

# The Good Word

The Newsletter of Brecksville United Methodist Church, A Reconciling Congregation

## The Season of Lent



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The journey through Lent is one of the important ways in which we once again live the story of Jesus' life and presence on earth. This year, be challenged to make time for worship, prayer and Bible study in your life as part of your Lenten practice. We want to help you along in this process and strongly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities:

### Ash Wednesday Worship

*Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30pm*

Join us for a quiet service of worship in the Sanctuary with time for personal reflection, repentance and the imposition of ashes.

### Lenten Worship

*Sundays, February 22 and March 1, 8, 15 and 22*

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

### Walk the Labyrinth

*Ash Wednesday through Easter, in The Chapel*

A labyrinth will be available for times of reflection and meditation during the Lenten season in our Chapel. You are encouraged to take time for this valuable exercise either before or after weekly services or when time permits during the week. Meditative music and instructions will be available. If you would like more information on the labyrinth and its use, contact the office to be connected with a staff member.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm and Passion Sunday

*Sunday, March 29 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.

### Tenebrae Service

*Friday, April 3 at 7:30 pm*

This quiet and reflective time of worship recognizes the gravity and magnitude of Jesus' suffering and sacrifice.

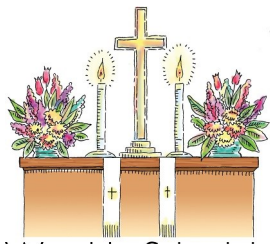
### Easter Sunday

*Sunday, April 5. Sunrise, 8:45 and 11:15am*

Sunrise Worship will be offered bright and early at Blossom Hill Pavilion. Watch your bulletin for more details!

At 8:45 and 11:15, join us for triumphant worship celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

*There will be no education hour offerings on Easter Sunday.*



## Worship Schedule

**8:45 Contemporary Worship**

10 Education Hour

**11:15 Traditional Worship**

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## 1 Peter 3: 8-12

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For,

“Whoever would love life

and see good days

must keep their tongue from evil

and their lips from deceitful speech.

<sup>11</sup> They must turn from evil and do good;

they must seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous

and his ears are attentive to their prayer,

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”



A lawyer and a psychologist were talking at a party. “You and your wife get along very well,” said the lawyer. “Do you ever have differences of opinion?” “Definitely,” said the psychologist, “very often- but we get over them quickly.” “How do you do that?” asked the lawyer. “Simple,” said the psychologist, “I never tell her about them.”

Whenever I walk on the beach to watch the sunset I do not call out, “A little more orange over to the right, please,” or “Would you mind giving us a little less purple in the back?” No, I enjoy the always different sunrises just as they are. We should do the same with people whom we love.

‘Tis the month of Valentine’s Day when we stop for a moment to consider the notion of love, and whether or not we are caught up in it, perhaps. I am drawn to these short considerations and how they inform my approach to people in general. We need not always debate those whom we love about every small detail of disagreement. Perhaps the larger display of a loving spirit is allowing a wide enough berth for multiple opinions without jeopardizing a loving relationship. It is mirrored, perhaps, in the daily experience of a sunset. We have seen them, yet no two are ever completely alike. They are all sunsets, beautiful in their unique way.

I encourage you to read these verses from 1 Peter, and think about it. Is it so necessary to be RIGHT that we alienate others over trivial matters? Think about Valentine’s Day and creating space to include others, perhaps in celebration of their difference.

Still enjoying sunsets,

*Pastor Clark*

## OLD CELL PHONES WANTED



Have an old cell phone collecting dust and using up space in your junk drawer? Why not recycle it? Bring your old phone to the coat room collection bin for safe recycling, and earn money for our church Missions Fund!



Special Thanks to the United Methodist Women for hosting Coffee Hour in January! Our February hosts will be **Youth Board**





## Music with a Mission Donations Needed!

Want to be help out with Music with a Mission -- without singing or dancing? Here's your chance! We are making gift baskets for our silent auction for this great annual fundraiser being held on Friday, March 6, and we need donations. Please consider donating handmade items, baked goods, or even unwanted Christmas gifts (unopened and unused please!) The money we raise will help fund the youth mission trip this summer to Pocahontas, Virginia. Baskets will be put together with the donated items, or if you're feeling creative you can make up your own basket for the auction. Questions? Ready to donate? Contact Michelle Shively at 440-838-0975 or Courtney Drescher at 440-526-8938, or bring your items to the church office during regular office hours before February 28. Thank you!

