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The Good Word



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Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.



STOP HUNGER NOW

Want to Get Involved?

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What others are saying...

"What's fun about it is sending food to people who need it. You know it's going to a good cause and people who are hungry and starved. You know you saved their lives.

A child's life."

-Charles, 12, meal packaging volunteer

"This was a fantastic event and you could really feel the presence of GOD. Everyone was in 'high energy' mode. Thanks for organizing one of the most uplifting events I've ever been associated with."

-John Gray, meal packaging volunteer

WORK-shop 2013: April 21

This year, our "hands-on" worship service experience will be a meal packaging event in conjunction with Stop Hunger Now. This is an opportunity for us to reach out to others in the world who are hurting and in need. How can you help?



One meal package feeds 6 people.

Our first task is to raise \$7,800 to cover the raw material and transportation costs. Included in this issue of *The Good Word* is a calendar and a meal bag, with suggestions about how you can fill the bag with coins for the cause! If you have an idea for other fundraisers, please contact me or a member of the Mission's Committee. Next we will need about 350 hundred man-hours of time.

Saturday, April 20

- ◆ We'll need help unloading the Stop Hunger Now truck, which will bring fifty-pound sacks of soy meal and rice, boxes of freeze-dried vegetables, vitamin/mineral packets, sealable plastic bags, packing equipment, digital scales, cardboard shipping boxes and tape. This should take less than two hours.

Sunday, April 21: Set Up and Tear Down

- ◆ In the morning we will need volunteers to set up tables and assemble the packing stations. When Work-shop ends, we'll need folks to disassemble the packing stations, put away the tables and sweep up.

The WORK-shop Service: Sunday, April 21

- ◆ The service will begin at 10 am. We will be packing in two, two-hour shifts and will need at least 70 volunteers each shift. Will YOU take part?
- ◆ Activities will include: placing the food items in plastic bags, replenishing the bins with rice, etc., moving the packets from station to station, weighing and heat sealing each bag, assembling and filling packing boxes and finally moving the filled boxes to the truck.

As you can see, there are lots of ways to be involved. You are not limited to a single activity and may want to try your hand at several, if not all, the stations. We'll have sign-up lists at church beginning Palm Sunday and on our church website.

When Cec and I participated in a Stop Hunger Now food-packing event at our son's church last fall, we saw families with children as young as eight packing together. We encourage you to make this a family time of service. (If you have younger children, we will have child-care available in the nursery, too.)

If you have friends and family, especially if they don't have a church home, please invite them to join us. And please keep this event in prayer. We look forward to seeing all of you on April 21!

-Dave Podolny



8:45 Contemporary Worship
10 Education Hour
11:15 Traditional Worship

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Jesus is Gonna Win



Luke 24:1-12

There was no gymnasium on the seminary campus, so the future pastors used to play basketball in a nearby public school. The janitor, an old man with white hair, would wait patiently until the seminarians finished playing. Invariably he sat there reading his Bible.

One day, one of the future pastors went up to him and asked, "What are you reading?" The man did not simply reply, "The Bible." Instead, he answered, "The Book of Revelation."

With a bit of surprise the seminarian asked, "The Book of Revelation? Do you understand it?" "Oh yes," the man assured the future pastor, "I understand it."

"You understand the Book of Revelation! What does it mean?"

Very quietly the old janitor answered, "It means Jesus is gonna win."

This wonderful month holds so much potential for us. With all of the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, the coming of spring and new life, may we not lose the simple message at the heart of it all. May we not be overwhelmed. May we stay the course. May we come out on the other side knowing the truth in our hearts of the notion that "Jesus is gonna win." If you hear nothing else, take that into your heart, and may the new life present for you in that truth fuel your desire to make a difference for someone else. I pray you experience resurrection.

Peace enough for the day.

Pastor Clark



Pop Tops for Ronald

McDonald House: Why

throw them away? Turn your
pop tops into cash for

Ronald McDonald House. There's a collection bin in the cloak room. Thank you for your help!



**Fellowship Hour
Hosts for March**

The Worship Committee

Come visit them on Sunday
in the Parlor during the
Fellowship Hour!

Lenten and Holy Week Events

Our journey through Lent is well underway. If you have made the decision to observe Lent this year by giving up certain foods or behaviors, or by adding spiritual disciplines to your daily life, know that you are being supported in prayer by the staff. We are walking with you and hope you will stand strong in your commitment during this season of reflection and penitence. If you have not chosen to observe Lent in a specific way, that's okay too, but be challenged to make time for worship, prayer and Bible study in your life. As a staff, we want to help you along in this process and strongly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities:



Lenten Worship: Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17 @ 8:45 and 11:15am

Make it a priority to be in worship during this season. In order to deeply appreciate and understand the celebration of Easter, it is critically important that we each make a decision to walk the road with Jesus. Make a decision as a family to be in worship each week.



Lenten All-Church Study: First Light: through March 24 @ 10:00am

You are welcome to participate in our all-church study. The lessons and discussions stand alone from week to week, so drop into the Sanctuary at 10 to participate in a challenging video segment and discussion about the life of the historical Jesus. All class materials can be found on the church website. Contact Joy Parker with questions. Valuable education opportunities exist for children and youth of all ages during the 10 hour each week; contact Jenny Gee or Kyle Allen for more information.



