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Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.

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From your hands in Brecksville....



....to the hands of orphans in Cambodia.



*The Stop Hunger Now meals we packed at
Workshop have arrived where they are needed!
Praise God!*

Stop Hunger Now Meals Delivered

Dear Friends at Brecksville United Methodist Church,

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Philadelphia, PA warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner Foursquare Children of Promise International in Cambodia.

FCOP International (Foursquare Children of Promise) is a 501(c)3 organization that works to provide aid for orphans and widows in 24 different provinces of Cambodia. The short and long term goals of their orphan program are to feed, clothe, and educate the poor and needy through the ministry of the local church. They also work to provide culturally relevant job training for individuals in orphanages, mainly by establishing self-sustaining agricultural and income generating enterprises. The orphan program has been operating since 1999 and was originally founded by Ted and Sou Olbrich.

Since 2001, FCOP has grown from 22 church orphan homes to 108 church orphan homes currently caring for more than 3,000 orphans, separated children and widows. FCOP accepts children regardless of race, creed, or economic background. The facilities they operate are constructed in the area of need and are limited to a maximum size of 40 children. This allows children to stay in their home area, near friends and distant relatives. When a facility reaches maximum enrollment they create another facility in a near-by community. All the children in FCOP's program attend school as well. The homes are staffed locally, normally by widows and members of the local church with a ratio of one staff person per five orphans.

Stop Hunger Meals will be going to each of the 24 districts, providing food to every child and widow in the homes. Children in the orphan program are continually cared for until they leave the FCOP program. Children stay at the homes until the age of 18 but they are supported for longer if need be, until they are placed in a sustainable form of employment.

Visit www.stophungernow.org for more information on how to continue your involvement in the fight against hunger and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stophungernow for updates, videos and photos from the field.

Thank you for generously donating your time as a volunteer with Stop Hunger Now. We are sincerely grateful for your dedication and for sharing our vision of a world without hunger.

Gratefully,

Jarod Ring, Assistant Program Manager, Stop Hunger Now



Begins June 9th!

8:30 Worship on the Lawn
10 Sanctuary Service

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Twinkle, Twinkle

A mother, wishing to encourage her young son's progress at the piano, bought tickets for a Paderewski performance. When the night arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the

boy slipped away..

When eight o'clock arrived, the spotlights came on, the audience quieted, and only then did they notice the little boy up on the bench innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." His mother gasped, but before she could retrieve her son, the master appeared on stage and quickly moved over to the keyboard. He whispered to the boy, "Don't quit- keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side, encircling the child, to add a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young child held the audience mesmerized.

In our lives, unpolished though we may be, it is God who surrounds us and whispers into our ears time and time again, "Don't quit- keep playing." And as we do, God adds and supplements until a work of amazing beauty is being created.

I pray you will enjoy warm summer evenings of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" theme and variations.

Still amazed...

Pastor Clark



Youth Annual Conference (YAC) brought 952 youth together from the East Ohio Conference of the UMC for a weekend of worship, leadership development and fellowship June 14 - 16. Our teens participated in this event, which was planned by teens! Pictured, L-R, back: Jenny Gee, Stephanie Holmes, Alyssa Whitton, Kyle Allen, Derek "Squid" Brinkman, Josh Dietrich, Aleya Gee, Allie Kenney, Bridget Gee, Allison Loughner. Front: Payton Schneider, Erin Gee, Matthew Sendrey, Kristen Kubek, Amy Myers, Sydney Hudacek, Emily Loughner.



Step Right Up! “Everywhere Fun Fair” VBS is almost here. Can you help us get ready? This year’s Vacation Bible School theme focuses on Luke 10:27 “Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself.” Children between the ages of 3 and 10 will discover that God’s love welcomes everyone. Fun crafts, great games and storytelling skits that will illustrate God’s boundless love for all. The children are in for a festive carnival of fun! *(There’s a Middle School VBS, too! More info in the pages of this newsletter!)*

We need your help! First and foremost we need **your prayers** for the leaders and the children - both leading up to and throughout the week of VBS. We are blessed to have many visitors taking part in the program. Pray that we are all drawn closer to Christ through this experience together. We are still looking for **youth and adult help throughout the week.** To have the best VBS possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. This program is not possible without the help of many! Can you lend a hand? To help us keep costs down, we’re asking for **donations of some craft and snack items.** Can you provide any of the following?

***This list is also available on the VBS registration page:
Brecksvilleumc.com/root/youth/vbs***

- ☐ 250 Ziplocs baggies
- ☐ 400 paper cups
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ 4 boxes Crispix cereal
- ☐ 6 bags of chocolate chips (from a “nut free” factory)
- ☐ 3 canisters raisins
- ☐ 6 boxes graham cracker sticks
- ☐ 3 bags of mini marshmallows
- ☐ Popsicles for 80
- ☐ 4 big bags pre popped popcorn
- ☐ 3 big boxes fish crackers
- ☐ 4 bags of 20 Cheese sticks
- ☐ Crepe paper (various colors)
- ☐ Pretty yarn (remnants)
- ☐ Bag of various sized google eyes
- ☐ Old magazines and catalogs
- ☐ 160 plastic Easter eggs (large)
- ☐ Various colors of sharpie markers
- ☐ 320 white plastic spoons
- ☐ White duct tape (3 rolls)
- ☐ Aluminum tray lids
- ☐ Remnants of cork roll (or small old bulletin boards)
- ☐ 2 canisters lemonade mix
- ☐ Popsicle sticks
- ☐ 100 Large white coffee filters
- ☐ 50 Dessert sized white paper plates

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 Everywhere Fun Fair VBS. Contact me by e-mail (education@brecksvilleumc.com) phone (440-526-8938) or in person to sign up to help, or if you have any questions! - *Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education* **Don’t forget to register your kids for VBS! There’s a registration form in this issue of The Good Word, or you can register on line! Everyone’s welcome. Tell a friend!**



The VBS Decorating Committee invites you to THE social event of the summer – an Ice Cream Social! Sunday, July 14, immediately after the second service in Fellowship Hall. The hall will be decorated for VBS. Come as you are or stop by after second service to enjoy cold ice cream on a hot day, talk with your church friends and check out the VBS decorations. Contact Kay Mendlik for more details, or to help, at 216.577.5502

**Small
Farmers
Big Change**

We will be selling Equal Exchange items throughout the summer. Stop by the table set up in the Parlor after both services and stock your pantry with some Fair Trade products. Every purchase matters!

Fabulous Chicken Marinade

Fire up the grill and try this marvelous marinade on some chicken, using you Equal Exchange Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil!

Just whisk together these ingredients

- ◆ 1/3 c. Olive Oil
- ◆ 1 Tbsp. sesame oil
- ◆ 1/2 c. brown sugar
- ◆ 2 tsp honey
- ◆ 2/3 c. balsamic vinegar
- ◆ 1/3 c. soy sauce
- ◆ 5 cloves crushed garlic
- ◆ 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- ◆ 1/2 tsp. Mexican oregano (or any oregano you have on hand)



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

Words of Thanks...

"Thank you so very much for the love, best wishes, and love offering. It was overwhelming to see all of your loving faces, hear your stories, and share your thanks. These seven years have been a privilege and a blessing to me. You will be in my thoughts and prayers always. For those who would like to keep in touch: as of June 13, my address will be 406 Springbrook Drive, SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. My email will remain kuntzlib@ohio.net. My home phone number will be 330-339-1490. My cell phone number will remain 440-665-8986. God bless you." - Libby Kuntz

"Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers during my knee replacement surgeries and recovery. God has answered our prayers in a powerful way. The surgeries and recovery have gone so well, even the doctors were impressed. Thank you all for your support." - Les Buttolph

It's a girl! A granddaughter has arrived for Mark and Catherine Vastartis - and a great-granddaughter for Bob Johns! Ava Elizabeth (7 lbs 3 oz) was born May 30 to David and Kristen. Congratulations all!



As You Pray This Month Consider

Our Vacation Bible School.

Those working outside in the heat.

Chrysalis Journey



July Birthdays

John	Bartholomew	07/01	James	Fredrick	07/17
Brett	Bender	07/02	Stephanie	Ling	07/17
J.J.	Hotaling	07/02	Lillian	Yeater	07/17
Elizabeth	Hoffman	07/03	Taylor	Heisler	07/19
Nancy	Marsh	07/03	Timothy	Kenney	07/19
Sarah	Ford	07/04	Kay	Mendlik	07/19
A. James	Lee	07/04	Amy	Hazelton	07/21
Betty	Marsh	07/05	Zachary	Kardos	07/21
Patricia	Prominski	07/05	Miles	Paroda	07/21
Ryan	Hensley	07/06	Nicholas	Rajkovich	07/21
Erin	Merhar	07/06	Stefan	Wygonski	07/21
Janet	Beck	07/07	Paul	Frank	07/22
Wendy	Chenney	07/07	Ruth	Herman	07/23
Emily	Telischak	07/07	Katherine	Merhar	07/23
Kevan	Fisher	07/08	Nathan	Olszko	07/23
Jonathan	Wygonski	07/08	Elizabeth	Jaszczak	07/24
Katherine	Falko	07/09	Carl	Opatrny	07/24
Bryan	Johnson	07/09	Allison	Toensing	07/24
Frances	Knaack	07/09	Addison	Cave	07/25
Kevin	Machesky	07/09	Cynthia	Guell	07/25
Tracy	Scott	07/09	Larry	Kaminski	07/25
Matthew	Hof	07/10	Matthew	Manocchio	07/25
Karen	Memmer	07/10	Laura	Riccardi	07/27
Katherine	Scheff	07/10	Judith	Suazo	07/27
Joan	Bloch	07/11	Mary	Derry	07/28
Sheila	Kimble	07/12	Ruby	Ludwig	07/28
Elizabeth	Urso	07/14	Patricia	Frank	07/29
Jane	Whitehead	07/14	Albert	Loughner	07/29
Deborah	Falko	07/15	Janet	Patterson	07/29
Robert	Kubicek	07/15	Paul	Dadas	07/30
Bill	Neidinger	07/15	Rachel	Machesky	07/30
Matthew	Nurre	07/16	Beth	Smith	07/30
			Bryan	Smith	07/30
			Clark	Stein	07/30



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. We're thankful for the servant hearts of Al and Barb Harper who do so much for the church, from work with the UMW to coordinating the church closers. Judy McBride was such a big help with Confirmation and Graduation Sunday. Thank you, Judy! Emily Loughner committed her talents to the children's musical, worked very hard, and shared a wonderful performance with us. Thank you, Emily, and all of the kids who performed, for a wonderful play! Marianne Nolan was a tremendous help with the golf outing, making everyone feel so welcomed and cared for. Thank you one and all!

Confirmation



Confirmation Sunday was June 2. Pictured (L-R) are Zachary Johnson, Stephanie Ling, Morgan Parker, Wyatt Slifcak, Matthew Georgevich, Megan Myers, James Zawada, Alison Rickert, Katrina Orr, Nicholas Mihalich, Brianna Diver. See more pictures online: brecksvilleumc.com/root/aboutus/galleries

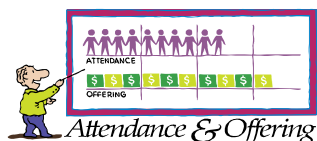
More Fun! Church Picnic for Les!

You're Invited July 21!

