



The Good Word

Brecksville United Methodist Church, A Reconciling Congregation

Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.



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Our Church Family Photo, Taken on Fall Kick Off Sunday, September 11, 2016

Leaning In & Reaching Out: Outreach, Mission & Ministry

As we transition into fall, we are making an increased commitment to *Outreach & Development*. Each month, *The Good Word* will explore ways in which we are *all* called to build community, whether it's within the walls of this church, out in the local community, in Cleveland, across the United States or even around the world. *But where do we start?*

First, we're getting BACK to BASICS. In order to tell people what's awesome about Jesus and about Brecksville United Methodist Church, we have to actually *know* what's awesome about Jesus and about this church! Is a relationship with Jesus just a check box on a list of things to do? Is making time for worship, bible study, and mission just one more thing on your calendar? I think we all want to say "no!" but sometimes we aren't very good at expressing *why* these things are so important!

This fall, we invite each of you to make time for adult education on Sunday mornings at 10 am and the Bible Study Pastor Clark is offering on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Both will focus on understanding the important stories of our faith that

undergird everything we do! It's the solid foundation on which ALL of our mission and ministry is built!

We're also asking everyone to commit this to memory:

As United Methodists, we are called to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. And here at Brecksville United Methodist Church, that means....

- Open Doors that welcome everyone, all the time.
- Honest Worship that brings us into closer relationship with God.
- Determined Service that transforms the world, one relationship at a time.

When someone asks you what's awesome about your relationship with Jesus and about your church family, this will help you answer! Together, we can *lean in* and be strengthened to continue *reaching out* in Jesus' name!



Sunday Morning Worship
 8:45 Contemporary Worship
 10:00 Coffee & Classes for All Ages
 11:15 Traditional Worship

The Crib and Toddler Room is open throughout the morning!

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Going Back to Basics

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless, -that's your job, to bless. You'll be a blessing, and also get a blessing.

- 1 Peter 3:8-9

Wired magazine ran an article which ranked the five best toys of all time. This is their take on toys:

- The stick. A simple branch or hunk of wood one can find in their own backyard.
- A box. Enough said.
- String. Cat's Cradle, hang things from doorknobs, leashes for stuffed animals, etc.
- A cardboard tube. Little tubes from toilet paper, bigger tubes from paper towels, bigger tubes from wrapping paper.
- Dirt. Mud puddles after rainstorms.

Despite Nintendo and X Box, I still like to believe that kids are intrigued by the most fundamental playthings- simple things that allow them to imagine and discover on their own. Perhaps the best things in life are the most basic of things.

I want to invite you to participate with us in the coming church year as we celebrate some of the most basic stories of our faith. We will revisit the stories of Creation and Adam and Eve, Noah and Abraham and Sarah, Jacob's wrestling match, Joseph's dreams, Moses and Rahab and Jael and Zachariah. Sometimes in order to move forward, it helps to remind ourselves of the most basic stories of who we really are, and where we have been.

Going back to the basics allows us to visit the life force in the primary stories of our faith. Originally these stories were told around campfires, and have informed people of faith for generations. We pray you'll journey with us as we revisit the foundations of our experience. Old stories, like old toys, tend to stand the test of time. Hope to see you at church!

Keeping the faith,

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!

Stop by the Parlor during the 10 o'clock Sunday Education Hour to say hello!

Coffee Hour Hosts for October
Youth Board

Coffee Hour Hosts for November
Evangelism

JESUS is extraordinary



OPEN M
A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope

Together, the people of Brecksville United Methodist Church are doing extraordinary things to transform the world. We support refugees fleeing violence at home and seeking sanctuary in Cleveland. We provide meals for people facing food insecurity in Parma and greater Cleveland. We partner with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity and Group Workcamps to rehabilitate homes both in Cleveland and around the Eastern US. We collect clothes for Easter Seals and other community organizations. We bake and serve pies and cobblers to raise money for UMW Missions. We have an active pastoral care team reaching out to those who are sick, hospitalized or in need of a visit. We host a Vacation Bible School that serves over 100 children and youth in our community each summer. Our young people are learning to live lives of faith through our youth ministry, and we experience honest and engaging worship services each Sunday. We are making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

In October, we will partner together as a church family in a Stewardship Campaign focused on the theme “Jesus is Extraordinary.” Through music and testimony, we will celebrate the *Extraordinary Service* that happens in and around this building; the *Extraordinary Boldness* that takes us out into the community in mission and ministry; and the *Extraordinary Transformation* that happens when individuals grow as disciples of Jesus Christ!

We ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment to the church in the coming year. Our congregation is actively engaged in building God’s kingdom, and your faithful pledge and support makes that happen. We are also kicking off a 3-year Capital Campaign to cover necessary repair and replacement work on the church building and parsonage. This building is a tremendous resource, and it enables us to continue all of the ministries and services that spread the Good News of Jesus in extraordinary ways.

