



Our Youth Repair Homes for Neighbors in Need

Youth Service Project (YSP) Parma WorkCamp: June 23 - 29

Love this!!!

For years, people have asked if we could do a YSP in Cleveland. There is so much need right in our own area. This year, we're doing just that!

Based out of Parma Senior High School, we will work on more than 70 homes in greater Cleveland.

Our 24 YSP people will join campers from 10 states, living at the High School, sleeping on classroom floors, and eating in the cafeteria. We will build wheel chair ramps, repair porches, install drywall, and paint (indoors and out). Many of the residents are elderly or infirm and cannot do this work themselves.

Our campers include: *Dan Auble, Derek Brinkmann, Josh Dietrich, Christine Drescher, Grace Ford, Sarah Ford, Stephanie Holmes, Allie Kenney, Emily Kotnik, Monica Kotnik, Michael Lee, Sarah Lundholm, Matthew Mannocho, Amy Myers, Eli Shively, Russell Slifcak and Alyssa Whitton.*

Our adult leaders are: *Kyle Allen, Kathy Auble, Cathy Drescher, Jeff Fesler, Lucy Fesler, Craig Kotnik and Alan Scheufler.*

Please keep these YSP campers in your prayers. And please pray for the many WorkCamp campers, as well as the residents we will work for. Thanks so much for our Church's tremendous support of YSP every year!



North Coast Mission Connection. Two years ago, YSP campers were approached by folks from Ridgewood UMC attending the same WorkCamp. They asked if we thought it would be a great idea to sponsor a WorkCamp in Cleveland, and asked if we could help.

For the past 2 years, Elizabeth and Michael Jaszczak, Catherine and Mark Vastartis, Ruth Herman and Alan Scheufler have been working with Ridgewood UMC to make this camp happen. It will soon become a reality.

Ours will be the largest camp of the summer sponsored by Group Workcamps. 470 campers are coming from 10 states to work for residents of Cleveland, Slavic Village, Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills. 24 of our own YSP Campers will be a part of this very important mission.

Mayors and City Council members of all of these cities have helped find deserving residents whose homes desperately need repair. The work being done may help save some of these homes from citations and fines. Over 70 homes will be worked on during this one week of mission.

How Can You Help?

- ♦ Donations made payable to "North Coast Missions Connection" are still welcome. Checks should be mailed to Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 6330 Ridge Rd, Parma, OH 44129, or handed to any of the volunteers listed above.
- ♦ We really need ladders of all sizes including 6', 8', 10' 12', 16', 20', 24', 28' and 32'. If you can lend a ladder, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parlor, or you can call Alan Scheufler at 440-526-1335. We will pick up your ladder around June 15 and return it the first week in July. If you can't lend a ladder, but could help a team pick up and deliver ladders, please note that on the sign-up sheet.
- ♦ An around-the-clock prayer chain, serving refreshments to the campers, and visiting work-sites during the week are ways that anyone can help.

Thank you for your support! If you would like more information please contact: Elizabeth or Michael Jaszczak, Catherine or Mark Vastartis, Ruth Herman or Alan Scheufler.



Begins June 9th!

8:30 Worship on the Lawn
10 Sanctuary Service

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Do you hear it?

"The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves." -Mark 6:30-31

Many years ago, a little boy was given a priceless possession: his deceased grandfather's gold pocket watch. How he treasured it! But one day, while playing at his father's ice plant, he lost the watch amid all the ice and sawdust.

He searched and searched, becoming frantic, but no watch. Then he suddenly realized what to do. He stopped scurrying around and became very still. In the silence, he heard the watch ticking.

God has given each of us the priceless gift of joy in Jesus. How easy it is to lose our joy in the scurrying around of life. Yet it is always there to find, if we will but pause and listen to the beautiful presence of Jesus in our hearts.

We approach opportunities for rest and renewal in these summer months. Many folks will plan down time, and reconnect with families and old friends. It is time to hear Jesus call us away to a deserted place, where we can once again listen for the ticking of the watch. I sense in my spirit that it is there. I pray you will find significant times of rest and renewal and that our spirits will reconnect with their source and soar once again. I pray for joy in the journey.

Peace for the day.

Pastor Clark

We want to see YOU in worship this summer!