On July 21st we will celebrate Les Buttolph's many years of service as our church Business Manager with a picnic at Meadows Picnic Area in the Brecksville Reservation following the 10:00 am worship service.

Grilled fare, tableware and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a ball field available for those willing to bring their gloves, bats, and balls. We'll have plenty of space for a Corn Hole game as well.

Liz Fredrick, Chair, Staff Parish Relations



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	Vs. goal	Offering
May 26	138	16	66	-96	\$16,234
June 2	171		146	+17	\$12,633
June 9	120		97	-83	\$5,798
June 16	76		97	-127	\$4,618



Chrysalis Journey, an event for young men from ages 19 to 24, will take place at the Boardman United Methodist Church, August 2-4. This unique form of ministry for young adults, begins with a three-day experience of God's love and grace in the context of prayerful Christian community. Many young adults drop out of active church participation in the years following high school. Many leave home and establish new patterns of life in new places with new occupations, leaving little room for faith. At the same time, many are seeking a basis for living and guidance for decisions that will influence the rest of their lives. Chrysalis Journey provides an opportunity for young adults to recover their spiritual roots and connections with the Church in the company of peers. We have several people in the Church that will sponsor your son (or on the following weekend a young women's Journey) or daughter. Please prayerfully consider a weekend. It's the best gift you can possibly give because it lasts a life time! My number is 440-526-9632 for more information Please Call! - *Chuck Gezzze, Lay Director, Chrysalis Journey*



The CROP Hunger Walk has been an annual tradition in Brecksville for many, many years. Want to help revitalize the event? Be a part of the CROP Walk Planning Committee! We'll meet in our church Parlor at 6:30 on Monday, July 22. For more information, contact Cec or Melanie in the church office: 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com.



We recycled **4,500 pounds** of paper in May, earning \$45 to fight hunger, both locally and around the world!

Thank you!

Keep that paper coming!



Do you have a 'gently' used computer collecting dust? Our Committee on Education is putting together a multi-media room for church youth, and could put it to good use. As an enticement to those members who may be 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. Call Jinho: 440-526-3999.



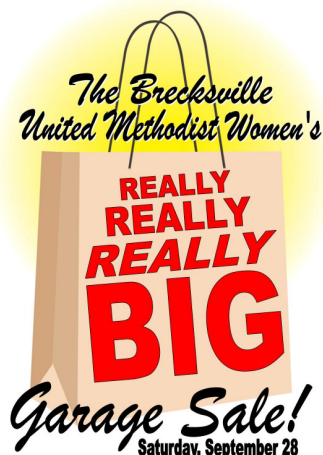
This Month's Hike: Sunday, July 7

Take A Hike Meet us at 2 p.m. at Hudson Springs Park, 7095 Stow Rd, Hudson, OH 44224. The entire hike will be reasonably level and about 3.5 miles long, much of it on a wide trail around a 50 acre lake. Snacks afterward! As I remember, parking is limited. Anyone interested in car-pooling, give me a call at 330-908-2031.

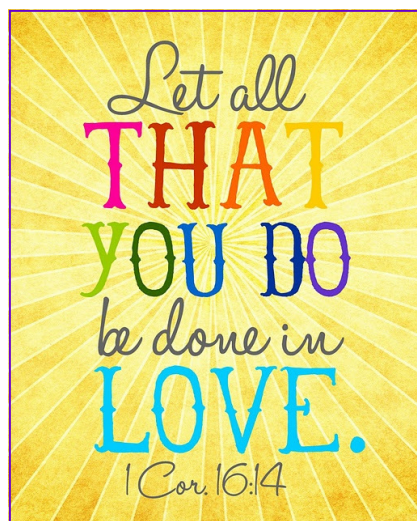


United
Methodist
Women

Really, Really, REALLY BIG Garage Sale!