Lenten Prayer Services: Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 7:30pm

Take time out for prayer and spiritual refreshment during each week of Lent. These staff-led services of prayer, reflection and contemplation will last about 30 minutes and take place in the Chapel.



Walk the Labyrinth: Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6:30 – 9:00pm

The labyrinth will be available for times of reflection and meditation each Wednesday evening during the Lenten season. You are encouraged to take time for this valuable exercise either before or after weekly prayer services. If you would like more information on the labyrinth and its use, contact the office to be connected with a staff member.



Sunday, March 24: Palm and Passion Sunday @ 8:45 and 11:15am

We will join together in our traditional Palm Sunday processional, joined in worship at both services by our Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and Worship Band, and with palms in hand! Come and be a part of the crowd celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry, and begin the final days of observance leading us to Easter.



Friday, March 29: Tenebrae Service @ 7:30pm

Join us for this quiet and reflective time of worship as we recognize the gravity and magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice for us.



Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday @ Sunrise, 8:45 and 11:15am

Sunrise Worship will be offered at 6:45 at Blossom Hill Pavilion. At 8:45 and 11:15, join us for triumphant worship celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! (There will be no education hour offerings on Easter Sunday.)

Palm Sunday

The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" - John 12:12-13

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, accented by the jubilant waving of palm branches, is re-enacted on Palm Sunday in Christian congregations worldwide as Holy Week observances begin. Unfortunately for the communities where these palms are harvested, palm fronds do not always represent the same jubilation they do for us.

Hard-toiling laborers in Central America typically earn their living from middlemen who pay them based on the volume of palms they harvest. To increase yield, they employ harsh harvesting techniques. Not only does this put palms at risk for species depletion, but it also endangers the entire forest.

Some harvesting communities have organized cooperatives that work to develop a new structure for harvesting palms. Called Eco-Palms, the fronds are harvested in a sustainable manner that protects the environment and provides a fair income for palm harvesters. Workers are paid by quality rather than quantity. This helps limit the amount of palms harvested from the forest.

We purchase our palms from The University of Minnesota's Eco-Palms program, ensuring that the leaves were harvested in an environmentally sensitive manner by workers getting paid a fair price.

As you celebrate Palm Sunday, please say a prayer of thanks for those who harvested our palms, for their families, for their communities, and for those who minister to them.



MILESTONES

News of the Fellowship

*Do you have news to share? Contact Melanie!
office@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938*

We offer a prayer of joy on the birth of Ari Lee, son of Raivon and Greg Lee, grandson of Nancy and Jim Lee.

Darell and Karen Fisher announce the birth of their granddaughter Audrey Hope Dabbs born on January 13th to Charles and Danielle (Fisher) Dabbs.

Thank you for the generous donations of cookies for the USO collection sponsored by BUMW and the Parma-Southwest District of CWU. BUMC donated more than 75 dozen cookies. Yum-yum!

Prayers of sympathy go out to the Klein family on the passing of Johanna Klein. A memorial service was held at the church on February 9, Rev. Libby Kuntz officiating.

Ian Roberts rescued two people who had fallen into Lake Erie behind the Great Lakes Science Center! Praise God!



Altar Roses Celebrate New Arrivals:

If you are celebrating a birth in your family, call Cec in the church office to arrange for an altar rose.



As You Pray This Month Consider

Count your blessings,
name them one by one.

Count your blessings,
See what God has done!

Happy Birthday to...



Brianna	Diver	03/01	Sydney	Hudacek	03/14
John	Falko	03/01	Lisa	Sibits	03/14
Edith	Coman	03/02	Lindsay	Dorman	03/15
Mary	Kotnik	03/02	Daniel	Dubin	03/15
Eileen	Yates	03/02	Lee	Derry	03/16
Lillian	Johnson	03/03	Samuel	Eberhardt	03/16
Susan	Dietrich	03/04	Joann	Fox	03/17
Emily	Schultz	03/04	Carly	Johnson	03/17
Tiffany	Jacob	03/05	Robert	Hudacek	03/18
Phyllis	Phillips	03/05	David	Sibits	03/18
Kyle	Allen	03/06	Jack	Monnin	03/19
Kurt	Campbell	03/06	Seth	Johnson	03/20
Caitlin	Drescher	03/06	Kristen	Kubek	03/20
Donald	Burkle	03/07	David	Podolny	03/24
Megan	White	03/07	Philip	Storey	03/24
Ruth Ann	Bilek	03/08	Elizabeth	Fredrick	03/25
Kaleb	Dumot	03/08	Stacie	Memmer	03/25
Matthew	Auble	03/09	Mallory	Krolikowski	03/26
Clifford	Thielman	03/09	Robin	Wilson	03/26
George	Gee	03/10	Joseph	Holmes	03/27
Michael	Kubek	03/10	Carol	Kubicek	03/27
Robert	Bloch	03/11	Kimberly	Rybak	03/30
Janet	James	03/12	Hannah	Shively	03/30
Tyler	Hulten	03/13	Madeline	Piorkowski	03/31



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. Craig Kotnik, Michael Lee, and Bob Hudacek come to worship every Sunday smiling, sharing their exuberance with music, enlivening our worship experience. Ric Lesinski brings great energy and enthusiasm to our music ministry. Can you hear it? Dave Podolny's servant heart has brought us the idea for this year's Work-ship. Because of his contagious enthusiasm and love, many hungry people will be feed. Don Krolikowski has worked tirelessly on a re-design of our church website. This ministry will reach people we have not even met yet. We are so thankful for each of you. Amen!

