



# The Good Word

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July 21—25

9 am until Noon

At Workshop of Wonders (WOW) VBS kids ages 3 through 5th grade will use their imaginations and creativity to build their faith. We will meet people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing with God. At WOW VBS your children will enjoy interactive Bible storytelling, fun crafts, cool science experiments, exciting recreation and awesome music! Register today!

Register online and learn more at

[2014.cokesburyvbs.com/brecksvilleumc.com](http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/brecksvilleumc.com)

**W.O.W. VBS is for kids ages 3 through 5th grade  
\$25 for the week (maximum of \$50 per family)**

*Parents who volunteer all week can sign their kids up for only \$10!*

***Want to help us make giant Legos and other decorations?  
Come to Fellowship Hall at 12:30 on Friday, July 11!***

## Middle School VBS in the Park!



Jesus thanks us for feeding him, welcoming him, clothing him, caring for him and visiting him – but do you remember doing any of these things?? He tells us that when we do these things for other people, we are doing them for Him, too! Join us for VBS, as we explore what Jesus means when he talks about serving “the least of these.” We’ll spend our week learning what it means to

serve the hungry, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, and care for the sick and imprisoned, through a variety of fun activities, field trips, and discussions! Come spend your week with us as we serve our community and grow with one another. Open to all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends.

**July 21-25, 9am-12pm**

Meadows Pavilion Picnic Area (Brecksville Reservation)  
Cost is \$25 and includes t-shirt, snacks, and transportation.  
Contact Courtney Drescher for questions or to register!  
440.526.8938 ext 237 or [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com)



### DOLLAR-A-WEEK FULFILLED!

The Missions Commission is happy to report that we have met our goal of raising \$25,000 for new staff housing at Camphor Mission Station, Liberia. We have actually raised \$25,219. Of that, \$21,000 has already been forwarded to Camphor Mission and the balance will be sent soon.

Many, many thanks to all members who contributed to this project. The actual housing is under construction and nearing completion. Photos of the completed new home will be shared as soon as they are available.





# What's That on Your Lip?

## Sunday Mornings

*Through August 31*

8:30 Worship on the Lawn

10 Worship in the Sanctuary

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The city man bought a farm and was visited by his new neighbor. He asked him, "Can you tell me where the property line runs between our farms?" The farmer looked him over and asked, "Are you talking owning or mowing?"

After the Sunday School Teacher told the story of the Prodigal Son to the class, she asked, "Was anyone sorry when the Prodigal Son returned?" One boy answered, "The fatted calf."

If a man has Limburger Cheese on his upper lip, he thinks the whole world smells.

Attitude and perspective make all the difference as we walk through this wonderful creation. We make things so complicated sometimes. Even in the middle of our summer experience, when we relax a bit more, venture into new territory with our families and call it vacation, our attitude is a great predictor of how we are going to feel about things. It matters to us if we are talking about owning or mowing. We seldom consider the perspective of the fatted calf. We don't wipe off our upper lips often enough, and assume we can sense how the entire world smells through our own personal experience.

It is good in the middle of the summer to be called back to the words of Micah. I believe he was onto something. It isn't supposed to be that hard, and what is essentially required of us is within our grasp. Take the time to do justice, love kindness always, and walk humbly with God. I am trying to reclaim this powerful verse as my own this summer: willingly mowing over the line of ownership to help my neighbor, eating a salad occasionally in honor of the fatted calf, and wiping my upper lip, that I might walk humbly enough with God to appreciate all the wonderful smells of summer beyond those trapped in my own experience. I wish you peace enough for the day.

See you in church,

*Pastor Clark*

### New Life for Old Glasses



Bring your old glasses to the coat room collection bin (near Fellowship Hall). Our

UMW delivers them to eye doctors who recycle them for those in need!

and **WHAT** DOES THE *Lord* require of you?  
To act **JUSTLY** and  
To love **MERCY** and  
To walk **HUMBLY** with your *God*  
MICAH 6:8



**Can you help with lemonade in July?** As we go to press, no one is signed up for Sunday morning lemonade! Call the church office if you can help!





# News from the Brecksville United Methodist Women



Have you found yourself wishing that you could be involved with the United Methodist Women, but your day-time schedule wouldn't allow it? **We've got good news - a new evening circle is forming!** Come learn more at an organizational meeting, **Wednesday, July 9 at 7 pm** in the Parlor. This casual meeting is open to all and we invite you to come express your expectations, interest, and help us determine the best meeting time. If you can't make this meeting but would like to learn more, please contact Ruth Herman at [rherm4@hotmail.com](mailto:rherm4@hotmail.com) or 330-467-3237. Come join with other women of our church to learn and grow in our faith!

## UMW Clothing Drive

On October 4 & 5, Easter Seals will send a truck to our church and we want to fill it with your no longer needed clothes, blankets, towels, shoes, and purses. This collection is for anything that is cloth—even stained items. All donated items will be re-used, resold, or recycled and proceeds will benefit both our UMW Missions Fund and Easter Seals. Start collecting now. Collection bags are available in the church Parlor. Help us fill the truck!



## Brecksville UMC Photo Booth at Broadview Heights Home Days on The Green

July 10—13, 2014

Thursday and Friday, 5 pm—11 pm

Saturday and Sunday, 3 pm—11 pm

The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers to help man the booth. Can you share an hour or two? It will be a fun way to reach out into the community.

Contact the church office if you'd like to help!

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Interested in a quiet, remote, prayerful weekend with your maker? Come to The Abbey of Genesee, a Roman Catholic community of monks dedicated to the worship of God in a hidden life within the monastery. A life of solitude and silence, prayer and penance in a joyful spirit of faith.

At the Abbey you are encouraged to worship six times daily with the monks. When not at a worship service, you are open to pray, meditate, conference with a monk, hike, eat, and sleep.

Your single room is furnished with a bed, a writing desk and a comfortable chair. At the prayer services, you will hear and participate in the chanting of the psalms. (In the course of a week, the entire psalter is chanted by the monks).

You will live from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon in total silence. This may sound daunting, yet we remind each other that it is in silence that we can hear the still, small voice of God.

Interested in learning more? Check out the Abbey Website at [www.geneseeabbey.org](http://www.geneseeabbey.org) – or talk to Craig Czarnota.

This year's dates are November 7-9. The cost is \$65 per person per night – this includes your private room and all meals. We will car pool the 4 hour trip to the abbey, which is just south of Rochester, NY.

To reserve your spot, please submit a \$50 deposit to the church (checks made payable to BUMC, "Abbey" in the memo line.) The trip will fill up fast!



Brecksville United Methodist Church has staff to facilitate ministry, but the leaders of the church are actually members who give of their free time to further the ministries of the church. Our Nominating Committee has been hard at work recruiting members for the leadership class for the new term. Below are some of the committees is a listing of the committee rosters filled so far.

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees supervises and maintains all property belonging to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective. The committee is entrusted to see to the proper keeping of God's house as a way to honor God and to facilitate the ministry of the local church.

Chair 2014-15 Scott Campbell.

Class of 2015: Jack Drescher, Jim Rollins, Paul Calovini. 2016: Jeff Fesler, Michelle Orr, Scott Campbell. 2017: Mary Kotnik, Eric Louttit

### **Staff Parish Relations Committee**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is the administrative unit in a local church where staff and congregational interests are integrated to focus on the mission of the church.

Chair 2014-15: TBD

Class of 2015: Mike Kubek, Craig Czarnota, Jennifer Schneider. 2016: Russ Goodwin, Kristi Eberhardt, Jim McBride 2017: Michael Jaszczak, Amy Piorkowski, Robin Raybuck.

### **Finance Committee**

The job of the committee on finance is to identify, perfect, and manage the finance system for the congregation. The finance system is the processes of raising, managing, and dispersing the finances so that the mission and vision of the congregation can be achieved.

Chair 2014-15 Alan Scheufler.

Class of 2015 Dick Hayes, Mark Hobzek. 2016 Matt Auble, Don Raybuck, Shelly Meek, Stacy Parker, Kevin Vastartis. 2017: Alan Scheufler, Sue Hastings, Leslie Miller, Alan Phillips.

### **Gifts and Memorials Committee**

This committee stewards gifts from members and friends. The Memorial Fund provides a long term foundation for the ministries of Brecksville UMC.

Chair 2014-2015: Gina Goodwin.

Class of 2015: Jeff Hastings, Sandy Crist, Julie Kubek. 2016 Dave Brown, Gina Goodwin. 2017: Cathy Krolikowski, Ann Rittman, Tish Kwiatkowski.

Are you interested in learning about serving on a committee? Contact Pastor Clark today. The Nominating Committee is finalizing the rest of our teams. The complete roster will be published in the August *Good Word*.

***An Administrative Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at 7 pm.***

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## We would love to see you in the Music Department!

Mark your calendar for these opportunities to participate in music throughout the summer months:

### Men's Ensemble

This fun and relaxed group is always eager to welcome new members. We'll practice on Thursday, July 3, in preparation for singing in worship on Sunday, July 6. We'll also rehearse Thursdays, July 31 and August 7, to sing in worship on Sunday, August 10. Email Joy for more information or a complete rehearsal schedule.

### Summer Choir will share in worship July 20 & August 17

Did you miss our first Summer Choir? Not to worry... you can still join us in July and August! This is a great chance for families to sing together without a big time commitment. We 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!

The summer months are a great, relaxed time to **share special music**. Do you have a vocal or instrumental solo you have wanted to share? Drop Joy an email with your ideas. We still have Sundays available!



## Golf Outing

We had a beautiful day for our Second Annual Scholarship Golf Outing on Saturday, June 14. Thirty-seven golfers hit the links for a great day of golf, fellowship, and prizes. Most important, the event raised nearly \$2,000 for the scholarship fund!

Special thanks to Dave Schroedel and Ric Lesinski for their work on the event; Rick and Heather Dean, who were awesome grill masters at dinner; and everyone who golfed, contributed sides and desserts for dinner, and helped out in a variety of other ways to make this event such a great success. We hope to see you again next year!



### Congratulations to our 2014 scholarship winners

The recipients of the 2014 BUMC Music Scholarship are **Aleyna Gee & Sarah Lundholm**.

Both Aleyna and Sarah have been very active in the music program during their years at BUMC. You have undoubtedly seen them both leading worship with the praise team, bringing their talents to Music With a Mission and singing with the High School Ensemble.



Aleyna will be attending CSU this fall to study nursing.



Sarah will be attending Duquesne University to study forensic science.

Our love and prayers go with them both!

# The Revival

*By Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education*

In 1853 a revival took place in Brecksville under the reverends Charles Thomas and Philip Plummer, the circuit riders for the Brooklyn Circuit that year. Revivals were occurring all over America in the first half of the 19th century but frontier regions seemed to be the scenes of the most emotional revivals. Life on the frontier was difficult and the emotional and spiritual comfort needed was great. We do not have much information regarding this particular revival but this article aims to explain what revivals were to the people of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

Historian William Sweet writes of two basic types of revivals in the early 19th century. Revivals among the most orthodox Calvinists were very serious affairs. Their doctrine of predestination made followers desperate for spiritual salvation. While there certainly were conversion experiences at these revivals, the somber and well-educated clergy frowned upon extravagant emotion.

At the other end of the spectrum of Protestantism were the more emotional and "hopeful" denominations: the Methodists and the Free-Will Baptists. They preached that you could choose to accept salvation. These denominations became more numerous and established through the revivals. Prior to the 1830s very few of these groups had churches in which to gather, they instead met in schoolhouses or homes (sometimes they met in factories, mills or even taverns!)

Methodist ministers did not enjoy the same educational opportunities as the Calvinists. A year or two at seminary, or sometimes just an apprenticeship followed by a time of probationary preaching were all the training a

Methodist or Free-Will Baptist minister was likely to undergo. They, like much of their flocks, were typically from humble backgrounds. Methodist Circuit Rider Jabez Swan, once said, "I could never preach in a new suit of clothes 'til I had worn them through a rain

storm." Circuit riders preached extemporaneously, or from a rough outline and used common language. They won the working class over better than the schooled Calvinists. Their "libraries" were often no more than a Bible and sometimes a book or two of commentary. It was said that wherever the Methodists went, their plain and simple, warm and animated mode of preaching always gathered a crowd.



Original Charcoal Drawing, courtesy of  
United Methodist News Service

The well-organized Methodists were familiar with attending many types of religious meetings on a regular basis.

The orthodox sects found it particularly scandalous that the Methodists allowed for active participation of women in quasi-leadership positions. Sometimes teaching before large mixed audiences or leading smaller mixed or female prayer groups.

Protracted meetings were a favorite tool of revivalists. One or more local ministers, with or without an itinerant evangelist, planned and conducted these events. For three, four, or sometimes as many as thirty consecutive afternoons and evenings the people gathered for prayer, preaching, and exhortation. Church members would go out to bring people to hear preaching. Sometimes they even printed out invitations and carried them from house to house.

Revival meetings gave way to another popular way to gather together in worship and fellowship, the camp meeting. Learn more about Camp Meetings on our church website:

[brecksvilleumc.com/root/aboutus/history](http://brecksvilleumc.com/root/aboutus/history)

# SAVE *the* DATE

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SEPT 2014

## 200 YEARS OF MINISTRY IN BRECKSVILLE

On September 21, 2014, we'll celebrate 200 years of ministry in Brecksville with one combined worship service at 10 o'clock and a picnic on Brecksville Square! Invite your friends and family! There are other good things in store from the church History Club, the UMW and more. Save the Date—9/21 /14!

## We Need Your Pictures!



If you haven't had your picture taken yet for the 200th Anniversary Edition of the BUMC Pictorial Directory, mark your calendar for two more opportunities: Sunday, July 27 and Sunday, September 7. Don Krolkowski will be taking pictures on those days between church services. Don will also have his camera with him most Sundays.

Catch him after worship and he'd be happy to take your picture. If you'd prefer, e-mail or drop off a picture of your family taken this year! Contact [Melanie](#) in the church office with questions: 440.526.8938

## Bicentennial Choir



As part of the upcoming bicentennial celebration, BUMC is forming a festival choir! This special ensemble will lead worship for the bicentennial celebration on Sunday, September 21 and will be premiering an original hymn, written especially for this celebration!

The chorus is open to all interested singers, including members of the community who wish to join us at this time of celebration. Please feel free to invite family, friends or community members who might be interested in participating.

Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings, September 4, 11, and 18, from 7:00 to 9:00pm, in preparation for worship service on Sunday, September 21.

Contact [Joy](#) for more information or with any questions! 440.526-8938 ext. 231

## THIS MONTH in BUMC History

### 50 years ago—1964

Work on the new church elevator was completed.

### 37 years ago—1977

The Vacation Church School theme was "God Loves—God Cares. I am a part of God's Plan."

### 32 Years Ago—1982

Fellowship Players had a Director's Workshop lead by Ginny Gerseny.

### 24 Years Ago—1990

The Brecksville Community Chorus formed, under the direction of Donna Box.

### 20 Years Ago—1994

A team of 42 from BUMC traveled to northeastern Tennessee as part of the Appalachia Service Project.

### 10 Years Ago—2004

Youth Adventure VBS in the Park explored the issue of homelessness. The Morning Circle invited interested moms on a trip to the zoo.

### 5 Years Ago—2010

Our YSP team spent a week in New Castle, PA. On the trip: Lisa Drew, Lucy Fesler, Jeff Fesler, Craig Kotnik, Alan Scheufler, Ruth Herman, Matt Auble, Greg Urso, Brett Bender, Kyle Holmok, Jeannie McBride, Betsy Jaszczak, Emily Kotnik, Grace Ford, Laina Culley, Courtney Drescher, Christine Drescher, Mallory Krolkowski, Lauren Brinkmann, Nate Bender, Brad Holmok, Alyssa Whitton, Amanda Auble



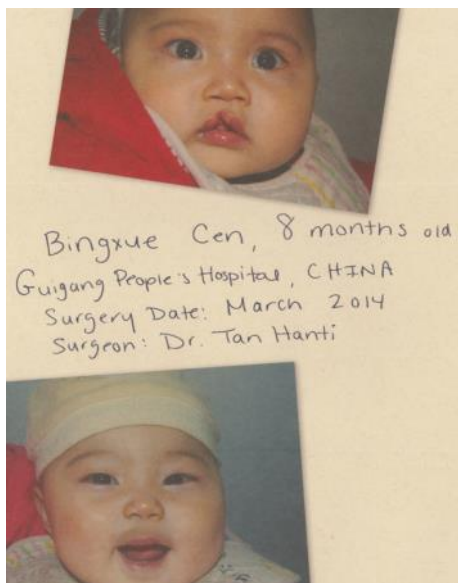


*Do you have news to share? Contact  
Melanie! office@brecksvilleumc.com or  
440-526-8938*

This month marks Rev. Clark Stein's twentieth year of ministry. ***Congratulations, Pastor Clark!***

HUDDLE Jr. a peer support and leadership group for middle school students, held a pancake breakfast here in June. Their advisor, Cheryl Stopar, expressed her thanks to the church saying "It is so nice to have community support surrounding our initiatives."

All year, our Sunday School has raised funds for Smile Train. They recently wrote, saying "Friends like you are truly changing the world for the boys and girls whose families are too poor to afford lifesaving and life-changing surgical cleft repair." One of the children who received a new smile is baby Bingxue Cen. In the "after" photo below, you can see her smile on her face and in her eyes. Your support has given her, and others like her, a true second chance at life!



John	Bartholomew	07/01
Brett	Bender	07/02
J.J.	Hotaling	07/02
Elizabeth	Hoffman	07/03
Kathleen	Koteles	07/03
Nancy	Marsh	07/03
Sarah	Ford	07/04
A. James	Lee	07/04
Betty	Marsh	07/05
Patricia	Prominski	07/05
Ryan	Hensley	07/06
Erin	Merhar	07/06
Janet	Beck	07/07
Wendy	Chenney	07/07
Emily	Telischak	07/07
Kevan	Fisher	07/08
Jonathan	Wygonski	07/08
Katherine	Falko	07/09
Bryan	Johnson	07/09
Kevin	Machesky	07/09
Tracy	Scott	07/09
Matthew	Hof	07/10
Karen	Memmer	07/10
Katherine	Scheff	07/10
Joan	Bloch	07/11
David	Lienert	07/12
Jeanne	Quade	07/13
Elizabeth	Urso	07/14
Jane	Whitehead	07/14
Deborah	Falko	07/15
Robert	Kubicek	07/15
Bill	Neidinger	07/15
Matthew	Nurre	07/16
James	Fredrick	07/17
Cameron	Lechner	07/17
Stephanie	Ling	07/17
Lillian	Yeater	07/17



Taylor	Heisler	07/19
Timothy	Kenney	07/19
Kay	Mendlik	07/19
Amy	Hazelton	07/21
Zachary	Kardos	07/21
Miles	Paroda	07/21
Nicholas	Rajkovich	07/21
Stefan	Wygonski	07/21
Paul	Frank	07/22
Anthony	Robusto	07/22
Ruth	Herman	07/23
Nathan	Olszko	07/23
Elizabeth	Jaszczak	07/24
Carl	Opatrny	07/24
Allison	Toensing	07/24
Addison	Cave	07/25
Cynthia	Guell	07/25
Larry	Kaminski	07/25
Matthew	Manocchio	07/25
Laura	Riccardi	07/27
Judith	Suazo	07/27
Mary	Derry	07/28
Ruby	Ludwig	07/28
Patricia	Frank	07/29
Albert	Loughner	07/29
Janet	Patterson	07/29
Paul	Dadas	07/30
Rachel	Machesky	07/30
Laura	Robusto	07/30
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. People like Dan Auble, who helped with the Stop Hunger Now meal packing event, Craig Kotnik, who enlivens our worship time with music, Joanie Olsko who devotes time each

week to maintaining our Sunday School records, Dave Schrodell who helped make our second annual golf tournament a reality, and Dottie McDowell who generously opens her Lakeside home to our youth during Annual Conference.





*The 2013 YSP Team*

## Youth Service Project Update

In just a few short weeks, we'll be heading off for Waterloo, Iowa, for our annual Youth Service Project. Over the course of the past year, our youth have worked tirelessly to raise funds and ready their hearts for this life-changing week of service. These fundraisers have included Music with a Mission, a spaghetti dinner, the annual flower and plant sale, the Flamingo FUNdraiser, and several car washes, as well as working a night at the UMW Cherry Cobbler Booth and selling Mock Stocks. The generosity and support of this congregation have been absolutely crucial to our success, and we are thrilled to say these efforts have helped us make this mission trip possible!

When asked what he was most excited for, Eli Shively said, "I've been really excited to not only help those in need, but meet some great people and have some great times with our youth group, as well!" As excited and (somewhat) prepared as we feel we are for this mission trip, there are still ways for you to help us! We are always in need of prayer – prayers for safe travels and alert drivers, for strong connections with the hundreds of other campers who will work alongside us, for meaningful and safe worksites, and for a week of absolute submission to Jesus and a strengthened relationship with Him and with one another. We also love receiving emails and snail mail while at camp! This information will be available online at [groupmissiontrips.com/workcamps](http://groupmissiontrips.com/workcamps) while we are gone – just search for the "Waterloo" worksite. Thank you for your continuing support of our youth, as we embark on this exciting adventure in Christ's name!

## Nehemiah Mission Prayer Request and Support Needed

For a handful of youth and adults, June 29-July 3 will be spent serving those in our own city through the Nehemiah Mission. We had hoped to field a team of 30 or more volunteers, but we're well short of that goal. Prayers are greatly appreciated for those serving and for those leading our service. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers throughout this week, that we may stay safe, healthy, and closely connected to Jesus throughout our time with Nehemiah Mission. If you are moved to make a financial donation to the effort, your help would offset our shortfall and would be put to good use.



## YAC—Youth Annual Conference

The theme for this year's Youth Annual Conference (June 13-15) was "Navigate." We spent the weekend discussing what it looks like to navigate through life with God's guiding hand, and enjoyed several speakers and a concert from the band, All Things New. We also discussed and voted on issues currently facing the Church, and spent free time growing closer with one another! Participants included Aleyna Gee, Bridget Gee, Erin Gee, Payton Schneider, Sydney Hudacek, and Emily Loughner, with our very

own Allison Loughner working on staff with CCYM!



## Healing Service

**August 17, 6:30 pm**

A healing service, led by Dr. Mary Jo Logee and a prayer team, will be held here on Sunday evening, August 17, 6:30 pm. Dr. Mary Jo Logee and her husband Owen live in Wooster, Ohio. Owen is a retired orthopedic surgeon and Jo is a physician in Sports Medicine. They are both team physicians for the area high schools and the College of Wooster. In 1999, Jo was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and experienced her own healing. The Lord has led her to open The Healing Rooms of Wooster, which is part of an international ministry of prayer and healing. Dr. Logee will guide us in a time of healing and renewal. Dress for this service is casual. All are welcome.



The Men's Church Softball League is starting in July this year. Would you like to join the BUMC team? Contact Bob Lundholm to learn how!

216-533-9794

# JULY 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Cec Podolny</i>		1 10 Staff Meeting 7 Evangelism	2 6:30 Dawnbrks	3 5 Men's Group 7 Men's Ensem <i>Lundholm &amp; Herzing Mowing</i>	4  <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	5 8 Women's Small Group
6 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Sanctuary Service	7	8 11 Staff Meeting 7 Administrative Board 8 Missions 8 Music & Worship Board	9 6:30 Dawnbrks 7p New UMW Circle Meeting	10  5 Men's Group <i>Parker &amp; Johnson Mowing</i>	11 7 Emmaus Reunion 12:30 VBS Decorating Project!	12 8 Women's Small Group YSP Team Departs
Broadview Heights Home Days						
13 <i>Guest Speaker</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Sanctuary Service 6 Brecksville Concert on the Square <b>BH Home Days</b>	14 8 Council on Education	15 10 Staff Meeting 10 Knitting? 7 Finance 7 Trustees	16 6:30 Dawnbrks	17 5 Men's Group <i>Spencer &amp; Gee Mowing</i>	18 7 Emmaus Reunion 	19 8 Women's Small Group
Youth Service Project Team Serves in Iowa						
20 <i>Guest Speaker</i> <i>Summer Choir Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Sanctuary Service	21 6:30 CROP Hunger Walk Planning Mtg 7 SPRC	22 1 Staff Meeting	23 6:30 Dawnbrks	24 5 Men's Group <i>Bloch &amp; Campbell Mowing</i> 	25 7 Emmaus Reunion	26 8 Women's Small Group 8 Cleveland Food Bank Volunteers
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 9 AM—NOON						
27 <i>Picture Day!</i> 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Sanctuary Service 6 Brecksville Concert on the Square 	28	29 10 Staff Meeting	30 6:30 Dawnbrks	31 5 Men's Group 7 Men's Ensemble <i>Brown &amp; Sendrey Mowing</i>		

**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...*

- The Nehemiah Mission Trip. Our young people and adult helpers will be working hard in Cleveland. Pray for the people they will serve.
- Vacation Bible School. Pray that the children of our community will experience a great week of learning and experiencing God's love.
- Our Youth Service Team as they travel to Waterloo, Iowa for a week of service to the community.

# PRESENCE

Date	8:30	10:00	Goal of 300
May 25	118	70	-112
June 1	104	141	-55
June 8	84	70	-146
June 15	88	84	-128
June 22	80	99	-121

*Bicentennial Flashback:* The June/July 1964 issue of the BUMC Newsletter included this poem on the front page.