## Old Road Maps Needed

Have any old road maps gathering dust at your house? We would like to use them for decorating the tables for the event. Old Matchbox cars, too! If you have any laying around, please bring them to the church office.



## This Sale Could Change Your Life!!

*I have this theory that chocolate slows down the aging process.... It may not be true, but do I dare take the chance? - Author Unknown*

Chocolate is widely popular all over the globe, especially in the US during holidays like Halloween, Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day. Do you know that February is National Chocolate Lover's Month? Let's celebrate it with a heart for social justice and a focus on your health. Every Sunday in February we will have Equal Exchange Fairly Traded chocolate bars (\$1) and minis (\$0.25 each or 5 for \$1) on sale in the Parlor. Dark chocolate has been credited for a number of different healthy benefits. In fact, dark chocolate...

- is good for your heart as it helps lower blood pressure.
- is good for your brain as it improves blood flow to the brain, increasing cognitive function and perhaps reducing the risk of stroke.
- contains PEA which has a positive effect on your mood.
- is loaded with antioxidants.
- contains theobromine, which has been shown to harden tooth enamel and can help to suppress coughs.
- is high in vitamins and minerals such as potassium, copper, magnesium and iron.

Indulge this February. Get your 'healthy' chocolate bar during coffee hour in the Parlor!



Karen Pace writes, "I am organizing a medical mission to the Dominican Republic for the nursing students at Cleveland State University. In the past, our church has been generous with donations of over the counter medications for the trip. Almost 6,000 pills are needed. Can you help us provide adult and children's multivitamins, Ibuprofen, and Acetaminophen? We are also in need of antifungal creams, hydrocortisone creams, triple antibiotic creams, antacids, expectorants and aspirin. Donations in original, unopened packaging are needed, which do not expire before 6/30/2015. Small dollar store type toys, stickers, coloring books, crayons, toothpaste and toothbrushes are also needed. If you are moved to give, bring your items to the coat room collection bin before April 20. THANK YOU for your help!"



## Altar Flowers

Share a special occasion with the congregation—order Altar Flowers! A standard sized arrangement is \$40, and special arrangements are available at additional cost. Flowers are provided by Vince DiCillo of Forest Woods. Take your arrangement home to enjoy after second service!

Reserve your special date.

Contact Leslie to order:

440-526-8938



*Deepening Your Relationship  
with Christ and the Church*

**Monday Evenings, 7 pm**  
*Beginning February 16*

A Disciple's Path is an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. This Lent make a promise to take the next step in discipleship and become a dynamic, engaged follower of Jesus Christ.

The study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Participants will develop spiritual practices, discover their unique gifts, and become engaged in ministry that brings transformation in their own lives, the lives of others, and the world.

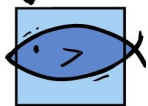
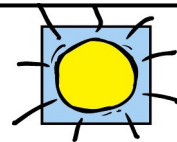
The Daily Workbook contains six weeks of daily readings (five per week) that guide participants in learning and practicing seven essential spiritual disciplines.

Each day's reading includes a Scripture, a message for the day, questions and prompts for personal reflection (with space provided for recording responses), and prayer. A special introductory section includes material on the history, beliefs, and structure of the church and answers to frequently asked questions.

Cost for the class is \$15.00. Sign up on Sunday, or contact the church office: 440-526-8938.

# EDUCATION HOUR

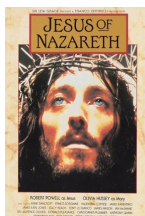
**ALL AGES**  
**Sunday at 10**



*Our new session of Sunday School Begins February 22 during the 10 o'clock Education Hour.*

## You Are My Disciples

*A Lenten Study based on the film "Jesus of Nazareth"*



Join Pastor Clark as we view scenes from the film as a basis for our morning discussion. Share with others as we compare the scripture accounts with the portrayals of those accounts on screen. We will each see the film somewhat differently, and so will have unique viewpoints and insights to share with each other in our discussion time. In this film, we can hear the living challenge of the Gospel spoken by a real person. Won't you make plans to join us?

## Exploring the Passion Narratives



This study will take an in-depth look at the final days of Jesus' ministry as well as his passion, death and resurrection as they are described in each of the four gospels. We will consider each account in light of its own unique attributes and compare them to one another in order to uncover the truths about Jesus that each Gospel writer likely wanted to convey. There will be no book or materials needed other than a

Bible, and participants should expect a modest Scripture reading in preparation for each class. Contact Joy Parker for more information or if you would like to begin exploring suggested material in advance of the first class!

## Lectionary Learnings



Did the scripture readings touch your heart this morning? Or did they leave you with more questions than answers? Did you hear a message that helped you think about the scripture in a whole new way? Join your church friends to discuss and learn together. This Sunday morning section will give you the opportunity to think out loud, ask questions, dialog with others, or share your insights. If you attend second service attendance at this class will get you ready to participate fully in worship, as you enter with a better understanding of the scripture readings.

## Balancing Life's Demands – A New Kind of Sunday School



Calling all parents! Do you feel overwhelmed with your to-do list? Did you ever wish time could slow down a little so you could catch your breath and start 'living your life'? Have you used the words 'busy', 'tired', 'stretched to the limit' to describe yourself this month?

You know you aren't alone. Join with other parents to network, socialize and explore the idea of finding peace within your schedule. Together we will watch a video series by Chip Ingram called "Balancing Life's Demands" and have time to talk with each other about what is on our hearts. Don't worry... no homework or at-home reading assignments. Come as you are on Sunday morning to room 402. Questions? Call Jenny.





## High School News

- **Sunday School** – If you haven't yet been to our combined high school and adult Sunday school class, you've been missing out! Since the New Year, we've dove head first into the Bible, discussing things like Documentary Hypothesis, the Prophets, the Histories, Wisdom Writings, and so much more. Cross-generational activities and discussions have been our driving force, and we've all been learning a lot! We'd love to see you there.
- **Youth Group** – Since November, we've been working our way through the major Bible stories in two-week segments. The first week, we hear the story and discuss the context in which the story was originally told. The second, we focus on why these stories are still relevant in 2015 and how we are to apply them to our own lives. We meet every Sunday from 7-9pm in the Youth Room – we'd love to see you there!
- **Rock-A-Thon and Lock-in** – Our annual Rock-A-Thon is quickly approaching! Join us February 6 for a night of ridiculous rocking, and then spend the night! High schoolers are invited to stay the night, with rocking scheduled from 8pm-1am, and movies, hide-n-seek, and plenty of fuel taking us into the morning. RSVP to Courtney ASAP to receive your sponsor pledge sheet.
- **YSP LAST CALL Meeting** – Still interested in joining us for YSP this summer? Make sure to mark your calendars for our final interest meeting, immediately following second service on February 8! All students interested in YSP must be signed up by this date, as our first payment is due the following week! We'll be traveling to Pocahontas, Virginia, from July 19-25. Questions, or can't make the meeting? Contact Courtney ASAP at youth@brecksvilleumc.com.
- **Music with a Mission** – All YSP participants are required to serve at this annual fundraiser, taking place March 6 from 6-9pm. However, we need as much help as we can get! Please be on the lookout for a comprehensive email coming soon.
- **NO HS Youth Group** – February 22, 2015.

## Middle School News

- **Confirmation Retreat** – February 20-22, our Confirmation students will be traveling to Camp Aldersgate, in Carrollton, Ohio, to attend the EOC Confirmation Retreat! We'll be joining Confirmation students from throughout Northeast Ohio to learn more about our Methodist history and faith, and spend some great time in community and fellowship. Please pray for safe travels, engaged learning, and developing relationships with Jesus and one another!
- **Rock-A-Thon** – Middle schoolers, join us for our annual Rock-A-Thon on February 6! Bring your rocking chairs, favorite snacks and drink, and Snuggies, as we rock from 6-9pm. RSVP to Courtney ASAP to receive your sponsor pledge sheet!

## February 1

February 1 is a very special Sunday, as the kids of BUMC will lead us in meaningful worship. The kids will take a look at how we pray and why we pray and offer some insight into the various ways we can grow in our relationship with God. The children will lead from the pulpit, as well as act as your ushers. Be sure to look for special artwork created by our children too. We are fortunate to have a church family that supports the young people as they learn the skills of being worship leaders.

## Caring Committee



The Caring Committee of BUMC wants you to know that they are available to visit any members who are homebound, ill, in a care facility, or in need. We are an extension of your church family who cares for you. If you or someone you know would enjoy a visit, especially in these winter months when getting out is difficult - or any time of the year - please contact Pastor Barbara 440-799-3126 or any one of our Caring Committee members: Craig Czarnota, Lucy Fesler, Ruth McDonel, or Janine Telischak. We are here to serve you and want you to feel connected to your church family.



*Do you have news to share? Contact  
Melanie! [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)  
or 440-526-8938*

In January, we celebrated the baptisms of Evan Cooper Jatsek son of Carolyn and John Jatsek, and of Owen Campbell Paroda, son of Rebecca and Michael Paroda (grandson of Kim and Scott Campbell.) Let us surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.

### **Words of Thanks**

"We appreciate so much the Christmas cheer that the people of the church recently shared with our father, Philip Hines. Dad thoroughly enjoyed the choir's caroling at his home and even sang along with the group; your visit was very special for him. A big thank you to Craig Czarnota for organizing that wonderful activity. Also, thanks so much for the beautiful poinsettia that was given to him on Christmas Eve. It's beautiful and will be greatly enjoyed during these cold, snowy months. We wish you all a very blessed, healthy 2015." — Nancy Marsh, Jane Taylor, & Philip Hines, Jr.

"Dear Friends, Thank you so very much for the beautiful poinsettia plant. It brightens up my room. It was lovely having a member, Gail Meyer, bring it. She also came with homemade fudge and cookies! Love to all, Lois Giesel"

### **THE SUNDAY BLAST**

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Doris Cipolla	1-Feb	Ellen Falko	14-Feb
Grant Kardos	1-Feb	Lucy Fesler	14-Feb
Dave Dobos	2-Feb	Dorothy Jordan	14-Feb
Douglas Hubert	2-Feb	Nathaniel Robusto	15-Feb
Gail Meyer	2-Feb	Abby Smith	15-Feb
John Olenik	2-Feb	Jack Hensley	16-Feb
Donna Bambic	3-Feb	Bill Kranstuber	16-Feb
Colin Johnson	3-Feb	Matthew Miller	16-Feb
Barbara Soltis	4-Feb	Stephanie Fisher	17-Feb
Dave AuWerter	5-Feb	Grace Ford	17-Feb
Colin Hamilton	5-Feb	Christine Hudacek	17-Feb
Faith McAllister	5-Feb	Emma Piorkowski	17-Feb
Lynn Spencer	5-Feb	Scott Campbell	18-Feb
Bob Andree	6-Feb	Jack Kenney	18-Feb
Paul Olszko	6-Feb	Allie Kenney	19-Feb
Chloe Boldt	7-Feb	Sally Bibler	20-Feb
Becky Chen	8-Feb	Nancy Hoyer	20-Feb
Nancy Knowlton	8-Feb	Matthew Ling	20-Feb
Courtney Scheff	8-Feb	Dan Rajkovich	22-Feb
Chad Boldt	9-Feb	Steve Warth	22-Feb
Sarah Nurre	9-Feb	Erin Gee	23-Feb
Bob Williams	9-Feb	Janet Kleckner	24-Feb
Pam Johnson	10-Feb	Eric Louttit	24-Feb
Marge Webb	10-Feb	Olive Priest	24-Feb
Douglas Bender	11-Feb	Miriam Buttolph	25-Feb
Marla Hocutt	12-Feb	Nancy Wygonski	25-Feb
Gladys Smith	12-Feb	Darcie Engler	27-Feb
Leslie Hoffman	13-Feb	Angela Harper	27-Feb
Bill Hurder	13-Feb	Emily Hastings	27-Feb
Monica Kotnik	13-Feb	Taylor Whitton	27-Feb
Andrew Kubek	13-Feb		
Mallory McCrodden	13-Feb		



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 Kathy Stein, who so wonderfully organized the reception for the Community Chorus concert; Gretchen Mates whose annual ministry to the West Side Sisterhood and poinsettias for shut ins brightens the lives of so many; Ben Magristro, who has stepped in with our parking lot ministry. His big smile and warm welcome are the first things people experience when they come to church on Sunday mornings. Paul Calovini, who faithfully serves on our audio visual team each Sunday; and Liz Fredrick, who so beautifully organized our Open Table reception, and who creates baptism blankets for all of our babies. We are so thankful for you all!



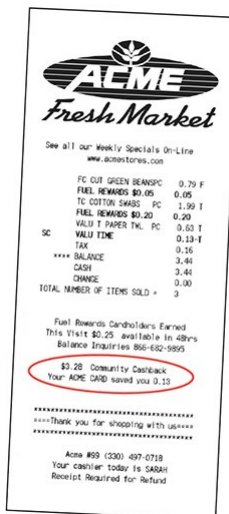
# News from the Brecksville United Methodist Women

## Cookies Wanted!

The Thursday, February 5 UMW meeting should be very informative for both women and men. The topic is "Senior Scams and Identity Theft" presented by Lindsey Wilson, Ohio Consumer Protection Section. Meeting starts at 9:30 with Continental breakfast. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## Acme Register Tapes Wanted

Acme Fresh Market register tapes are wanted by UMW for the Acme Cash Back program. Shop at Acme now and throughout the holidays. Place your register tape in the Acme labeled box in the coat room. It's an easy way to help earn money for UMW missions and help those in need!



## Come Join The Circle!



Evening Circle has a new night! As choir has moved to Wednesdays, we're going to try meeting on the 2nd THURSDAY of the month. Join us Thursday, February 12 at 7 pm when Mallory Krolikowski will present a slide show chronicling her three week experience in Nepal, where she worked in an orphanage with young children. Our ages range from 16 to 70-something and everywhere in between. Everyone is welcome!

## Thank you from the Sisterhood!



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in "Christmas for The Sisterhood." Your gifts were all beautiful and immensely appreciated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness! *Sisterhood* is an after-school and summer arts program (*Summer of Sisterhood*) that prepares girls ages 10 - 18 for womanhood and their life beyond. To learn more visit:

[www.wschouse.org](http://www.wschouse.org)

## Caregiving Support Group Forming



Are you caring for an aging parent (or parents) and looking for some support or a place to share ideas, resources, or frustrations? Try our new Caregiving Support Group! With enough interest, we hope to meet, perhaps once month, here in Brecksville. Interested? Please contact Pastor Barbara before Jan. 26. If enough people are interested in forming the group, we look to have an initial meeting in

February. - Rev. Barbara Bartholomew, Associate Pastor of Visitation, 440-799-3126 or e-mail [associatepastor@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:associatepastor@brecksvilleumc.com).



## Parma Workcamp

Group Workcamps is working with local churches to organize another fantastic week of service in Parma June 21-27, 2015. North Coast Mission Connection (NCMC) is formed of team members from our church and Ridgewood UMC to help plan and prepare for this amazing week of service, worship and spiritual growth for youth. The workcamp will benefit low income residents in the cities of Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills, all of whom will receive home repairs at no cost. For some, the workcamp is their only hope of being able to keep their homes because they cannot afford to make necessary repairs on their own. You're invited to a benefit for the cause!

### Rigatoni Dinner

Saturday, February 7, 5:30 pm  
Ridgewood UMC  
6330 Ridge Rd., Parma

Homemade rigatoni and meatballs created by our own Michael Jaszczak, along with salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

Come enjoy a homemade meal, bid on baskets in the silent auction, and enjoy some great entertainment and fellowship on a chilly winter night. For tickets, please call Elizabeth or Michael Jaszczak at 216-573-0600. Please let us know how many adult and children tickets are needed.





Boy Scout Troop 175 invites the congregation to enjoy a Pancake Breakfast of Appreciation between worship services on Scout Sunday, February 8. Scouts will prepare and serve breakfast for which there is no charge (but donations will be accepted.)

Join us in our celebration of Scout Sunday and all of the ways that Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to youth in our community. Scouting emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

We congratulate all the kids and volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout Northeast Ohio and want to offer a special prayer and word of the thanks to the leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop 175, which is 91 years old and chartered to Brecksville United Methodist Church since 1942.

*Mark your calendar for March 8—Girl Scout Sunday!*

## Brecksville United Methodist Church

# Concert Series

*Join us for these great events coming soon!*

### Josh Rzepka Jazz Quartet

*Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 pm*



Trumpeter and composer Josh Rzepka is a BUMC favorite and joins us each winter for our annual jazz feature. This year, Josh is bringing friends Ron Godale (drum set), Peter Dominguez (bass), and David Thomas (piano). Plan a romantic and budget-conscious Valentine's Day date for you and a special someone or for the whole family! This fabulous and energetic concert will feature new compositions as well as old favorites. Afterward, we will have a delicious Valentine's Day themed dessert reception. You can learn more about Josh at [www.joshrzepka.com](http://www.joshrzepka.com). See you on Valentine's Day!

### Music with a Mission: "On the Road Again"

*Friday, March 6 at 6:00 pm (Dinner)/7:00 pm (Show)*



This annual tradition is always a riot, and this year promises to deliver another great evening of talent, laughter and great music. The program features tunes popularized by the Beatles, Rascal Flatts, Johnny Cash, Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros, Nelly, The Proclaimers, Wilson Pickett, and so many more! If you want to be a part of the show, there is still time to get involved! Contact Joy at [music@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:music@brecksvilleumc.com) to participate.

### The Gray Havens

*Friday, March 20 at 7:30 pm*



Pop-folk husband & wife duo **The Gray Havens** incorporate fantasy stories, lyric poetry, theology and song into their charming catalog of music. Dave & Licia Radford will join us for our folk/rock feature concert this year, and you won't want to miss this light-hearted and folksy singer-songwriter duo. Learn more at [www.grayhavensmusic.com](http://www.grayhavensmusic.com).



Tired of being stuck in the house and having that "We/I need to get out and do something" feeling? Well, now is your chance to get out and have some fun. Cliff and Karen Thielman are planning a GAME NIGHT at their house on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p. m. You can bring a snack, dessert or beverage to share. This is open to anyone who wants to come. Our address is 8759 Stuart Lane, Sagamore Hills. Please R.S.V.P. to [kthielman1015@roadrunner.com](mailto:kthielman1015@roadrunner.com) or by calling 330-467-1014.





### **Student Recital & Scholarship Program**

The Music Department is proud to announce the  
***3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Music Department Scholarship***  
to be awarded to deserving High School Seniors  
who have participated in the music program during their time at BUMC  
and intend to continue as active musicians and worshipers  
as they pursue additional education.

*Students may attend a 2-year, 4-year or non-traditional post-secondary institution;  
they need not major in music.*

Scholarship applications are available on the church website,  
or applications may be picked up in the church office.

**Applications are due on Friday, February 27, by 5:00pm.**

Winners will be announced at the Student Recital on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

(Recital applications are also available online!)

### **Student Recital**

**Saturday, May 9 at 7:30pm**

BUMC children and youth of all ages will share their musical talent!  
The congregation is invited to attend this wonderful evening of music –  
free and open to the public! Following intermission, we will hear a short  
recital from two Senior vocal majors at Kent State University.

**Scholarship winners will be announced at the Student Recital.**

**Save the date!**

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Scholarship Golf Outing  
will take place on Saturday, June 20.**

**We hope to see you there!**

*Thank you!*

On Sunday, December 14, we hosted the Brecksville Center for the Arts Community Chorus and Youth Chorus for a wonderful afternoon of holiday music. **Special thanks are due to Kathy Stein, Susie Loughner, Elizabeth Jaszczak, Becky and Chia-Tien Chen**, and all those who helped by contributing food and baked goods, setting up, and cleaning up. It was a beautiful reception!