Youth Called to Excellence



Each Wednesday starts with a great meal!



Youth Prepping a Meal for Others



Learning Together



There's Room For Everyone Here!

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. - Philippians 1:9-10

Parents are overrun with pressure to make sure their children are in the top percentile. There is a constant fear of “is it enough?” Are our children’s grades good enough to get into a good enough college so that they will be able to get a good enough job, so that they will have a good enough life? Is the ballet or basketball or AP biology enough for them to get accepted?

Our Wednesday Youth Worship has been designed to make sure every BUMC youth can excel in the things of God and receive an AP level of theology and spirituality geared to teens with a chance to live faithfully in community. These days homework is heavy and everyone is busy. Yet, we have been called to excel in our love for Jesus Christ, renewing our minds, and devoting ourselves to putting Him first. In a pursuit of excellence, think about these common obstacles to youth group activity:

1. My child is too busy with other activities (school, sports, etc.) The soccer or drama coach, the dance instructor, and the English teacher, are all vying for your child’s time and each one is demanding, determined, and is dedicated to help them excel. Our children are most importantly called to spiritual excellence. Without a strong Christ-centered spiritual development, even the best scholastic education, creative skill, or athletic prowess is like a beautiful table with shoddy, ill-fitted legs; it will eventually collapse. What you sow *into* determines what you reap. If you want to reap a teenager who has a genuine, gospel-centered faith, there needs to be a priority placed on the things of God at home and church.

2. My child says the group is boring. Is this a statement about the ministry or your child’s spiritual interest? Many of the same students will say the Bible is boring. We work hard to foster a rich and meaningful time with interactive lessons. But “fun” is not our highest goal. We want to help youth love God heart, soul, mind, and strength before anything else. If your child is bored with God, it’s even more important for them to get and stay connected to a youth group. This year, pray that a sincere awareness of the need for Jesus will emerge in your teen’s heart.

3. My child does not need to be involved because he/she is already a good person. Jesus doesn’t simply call us to be good. He calls us to be complete and to respond to the truth of His resurrection, to worship Him, and to be filled with His Spirit, serving in His kingdom today as alive and transformed peacemakers.

4. My child doesn’t know anyone in the group. All are welcome and accepted. If your child attends a few times they will have several new friends. Our time offers many chances to get to know people.

5. My child simply does not want to go. This is often the bottom line reason. When a child comes to youth group he/she has a chance to respond to God’s Word and to have a heart change. With many important things in life, we don’t always want to do what is best for us. Encourage your child to just come and see and sample the goodness God has for them!

We meet every Wednesday at 5:30 PM for dinner with a lot of time to eat, talk, laugh, and learn. Our praise and worship time begins at 6:30 and wraps up at 7:30. All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

Find out more at: facebook.com/brecksvilleyouth

East Ohio Summer Camps



How are your children spending summer vacation?

There still may be flakes of snow in the air and a chill in your bones, but it is not too early to begin thinking about summer camp for your kids! There are many different camps to choose from to help strengthen their minds and bodies, but we recommend adding an element of "soul-strengthening" to the list. East Ohio Summer Camps have released their summer offerings and they look AMAZING!! Pick up a brochure in the parlor to learn about the great variety of offerings at Camps Wanake, Aldersgate and Asbury this summer. Not sure you want to commit without a tour of the camps? No problem! Attend an Open House at Wanake (March 23 and May 11), Asbury (April 7) and Aldersgate (May 4). If your High School student is looking for faith based leadership camps there are some great offerings with CYF (Christians Youth Fellowship at Malone University), Lakeside Institute and Reach Out (at Lakeside). To get the Early Bird pricing you need to register by May 1.

Get more information on line at www.eocumc.com/camps/summercamp.html

Cancellation

Due to limited numbers across the Northeast Ohio District, the Chorister's Guild Festival, scheduled here at the church on March 2, has been cancelled. We apologize and will keep you apprised as to next year's festival plans!

Passover Seder



An Invitation from Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple

"Please join us for our annual Interfaith Passover Seder at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple on **Tuesday, March 12, 2013** from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. For us, welcoming you to visit our community is a chance to build understanding between us, raise awareness about the holiday of Passover, and work to fulfill the prophet Isaiah's vision that our house be "a house of prayer for all peoples." The evening will consist of a retelling of the Israelites' redemption from Egypt, and explanation of the significance of many of the customs related to Passover, and a small sampling of traditional foods used at the Passover Seder. At the conclusion of the Seder, we invite you to tour our building and view our Judaica collection." Brecksville United Methodist Church has reserved 20 seats at this event. To participate, please contact Craig Czarnota 216-577-3000 or max@clevelandvalve.com

UMW Meeting, March 7

It's time to think Spring!