Over the next several weeks, we’ll be sharing more information in your Sunday bulletin and through the weekly electronic newsletter. We also have a page of our website dedicated to stewardship information, which we will continue to update throughout the year. Visit www.brecksvilleumc.com/stewardship for information, exciting stories of transformation, our latest financial report, and a link to details about the Trustees’ 5 year plan.

Opportunity: Church Tour! Sign up for a “behind the scenes” look at this church facility and see parts of the building you might not yet know about! The first opportunity will be on October 16, and each tour will include time to discuss the 5 year building plan with a Church Trustee.

Homework: Pay Attention to Where God is Working! Take some time each day to observe and remember ways in which God is working in the world around you. When you see God at work, share it with us! You can share your story with Pastor Clark, with another staff member, or by writing it down and dropping it in the offering plate or in the main office. We know God works in extraordinary ways when we grow as disciples of Jesus. God is moving! Be part of this extraordinary time at our church!

- Members of Finance Committee

The Missions Committee
Invites You to a Special Presentation
Tuesday, October 25 at 7 pm
in The Parlor

*Open M: A Ministry of Faith,
Health, and Hope*
with
Dottie Achmoody, MPA
Executive Director

OPEN M is a non-profit in South Akron reaching out to those living in poverty to feed the hungry, care for the sick, nurture children, build families, and strengthen the community.

Worship **TEAM**
USHERS GREETERS ACOLYTES

Usher, Greeter, Acolyte TRAINING

Thursday, October 6 at 7 pm

In the Parlor

Would you like to help with worship services on Sunday mornings by serving as an usher, greeter or acolyte?

Maybe you already serve, but have questions or would like a refresher?

Come be a part of this
brief training session!

Questions? Call the church office:

440-526-8938 or

leslie@brecksvilleumc.com



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

Happy 203 Birthday, Brecksville United Methodist Church! Every September, we celebrate our community of faith, which began to gather together with the earliest settlers to our area. Our Fall Kick Off event was held on September 11, with a wonderful morning of worship, followed by a potluck on Brecksville Town Square. What a great way to start the new program year!

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to Bob and Nancy Lundholm (10/26) and Happy 62nd Wedding Anniversary to Joe and Ruth Holmes (10/16.)

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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Prayer and Praise Notes To request prayer through our Prayer Chain, call the Church Office 440.526.8938 or contact Elinor Rowan at 440.230.1540 or elrowan33@aol.com.



Melissa AuWerter	1	Ruth Bondra	21
Olivia Toman	1	Mark Hubert	21
Heather Dean	2	Dan Hurder	21
Lorrie Stratis	2	Lauren Chenney	10
Donald Butler	3	Jack Manaska	10
Lois Giesel	3	Amy Myers	10
Cynthia Hubert	4	Matthew Sendrey	10
Austin Karn	4	Evan Jatsek	11
Mitchell Madaus	4	Jane Petrie	11
Alex Vastartis	4	Nick Telischak	11
Patricia Butler	5	Julianna Tait	12
Robin Raybuck	5	Thelma Loeffler	13
Bryan Agostine	6	Ryan Rybak	13
Dick Burroughs	6	Carrie Bielinski	14
Madison Hart	6	Lawry Kardos	14
Anthony Karn	6	Michelle Blatnik	15
Tim McDonel	6	Josh Kwiatkowski	15
Kay AuWerter	7	Thuy Ai Nguyen	15
Herb Einheit	7	Bob Suazo	15
Jean Hlay	7	Karen Thielman	15
Bailey Archacki	8	Lucy Shijo	16
Savannah Jacob	8	Cathy Walden	16
Michael Jaszczak	9	Megan Culley	18
Nancy Manaska	9	Carly Kubek	18
Mark Spencer	9	Andy Batcheller	20
		Hazel Gear	22
		Garth Olszko	22
		Olivia Klipfell	23
		Sara Kwiatkowski	24
		Emily Shijo	24
		Carol Herzing Dobos	25
		Gerry Beaver	26
		Gretchen Mates	26
		Chris Nguyen	26
		Nate Rosenthal	26
		Arthur Wise	26
		Bev Dubin	27
		Beth Hogan	28
		Kim Meyer	28
		Dean Rybak	28
		Jason Bell	29
		Brittany Hotaling	29
		Ben Magistro	29
		Anet Smith	29
		Ric Lesinski	31
		Brenden Meyer	31
		Leslie Selig	31



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings this month, we lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. People like Dave Brown who wears many hats here: church closer, lawn mower, counter, and bell player! And George Smith, whose enthusiasm for serving in his new church is absolutely contagious. All the folks who have been working on our new sound console in the balcony. Thanks to Scott Campbell and his team, we have a beautiful, custom made table for our audio visual equipment. And Don Krolkowski who helps our community know that our church is a warm and welcoming place by taking and sharing great photos (like the church family photo on the cover of this newsletter) and helping us build a beautiful website, which is sometimes the first "front door" a visitor walks through! We're so thankful for all of you and for your willingness to be of service!