Mark your calendars, Ladies and Gentlemen! Coming to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 28 - - the UMW REALLY, REALLY, REALLY BIG GARAGE SALE. Start to save your treasures for the sale now, but do not bring them to the church just yet! We'll start accepting donations on the Fellowship Hall stage on September 1. Your help with this great project with help us raise money for our UMW Mission Fund - which is depleted. So, clean out some of your old "treasures" and help others in need! More info will be coming soon!



Dear Members of Brecksville UMC, Thank you for your donations of medications and vitamins for my recent medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. It was a very successful trip! 28 faculty and nursing students traveled from the School of Nursing at Cleveland State University. We were able to see 500 patients in 4 days. We were able to give many medications and supplies to people who cannot afford them. Thanks for all of your generosity!

Love, Karen Pace

Dear Friends at Brecksville UMC:

Thanks so much for your generous support for WSEM Food Center at Brookside. You are part of a network of caring which makes it possible for Brookside to reach out to people in need. During the months of April & May Brookside provided emergency food to 830 families. We will be moving sometime this summer. Regretfully the resale shoppe has had to close its doors. We will no longer be able to take resale clothing or household items for donation. Donations of food, toiletries and paper goods are still appreciated. Watch for more information on the new location. From: Heidi Bonness/Coordinator, Food Center Services.

Donations for April & May - 30 bags of food and 10 bags of clothing.

Our Volunteers in Mission - Bruce McCrodden, Tony Cippolla and Bill Webb - have returned from their trip to visit special needs orphans at Down Syndrome Boarding School #5 in Kursk, Russia. Your prayers, support, and love were felt across the globe! Imagine, the toys you sent are being played with right now by little hands in Russia. God is good!

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics



Hopefully you had the opportunity to see our Children's Choir present their musical, *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*, on Sunday, June 9 following worship. Congratulations to Emily Loughner (Moses), Carly Johnson (Miriam), Neilson & Julianna Tait, Trinity Crouch, Jack Hensley, Zack & Anastasia Brachna, and Emily, Ryan & Lucy Shijo. Every single child had a solo and/or lines to learn, and all they did a great job! A special thanks also to John Brachna for being our fearless Pharaoh!

Golfing for Scholarships



Pastor Clark tees up

On Saturday, June 15, over 60 people gathered for a great day of golf, food, fun and prizes, all focused on raising money for our First Annual Music Department Scholarship! We had 44 golfers on the course, with others joining us for a steak and chicken dinner at Briarwood Golf Course. This year's Scholarship recipients will each receive a \$400 scholarship to help defray the cost of college expenses. We ask that recipients maintain worship as a part of their lives in some capacity as they journey on this next stage. This year's recipients were:

- ♦ **Christine Drescher** who has participated in Credo (instrumental ensemble), YSP, and is an accomplished pianist. Perhaps you have heard Christine play in worship on a Sunday morning or in our Student Recital in March.
- ♦ **Hannah Johnson** who has participated in High School Ensemble, has led worship on the Praise Team, and assisted Joy with the Children's Choir this year. Perhaps you have seen Hannah up front on Sunday morning, singing and leading worship.
- ♦ **Sean Lundholm** who has faithfully run our PowerPoint slides on Sunday mornings for the last five years and serves on Youth Board. You may not have *seen* Sean, because he is always up in the balcony, making technology work so that we can all sing and worship.

Congratulations Christine, Hannah & Sean! And thank you to all who participated in our Scholarship Golf Outing! We can't wait to see you again next year!

See more pictures online: brecksvilleumc.com/root/aboutus/galleries

Summer Book Group

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

Book group meets at Joy & Stacy's home in Strongsville [13432 Tradewinds Drive]. Grilled fare and beverages will be provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome!

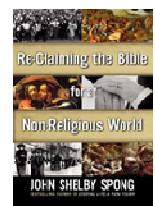
Thursday, August 1 @ 6:00pm



Radical by David Platt, Ph.D

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

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.