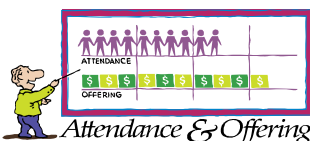
Thursday, March 7: New Garden Color for 2013

Noel Clark Akin from Petitti's presents ideas for your home landscape.

Continental breakfast and fellowship begins at 9:30

followed by the program.

Everyone is welcome!



We've set a goal of bringing 300 people together for worship on Sunday mornings. We fell a little short this month. See you Sunday?

Date	1st Service Attendance	Sunday School	2nd Service Attendance	Worship Attendance Goal 300	Offering
Jan. 27	138	150	98	-64	\$9938
Feb. 3	140	138	92	-68	\$9388
Feb. 10	157	149	132	-11	\$9628
Ash Wednesday		60			
Feb. 17	130	138	78	-92	\$7634



Moving On to New Calling

Les Buttolph has heard a calling to ministry and will soon complete his certification as a local pastor. We have been blessed to have him serve as our church's volunteer Business Manager for the past seven years. In preparation to become a pastor, he is stepping away from his day to day work here at BUMC.

Les's call to the ministry came at a spiritual retreat two years ago. He talked it over with his wife, Cathy, who gave her whole hearted support. Les calls Cathy "the wind beneath my wings" and a huge part of everything he has accomplished. He was in the Navy as a single parent of four children when they married, almost 27 years ago.

Les doesn't do retirement very well, having retired four times! He lives the motto, "Love your work and you'll never work a day in your life." He has loved all of his jobs, from his 20 years as a Naval officer in the Civil Engineer Corps, four years as Maintenance Director at Allegheny College, and ten years as Facilities Manager at the Reserve Square Apartments in Cleveland.

Les plans to continue his ministry with Native Americans and his Kairos prison ministry. As much as he enjoys these servant opportunities, he feels that the best job in the whole church is the Parking Lot Ministry that Pastor Clark initiated. "You get to welcome people, talk to them, and have fun!"

Les and Cathy have been a vital part of our church for 19 years and will continue to be with us, but less frequently. Les is having both knees replaced, with his first surgery scheduled for March 7. Thank you, Les and Cathy, for all of the contributions you have made to BUMC. It is not yet time to say good-bye, but it is time to let them know how very much we cherish having them with us!

An Incredible Night of Jazz...



Jackie Warren

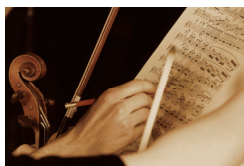


Josh Rzepka



A Great Crowd!

On January 26, concert-goers were rewarded with an amazing evening of jazz music, brought to us by trumpet player, Josh Rzepka, and pianist, Jackie Warren. Featuring standards like *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* and original compositions like *Jackie's Bossa*, the concert had attendees talking in the halls for weeks to come. There have already been LOTS of questions about whether we can have this dynamic duo back next year, and the answer is yes, yes, YES!! If you can't wait that long, Josh will be back sharing with us in worship on Sunday, May 19: Music Sunday and the Sunday of our Organ Rededication recital, which will be offered between services at 10 am. More details will be forthcoming in future editions of the Good Word.



Our next concert? You won't want to miss this one... **Brecksville UMC Student Recital**
Saturday, March 16 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
We will be presenting our first ever BUMC Music Department Scholarships! See you in worship, and, we hope, at our next concert! - Joy Parker, Director of Music



Survey Says...!

Each month we mail over 300 copies of *The Good Word* to homes of church members and friends. Last month, we included a response card with the mailing, asking for input. Here's what we learned.

- ♦ 51 postcards were returned and 10 people responded by e-mail.
- ♦ 32 of these people said that they want to receive the GW in the mail.
- ♦ 18 said they'd be willing to pick up their copy at church.
- ♦ 12 thought mailing the newsletter quarterly would be fine.
- ♦ 8 switched to e-mail (and 3 switched from e-mail back to paper!)
- ♦ 17 would be willing to pay a subscription fee to offset the costs of mailing. (Suggested prices ranged from \$5 to \$52.) One person said emphatically "NO!" to the subscription idea.

It's not too late to give your feedback! Let us know what you think. Drop us a line, call the office 440-526-8938 or e-mail us:

office@brecksvilleumc.com

*Have you seen our new
and improved website?*

www.brecksvilleumc.com



STEP UP BUMC

How small steps can impact giving

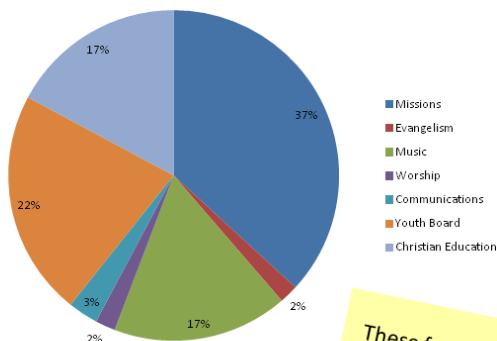
We use giving estimates when making plans for ministry through the year.