But did you know we have a **different worship schedule??**



Beginning June 9, we will gather on the front lawn for **8:30 outdoor worship**. This casual, come-as-you-are service includes all the important elements of worship in a beautiful, outdoor setting. If you love to start the day early, or love the outdoors, this service is for you!

At 10:00, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a service with our worship band and singers. This service is

similar to our 8:45 worship service during the year, but it will also include elements of traditional worship including hymns and the organ.

There are many ways to get involved in worship during the summer!!!

Men's Ensemble will share in worship on June 9, July 7, and August 4. We would love to have you, even for one of the Sundays! Email Joy at music@brecksvilleumc.com for more information or the rehearsal schedule.

Summer Choir will share in worship on June 23, July 21, and August 18. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:20 for a brief rehearsal and share a simple piece of music with the congregation at 10:00 worship. This is a choir for all ages – families come and sing together!

Summer Handbell Choir will ring in worship on June 30, July 28, and August 25. Have you always wanted to try ringing handbells?? This is your chance!! We are exploring alternate rehearsal times and offering special sessions for new ringers. If you have ever wanted to give this fun activity a try, summer is a great time to do it! Contact Joy at music@brecksvilleumc.com for more information.



Have you met our latest church membership class? (L-R) Susan Bartch, Grant Palmer, Tanya Garsteck, Joy Parker, Courtney Scheff, Stacy Parker, Kate White, Ryan Burrows. Not pictured: Michael and Kathleen Scott

Introducing....you! Would you like to know more about our church family? We're introducing a new feature "Stories of Brecksville UMC," an opportunity to share our faith stories and how we have been involved at the church. This feature will help us to know more about one another, and will help us tell seekers more about the people of Brecksville United Methodist Church. Each month, we'll feature one church member in *The Good Word* and eventually we'll build a special section on our church website, too. We'll answer questions like

- ♦ What brought you to BUMC? What keeps you here? What's your favorite part of worship service? What surprises have you found at church? Who has most influenced your faith journey? Have you been involved in music ministry, youth ministry, missions or the like? What have you learned or loved about that experience?

Would you like to be a part of this special project? Contact the church office to volunteer! 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com.



www.eocumc.com/youth/yac2013

And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.
- Ephesians 2:19-22

Youth Annual Conference (YAC) is a weekend for youth from the East Ohio Conference of the UMC to meet together for a time of worship, leadership development and fellowship. A weekend for teens planned by teens!

For more information, contact Kyle Allen, Youth Director
youth@brecksvilleumc.com
440-526-8938

East Ohio Annual Conference



The **2013 Annual Conference** will convene at Lakeside, Ohio on Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20. The theme, "**Jesus is Calling ...**" will focus on the call of Jesus in each of our lives. Have we answered Christ's call? Do we struggle with acknowledging/answering it? Are we living out the call placed on our life, modeling it for others? The theme is based on the mission of The United Methodist Church: to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Over the next four years Annual Conference will explore answering Christ's call, identifying new disciples, motivating all disciples, and transforming the world.

2013 Speakers: Annual Conference guest speakers will include Bishop John L. Hopkins, Rev. Gary Henderson, Bishop Robert E. Fannin and Rev. Judy Claycomb. For biographical information about the 2013 Annual Conference guest speakers [click here](#).



Pastor Libby Kuntz will be officially retiring on June 17, 2013 at Annual Conference. There will be a service of retirement at 7:30 pm in Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside, Ohio. The congregation of Brecksville UMC is invited to attend the service and reception, immediately following. The reception will be held at 916 Second Street, Lakeside.



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

Two long time members of our church family recently joined the church triumphant.

Catherine "Kay" Servey, a member of our church for 57 years, passed away on May 20. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Wally. Long time members may remember Kay performing with our bell choir and for her work as a Stephens Minister.

Kenneth Hedges, a member of our church since 1980, died on May 13 after a brief illness. Services were held here May 17, Rev. Russell Martin officiating.

Darren Krolikowski pitched a one-hit shut out 5-0 win at Classic Park v. Berkshire on April 27. Go Darren!

Craig Czarnota says, "Thank you for all the prayers and cares we received during the passing of Mom. During these tough times, it is so wonderful to have a church family as loving as you all are."