ADDICTION NEXT DOOR

KNOWLEDGE + ACTION = HOPE

A speaker series
about how addiction
affects us all.

"Addiction is
an equal-
opportunity
malady. It
takes one and
all regardless
of class,
creed or
distinction..."

- Amanda, 17 years clean

"The health of our entire community depends on a vision of cooperation and the determination to put it into action." - Recovery Resources

Wednesday, October 5 at 7 pm
IDENTIFYING & UNDERSTANDING ADDICTION
Brecksville United Methodist Church

Do you know the signs of addiction and what to do when you see it? Recovery Resources, an organization committed to educating the community on addiction and mental health resources, will provide straightforward information and answer your questions.

Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm
ADDICTION AND THE LAW

Broadview Heights Community Center, Oak Room
No other public health issue presents as tangled a legal process as that facing addicts and their families. Carly Snavelly, a defense attorney who has devoted her career to helping individuals navigate the complex web – and frequent injustices – of our legal system, will discuss addiction and the law. The facts may surprise you, and you will find you have an important role to play.

Wednesday, November 2 at 7 pm
ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

Broadview Heights Community Center, Gym
Recovery options provide tangible hope to those facing addiction and their families, but more are needed. Russ Goodwin, LPC, LICDC will share information and resources alongside a representative from Metro-health. Participants will also learn about Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone).

www.brecksvilleumc.com/addiction



Important Youth Dates

- Oct 2 All Youth Dinner 5pm
- Oct 9 No HS Youth Group
(Dana at conference)
- Oct 11 No MS Youth Group
(Dana at conference)
- Oct 15 Volunteer at Halloween
on the Heights 1pm
- Oct 23 High School Trip to
Luther's Farm 3pm

Volunteer Opportunity!

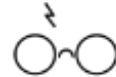
On October 15th, we will have a table at Halloween on the Heights this year and are looking for students, middle school and high school, who would love to help out. Dress up in your favorite festive fall gear or costume and pass out treats **to children from the community! Sounds fun, right? If you'd** like to participate, email Dana at youth@brecksvilleumc.com by Oct 12th!

Middle School Bonfire

Friday, October 28

Be on the look out for the specifics of a fun night of roasting marshmallows, hanging out with friends, and enjoying a beautiful autumn evening together!

All Youth Dinner October 2nd



Our dinner this month will be Harry Potter themed! So come dressed in your wizard wears and be ready to have a magically delicious meal! Special thanks to the The Rybak Family for helping to host this month!

High School Sunday School

We are journeying through the Bible with Echo the Story. Through storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue **we will be experiencing God's story in new ways! Come** join us Sundays at 10 am!

High School October Main Event: Luther's Farm Fall Fest

In place of high school youth group on October 23rd, we will be taking a trip to Luther's Farm for their Fall Fest. Join us for hayrides, pumpkin picking, a corn maze, and more! \$5 per student for festival entry, email Dana at youth@brecksvilleumc.com to let her know you are going by Oct 20th!



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

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United Methodist Women and The Evening Circle are combining their meetings in October and inviting everyone to join them for the *Addiction Next Door* event on Wednesday, October 5 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Due to the importance of the topic, we strongly encourage all to attend this event!

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Asbury Bremeth will meet on Thursday, October 13, with a special guest—Pastor Clark! The morning will begin at 9:30 with a light continental breakfast, an opening thought and prayer, approximately thirty minutes of good talk and fellowship, and a lesson that combines our real lives with God's plans for us. For more information call Nancy Knowlton at 440-838-4341. See you there!

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The Greater Cleveland Church Women United invite you for fall city-wide fellowship on Friday, October 7. The program is at Mt. Zion Congregational Church, 10723 Magnolia Circle, University Circle. Registration at 9:39 am, followed by a presentation by a guest speaker from Fatima Family Center, a Catholic program open to all in the Hough area. If you are interested please call Nancy at 440-838-4341.

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Cash Back for Acme Receipts. You already know that you can turn paper into money for hunger ministry by recycling at the church, right? There's another way you can turn paper into cash for ministry—save your Acme receipts! Any receipts dated August 15 to December 30 will earn 5% cash back for UMW missions. There's a collection bin in the first floor coat room. Thank you for helping!

8,952

You Filled the Truck! You set a record with 8,952 pounds of old cloth items (and 242 pounds of miscellaneous stuff) earning a whopping \$1,805 for the United Methodist Women's Mission Fund — and while helping people with disabilities through Easter Seals of Northeast Ohio. Thank you!