Q. What does "Step Up" mean?

A. It's an opportunity for each of us to move up 1 "step" in our giving to enhance our programs/outreach.

Q. What do these dollars reflect?

2013 Budget Allocations



A. The funds budgeted for our programs that touch our congregation and our local and extended communities.

Missions	\$15,000
Evangelism	\$750
Music	\$7,000
Worship	\$800
Communications	\$1,200
Youth Board	\$9,000
Christian Education	\$7,000
Total	\$40,750

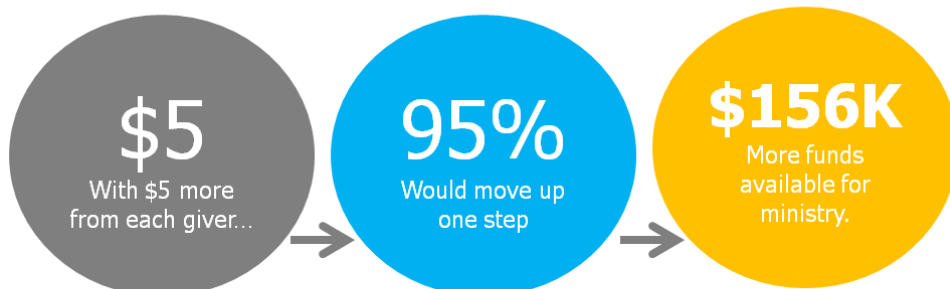
These funds have remained stagnant since before the recession hit in 2008.

Q. What do these steps reflect?



A: The steps reflect where our pledges and "regular" giving fall on a weekly basis. The "givers" do not include confirmands who are high school or college students.

Q. What would happen we each moved up one step?



A: If each giver reflected on the chart gave an average of \$5 more per week, 95% of all givers would move up a step and we could have approximately \$156,000 more funds available to make an impact on our local and extended communities.

We could really "do something!"



Studying Passover



Baking Bread



Communion Workshop

Share the Bread



Throughout the season of Lent, our fifth graders are participating in a Communion Workshop. Each Sunday morning at 8:45 they are learning about and exploring the sacrament of communion, one of the most significant symbols of our church life. Over the course of this five week class, we will begin to understand the crucial meaning of communion. As we get involved in the story, we will see the connection between God's old covenant with Moses and the Israelites and Jesus' new covenant with all of us. We will see that Jesus instituted the elements of this simple meal as a way to help us remember him and as a way for us to come together in Christian fellowship.

The pictures to the left are from last year's workshop.

- ◆ We will retell the story of the Passover from Exodus, experienced the elements of a Seder celebration and see the significant link to the Last Supper. The picture at the top left shows us learning about Passover.
- ◆ We will find that the word bread appears 250 times in the Bible—and look up many passages to see its deep metaphorical meaning. Together, we'll learn to make bread.
- ◆ We will compare the 4 Gospel versions of the Lord's Supper and contrast their differences.
- ◆ We will look at paintings of the Last Supper and discuss the artists' point of view. We will also create our own tableau of the Lord's Supper, placing Jesus among us in modern times. Isn't that what we do at each celebration of the Eucharist? At left is the picture last year's class painted.

To conclude, our students will prepare and share communion with our congregation on the morning of May 5!

At left: Painting of a modern last supper by last year's class.

THANK YOU



UMW Volunteers Served Lunch: Gretchen Mates, Ruth Holmes, Marisol Wylie, Ruth McDonel, Ruth Herman and Elinor Rowan

On January 29, the United Methodist Women treated our church staff to a wonderful luncheon of homemade soup and salad. (It was delicious!) At the event, they presented the staff with a donation of \$50 to kick off the WORK-ship project. That \$50 donation will feed 200 hungry people!

Thank you, United Methodist Women for your giving hearts!

Easter Altar Flower

Order Form

Order with payment due in Office by March 15, 2013

Easter Altar Flowers

Easter altar flowers may be ordered in honor of or in memory of loved ones or to the glory of God. Five plants are available (see list below.)

The order **deadline is March 15**. All orders must be accompanied with payment in **cash or check payable to: Brecksville UMC**. You may pickup your flowers following worship on Easter (March 31) or your plant can be given as a gift to someone with restricted circumstances.

____ Lily (\$7.50) ____ Blue Hyacinth (\$7.00)
____ Blue Hydrangea (\$12.00)
____ Pink Hydrangea (\$12.00)
____ Pink Tulips (\$7.00)
____ Daffodils (\$7.00)

Donor _____

Phone _____

Circle: in honor of in memory of to the glory of God

Name of person(s) honored/remembered:

Check one: ____ I will pick up

____ Give to someone else

UMW Hot Cross Buns

Enjoy a seasonal treat. UMW will sell an 8" round pan of Hot Cross Buns for \$8 on Palm Sunday, March 24. You can guarantee having some to take home by pre-ordering by March 22.. Simply fill out the bottom of this form and place it in the UMW mail slot in the office. You can pay now or when you pick up the rolls.



Proceeds will go towards funding our commitments to Red Bird, Henderson Settlement and the district pledge. Thank you for your support. Questions call Mary Kotnik 330-467-4834.

Name _____

Phone _____

I would like to order:

____ pan(s) of Hot Cross Buns.

____ Pick up after 8:45 am service

____ Pick up after 11:15 am service

Pans are \$8 each. Checks made payable to BUMW.

Thank you.



New Equal Exchange Items Coming!

Look for the table with Fair Trade chocolates, teas, coffees, olive oils and cocoas set up in the parlor between most services. Just in time for Easter we have fairly traded and organic Chocolate Easter egg gift boxes. Each box holds about 18 foil wrapped eggs and we will be selling them for \$5.00. With this product, if you would like to make an additional donation (they retail for \$6.99) we will put that money toward our work-shop fund. In addition to the teas, coffees and chocolates you have come to enjoy, we will have Equal Exchange's newest candy bars: the crispy one is made with puffed wheat and quinoa and the creamy one is made with peanut butter, both are covered in milk chocolate. We will be selling these 1.5 oz candy bars for only \$1.00!!



Easter Sunrise Service

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Early Easter Morning, March 31, Brecksville United Methodist Church will gather with friends and neighbors at the Blossom Hill Pavilion on Oakes Road. Everyone is invited at 6:45 am for worship, Scripture readings and a short message by Kyle Allen. Dress casually and in warm clothes. Bring a blanket, a lawn chair and a friend and join us to watch the sunrise as we celebrate the resurrected Lord. After Sunrise Service, Easter services will be held at the church (65 Public Square) at 8:45 am and 11:15 am. All are welcome!



Paper Recycling Bin at BUMC!

By some estimates, each of us throws away one pound of recyclable paper every day. Instead of sending this paper to a landfill, let's do something good! Within the next week, a recycling bin will be parked near the shed in our church parking lot. We're going to fill that bin with paper, which will be turned into paper towels, napkins, insulation, cardboard, wall board, greeting cards and more! We'll be paid for each ton we recycle, and that money will go toward ministry - specifically toward our meal packaging project in April.

We can turn waste into food for hungry families! Start collecting your paper now. (You can bring it to the bin in a plastic or paper bag.)

Items *accepted* in our recycling container:

Newspapers	Mail	Phonebooks
Office/School Paper	Magazines	Catalogs
Brown Paper Bags	Hard & Soft Bound Books	Cardboard

Items *not accepted* in our recycling container:

Any type of Plastic	Styrofoam	Glass
Metal	Trash	Aluminum

Questions? Call the Church Office! 440.526.8938

Watch for updates in the Bulletin, on our website, and in The Good Word!

Everywhere Fun Fair

Calling all...EVERYONE!

This summer's VBS program is an awesome theme!! We will be celebrating the Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together!! Last year we had 86 children take part in VBS and 53 of those children were first time visitors to our church! We want to offer another fabulous opportunity for children to spend a week together honoring and praising God and we need you—ALL OF YOU—to help. VBS is a huge undertaking and most of the members who sign their children up for the week are busy all week volunteering their time. We need to expand our net a bit this year and we are asking many hands to come together to help make and set up the decorations for the Everywhere Fun Fair. Please call or email Jenny if you would be willing to donate time or materials to this endeavor. Think of this as an international Fair on the Square. Let's put our heads together devise a plan and get building. Together we can make this AWESOME!!!!



We are so excited to begin planning a new rotation classroom for our 1st through 5th graders – a computer lab! We are hoping to have all the computers (desktops or laptops) donated along with any original software that you may still have. Please call or email Jenny if you have an old, but very usable, computer you would like to donate.

Sending Love to Russia

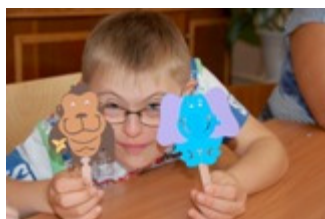
The Volunteer In Mission trips from our church have been gratefully received as part of the Russia Initiative to foster rebirth of the Methodist Church across that country.

This year, 14 volunteers from the East Ohio Conference, including three from our church: Tony Cipolla, Bruce McCrodden and Bill Webb, will work at Down Syndrome Boarding School #5 in the city of Kursk, which provides services to kids with special needs.

The school asked the group to bring sports and recreation equipment for boys and girls ages 5-18. We are looking for balls, jump ropes, games, puzzles, temporary tattoos, sidewalk chalk, etc. They can be new or gently used. Bring your donation to the box marked "Russia VIM" in the coat room near Fellowship Hall by May 12. Last year one of BUMC's children donated her very own pink ball, which was the hit of the week.

Representatives from Brecksville have personally seen how the Russian students benefit substantially from the willingness of our church and its members to share both their time and material contributions. Please keep the Kursk students, their care givers and the VIM team in your prayers. Thank you.

—Bruce McCrodden



Students Making Crafts



Bruce and Kohya



Tony shares a hug.

MARCH 2013

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 Chuck & Becky Gezze	World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Join in the prayer service sponsored by Church Women United at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Friday, March 1 from 9:30—11 am. Refreshments and babysitting will be provided. RSVP: 440-526-9865				1 World Day of Prayer 7 Emmaus Re. 9 Men's Bible Study	2
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United Methodist News

“News in the Pews” from the United Methodist News Service

Society of St. Andrew Lenten devotional

BIG ISLAND, Va. — The Society of St. Andrew’s Lenten 2013 devotional booklet is entitled “How Beautiful” based on Romans 10:15b, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!” The food rescue and distribution ministry group is offering an online starter kit to congregations. For more information, go to endhunger.org/lent.htm

Report says hunger goals within reach

NEW YORK — An examination of what are known as the “Millennium Development Goals” regarding hunger and poverty and discussion of a framework for action in the years to come is at the heart of the 2013 Hunger Report from the Bread for the World Institute, “Within Reach: Global Development Goals.” The report’s “bullseye” recommendation: End hunger and poverty in every country in the world by 2040.

Still there, Connectional Table starts anew

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The new Connectional Table — a United Methodist governing body that had expected to be defunct by now — met Jan. 15-17 to organize. The gathering set the tone for the denomination’s leadership for the next four years and may have offered a prelude to proposals that will go before the next General Conference in 2016. Read more at www.abouttheconnection.blogspot.com.

Sandy giving now at \$6.1 million

NEW YORK — United Methodists are continuing to contribute both money and volunteer time to the denomination’s relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Long-term recovery volunteer teams for Sandy also can now register through annual conference or jurisdictional UMVIM coordinators.

Church, Locks of Love help girl

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Some members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church have decided to donate their hair to Locks of Love in honor of Tatum Brewer, 10, who has been living with a hair-loss condition since she was a toddler. Aldersgate has designated Locks of Love as its February mission emphasis and will collect donations in honor of Tatum. “Having hair changed my life,” said Tatum, who was well known in the community for her ever-changing array of cute hats. “Everyone stopped asking questions, and I could braid my hair!”

Bringing clean water to Appalachia

SNEEDVILLE, Tenn. — While many churches are raising money to dig wells in Africa, Jubilee Project wants to bring clean water to poor families in Hancock County, Tenn. In fact, “access to clean water” is one of the five basic needs the United Methodist ministry Jubilee Project is tackling under a new set of core values and leadership. The other prioritized needs in this part of central Appalachia, hemmed in by the Clinch and Powell Mountains, are food security, shelter, health, self-worth and love.

Church fires challenge United Methodists

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — During the past nine months, fire destroyed or damaged more than a dozen United Methodist church properties across the United States. Arson was the cause of at least five fires. The insured property value ranged from \$10,000 to \$3.3 million, but several churches lacked adequate insurance to cover full replacement costs. In a four-part series on the damage from those fires, United Methodist News Service reports on how people responded to the affected congregations and what churches can do to protect themselves. To read the full series, go to umc.org/fires.

2013 program calendars available at discount

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — United Methodist Communications is still offering 2013 United Methodist Program Calendars at 60 percent discounts this month. To learn more, go to shop.umc.org/calendars.

Cupid in The United Methodist Church

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — About 20 United Methodists had a hand in helping Matthew Oates ask for his wife’s hand. Oates is one of several United Methodists who share the stories of how United Methodist ministries led them to meeting their spouses. To read story, go to goo.gl/Am70z.

Remember


This is the season of Lent. Find resources at the United Methodist Board of Discipleship at gbod.org and at United Methodist Communications at umcom.org/lent.



