you've lost part of yourself, it's tremendously healing to receive people's love and care. You have made a difference in our lives.
God bless you, Bob and Libby Kuntz

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Save the Date! VBS July 16-20 Register online: tinyurl.com/83q26dw					1 7 Emmaus 9 Bible Study	2  BBH Commencement
3 Communion, Peace w/Justice, Volunteer Appreciation Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Pancakes! 11:15 Worship Interfaith Hospitality CRLC	4 	5 11 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball	6 6a Dawnbrkrs 6:15 Wed. Wheels 7p Nominating Comm. Meeting	7 BBH Last <i>Day of School</i> 9:30 UMW 4 Women's Emmaus 5 Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensm	8 7 Emmaus 9 Bible Study	9 1:00 Wedding
10 Graduate Recognition Sun. 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10 Worship Equal Exchange Orders due!	11	12 11 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball 2 Blood Drive at Cmty Ctr 7 COM 8 Super Tues. Meetings	13 6a Dawnbrkrs 6:15 Wed. Wheels	14 9:30 Asbury Brem Tour 4 Women's Emmaus 4 YSP Kitchen 5 Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensm	15 7 Emmaus 9 Bible Study  <i>Youth Annual Conference</i>	16 3:30 Wedding
17 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10 Worship  <i>Youth Ann. Conference</i>	18	19 9:30 Staff Mtg 6:30 Softball 7:30 Finance 7:30 Trustees	20 6a Dawnbrkrs 6:15 Wed. Wheels No SPR This Month.	21 4 Women's Emmaus 4 YSP Kitchen 5 Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensm	22 7 Emmaus 9 Bible Study	23 <i>Don't forget to place your Grandma's Order for Home Days!</i>
<i>Annual Conference</i> <i>Fellowship Hall Closed for Floor Maintenance</i>						
24 Baptism 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10 Worship	25	26 9:30 Staff Mtg 10 Knitting Club 6:30 Softball	27 6a Dawnbrkrs 6:15 Wed. Wheels	28 4 Women's Emmaus 4 YSP Kitchen 5 Men's Grp 7 Men's Ensemble	29 7 Emmaus 9 Bible Study	30  Brecksville Home Days!

This Month's Scripture Focus:

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

United Methodist News

The Latest from the United Methodist News Service

'Tis the season — for meetings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — With General Conference 2012 in the rearview mirror, the focus moves to a virtual traffic jam of regional and jurisdictional meetings ranging from consolidating three annual conferences to electing more than a dozen new bishops. In the U.S., Annual (regional) Conferences began May 17 in Detroit and continue through June 24 in Roanoke, Va. In July, jurisdictional conferences will meet to elect and assign new bishops. Reports from annual conference sessions around the globe are posted on umns.umc.org

Peace with Justice Sunday

WASHINGTON — United Methodist congregational resources are available to celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday, traditionally observed the first Sunday after Pentecost (May 27 this year), which this year will be June 3. Half of the special offering helps in advocating for peace around the world and the other half supports justice ministries in annual (regional) conferences.

Trucking out sweet potatoes

BIG ISLAND, VA — About 30 truckloads of sweet potatoes donated by a North Carolina grower have been delivered to points around the country, but more donations are needed to roll out the 36-plus additional truckloads that have been scheduled. Each truck carries 42,000 pounds of food to its destination for \$1,000 to \$2,500, depending on distance. That translates to only 2.5 cents to 6 cents per pound. If you want to help, go to www.endhunger.org.

Running for Change

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines — Baguio City First United Methodist Church will kick off this weekend's annual Change the World campaign with a run. Actually, three runs — 3K, 5K and 10K. Enterprising artists also put together T-shirts, stickers and other souvenirs to tout both the fundraising runs and the campaign itself. Change the World 2012, which urges United Methodist congregations to make a difference locally and globally, is May 19-20. It is a program of the denomination's Rethink Church campaign.

New bishops' president a pioneer

TAMPA, Fla. — When she was a teenager, Bishop Rosemarie Wenner was the only one in her confirmation class in the United Methodist church she attended in Germany. When she began considering going into ministry, there was only one female United Methodist pastor in her country. And, when she was elected bishop of Germany, she became the first woman outside the United States tapped for a United Methodist episcopacy. Now, she is the new president of the denomination's Council of Bishops.

Opening for women's advocate

WASHINGTON — The United Methodist Board of Church and Society is seeking a director and organizer for women's advocacy. The opening is part of the board's Louise and Hugh Moore Population Project, whose mission is to work with and on behalf of women around the globe, particularly those most marginalized, by advocating for the passage of just policies by the U.S. Congress and the United Nations. To learn more, visit umc-gbcs.org/jobs.

Want to read more? Go to www.brecksvilleumc.com



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<http://umns.umc.org>



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Preorders a must for Sunday pickup.

Favorite Cherry Pie

9" pie _____ @ 10.00 = _____

Famous Cherry Cobbler

8" round _____ @ 8.00 = _____

Decadent Chocolate Cake

8" square _____ @ 7.00 = _____

TOTAL _____

For pick-up: Fri -- June 29 _____

Sat -- June 30 _____

Sun -- July 1 _____

Pick up in the Church Kitchen after 12 noon

Make check payable to BUMW

Please return your prepaid order to the church office.

Questions --Mary Kotnik 330-467-4834

Orders may also be placed via e-mail:

office@brecksvilleumc.com

Name _____

Phone _____

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

~IT'S CHERRY PIE TIME~

June 28, 29 and July 1

Grandma's is back at Brecksville Home Days, baking mouthwatering pies and yummy cobblers.

Pie, cobbler, Texas sheet cake and pulled beef barbecue sandwiches will be available at the booth.

To order a whole pie, cobbler or for the chocolate lover a Texas sheet cake, please complete the order form.

PREORDERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR

SUNDAY, JULY 1

PLEASE ORDER EARLY!!!

Also, if you would like to help bake the goodies or sell them at the booth, you can sign-up between services or call Mary Kotnik @330-467-4834.

Thank you for your help and patronage.

All proceeds will benefit the various missions near and far which the UMW supports. THANK YOU!!!!

Name _____

Phone _____

I am willing to help _____

☐ As Needed ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday