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Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.



Palm Sunday, April 13
Processional of Palms



Good Friday, April 18
Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm



Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 am Blossom Hill Pavilion



Easter, April 20
Services at 8:45 and 11:15 am

Worship During **Holy Week**

Sunday, April 13

Palm and Passion Sunday at 8:45 and 11:15am

We will participate 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 for this unique Sunday on which we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry and also begin to mourn Jesus' passion.

Friday, April 18

Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

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

Easter Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Gather with friends and neighbors at the Blossom Hill Pavilion on Oakes Road for worship, Scripture readings and a short message. 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.

Easter Sunday at 8:45 and 11:15am

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.)

Easter Pictures

Smile for the camera! Stop and have a family picture taken between services on Easter Sunday. Download a copy online, or pick up your copy at church on April 27.



Sunday Mornings
8:45 Contemporary
Worship

10 Education Hour

11:15 Traditional Worship

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service



The Bumblebee

A little boy and his father were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a bumblebee flew into the car through the window. Since the little boy was deathly allergic to bee stings, he became petrified. But the father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand, and then released it.

But as soon as he let it go, the young boy became frantic once again as it buzzed by him. His father saw his panic-stricken face. Once again the father reached out his hand, but this time he pointed to it. There, still stuck in his skin, was the stinger of the bee. "Do you see this?" he asked. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

April holds our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. We will walk a difficult road with Jesus. But in the end, on Easter Sunday, the resurrected Christ opens his hands, shows his side and his feet, and simply says, "I have taken the sting for you." He is risen! Fear is gone! New life is ours! I'll see you at church!

Unafraid of bees...

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Oh death, where is your sting?

Oh death, where is your victory?

1 Corinthians 15:55

Our UMW supports the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky by collecting Campbell's Labels for Education. Clip the "Labels for Education" Symbol from Campbells products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. More info: www.labelsforeducation.com



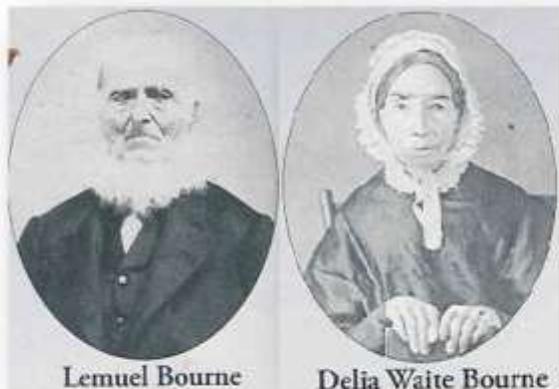
Fellowship Hour
Hosts for April
**WORSHIP &
MUSIC BOARD**
Thank you!



2014 marks the 200th anniversary of Methodists worshipping in Brecksville. Our church family will celebrate this incredible milestone in September. Brecksville United Methodist Church has a rich and colorful history and this column, which will run between now and November, is a place to share it. Enjoy meeting some of the wonderful people who have worshipped here before us. This month we will start way back in the beginning in 1814.

Lemuel Bourne travelled 600 miles from Savoy, Massachusetts to Brecksville on foot and purchased land and built a log cabin on the NE corner of Brecksville and Snowville Road. After finishing his cabin on the property he returned to New England to marry Delia Waite, bought a horse and in the fall of 1812 set out to return to Brecksville by covered wagon with Delia's parents and brother. He and Delia would remain in this cabin for 35 years, selling it in 1848 and building a new home on the southeast corner of Brecksville and Parkview Roads.

The Bournes were the first of the Brecksville pioneers to hold an organized religious meeting in their home. It was the year 1814 and there were 16 worshippers who attended that service. The Bournes were founding members of the Brecksville Methodist Society which formed in 1823 and were part of the project to build the first little church on the square in 1832 which became the Brecksville Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Bourne's obituary (right) is an interesting window into the times he lived. *Read more about the beginnings of Methodism in Ohio and Circuit Riders [online](#) on our church website!*



The Earliest Days

Lemuel Bourne of Brecksville Obituary

Close upon the pioneer meeting held in Royalton follows the death of two of our oldest settlers. First, LEMUEL BOURN, a dearly beloved citizen of Brecksville for 62 years. His death, occasioned by congestion of the lungs, occurred on Monday, June 10th, 1873, at 1 o'clock A.M.

He was born in Attleboro Massachusetts, Sept. 17, 1790, and his death being in his 83rd year. When a young man of 21, he walked from Savoy, Berkshire County, Mass., a distance of 600 miles, to find for himself a home. With his future brother-in-law, Walter Waite, he built the second log cabin to be built in Brecksville, with as little material as Aladdin. Although unlike Aladdin's palace, wooden pegs served for nails and greased paper served instead of glass in the windows. He walked back to Massachusetts in 1812 and married Delia Waite of Savoy. In 1813 he returned to Brecksville with his wife and all their worldly goods in a wagon drawn by one horse.

Early in his pioneer life he became interested in religion and the first religious meeting held in these parts was held at his house and nearly every living soul in the three townships (excepting one family who did not get word of the meeting) was present. The house which was of only one room not being half filled. From this meeting began the religious elements of many conversions, among which "Uncle Lem" and "Aunt Dilly" were of the first who set their faces Zionward. She died nearly eleven years ago (1862) within a few weeks of the golden circle of their wedded life, 50 years.

They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and since her death her husband has been waiting with Christian hope to join her. Few people have lived a life so unapproachable as has this pioneer father, inured to every hardship, thankful for every blessing, he had in store for his old age a retrospect of a life well spent, which made him the genial grandfather and beautiful Christian gentleman of the old school which he was. This town mourns the loss of one so consistent in life's every duty, no matter how much they differed in viewpoint, religiously or politically. Rev. Smith of Richfield chose these appropriate words:-- "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his" as the text for the funeral discourse.

His family was large although only four grew to maturity. The eldest daughter, Mary, a lady possessed of lovely disposition whose unhappy marriage created profound sympathy throughout the neighboring town, died of a broken heart at her childhood home nearly twenty years ago. Two sons remain; Deacon William Bourne and his youngest son Rawson at whose home the deceased passed his declining years. Harriet (Mrs. Chauncy Hunt) being an invalid for over a year was unable to attend the funeral. All the children are residents of Brecksville.

Copied from the Christian Advocate at the time of its publication by Mrs. Seth Bourn of Bay City Mich. Online at: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com>

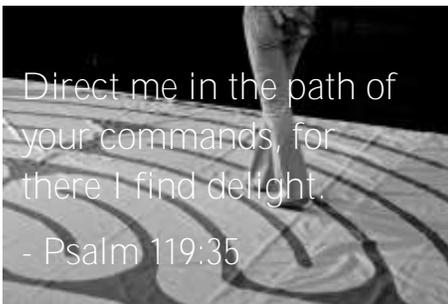
Special
EASTER OFFERING

The Missions Committee has announced that this year's Easter Offering will be divided between:

[The Brookside Center Food Pantry](#), fighting food insecurity on a local level.

[The Society of St. Andrew](#) (the Potato Project), which redirects loads of fresh produce to those in need nationally.

[Camphor Mission Teacher Housing Project](#). Let's complete our church's mission to build new housing in Liberia!



Walk the Labyrinth

As we place our focus on Christian traditions this Lent take time to be part of this practice that dates back thousands of years. Take the opportunity to walk our Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall to meditate, pray and reflect. Through Holy Week, it will be available:

- Wednesdays, 11:45 am - 9 pm
- Thursdays, 8:30 am - 9pm
- Fridays, 8:30 am - noon.

Allow at least 20 minutes for this self-guided walk. There are printed materials available to help you!

Everyone is welcome to experience this ancient tool for meditation, healing and drawing closer to God.

Just Palms

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.

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, April 8, 2014 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, an 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 16 seats at this event. We'll be meeting in the church parking lot at 6 pm to carpool. To participate, please contact [Jenny Gee](#) (440-526-8938) or Craig Czarnota (216-577-3000) or max@clevelandvalve.com.





News from the Brecksville United Methodist Women



Join the UMW on Thursday, April 3 to welcome Jean Forbes from [Flat Rock](#). She will tell us about the work of Flat Rock and the services they provide for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Flat Rock is one of the programs which UMW supports with their mission fund. Continental breakfast begins at 9:30 followed by the 10:00 program. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

Creekside Fundraiser supports UMW Missions! Need an excuse to eat out in April? Here's a great one. When you treat yourself, friends and family to lunch (and/or dinner) at Creekside Restaurant on Tuesday, April 8, 20% of your bill (excluding alcoholic beverages) will benefit the UMW Mission Fund. Coupons available on the next page of *The Good Word*, [online](#), and at church. Treat yourself and feel good about supporting the UMW and this local business!

Time is running out to donate to the medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Karen Pace and the Cleveland State University School of Nursing. Your donation of unopened vitamins and over the counter medicines will help provide medical treatment to the impoverished people of the region. Please bring your donations to the bin in our coat room by April 29. For more information, contact Karen at 216-802-3051.



*Sunday, April 6 at 4:00pm
in the Sanctuary*

COYO

May 6, 2014 at 7:00 The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra will perform at the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Auditorium in a benefit concert supporting the school music departments and contributing toward scholarships awarded by the Kiwanis Foundation to graduating seniors.

Brecksville Community Chorus Spring Concert

Come hear the youth chorus perform a variety of unique works including *Ubuntu (The Essence of Being Human)*, a South African text set by Mark Hayes; and *Da Pacem Domine (Bring Us Peace)*, originally by Melcior Franck and arranged by Linda Spevacek. The youth chorus will also be singing several fun, inspiring and uplifting pieces in English!

The youth orchestra is recognized as one of the finest in the country. In their tour of European venues in 2011 they played to sell out crowds and received many accolades. Attending one of their performances is a truly unforgettable experience.

The adult chorus has prepared a cycle of African-American spirituals, including *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*, *Soon-ah Will Be Done*, *Steal Away*, and *I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart*. These pieces capture a range of emotion from the most anguished to the height of hope and enthusiasm. They are a joy to hear! The concert also features two major works by living jazz pianist and composer, Joe Utterback. *Ode* is a setting of a poem by Arthur O'Shaughnessy and features intricate piano interludes between the verses of choral singing. *Sky-Born Music* is (literally) a soaring anthem featuring soprano soloist Megan Rohrer. The concert also includes the light-hearted French selection *V'la le Bon Vent*, powerful Canadian folk favorite *Warrior (for women's voices)*, and *The Spaces In Between Us*, all written by living Canadian composers. This will be a truly unique and contemporary concert!

This afternoon of beautiful choral music will be followed by a benefit spaghetti dinner to raise funds for our upcoming Youth Service Project (YSP) trip, prepared and served by the youth and volunteers making the mission trip to Waterloo, Iowa this summer. Tickets (\$10 for adults, \$6 for children 6 and younger) will be available at church on Sunday and at the door. We hope you'll join us!

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$8 for Students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or visit the Kiwanis web site at www.brecksvillekiwanis.org or by calling Kevin Brusk at 216-210-4691

Easter Flowers

Order Easter Altar Flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones or to the glory of God. *The order deadline is April 7.* You may pickup your flowers following worship on Easter (April 20) or designate them as a gift to **someone who can't make it to church.**

All orders must be accompanied with payment in cash or check payable to Brecksville UMC.

Plants Available This Year:

- ___ Lily (\$7.50)
- ___ Blue Hyacinth (\$7.00)
- ___ Pink Tulips (\$7.00)
- ___ Blue Hydrangea (\$12.00)
- ___ Pink Hydrangea (\$12.00)

Donor _____

Phone _____

How the flowers will be recognized in the bulletin:

- in honor of:* _____
- in memory of:* _____
- to the glory of God*

Check one: ___ I will pick up my flowers.
 ___ Please 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, April 13. You can guarantee



having some to take home by pre-ordering. 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 benefit the UMW Missions Fund, which supports programs and projects related to women, children and youth in our neighborhoods and around the world. 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.



UMW Fundraiser for Missions

*Round up a group of friends and eat lunch, dinner or carryout for a good cause —
UMW's mission projects!*

Where: Creekside Restaurant, 8803 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH
When: Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Anytime between 11 am and 10 pm
What: Anyone dining at Creekside on Tuesday, April 8 who gives the server this flyer will have 20% of their bill (excluding alcoholic beverages) donated to our Brecksville United Methodist Women. A copy of this coupon is necessary for each bill. *Carryout is included!* Menu available at www.creeksiderestaurant.com or call 440-546-0555.



Welcome Courtney Drescher! If you were in worship on Sunday March 9, you heard the exciting news that Courtney Drescher has been named Director of Youth Ministries at Brecksville UMC. Courtney is completing her studies at Vanderbilt University and will join the church staff June 1. Look for more information about Courtney in an upcoming issue of *The Good Word*.

Middle School Youth Group – Youth in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades have been meeting after school on Wednesdays and having a BLAST! We get together around 3:00 in the Youth Room for games, fellowship, snacks and great discussion. We continue to “walk through the Bible” and have learned about the Pentateuch, Joshua, Judges, Ruth and many of the Histories. We’ll continue in April to learn about the Writings (like Psalms and Proverbs) and some of the Prophets!

Special Event: Middle School Laser Tag – Join us for an awesome Laser Tag adventure on Saturday, April 12, led by some of THE DADS of our Middle School youth. We’ll be meeting at the church around 2:15 on Saturday afternoon and heading to Laser Quest in the Montrose area for two games of laser tag and pizza. We will plan to return to the church around 5 pm. Please RSVP to Joy at music@brecksvilleumc.com no later than Sunday, April 6.

High School Youth Group – Youth in ninth through twelfth grades continue to meet in the Youth Room at 4 pm on Sunday evenings for food, fellowship, and discussion. We are continuing through the Gospel according to Mark (we’re through chapter 7!), and we have discovered interesting themes like the “Messianic Secret” and the idea of Mark’s particular Christology.

- ▶ Sunday, March 30: No Youth Group (Spring Break) – High School youth are invited to join our Mission Board in serving a meal at the Pearl Road Soup Kitchen. Contact Alan Scheufler for more information!
- ▶ Sunday, April 6: No Youth Group (YSP Spaghetti Dinner) – Come hear the Community Chorus and Youth Chorus in their Spring Concert (directed by Joy) and stay for a spaghetti dinner to benefit our YSP Mission Trip. Are you going on YSP? Then we need your help! Contact [Alan Scheufler](mailto:Alan.Scheufler@brecksvilleumc.com) (440-526-1335) or [Mary Kotnik](mailto:Mary.Kotnik@brecksvilleumc.com) (330-467-4834) for more information!
- ▶ Sunday, April 13: Normal Youth Group – We’ll meet 4-6pm in the Youth Room for our usual time of games, snacks, fellowship and Bible study (Mark, chapter 8).
- ▶ Sunday, April 20: No Youth Group (Easter Sunday)
- ▶ Sunday, April 27: Normal Youth Group – We’ll meet 4-6pm in the Youth Room for our usual time of games, snacks, fellowship and Bible study (Mark, chapter 9).



High School Sunday School in **April...** Beginning on Sunday, March 30, we will be studying [*Red Letter Revolution: What if Jesus Really Meant What He Said?*](#) by Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo. Don’t worry! You don’t need to buy anything, and there won’t be any homework! We will be reading and discussing a short chapter each week in Sunday school, and books will be provided for you!

Youth Annual Conference



Register Early and Save! Youth Annual Conference will be June 13-15 at Lakeside. Early Bird registration is open until April 30 at a cost of \$38 per person (includes a t-shirt; meals not included). Regular registration May 1 – 31 is \$48 per person (includes a t-shirt; meals not included) and walk-in registration on June 13 is \$68 per person (t-shirt not guaranteed). www.eocumc.com/youth/yac2014/index.html



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

“Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia you delivered to my father, Philip Hines, during the Christmas season. My brother, sister, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. We were in town in February and the plant still looked fresh and beautiful - as if it had just recently been delivered! My father now has 24 hour care in his home. He enjoys visitors so please feel free to stop and see him.” - Nancy (Hines) Marsh

Rev. Dave Patton, who served as pastor here from 1972—1984, died March 15 in Arizona after a lengthy illness. A memorial service will be held here at the church on Saturday, September 6. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Dot Patton, 10503 West Cameo Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351.

Congratulations to Craig and Mary Kotnik, who celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on the 15th of this month!



Altar Roses Celebrate New Arrivals: If you are celebrating a birth in your family, share the good news! Call Cec in the church office to arrange for an altar rose.

Susan	Bartch	04/01	Jessilyn	Mack	04/14
Beryl	Burkle	04/01	Adeline	Magee	04/14
Ernest	Gear	04/01	Mark	Pace	04/14
Douglas	Holmes	04/01	Matthew	Nelson	04/15
Lauren	Brinkmann	04/02	James	Neidinger	04/16
Sherry	Klodnick	04/03	Janine	Telischak	04/16
Julie	Kubek	04/03	Gordon	Foerster	04/18
Matthew	Agnew	04/04	Gail	Huth	04/18
Bradley	Holmok	04/04	Kenneth	Wise	04/18
James	Fredrick, Jr.	04/05	Stephanie	Roberts	04/19
Lianna	Meyer	04/05	Zachary	Brachna	04/20
Cathy	Buttolph	04/06	Judith	Burroughs	04/21
Stanley	DeMoor	04/06	Maryanne	Salsbury	04/21
Stella	McCrodden	04/06	Ralph	Slifcak	04/22
Lily	Seifert	04/07	John	Brachna	04/25
Derek	Brinkmann	04/08	Tate	Fowler	04/25
Morgan	Parker	04/08	Ruth	Holmes	04/25
Dorothy	Pliske	04/08	John	Prominski	04/25
Rebecca	Merhar	04/09	Chase	Boldt	04/26
Donna	Eilbeck	04/10	Sara	Louttit	04/26
Alan	Harper	04/10	Nancy	Smith	04/26
Hannah	Johnson	04/11	Alison	Memmer	04/27
Kenneth	Merhar	04/11	Nancy	Kroenke	04/28
Dale	Beaver	04/12	Matthew	Salsbury	04/28
Stacy	Parker	04/12	Olivia	Lechner	04/29
Carri	Kenney	04/13	Nell	Taylor	04/29
Kathryn	Louttit	04/13	John	Zakarowsky	04/29
Alexander	McMaster	04/13	Sara	Dorman	04/30
Payton	Schneider	04/13	Barbara	Harper	04/30
Andrew	Fredrick	04/14	Robert	Wuerth	04/30
Edward	Jones	04/14			



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. Folks like Michelle Shively, Alan Scheuffler, Ruth Herman and Mary Kotnik whose efforts made Music with a Mission such a big success, and so much fun.

Thank you to each person who participated in our “Straw Poll” on Sunday, March 9. We are grateful for all of the gracious comments and feedback we received. A few questions continue to crop up, and we answer these frequently asked questions here. As always, you are invited to continue this conversation by attending a Reconciling Task Force (RTF) meeting or by seeking out one of the RTF members. The formal vote has been scheduled for Sunday, May 4 and additional opportunities for discussion will be offered before that time. Thank you for your continuing prayerful consideration of this issue. *(For more information, please visit the Reconciling Ministries page on our website.)*



Reconciling Ministries: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What does it *really* mean to become a “**Reconciling Church?**” To “reconcile” is to restore a healthy relationship between two or more parties. The reconciling movement in the United Methodist Church recognizes the reality that people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender have often felt unwelcome in Christian churches. Reconciling churches are congregations that deliberately and clearly extend a welcome to LGBT individuals, thereby seeking to “reconcile” any previous feelings of exclusion. The Mission Statement of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) is “Mobilizing United Methodists to create full inclusion of all God’s children regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.”

We are already welcoming! Why do we need to make such a FUSS about gay people?! This is our MOST asked question! In fact, a few individuals opted to vote “no” on the survey not because they were in opposition, but because they did not think we should make a specific point of welcoming the LGBT community. The task force asks you to bear in mind that part of the purpose of the reconciling movement is to change perceptions and communicate to the LGBT community that they are, in fact, welcome here, even if they have been excluded or rejected from other places of worship. We may *feel* that our doors are open to all people, but if members of a certain community don’t *know* they are welcome, we must communicate that message.

Will we be changing or adding to the name of the church? Absolutely not.

Will we be hanging a sign or banner out front? There would need to be discussion by the Trustees and the Administrative Board before adding any large display items to our building. So no, there are no plans for a sign or banner. More than likely, a small symbol would be added to our existing sign.

Will this church perform unions between same-gender couples? Officially speaking, the church does not perform marriages; the minister does. It has always been and will always be at the discretion of each particular pastor to decide whom they will or will not marry. This is not a matter for congregational vote.

What does the Book of Discipline say about sexual orientation? Under the heading, “The Social Community,” paragraph 162: *The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person’s value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or economic status.* Paragraph 162 continues to name some groups that are discriminated against, and in section H continues: *Equal Rights Regardless of Sexual Orientation – Certain basic human rights and civil liberties are due all persons. We are committed to supporting those rights and liberties of homosexual persons. We see a clear issue of simple justice in protecting their rightful claims where they have shared material resources, pensions, guardian relationships, mutual powers of attorney, and other such lawful claims typically attendant to contractual relationships that involve shared contributions, responsibilities, and liabilities, and equal protection before the law. Moreover, we support efforts to stop violence and other forms of coercion against gays and lesbians.* The Book of Discipline reinforces the reconciling movement in many respects, consistently stating that we are to be in ministry with and to LGBT individuals. The oft-quoted statement that “homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching” is in a section related to clergy and pertains to the UMC’s unwillingness to ordain openly gay or lesbian ministers. In our experience, however, this line is largely responsible for the general sense that LGBT people are not welcome in Methodist churches, which is simply not true.

Could there be consequences from the UMC hierarchy for becoming a reconciling church? There is no precedent for such a thing in our district or in the state of Ohio. There are ten other reconciling churches in our district – and others in the conversation as we are – and none have experienced any negative consequences as a result of their decision.

Can you vote “yes” and still believe marriage is between a man and a woman? Yes. While it is the position of the reconciling movement that God honors loving and faithful relationships between any two individuals, the definition of marriage is not the central issue in our upcoming vote. The central issue is whether or not BUMC will make a clear statement of welcome to all people, without any caveat around issues of sexuality.



Calling All Middle and High School Students

Feeling creative? May 4 will mark our first ever Youth Craft Fair for mission. The products that we sell will be made by you with our church family doing the shopping. Are you talented in making jewelry? Knitting scarves? Creating wallets? Crafting homemade soap? Whatever your skill, whatever your passion - get busy creating! All profits from this sale will go to our Sunday School mission fund to benefit [Smile Train](#) as they work to eradicate clefts around the world.

Call Jenny to reserve a table space: 440-526-8938 ext. 230



Gear Up for VBS!

July 21—25, 9 am until Noon

Kids, get ready to discover how to imagine and build with God!

Grown Ups, we need your help! Teach, help, or join our decorating crew. Contact [Jenny Gee](#) for information: 440-526-8938 x 230.

Check out our Pinterest Board "VBS 2014" for some fun ideas for projects!

www.pinterest.com/brecksvilleumc/

Congratulations

Music & Worship Scholarship Winners!!

Congratulations to Aleyna Gee and Sarah Lundholm, recipients of the Music & Worship Scholarships for 2014. Aleyna will be attending Cleveland State University this fall, and Sarah is attending Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Both women will receive a \$400 scholarship, and we are grateful to them for their years of participation and ministry here at BUMC. Congratulations, Aleyna & Sarah!



The Music Department invites you to participate in our Second Annual Scholarship Golf Outing on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Shotgun start at 1:00pm. All proceeds from this great event go to support scholarship recipients like Aleyna and Sarah, so we hope to see you on the course!



Spaghetti Dinner
A benefit fundraiser for YSP
Sunday, April 6 at 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall!

After the Brecksville Community Chorus and Youth Chorus Spring Concert at 4 pm, enjoy a tasty spaghetti dinner! Your donation supports this summer's Youth Service Project (YSP), a mission trip to assist those in need in Waterloo, Iowa. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 6 and under.

Come for an evening of great music, food and fellowship!

East Ohio Summer Camps

How are your children spending summer vacation?



Camping can satisfy what children need. They experience faith, responsibility, and cooperation as parts of a caring community. They experience self-esteem as children of God. In a world where it is hard to be a kid, AND it is hard to be a parent, let East Ohio Camps be your partner in faith and the development of your child. There are hundreds of events to choose from—sports, drama, water, horses, great places, great experiences—all in one great place with caring staff. Learn more at

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Methodist Women
In Mission
**ANNUAL GIVING
2013**



Your Generous Gifts Have Helped Us to Support...

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| District Pledge | Westside Ecumenical Ministries | North Royalton Kiwanis Charitable Trust |
| Thank Offering | Brookside | Broodview Heights Lend-A-Hand |
| Ohio Guidestone | Nehemiah Mission | Brecksville Yuletide Hunger |
| Ohio Guidestone Auxiliary | BUMC Music | Camphor Mission |
| Church Women United | BUMC Mission Sunday | Holy Family Hospice |
| Flat Rock Home | Playhouse Square Foundation | International Partners in Mission |
| Henderson Settlement | St. Malachi Center | AAA Foundation |
| Redbird Mission | Cleveland Food Bank | Parma Hospital Auxiliary |
| Westside Community House | The Emergency Assistance Center | TOTAL MISSION GIVING: \$9,274 |



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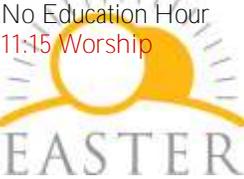
Be a part of it!

Meetings, the first Thursday of each month, 9:30 am.

See the church website for details:

www.brecksvilleumc.com

APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Communion Stewards Dave & Cec Podolny	☼ = Altar Flowers Ordered for Sunday!	1 10 Staff Mtg 7 Evangelism	2 6:30 Dawnbreakers 11:45-9 Labyrinth 3 MS Youth Grp	3 830a - 9p Labyrinth 9:30 UMW Mtg 5 Child Choir 5 Men's Grp 6:15 Bells 7:20 Men's Ensm 8 Choir	4 7 Emmaus Reunion 830a - 12 p Labyrinth 3:15 Young Adult Choir	5 8 Women's Small Group
Walk the Labyrinth: 11:45 am Wed—12 pm Fri						
6 Communion Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Education Hour 11:15 Worship 4 BCC Spring Concert 5:30 Spaghetti Dinner	7 7p Bible Study	8 Creekside Fundraiser 11 Staff Mtg 7 Passover Seder 7 Ad Board 8 Missions 8 Music/Wshp	9 6:30 Dawnbreakers 11:45-9 Labyrinth 3 MS Youth Grp	10 8a - 9p Labyrinth 9:30 Asbury Brem 5 Child Choir 5 Men's Grp 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	11 7 Emmaus Reunion 830a - 12 p Labyrinth 3:15 YA Choir	12 8 Women's Small Group 9 Hot Cross Bun Making 2:15 LASER TAG!
Walk the Labyrinth: 11:45 am Wed—12 pm Fri						
13 Palm Sunday ☼ UMW Hot Cross Buns 8:45 Worship 10 Education Hour 11:15 Worship 4 HS Youth Grp 	14 7p Bible Study 8 COE	15 10 Staff Mtg 7 Finance 7 Gifts & Mem 7:30 Trustees	16 6:30 Dawnbreakers 11:45-9 Labyrinth 3 MS Youth Grp	17 8a - 9p Labyrinth 10 History Club 5 Child Choir 5 Men's Grp 7:30 Choir 	18  7 Emmaus Reunion 830a - 12 p Labyrinth 7:30 Good Friday Service	19 8 Women's Small Group
Walk the Labyrinth: 11:45 am Wed—12 pm Fri						
20 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:45 Worship No Education Hour 11:15 Worship 	21 7p Bible Study Easter Monday Church Offices Closed	22 10 Staff Mtg 7 Knitting Grp	23 6:30 Dawnbreakers 3 MS Youth Grp	24 12:30 Clergy Fellowship 5 Child Choir 5 Men's Grp	25 7 Emmaus Reunion 3:15 Young Adult Choir	26 8 Women's Small Group Race at the Rock flatrock-homes.org/
27 8:45 Worship 10 Education Hour 11:15 Worship 4 HS Youth Grp	28 7p Bible Study 7 SPRC	29 10 Staff Mtg	30 6:30 Dawnbreakers 3 MS Youth Grp	THE SUNDAY BLAST A weekly e-mail Newsletter featuring: <i>Sunday Song Titles, Scripture Readings, Announcements, Opportunities to Serve, Upcoming Events and More</i> To subscribe, e-mail office@brecksvilleumc.com		

When we join The United Methodist Church, we vow to support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. But sometimes, our good intentions get lost in the day-to-day hustle and bustle of life. As a church, how are we doing with our promises? Can you help fill in the blanks?

PRAYERS

Consider adding the following to your prayer list...

- Pray for your neighbors and their specific needs—hunger, illness, loneliness, and so forth. Pray for guidance about how you can better love your neighbors in a meaningful way.
- What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday? Think of your life and all of the good things in it — all gifts from God. Say a prayer of thanks!
- Pray for the work of UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief.) Sunday, March 30 is One Great Hour of Sharing, a special Sunday offering which supports the administrative costs of UMCOR, allowing 100% of donations to specific disaster relief to be committed to that effort. The work that UMCOR does is so important. Pray for the people who volunteer, the people they serve, and for the people who support them.
- Say a prayer for traveling mercies for those gathering together as families for Easter, and say a prayer of comfort for those who are alone for this holiday season.

GIFTS

If you have made a pledge or a contribution, you will receive a giving statement (either electronically or on the other side of this page with your mailed Good Word) which outlines your gifts to date this year. If you need additional information, or if you have not received your statement, please contact the church office.

This table outlines the offering received each Sunday since the publication of the last *Good Word*.

Date	Offering
Mar 2	\$8,144
Mar 9	\$10,827
Mar 16	\$10,956
Mar 23	\$5,696

PRESENCE

We've set a goal of bringing 300 people together for worship on Sunday mornings. We fell short of **this goal this month.** What's keeping you from church on Sunday?

Date	8:30	Sunday School	10:00	Difference
Mar. 2	96	132	67	-137
Mar. 9	108	110	83	-109
Mar. 16	147	102	81	-72
Mar. 23	98	95	88	-114

What are some other ways you can be present in the life of the church this month?

SERVICE

Some ways you can be of service to others this month:

- Help with the YSP Spaghetti dinner on April 6. If you can't serve, come and eat!
- Are you a baker? Help the UMW make Hot Cross Buns. Contact Ruth Herman to volunteer.
- Sign up to be a part of the church mowing crew this summer. The more teams we have, the fewer times each will have to mow!
- Help in the Crib and Toddler room on Sunday mornings.
- Consider becoming an usher. Help welcome others to church!
- Become a Hospice volunteer. Details can be found on a poster on the church bulletin board in the stairwell.

Thank you! Other opportunities are listed on the church website!

United Methodist News

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

Missouri Conference gives \$150,000 for Joplin

JOPLIN, Mo. (UMNS) - The Missouri Annual (regional) Conference on March 19 gave a check for \$150,000 to Rebuild Joplin to help more families affected by the catastrophic May 22, 2011, tornado. The Rebuild Joplin development director told Four-stateshomepage.com the gift is a game changer to clear the current waiting lists for homes.

Dallas pastor faces complaint for same-sex service

DALLAS (UMNS) - The Rev. William McElvaney says he is the subject of a formal complaint for going against United Methodist Church law by officiating at a March 1 same-sex wedding. He confirmed to UMNS the details of a letter he sent to members of Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas, where he once was pastor and now is pastor emeritus.

United Methodists work to protect water

NEW YORK (UMNS) - Two of the denomination's general agencies are providing material to help understand the threat to water resources throughout the world. The United Methodist Committee on Relief joined with the United Nations to mark World Water Day on March 22. "Water, Holy Water" is the theme of this year's Earth Day resource from Creation Justice Ministries of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society. The material for the April 22 day to remember the environment explores "water as a gift from God being threatened by overuse and pollution."

[Five ways to make water last](#)

["Water, Holy Water" \(Earth Day 2014\)](#)



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Communications relief progresses in Philippines

TANAUAN, Leyte (UMNS) - United Methodist Communications is continuing to work on communication relief for the survivors in Central Philippines. Its work has included funding mobile tools seminars conducted by partner Inveneo to equip organizations working in the disaster areas to respond more efficiently.

Re-organized NCC to host national gathering

WASHINGTON (UMNS) - The National Council of Churches will have its first national gathering May 18-20 since a 2013 reorganization that reduced the size of its governing board and created four 'convening tables' responsible for key mission and programs. Jim Winkler, a United Methodist, is the NCC's top executive.

Looking ahead:

Here are some of the activities ahead for United Methodists across the connection.

- ▶ Free webinar "Media: What's Trending in Elementary School," Tuesday, March 25 - 10 a.m. CT, a discussion of how we can extend community for children through healthy media use. [To register.](#) (www.gbod.org)
- ▶ Free webinar "No More Volunteers! Reclaiming Christian Servanthood," Tuesday, March 25 - 5 p.m. CT, a discussion of a different approach for finding, recruiting and motivating people to serve the church. [To register.](#) (www.gbod.org)
- ▶ Webinar "Company's Coming! Training for the Experience," Tuesday, March 25 - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. ET, how to welcome guests at your local church. The Rev. Mark Waltz of United Methodist congregation Granger Community Church in Indiana will lead. \$10. [Details.](#)
- ▶ One Great Hour of Sharing, Sunday, March 30 - Donations the United Methodist Committee on Relief receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover the relief agency's costs of doing business. [To learn more.](#) (www.umcgiving.org)

BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Youth Service Project PLANT SALE – 2014

Don't forget Mother's Day! Orders will arrive in time for Mom!