Members of our church family are traveling the globe this month. Tony Cipolla, Bruce McCrodden and Bill Webb are serving at a Russian Orphanage with the Volunteers in Mission. Karen Pace traveled to Central America on a medical mission trip. And Mallory Krolikowski has traveled to Nepal to share music therapy with orphans there. Please keep them all in your prayers!

*Sign up for our obituary notification service. Send your e-mail address to:
office@brecksvilleumc.com*



As You Pray This Month Consider

*Brides and Grooms
Graduation Celebrations
Summer Travelers
Those Who are Lonely*



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
Harmony	Lasich	06/02	Dianne	Urdzik	06/20
Frances	McClean	06/02	Russell	Martin	06/21
Judy	McCrodden	06/02	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
Cathryn	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
Amber	Lasich	06/15	Ruth	McDonel	06/27
Ezekial	Stein	06/15	Krissy	Nelson	06/27
John	Falko	06/16	Joseph	Bartholomew	06/28
Daniel	AuWerter	06/17	Melanie	Smith	06/29
Mary	Hoffman	06/18	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. Robin Raybuck is such a source of comfort and care, and we are blessed by her work with the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Ruth Herman gives of her time so generously, and is always there to step in when she sees a need. Chris Toth worked tirelessly on the organ rededication and Josh Rzepka filled the sanctuary with beautiful music. We thank God for the ways each of you touch the life of the church!



Come One, Come All!

Step right up and register soon for this year's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is THE EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR: WHERE GOD'S WORLD COMES TOGETHER. Your son or daughter will love this interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that gives them the chance to discover God's welcoming love.

Your child will have an amazing time travelling the world at this global fair and they will experience the love of Jesus, meet welcoming neighbors from the Bible and learn some cool cultural facts from Australia, Great Britain, the Congo, Mexico and Korea.

Each day your child will learn a new friendship phrase that help them understand how to be a neighbor and follow the example of Jesus. Children will be encouraged to incorporate these key learnings into their lives and share them with others. These key facts tell us how to act to be a good neighbor and how to love God with our whole heart.

This is definitely a great way to spend a week this summer... don't let your son or daughter miss out!!! Register today!

www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/Youth/vbs



Middle School VBS
July 15-19, 9am-12pm

Cost is \$25 and includes t-shirt, all snacks and transportation.

Register online at:
brecksvilleumc.com/root/Youth/vbs

- ◆ *Do all paths really lead to God?*
- ◆ *Is it true all religions are basically the same?*
- ◆ *Can people of contrasting faiths get along?*
- ◆ *Can Jesus really be the only Way, Truth and Life?*

Come find out during a very special week of interactive learning as we explore different world religions including Buddhism, Sikhism, and Islam.

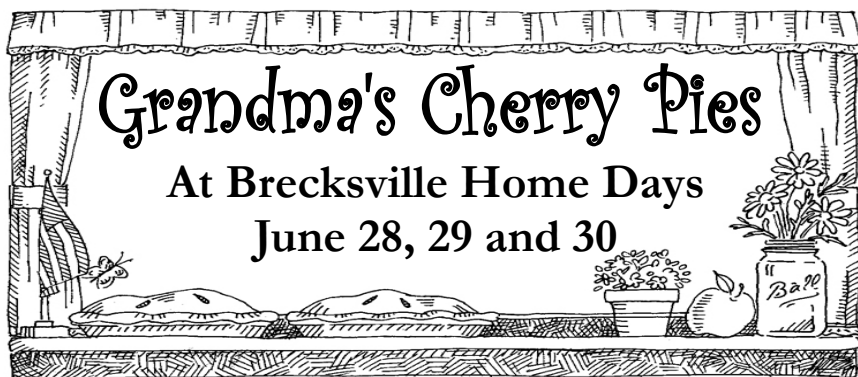
It's a fun, important, and very unique chance to actually sit down with people of other faiths and ask real questions. Most importantly we'll compare Christianity to other world religions and learn a lot about our faith in the process!

We'll tour religious sites in Cleveland, meet with teachers of other faiths, ask questions, and find answers together.

Open to all incoming 6th through outgoing 8th Graders and their friends.

We are looking for an adult volunteer who can help drive/chaperone for the week. Contact Kyle if you are able to help.