On Saturday, November 22, many of you joined us for a wonderful evening of music with our own Director of Music, Joy Parker and cellist Robert Anastos.

Instead of going to pay the musicians or back into the Concert Series (as it normally would), our free will offering from the evening was designated for two important causes, one local and one abroad.

As a lifelong member of the Orthodox Church, Robert chose St. Herman's House of Hospitality ([sainthermans.com](http://sainthermans.com)), an Orthodox mission that aids homeless individuals in Cleveland. And Joy chose Ebola Relief in West Africa through the United Methodist Committee on Relief—UMCOR ([umcor.org](http://umcor.org)).

Thanks to your generosity, we sent over \$375 to each mission, for a total gift of \$752.

**Both Joy and Robert thank you so much for your kindness and support of these important missions!**

Our faith, lives and ministries take on new life when they are shared. Help us tell God's story as it unfolds in our church and community. Send news items and story ideas to the church office!

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# FEBRUARY 2015

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Communion <i>Sunday*</i> <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Ed. Hour <b>11:15 Worship</b> 2 Church Couples Group 7 HS Youth Group <i>*Communion</i> <i>Stewards:</i> <i>The Piorkowskis</i>	<b>2</b> 5:30 Kickbox 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 10 Staff Mtg 7 Evangelism 7:30 Zumba	<b>4</b> 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:15 MS Youth 5 Men's Group 6:15 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:15 Men's Ensemble	<b>5</b> 9:30 UMW 	<b>6</b> 7 Emmaus Reunion 3 Young Adult Choir 6 Rock-a-thon	<b>7</b> 8:30 Women's Small Group 8:30 Emmaus Team 9:30 Zumba 5:30 Rigatoni Dinner, Ridge-wood UMC
<b>8</b> <i>Boy Scout Sunday</i> <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Ed. Hour <b>11:15 Worship</b> 12:15 YSP Mtg. 2 Camphor Mission Partners 7 HS Youth Group	<b>9</b> 5:30 Kickbox 7:30 Boy Scouts 8 COE	<b>10</b> 11 Staff Mtg 7 COM 5 Empty Bowl Project at CVCC 7:30 Zumba	<b>11</b> 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:15 MS Youth 5 Men's Group 6:15 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 7 Evening Circle	<b>13</b> 7 Emmaus Reunion 3 Young Adult Choir	<b>14</b> 8:30 Women's Small Group 9:30 Zumba 7:30 An Evening of Jazz with the Josh Rezpka Quartet 
<b>15</b> <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Ed. Hour <b>11:15 Worship</b> 12:15 Music & Worship Board 7 HS Youth Group	<b>16</b> 5:30 Kickbox 7 Staff Parish Relations Committee 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 10 Staff Mtg 10 Stitch'n'Time 7 Gifts & Memorials 7:30 Trustees 7:30 Zumba	<b>18</b> 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:15 MS Youth 5 Men's Group 6:15 Bells <b>7:30 Ash Wednesday Worship</b> 8:15 Men's Ensemble	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 7 Emmaus Reunion 3 Young Adult Choir <i>UMW Food Pantry Delivery</i> <i>Confirmation Class Retreat</i> 	<b>21</b> <i>Confirmation Class Retreat</i> 8:30 Women's Small Group 9:30 Zumba 3 Girl Scouts World Thinking Day 7 Game Night at the Thielman's
<b>22</b> <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Ed. Hour 10 Church & Society <b>11:15 Worship</b> 7 HS Youth Group	<b>23</b> 5:30 Kickbox 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 10 Staff Mtg 7 Finance 7:30 Zumba	<b>25</b> 6:30 Dawnbrk 3:15 MS Youth 5 Men's Group 6:15 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 UMW Board Meeting <i>Flute Festival Set Up</i>  <i>Music Scholarship applications due!</i>	<b>28</b> Flute Festival 9:30 Zumba