For more information, contact Joy Parker, music@brecksvilleumc.com

JULY 2013

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



*Communion
Stewards Dave
& Cec Podolny*

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9:30 Staff Mtg
6:15 Softball

3

6:30 Dawnbrkr
6:15 Wed.
Wheels

4



*Church Offices
Closed*

5

7 Emmaus Reun

6

7 Communion

Sunday

8:30 Worship

on the Lawn

**10 Sanctuary
Service**

2 Hiking Club

6 Adult Bible

Study

8



7:05 pm
Proceeds benefit
Guidestone.
www.GuidestoneOhio.org/tickets
440-260-8231

9

11:00 Staff Mtg
**5:30 Youth
Worship**
6:15 Softball
7 Ad Board
*Super Tuesday
Committee Mtgs*

10

6:30 Dawnbrkr
6:15 Wed.
Wheels

11

5 Men's Group



*Paper Recycling
Pick Up*

12

7 Emmaus Reun

13

14

8:30 Worship

on the Lawn

**10 Sanctuary
Service**

11 Ice Cream

Social

6 Adult Bible

Study

15

9 - 12 VBS



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9 - 12 VBS
9 Leadership
Academy Mtg
12:30 Staff Mtg
**5:30 Youth
Worship**
6:15 Softball
7:30 Trustees
7:30 Finance

17

6:30 Dawnbrkr
9 - 12 VBS
6:15 Wed.
Wheels
7 Staff Parish
Relations

18

9 - 12 VBS
5 Men's Group

19

7 Emmaus Reun

9 - 12 VBS

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21

8:30 Worship

on the Lawn

**10 Sanctuary
Service**

11 PICNIC!

6 Bible Study

22

6:30 Student Art
6:30 CROP
Walk Planning
Meeting



23

9:30 Staff Mtg
**5:30 Youth
Worship**
6 Men's Ensem

24

6:30 Dawnbrkr
6:15 Wed.
Wheels

25

5 Men's Group



Paper Recycling

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8:30 Worship

on the Lawn

**10 Sanctuary
Service**

6 Adult Bible

Study

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30

9:30 Staff Mtg
**5:30 Youth
Worship**
6 Men's Ensem

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6:30 Dawnbrkr
6:15 Wed.
Wheels

Kitchen out of service this week for floor repairs!

August 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

*Can Jesus be the
only way?
What do other religions
actually believe?
Do all paths lead
to God?*



Come find out
JULY 15-19
at **ENTER Faith**

Teens and Tweens!

Don't miss this fun, important, and very unique chance to sit down with people of other faiths and ask real questions. We'll compare Christianity to other world religions and learn a lot about our faith in the process!

This exploration of different world religions will include Buddhism, Sikhism, and Islam. We'll tour religious sites in Cleveland, meet with teachers of other faiths, ask questions, and find answers together. Designed for Middle School and High School Youth, open to all!

July 15-19, 9am-12pm

FREE!

Register online at:
brecksvilleumc.com/root/Youth/vbs
or complete the form below and
return to the church office
by July 8.

Contact Kyle Allen
youth@brecksvilleumc.com
for more information
440-526-8938 ext. 227

Contact Kyle (youth@brecksvilleumc.com) for more info



Middle School VBS Registration 2013

Name:	Birth Date:
Address:	Grade ('13-14):
Phone:	E-Mail:
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who can be reached between 9 and noon:	
Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:
Student T-shirt Size (circle one) : Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL	
Do you have any allergies? (If so, please list):	

Payment due with Registration. Checks payable to: BUMC

Brecksville United Methodist Church, 65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141

Brecksville United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School

Complete the form below, or sign up on line at
brecksvilleumc.com/root/Youth/vbs. (PayPal accepted!)

Registration Form

Open to all children ages 3 (by 7/1/13) through 10 (or entering 5th grade)

July 15-19, 2013

9:00 A.M. – Noon. Cost: \$25 per student, \$15 for children of volunteers

Each family will receive a music CD. Additional CDs can be purchased for \$5.