Contact Kyle Allen (youth@brecksvilleumc.com) for more information



Grandma's, a Home Days tradition, is back! Don't miss out - - pre-order a whole pie, cobbler or (for the chocolate lover) Texas sheet cake today! Complete this form and return to the church office. **PRE-ORDERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR SUNDAY. PLEASE ORDER EARLY!!!** Saturday and Sunday orders will be available for pick up in the church kitchen after 12 pm.

Name:		Phone:	
Item	Qty	Price	Total
Favorite Cherry Pie - 9" Pie		@ \$12.00	
Take & Bake Favorite Cherry Pie: <i>Uncooked and Frozen - 9" Pie</i>		@ \$12.00	
Beautiful Blueberry Cobbler - 8" Round		@ \$10.00	
Decadent Chocolate Cake - 8" Square		@ \$7.00	
For Pickup: _____ Friday, June 28 _____ Saturday, June 29 _____ Sunday, June 30 <i>Make check payable to BUMW and place pre-paid order in the church office.</i>			TOTAL
If you would like to help bake contact Ruth Herman, 330-467-3237. To work in the booth, sign-up between services or call Janet Klecker, 440-526-2386. Or sign your name here and we'll contact you! _____			

Stop by and visit our booth! We'll be serving pie, cobbler, Texas sheet cake and pulled beef barbecue sandwiches. All proceeds will benefit the important missions work of the UMW. **THANK YOU!!!!**

BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Saturday, June 15th 2013

Briarwood Golf Club

2737 Edgerton Road
Broadview Hts, OH 44147

Shotgun Start at 1:00 P.M.

EVERYONE MUST ARRIVE BY 12:30 PM

Four-Person Scramble

\$75.00 Person • \$60.00 Youth 21 and Under

\$25 Dinner Only

Fee Includes:

- ◆ Entry into Scramble
- ◆ 18 holes and cart
- ◆ Dinner
- ◆ Soft drinks
- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ Charity!
- ◆ Fun!
- ◆ Fellowship!



Scan QR for Online Registration

To sign up electronically (*PayPal accepted!*) Visit:
brecksvilleumc.com/root/bumconline/regformgolf

Or

Pick Up a copy of the registration form in the Parlor
Register before May 31. Make Checks Payable to BUMC.

(Please note "Golf Outing" in memo line.)

Call 440-526-8938 with any questions or

E-mail music@brecksvilleumc.com



Young Artists Needed

Calling all school-age children and youth! We need your artistic talents to create paintings to decorate the Drama Room in our Church. How great it will be for the kids to have their very own paintings displayed for all to see! We will have a couple of painting days throughout the summer so everyone can take part. Our first will be on Sunday, June 23rd from 9:30-11:30 AM. Feel free to drop in anytime. It's not necessary to stay the whole time. We will provide all the materials.

Just wear paint clothes or bring a paint shirt. Please use the signup genius link to RSVP so we know how many to expect. We ask the parents of little ones to stay to assist. Have any questions? Contact Krissy Nelson at 440-526-5777 or email: mnkmail@yahoo.com. Sign up at this link: tinyurl.com/mg22rl6



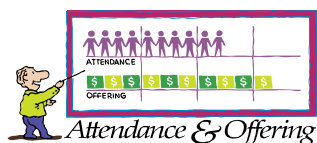
United
Methodist
Women

UMW News

The Thursday, June 6 UMW meeting will be a presentation by Joe Scotch talking about Playhouse Square. This should be of interest to anyone who has attended the various theaters which are a true treasure of Cleveland. A continental breakfast and fellowship will begin at 9:30 followed by the program at 10:00. Everyone is welcome including the men of the church. This is the last meeting until September. Have a safe and wonderful summer. See you in the fall.

Asbury Bremeth Circle is finishing out its 2012-13 year with a docent led tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art on June 13th. Docent cost is \$25, so be prepared to chip in @\$2 on June 13th. After the tour we will eat lunch in the new café. Size limit is 25 people so the tour will be open to Circle members first, then interested UMW and church members. We need carpoolers. We will leave church at 9:30 am. Tour begins at 10:15 am. Please call Nancy at 440.838.4341 for information or sign-up.

UMW would like to thank everyone who takes the time and effort to wash the table cloths and dish towel. This is just a reminder that if you do this, please return the table cloths within one week.



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	Open Table	Vs. goal	Offering
April 28	141	110	117	88	+46	\$9,778
May 5	136	85	119		-45	\$19,322
May 12	173	116	91		-36	\$10,515
May 19	156		75		-69	\$9,050



Adult Bible study on the book of Acts will begin in June

A 10 week study of the book of Acts will begin on Sunday evenings at the church beginning June 2 from 7-8:30pm facilitated by Kendall Lancaster. Format will include presentations of the scriptures, discussion and handouts. Participants will utilize their Bible and any commentary or study material of their choosing. Please call the church office to register 440-526-8938 or e-mail office@brecksvilleumc.com.



Monday, July 8

Cleveland Indians

vs. Detroit Tigers

7:05 pm, Progressive Field

For the third year in a row, the Cleveland Indians and Guidestone are teaming up to raise funds for children and families in need in our community. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket sale to this game will go to Guidestone.

Field Box Seats: \$55

Lower Reserved Seats: \$30

Upper Box Seats: \$20

Want to enjoy a catered meal and snacks overlooking the ballpark? Add entrance to the Terrace Club to a Lower Reserve or Field Box ticket for \$50 per person.

To purchase tickets visit: www.GuidestoneOhio.org/tickets or call 440-260-8231



Our Committee on Education is putting together a multi-media room for Brecksville United Methodist Church youth. Room 301d has been cleaned up and we are looking for 4 more 'gently' used computers. Do you have an old computer to donate? As an enticement to those members who may be thinking of (or are in the process of) upgrading their PCs, Jinho Lee has volunteered to help with your upgrading process in return for the donation of the old the PC for this project. Questions? Call Jinho: 440-526-3999

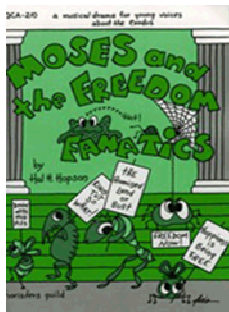


**This Month's
Hike: Sunday,
June 2**

Join us at 2 p.m. at the Canal Visitor Center at 7104 Canal Road, in Valley View, at Hillside Road. This will be a 5 mile loop hike, going south on the Towpath then crossing Canal to explore the Terra Vista Natural Study Area. It's surprisingly quiet there, known for butterflies and a cemetery with graves dating from 1810-1919. We'll climb one hill and there may be some mud on the flat part on top. Please RSVP by May 31. Snacks and a cold beverage afterward! See you there!

Christian Musical Arts Program (CMAP) Proudly Presents... **Moses and the Freedom Fanatics**

On Sunday, June 9 at 11:30am



our Children's Choir will present their Spring musical, starring Emily Loughner (Moses), Carly Johnson (Miriam), Neilson & Julianna Tait, Trinity Crouch, Emily, Ryan & Lucy Shijo, Sam & Ben Eberhardt, Anastasia & Zachary Brachna, Jack Hensley, **and a top-secret surprise GUEST in the role of Pharaoh!!!**

Join us in Fellowship Hall to hear this awesome story retold about God's passion for justice!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, June 9



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. (1 Corinthians 4-6)

As you look back on the past year, think of the many ways you have helped strengthen this church body. Do you serve on a committee? Have you taught or shepherded a Sunday School class? Mowed the lawn? Prepared Communion? Worked in the kitchen? Prayed with the Prayer Chain? Served as an usher? The church body is made of many parts and we want to thank each of those parts! Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 9. There will be no Sunday School that day, and we want **everyone** to come down to Fellowship Hall between 10 and 11 to enjoy a wonderful pancake breakfast and CMAP Musical prepared for you, as our way of saying 'thanks!'

RECYCLING PAPER FIGHTS HUNGER



Thank you for bringing your paper to church to recycle! We're using the proceeds from paper recycling to fight hunger, locally and around the world!



Paper we Recycle

- Newspapers
- Mail
- Phonebooks
- Copy Paper
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Brown Paper Bags
- Hard Bound Books
- Soft Bound Books
- Cardboard
- Cereal Boxes

Did you know that Americans throw away the equivalent of more than 30 million trees in newsprint each year? Recycling at at BUMC can help change that! The money we raise goes to hunger relief.

In March, we recycled **2,610 pounds** of paper at Brecksville UMC! In April, we recycled **3,600 pounds** - **earning \$36 to fight hunger!** In April alone, we saved 30.6 trees!