**Prayer for Pious Intention** by Dr. David Head

O LORD, so long as the weather is reasonably fine, but not too hot,  
 So long as we have no visitors,  
 So long as I can sit in the last row, so I can make a quick exit,  
 So long as people speak to me,  
 So long as nobody asks me to do any work,  
 So long as the service ends exactly at noon, even if I have been delayed by changing my mind about what to wear,  
 So long as I can park within three car lengths of the door,  
 So long as they choose hymns I know,  
 I WILL HONOR THEE WITH MY PRESENCE AT  
 CHURCH WHENEVER I FEEL LIKE IT

# 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
May 25	\$4,178
June 1	\$8,434
June 8	\$11,410
June 15	\$9,194
June 22	\$5,894

*"To the Congregation of Brecksville UMC, Thank you for your recent generous donation of \$2267.70 to the Brookside Food Center. It takes a team to successfully achieve a goal. Thank you for being part of that team Thank you for helping us to help others. Sincerely, Lou Keim, Director, WSEM Food Center, Cleveland"*

# SERVICE

Some ways you can be of service to others this month (look for details in this issue of *The Good Word*):

- Participate in the Middle School VBS in the Park. Our focus will be Matthew 25:35 and being of service to others.
- Volunteer for VBS for the younger set! Jenny also needs donations. There are lots of ways to help. Contact Jenny for more details, or visit the church website.
- Help staff the BUMC booth at Broadview Heights Home Days. This is a great, fun opportunity to reach out to families in our community and encourage them to visit our church! Contact Donna Sibits to sign up.
- Start collecting clothes for the fall clothing drive.

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



# United Methodist News

## ***Brunswick First UMC's Pedal Project gives wheels, hope to those in need***

Last fall, Shon Jones had a hard time finding a full-time job.

With no car and without public transportation, the Brunswick resident had to walk or rely on friends or family to go anywhere.

Without reliable transportation, he could only work a part time, seasonal position.

"I was pretty much inaccessible," he said. "I couldn't rely on a ride and had to work my schedule around people I know who could give me rides. So that limited me in my activities and in looking for a job."

In December, through Faithworks and Brunswick First United Methodist Church's Pedal Project ministry, Jones received a bike. That simple gift changed his life.

"It gave me new opportunities," he said. "It opens doors for me to do what I need and want to do."

Now, Jones bikes 18 miles every day, to and from his full-time job on Jekyll Island.

"Before I had the bike it was hard; it was a struggle," he said. "When I got the bike it changed everything. It's a reliable source of transportation back and forth; it's everything I needed."

Brunswick's First UMC's Pedal Project began about a year and a half ago as a way to reach out and meet the needs of the local community. The church partnered with FaithWorks, a nondenominational social services ministry run by UMC pastor Rev. Wright Culpepper, to provide bikes for those who are seeking employment and need transportation.

"Here in Brunswick we don't have a public transportation system, so there's a real need for bicycle transportation," said Hans McCollum, chairman of Brunswick

First UMC's local missions committee. "Like most cities, we have a community of folks who are disenfranchised and living below the poverty level and have real needs."

The ministry receives donated bikes from individuals and through the Brunswick Exchange Club. A group of faithful, handy men meet each Monday night to refurbish and repair the bicycles, and once they are restored to working order, FaithWorks identifies those in greatest need and distributes them.

In addition to FaithWorks, the Pedal Project has provided bikes to Grace House – a downtown Brunswick recovery home – and the Salvation Army. They also service bikes after they've been given away, replacing tubes, adjusting brakes, and getting the bicycles back in working order.

Driving to and from the church, Brunswick First UMC pastor Rev. Jim McIlrath often sees the ministry's bikes being used.

"Every time I come downtown... I see a bike being ridden," he said. "I've started to recognize them. All of that is made available because people are willing to give."

The Pedal Project ministry is one of the ways the congregation is reaching out to those in its neighborhood, said Rev. McIlrath.

"Our church is like so many downtown churches – people drive to get here," he said. "They pass 10 other churches before they get here. So you have to decide if you are going to be in ministry to the people who are in the neighborhoods directly around the church, and this is one little way to be involved and engaged in ministry."

Jones is thankful for the bike, the people who provided it, and for the things he's now able to do.

"The bike allows me to be active and to get out and do things. I can get to cookouts and birthday parties and even the beach," he said. "It's blessed me a lot."

*- From the South Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church*



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