For more information call: (440) 526-8938



Please print

	Circle one	Child's Name	Allergies? Circle one	If your child has allergies, please list here and use back if necessary to explain	Date of Birth	Age on 7/1/13	Fall '13 Grade
1	M / F		Y / N				
2	M / F		Y / N				
3	M / F		Y / N				
4	M / F		Y / N				
5	M / F		Y / N				

Parent Names _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Adults authorized to sign out my children: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Other helpful information (illnesses, medication, activity restrictions, etc.) _____

Home Church _____

☐ I can help as an adult helper, please call me. ☐ My teen would like to help. Teen's name _____

I can help ☐ from home ☐ All week at VBS ☐ At VBS on circled days M T W TH F

Do you agree to allow photos of your child at VBS to be used in church presentations or promotional materials? __Yes __ No

Make checks payable to

Brecksville United Methodist Church

Please return payment and completed form to

Attn: VBS

Brecksville United Methodist Church

65 Public Square

Brecksville OH 44141

A confirmation letter will be sent to you in early July.

For office use only

Date Rcvd _____

Cash _____ Ck # _____

Amount _____

United Methodist News

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

Oklahoma climbs back after tornadoes

MOORE, Okla. — United Methodists in Oklahoma extend relief work to areas hit by the massive May 31 tornado, the widest on record, as they continue recovery work after the May 20 tornado. For more information, go to umc.org/disasters

Relief supply network needs your help

NEW YORK (UMNS) — The Relief-Supply Network of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination’s disaster-response agency, is making an urgent call for relief-supply kits to deliver into the hands of disaster survivors. For more information, go to umcor.org

Call for peace on the Korean peninsula

ATLANTA — More than 130 participants representing 10 denominations and including 22 delegates from South Korea worshipped and prayed, engaged in workshops, and came together to develop an ecumenical “Call for Peace and Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula.”

United Methodist Bishop Hee-Soo Jung of the Wisconsin Annual (regional) Conference chaired the conference.

Applications open for student loans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry is now accepting applications for student loans for the fall 2013 semester. Discounts are available for those attending United Methodist-related colleges and universities. Go to umc.org/gbhem-loan-application

United Methodists reach out to help in floods

HALLE, Germany — Flooding in Central Europe, especially in Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria, has caused extensive damage. The United Methodist Committee on Relief has reached out to Bishops Rosemarie Wenner, Germany Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church and president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, and Patrick Streiff, Southern and Central Europe Episcopal Area, to offer assistance.

Visit United Methodist Heritage Landmarks

MADISON, N.J. — It’s summer and travel time, so why not visit United Methodist Heritage Landmarks? By action of the 2012 General Conference, The United Methodist Church now has 46 Heritage Landmarks. The conference designated five new Heritage Landmarks with three outside the United States. To learn more, go to umc.org/gcah-landmarks

Heifer offers United Methodist resources

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Heifer International, a global nonprofit leader of sustainable agricultural development, is strengthening its connection with United Methodist congregations. New online resources include church bulletins, posters, program curriculum, ideas for alternative mission trips and contact information for Heifer’s regional staff. For more information, go to heifer.org/getinvolved/united-methodist-resources

How pastoral appointments work

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Every local church needs a pastor. The United Methodist Church has a unique way of matching pastors and congregations. Rather than local churches hiring and firing their own pastors — as in some denominations — United Methodist bishops appoint pastors to serve in local churches and other ministry settings. Learn how it works at umc.org/pastoral-appointments

West Ohio malaria pledge: \$3.5 million

LAKESIDE, Ohio — The West Ohio Annual (regional) Conference will raise \$3.5 million for the Imagine No Malaria fundraising campaign, the largest-ever commitment from any conference in The United Methodist Church. Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer, Ohio West Episcopal Area, made the announcement during the annual conference. Learn more about the church’s fight against malaria at imagineenomalaria.com



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