That's just the beginning! Don't throw your paper away - bring it to church! If you need help getting the paper out of your car, just ask. *The bin is emptied every other Thursday.* Questions?

Call the Church Office! 440.526.8938 or
e-mail: office@brecksvilleumc.com.

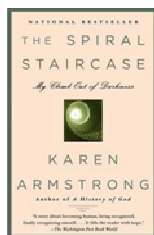
Summer Book Group Returns!!

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

If you saw the article in the Good Word last month, please notice that our first day and time have changed! Book group will meet at Joy & Stacy's home in Strongs-ville [13432 Tradewinds Drive]. Grilled fare and beverages will be provided; participants are asked to bring a side dish or 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 have also been able to reduce book prices!** (See below.)

Sunday, June 23 @ 12:00 noon

*****Please note the change in date/time!!!**

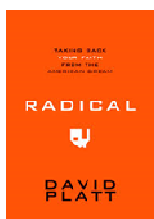


The Spiral Staircase, A Memoir by Karen Armstrong, lecturer on comparative religion / founder of Charter for Compassion. Book Cost: \$8.00, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition for \$11.99.

In 1962, at age seventeen, Karen Armstrong entered a convent, eager to meet God. After seven unhappy years as a nun, she left to pursue English literature at Oxford. But convent life had altered her, and coping with the outside world and her expiring faith proved to be excruciating. Her deep solitude and a terrifying illness – diagnosed only years later as epilepsy – marked her as an outsider. In her own mind she was a failure: as a nun, as an academic, and as a woman. Her future seemed in question until she stumbled into comparative theology. What she found, in learning, thinking, and writing about other religions, was the ecstasy and transcendence she had never felt as a nun. Gripping, revelatory, and inspirational, *The Spiral Staircase* is an extraordinary account of a very personal spiritual journey.

****Karen Armstrong will be at the Chautauqua Institution in July! Check it out online at www.ciweb.org/calendar.****

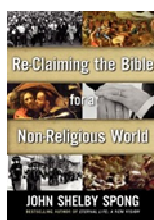
Thursday, August 1 @ 6:00pm



Radical by David Platt, Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary / Pastor, Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham, Alabama. Book Cost: \$10.00, when purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition for \$11.99.

In *Radical*, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple – then invites you to *believe* and *obey* what you have heard. This book will offer a challenging theological perspective to many but also reinforces the way in which Christians of different theological perspectives must meet around our calling to work for God's justice in the world.

Thursday, August 29 @ 6:00pm



Reclaiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World by John Shelby Spong, retired American bishop of the Episcopal Church. Book Cost: \$20.00 [hardcover], purchased through the church, or consider the Kindle edition for \$12.99.

200 years of biblical scholarship has been withheld from lay people, argues renowned bishop and social activist John Shelby Spong. In this brilliant book, Spong reveals not only the crucial truths that have long been kept hidden from the public eye, but explores what the history of the Bible can teach us about reading its stories today and living our lives for tomorrow.

Hymn Spotlight: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

On May 26, we sang requested hymn, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*. This 19th century hymn extolls the help and solace found when we seek God in prayer. There is considerable uncertainty around its authorship, which is most often attributed to William Walford. One account describes Walford as a blind shop owner who carved ornaments of ivory or wood for a living and one day asked a visiting minister to write down this poem, composed in his head. Researchers have also found a William Walford who was himself a minister and wrote a book on prayer, so he may in fact be the author. The tune was written for the text by William Bradbury in 1861. This entered *The Methodist Hymnal* in 1867 with four stanzas (verses) and was shortened to just three stanzas in 1935.



The Trustees thank all who helped during our Spring yard clean-up. We accomplished much work in a few hours. Beds were weeded and mulch was spread. The Trustees appreciate all the work church members do throughout the year. **THANK YOU** - you make a difference!



The Mayan Hands booth had a purse with kittens hand-stitched on it. Although it was a highly sought after bag, our own Craig Czarnota ended up with it! The sales girls decided to craft their own kitty brown bags so all could put their purchases in one.

FAIR TRADE FAIR



Sydney, Hannah and Erin sold much chocolate, coffee and tea on May 5. All sales helped the farmers and growers of these popular products.



Allie Kenney displays a beautiful hand pounded silver cross available from Women of the Cloud Forest, a fair trade organization that offer the sale of items made by women artisans in Costa Rica.

On May 5, we hosted our second Fair Trade Fair. Fellowship Hall was filled with displays of items from around the world. An enormous variety of products including purses, jewelry, cotton t-shirts, house wares and fashionable clothing filled the stands. Sales of Fair Trade items benefit the underserved artisans who make the products around the world! Thank you to all who attended, shopped, and shared information about Fair Trade!



Summer Sprouts Leaders Wanted.

Would you like to work with the children of the congregation once or twice this summer during their Sprouts program? The program takes place during the 10 am worship service only. The curriculum is easy to follow and includes everything you need. To sign up, visit tinyurl.com/mfqryzi or call Jenny Gee: 440-526-8938 ext. 230.

Summer Ushers Needed. Do you come to 10 o'clock service? Do you have a ready smile? Do you like to make other people feel welcome? Then sign up to be a summer usher! All you need is a willingness to help and one Sunday this summer! Families welcome! Call Cec in the church office, 440-526-8938 or e-mail cecp@brecksvilleumc.com

Can You Make Lemonade?

Sign up for our lemonade brigade! We would like to have lemonade available after the 10 o'clock service during the summer months, but we can't do it without your help! If you can prepare this refreshing treat on one Sunday during the summer months, contact the church office. Perhaps a committee would like to split the duties over a month! Call Cec in the church office, 440-526-8938 or e-mail cecp@brecksvilleumc.com



Can we borrow your ladder? YSP needs ladders of all sizes including 6', 8', 10' 12', 16', 20', 24', 28' and 32'. If

you can lend a ladder, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parlor, or you can call Alan Scheufler at 440-526-1335. We will pick up your ladder around June 15 and return it the first week in July.

Attention Men Who Sing: Our Men's Ensemble will share in worship on June 9, July 7, and August 4. We would love to have you, even for one of the Sundays! Email Joy at mu-sic@brecksvilleumc.com for more.

Singers Needed for Summer Choir. Sing in worship June 23, July 21, and August 18. Gather in the Sanctuary at 9:20 for a brief rehearsal, share a simple piece of music with the congregation at 10 worship. This is a choir for all ages – families come and sing!

Ding! Dong! Have you always wanted to try your hand at bells? Here's your chance! We hope to offer special sessions for new ringers. If you have ever wanted to give this fun activity a try, summer is a great time to do it! Email music@brecksvilleumc.com for more information.

Crafters, Artists and Handy People Wanted for the VBS Decorating Committee! During the week of July 15 - 19, we want to create an "Everywhere Fun Fair" for our VBS Students. We have projects to complete at the church and projects which can be done at home. Please give Kay Mendlek a call for more information: 440-717-0046.

Newsletter Helpers: On the fourth Wednesday of each month, we fold, collate and stuff the *Good Word* newsletters we mail home. Would you like to help? Call Melanie in the church office: 440-526-8938 or e-mail office@brecksvilleumc.com

Help Grandma's Pies at Brecksville Home Days! If you would like to help bake contact Ruth Herman, 330-467-3237. To work in the booth, sign-up between services or call Janet Klecker, 440-526-2386.

Thank you!



Graduates will be recognized at the 8:45 Worship Service on Sunday, June 2. This year's graduates include:

High School Graduates

Nathan Bender
Christine Drescher
Grace Ford
Emily Kotnik
Sean Lundholm
Don Rickert
Abigail Smith

College Graduates

Megan Culley
Elizabeth Hoffman
Heather Manocchio
Kevan Fisher

Information for the bulletin was due May 24. This list is complete at the time of printing.



Confirmands will be recognized at the 11:15 Worship Service on Sunday, June 2. This year's confirmands include:

Brianna Diver
Katherine Falko
Matthew Georgevich
Andrew Havranek
Connor Hulten
Zachary Johnson
Stephanie Ling
Nicholas Mihalich
Megan Myers
Katrina Orr
Morgan Parker
Alison Rickert
Wyatt Slifcak
Stefan Wygonski
James Zawada