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LENT CALENDAR DAILY CALENDAR 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Visit the Stop Hunger Now website at www.stophungernow.org for more information on how you can get involved in the movement to end hunger in our lifetime.</p> 			<p>FEB 13 Americans spend \$23.8 billion on candy each year. Add to your Lent offering as you purchase candy for Valentine's Day. Joel 2:12</p>	<p>14 For every Valentine's card you receive, add 25¢ to your Lent offering. Psalm 103</p>	<p>15 Approximately 25,000 people die each day from hunger or hunger-related causes. That's one person dying every 3.6 seconds. And 74% of them are children. Isaiah 58:1-2</p>	<p>16 "There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." — Mahatma Gandhi 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10</p>
<p>17 "And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended He became hungry. When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time." Luke 4:1-13</p>	<p>18 Every time you sit down to a meal with your family, have each member add 25¢ to your Lent offering. Deuteronomy 26:1-11</p>	<p>19 "It is not enough to be compassionate; you must act." — the Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso Psalm 91</p>	<p>20 When school feeding programs are introduced into poverty-stricken areas, the enrollment nearly doubles. SHN's meals sustain these programs. Romans 10:5-13</p>	<p>21 "I love this food because it has a lot of vitamins. I am very happy for the food they provide at the school because it makes me feel good." — Schamgar Louis, A fifth grade student in Haiti Matthew 6:1-6</p>	<p>22 For every phone call you make to friends today, add 25¢ to your Lent offering. Matthew 6:16-21</p>	<p>23 870 million people in the world do not have enough to eat. Joel 2:1-2, 17</p>
<p>24 "Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven." Philippians 3:17-4:1</p>	<p>25 At mealtime, share the name of a person or people who have made an impact on your life. Place a quarter in your Lent offering in honor of them. Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18</p>	<p>26 One out of six children, roughly 100 million, in developing countries is underweight. Psalm 27</p>	<p>27 "The war against hunger is truly mankind's war of liberation." — John F. Kennedy Luke 13:22-30</p>	<p>28 Americans spend \$65.9 billion a year on soft drinks. Put a quarter in your Lent offering each time you drink a soda this week. Luke 13:31-35</p>	<p>MAR 1 "It is because of Stop Hunger Now that I am able to walk 6 miles from school every day to my home." — 11-year-old student, Haiti Psalm 140:12-13</p>	<p>2 "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." — Mother Teresa Buy six hot meals by adding \$1.50 to your Lent offering. 1 John 3:16-17</p>
<p>3 "Praise the Lord, my soul... and do not forget how kind he is." Psalm 103:1-11</p>	<p>4 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone. Exodus 3:1-15</p>	<p>5 Donate two or three hot meals today by adding 50¢ or 75¢ to your bag. "Feeding the hungry is greater work than raising the dead." — St. John Chrysostom 1 Corinthians 10:1-13</p>	<p>6 "I want to thank all aunts and uncles who send this food to us. We love you!" — Fidan, kindergarten, Azerbaijan Luke 13:1-9</p>	<p>7 "Just think what we could accomplish toward healing our broken world if we focused on helping one another rather than destroying one another." — Ray Buchanan, Founder of Stop Hunger Now James 1:22</p>	<p>8 "It is because of Stop Hunger Now that I am able to walk 6 miles from school every day to my home." — 11-year-old student, Haiti Jeremiah 22:13-16</p>	<p>9 Americans spend \$9.6 billion on movies. Each time you watch a movie at home or in a theater, add quarters to your Lent offering. Ask those who watch with you to contribute. 1 John 4:21</p>
<p>10 "He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything." Luke 15:11-32</p>	<p>11 The wealthiest fifth of the world's people consume 86 percent of all the goods and services, while the poorest fifth consume one percent. Let us be a people of justice. Joshua 4:19-34</p>	<p>12 Think of a friend or loved one with a birthday this month and add \$1.50 to your Lent offering in their honor. Joshua 5:9-12</p>	<p>13 "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Mornam Mac Ewan Consider the privilege it is to give when you add to your Lent offering. Psalm 34:1-8</p>	<p>14 Give up one of your meals today and add \$1.50 to your Lent offering. Spend your meal time in prayer for those who will receive Stop Hunger Now meals. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21</p>	<p>15 Americans spend \$566 billion eating out in restaurants. As you leave to go to your next dinner out, add \$1.50 to your Lent offering. Galatians 2:10</p>	<p>16 "Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that has." — Margaret Mead Mark 6:37</p>
<p>17 "You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." John 12:1-8</p>	<p>18 "Lord, to those who hunger, give bread. And to those who have bread, give the hunger for justice." — Latin American Prayer Isaiah 43:16-21</p>	<p>19 Share a meal with your family have everyone share something that has made them happy today. Have everyone place a quarter in your Lent offering. Psalm 126</p>	<p>20 60% of the 10.9 million child deaths in developing countries are related to hunger and/or malnutrition. Philippians 3:8-14</p>	<p>21 "A person who has food has many problems. A person who has no food has only one problem." — Chinese saying Psalm 118:19-29</p>	<p>22 More than 60 percent of chronically hungry people are women. Think of the women who have impacted your life and add 50¢ to your Lent offering. Luke 19:29-40</p>	<p>23 "When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say, 'Now is that political, or social?' He said, 'I feed you.' Because the good news to a hungry person is bread." — Desmond Tutu Isaiah 51:9-11</p>
<p>24 "He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity..." Isaiah 52:13-53:12</p>	<p>25 "I can't talk religion to a man with bodily hunger in his eyes." — George Bernard Shaw Philippians 2:5-11</p>	<p>26 1 in 7 people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight. Place \$1.50 in your Lent offering before bed and pray for those in need. Luke 22:39-23:56</p>	<p>27 "If we can conquer space, we can conquer childhood hunger." — Buzz Aldrin Psalm 118:14-29</p>	<p>28 Malnutrition remains the world's most serious health problem and the single biggest contributor to child mortality, more than HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria combined. Colossians 3:1-4</p>	<p>29 Asia and the Pacific region are home to over half the world's population and nearly two thirds of the world's hungry people. Acts 10:34-43</p>	<p>30 While preparing for Easter Sunday, reflect on the blessings you have received. Pray over your sacrifice during this Lent season and pray for those in need. Luke 24</p>



GIFT OF LIFE



He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
— The Magnificat (Luke 1:52-53)

Download this and other Lenten resources

<http://tinyurl.com/apqx83j>

Workshop - Sunday, April 21

Are you ready to do more? Together with Stop Hunger Now, an international food aid organization, we will pack meals for distribution to hungry people around the world.

Cec and I were able to participate in a meal packing event at our son's church in Richmond, Virginia. In just under two hours 60 people packed 10,000 meals. Participants ranged in age from 8 to 80. While supporting a very worthy cause everyone enjoyed a great time of fellowship.

Use this Lenten devotional calendar to help prepare for the event. Pick up a meal bag in the Parlor on Sunday to collect donations, or use a sandwich bag or jar. Every little bit helps!

The Worship Staff and Missions Committee are excited about this hands-on mission opportunity. You'll be hearing more on Sundays over the next several weeks. Prayerfully consider how you can be involved.
— Dave Podolny