ALL FLATS \$15.95 EACH; GERANIUM POTS AND HERB POTS \$4.00 EACH

AGERATUM
_____ Blue

ALYSSUM Partial Sun
_____ White _____ Purple
_____ Pink

ASTER
_____ Dwarf Mix

BEGONIA Green Foliage/Partial Sun
_____ Red _____ White
_____ Pink

BEGONIA Bronze Foliage/Partial Sun
_____ Red _____ White
_____ Pink

COLEUS
_____ Wizard Mix

COSMOS
_____ Sonata Mix

DAHLIA
_____ Double Mix

DIANTHUS
_____ Mix _____ Pink

DUSTY MILLER
_____ Silverdust

GAZANIA
_____ Dwarf Mix

HYPOESTES (Polka Dot)
_____ Pink _____ White

IMPATIENS Partial Sun
_____ Red _____ White
_____ Pink _____ Salmon
_____ Cranberry (Burgundy)
_____ Mix
_____ Pastel Mix
_____ Blue Pearl (Lavender)

LOBELIA
_____ Royal Blue

MARIGOLD DWARF (Ht. 8-10")
_____ Yellow _____ Orange

NICOTIANA
_____ Mix

PANSY
_____ Mix

PETUNIA
_____ White _____ Pink
_____ Yellow _____ Lilac
_____ Mix

PORTULACA
_____ Double Mix

SALVIA
_____ Dwarf Purple

SNAPDRAGONS
_____ Short Mix (Ht. 6-8")
_____ Medium Mix (Ht. 12-14")

VERBENA
_____ Mix

VIOLA
_____ Mixed

ZINNIA (*24 PLANTS)
_____ Dwarf Mix (Ht. 10")
_____ Medium Mix (Ht. 15-20")
_____ Tall Mix (Ht. 24-30")

Again this Year

4" Potted Herbs \$4.00 each

_____ Basil
_____ Rosemary
_____ Oregano
_____ Flat Parsley
_____ Dill
_____ Mint
_____ Thyme
_____ Lavender
_____ Cilantro
_____ Curly Parsley
_____ Sage

GERANIUM ~ 4" pots \$4.00 each

_____ Red
_____ White
_____ Pink
_____ Salmon
_____ Rose (Dark Pink)
_____ Hollywood Star
(Bi color Red & White)
_____ Deep Violet
_____ Citronella (Lemon-Scented)

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
HANGING BASKETS AND
TO COMPLETE ORDER FORM.

ALL FLATS (except Zinnias)
36 plants per flat

_____ TOTAL FLATS @ \$15.95 EACH = \$ _____
 _____ TOTAL HERB POTS @ \$4.00 EACH = \$ _____
 _____ TOTAL GERANIUM POTS @ \$4.00 EACH = \$ _____

HANGING BASKETS

10" BASKETS - \$16.00 EACH

BEGONIA Partial Sun
(Green leaf & double blooms)

- _____ Red
- _____ Orange
- _____ Yellow
- _____ Pink
- _____ White

_____ **BOSTON FERN** Partial Sun

COLEUS Full Sun

- _____ Burgundy
- _____ Pink Shades
- _____ Yellow/Green

DOLPHINE VIOLET Partial Sun

- _____ Blue Violet Bloom

FUCHSIA Partial Sun

- _____ Swingtime (Red/Dbl White)
- _____ Darkeyes (Red/Dbl Violet Blue)
- _____ Marinka (Wine Red)
- _____ Blue Eyes (Red/DBL Blue))

_____ **GERANIUM COMBO** Full Sun
(Geranium, Asparagus Fern, Vinca Vine)

IVY GERANIUMS Partial Sun

- _____ Pink
- _____ Red
- _____ White
- _____ Lavender
- _____ Burgundy & White Bi-Color

IMPATIENS Partial Sun

- _____ Red _____ Red (Dbl.)*
- _____ White _____ White (Dbl.)*
- _____ Violet _____ Lavender/Pink(Dbl.)*
- _____ Pink _____ Salmon (Dbl)*
- _____ Orange
- _____ Mixed **Double Blooms*

SUNSHINE IMPATIENS Full Sun

- _____ Red
- _____ White
- _____ Pink
- _____ Lavender

LANTANA Full Sun

- _____ Yellow
- _____ Rose/Pink
- _____ Red

PETUNIAS Full Sun

- _____ Red
- _____ White
- _____ Pink
- _____ Lavender - Purple

PORTULACA Full Sun

- _____ Yellow
- _____ White
- _____ Red

VERBENA Full Sun

- _____ Purple
- _____ Pink
- _____ Red
- _____ White

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TOTAL GERANIUM POTS @ 4.00 EACH \$ _____

TOTAL HERB POTS @ \$4.00 EACH \$ _____

TOTAL FLATS @ \$15.95 EACH \$ _____

TOTAL BASKETS @ \$16.00 EACH \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL\$ _____

- **PLANTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**
- **ORDER DUE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 20; PAY WITH ORDER (CHECKS PAYABLE TO BUMC)**
- **PICK UP YOUR ORDER AT BUMC ON SATURDAY, MAY 10 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON**
- **QUESTIONS? CALL KATHY HOLMES 440-546-1265**

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

**THE YOUTH OF YSP THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**