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 Communion Stewards Bob and Joan Bloch						1 BBHCSD Commencement
2 Communion Sunday Graduation and Confirmation Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Reception 11:15 Worship 2 Hiking Club	3 7 pm Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Band and Chorus Concert, Brecksville Human Svcs	4 9:30 Staff Mtg 4 Wo. Emmaus 5 Children's Choir 6:15 Softball	5 6:30a Dawnbrks 5:30 Youth Worship & Study 6:15 Wed. Wheels	6 9:30 UMW 5 Men's Group	7 7 Emmaus Reun BBHCSD Last Day of School	8
9 Summer Worship Begins! 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Sanctuary Svc 11 Volunteer Pancake Breakfast 11:30 Kids Musical	10 7:pm Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Band and Chorus Concert, Broadview Rec	11 11 Staff Mtg 4 Wo. Emmaus 6:15 Softball 7 COM 8 Committee Mtgs	12 6:30a Dawnbrks 5:30 Youth Worship & Study 6:15 Wed. Wheels	13 9:30 Asbury Bremeth Field Trip! 5 Men's Group 7 Church & Society	14 7 Emmaus Reun  Flag Day	15 1 pm Start  2013 SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING 6.15.13
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United Methodist News

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

UM Men send devotionals to first responders

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — United Methodist Men shipped copies of its newly published Strength of Service for God and Community devotional for first responders to Boston and to West, Texas, last week. There is to be a presentation of 250 copies in Newtown, Conn., this weekend. The devotional was introduced in March.

United Methodists and mental health

CHICAGO — Dan Magrini, 23, took his life in 2011. His family has made it their mission to educate people on the causes of depression and bipolar disorder and to fight the stigma, fear and misunderstanding often associated with a diagnosis of mental illness. Just as Jesus healed people struggling with mental, emotional and physical ailments, United Methodists reach out to their sisters and brothers who seek healing. Throughout May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month, United Methodist News Service will share stories of individuals and congregations tackling the challenges of mental health through a variety of ministries.

Read stories and find resources at www.umc.org/mentalhealth.

Church vitality: How do you define it?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Leaders across the denomination are pondering that question even as they seek to increase the number of highly vital churches. Learn more about possible definitions at <http://bit.ly/17A2J60> and share your story of your vital church.

From Boston to Oklahoma, a race finished

OKLAHOMA CITY — “I just want to finish,” says Texas runner Diane Sherer, 51. “Just to show people you can get up and go on.” Recently, Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon organizers invited the runners who didn’t finish in Boston to come to their city and run with no registration fees. Sherer was half a mile away from the finish line when the bombs went off. On April 27, the Rev. Mark McAdow, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, blessed Sherer’s running shoes. The church is across the street from the memorial to Oklahoma City bombing victims. ESPN shared the story.

Bishops visit U.S.-Mexico border

BATON ROUGE, La. — As the U.S. Senate prepares to consider a major bill on immigration policy reform, active United Methodist bishops from the United States, Africa, Asia and Europe visited the U.S.-Mexico border near San

Diego. “The Forum of Bishops’ journey to the border was an outward and visible sign of the deepest desire for the people of God, in this case the Forum of Bishops, to stand for children of God who are separated from those they love,” wrote Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey of the Louisiana Area. On May 6, the bishops met with Brian McLaren, noted author and leader of the emerging church movement. McLaren and the bishops engaged in dialogue concerning promising signs in The United Methodist Church. To learn more about the bishops, go to bishops.umc.org

New website powers young adults

DETROIT — A collaboration among United Methodist agencies and local ministries has produced a new website, revgo.org, to help connect young adults in spiritual discernment through missional engagement. United Methodist-connected ministries that engage young adults as interns, missionaries, staff and ministry leadership teams can use REVGO as a platform for fundraising, story sharing and recruitment.

UMCOR relief supplies needed

NEW YORK — The United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination’s disaster response agency, has urgent need for relief supplies. UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, La., and UMCOR West in Salt Lake City, Utah, are running very low in their inventory of layette, sewing and bedding kits particularly, but other relief supplies are needed as well. Go to umcor.org for more information.

UMCOR to aid victims of Moore Tornado

For the moment the most important ways that concerned individuals and faithful United Methodists can help is through their prayers and financial assistance. “Please prepare your church membership for possible VIM [Volunteers in Mission] mission service later,” he also wrote. Relief kits will also be needed, especially health kits and school kits. (For information about how to assemble these, visit UMCOR Relief Supplies page on the UMCOR.org website.) Donations will be collected with Sunday offerings and through the UMCOR website.



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