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Stitch'n'Time Yarn Group. Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to learn or get better? Would you like to share your creations with people in need? Then *Stitch'n'Time* is for you! This fun group of ladies meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor. (This month, it's October 18.) No experience necessary. Everyone is welcome! Projects include prayer shawls and lap blankets, hats and mittens, and baby blankets. Want to learn more? Contact Sandy Crist 440-526-1494.



Veteran's Sunday

November 13, 2016

One Worship Service at 10:00 am

Luncheon at 11:00 am

Are you or a family member a veteran? Our Evangelism Committee will have a special Veteran's celebration on Sunday, November 13. All veterans in our local communities are welcome to participate in this very special Sunday. If you'd like your service to be recognized, please contact the church office before November 8. Call 440-526-8938.

Celebrating our servicemen and women, past and present, will continue after the worship service with a light luncheon and dessert in Fellowship Hall. The entire congregation and community are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome!

Helpers are needed to set up, help serve and clean up the luncheon. There will be a sign up sheet at church in October or you can call Donna Sibits at 440-457-2411 or Catherine Vastartis at 440-759-6436.

Want to make cupcakes? On Wednesday, November 9 at 7 pm, the UMW Evening Circle will be in the church kitchen decorating cakes for Veterans Sunday. If you can help, please contact Lynn Hobzek at 440-526-6037. It should be a fun evening! Please come and join us!!

BACK 2 BASICS

Midweek Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

Something has happened that transforms the way we look at things, and the way that we experience the world, and Mark just can't wait to tell us about it. The sooner we all get the message, the better off we will be, for the message is good: God is here, and God is able to help us.

Beginning Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 in the Parlor, come and be in community as we read and discuss our way through The Gospel of Mark. We will read our way through the entire book, chapter by chapter, and share some of the history behind what we read and what it means for us today. Take part in a good old fashioned Bible Study, as we contemplate together what it means to get back to the basics. We'll leave the light on for ya!

Pastor Clark



*Pastor Clark performs a baptism
in the Jordan River, May 2016*



In the coming weeks, Brecksville United Methodist Church will welcome seven new members into the Christian faith through baptism! This is a wonderful opportunity to stop, get back to basics, and think about what Baptism means.

Baptism is one of the two sacraments we recognize as Methodists. (Can you name the other?) Simply put, baptism is the initiation into the body of Christ, the church, which joins the baptized to Christians everywhere. Baptism is deeply rooted in practices we read about in the Bible from the most ancient times.

Long before the time of Jesus the Jewish people practiced bathing and purification rituals. Before a person could worship, he would ritually immerse himself; not just for hygiene but for spiritual purity. Once the worshipper was spiritually pure through this ritual cleansing (plus a time of fasting, anointing and prayer) he was able to enter into the temple and offer sacrifices to honor and worship God. These practices were signs of holiness according to the Old Testament.

Once the Temple was destroyed the faithful had to reimagine a new way of purifying themselves. This is what we are seeing when John the Baptist baptizes people in the Jordan River. The Jordan is the geographical boundary between the wilderness where the Israelites wandered and the Promised Land. This is strongly symbolic of our exiting the wilderness, or spiritual chaos, to enter into new life in Christ through our baptism.

Today, Baptism remains a very symbolic practice. The waters of baptism signify birth and life (like the waters of the womb), death (immersion is a form of burial that destroys sin and gives us new life), growth (just as plants need water to grow we need baptism to grow in our faith) and cleansing. As the waters of baptism are poured over the child we understand this as a pouring out of God's spirit and grace upon the child. God's grace and love is freely given, not earned by our actions.

As we celebrate the baptism of seven babies and children in the coming weeks, we have an amazing opportunity to grow in our own faith as we stand as a community of believers and make our promise to love and nurture these children.

Listen carefully to what you are promising during this ritual. You are promising each baby and child that you will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness so that they may grow in their trust of God. You promise to pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life. Others made the same commitment to walk with you along your journey of faith. Please make every effort to be here to participate in these baptismal celebrations and make your commitment to love and care for these children!

- September 25, 8:45 Service: Lucas Juniper
- October 9, 8:45 Service: Justin Bielinski, Jr.
- October 16, 11:15 Service: Adalaide Spitzer
- October 23 at 8:45, Thomas Aldridge. 11:15, Sadie Mae Glenn
- October 30, 11:15 Service, Logan and Gianna Hricko

Meet [★]THE TEACHER

A new monthly feature highlighting our Sunday School Teachers!



Chris and Leanne Davis

Three, Four, and Five Year Old Class

We volunteer because: Our children are active in Sunday School at BUMC and we wanted to help.

We have been teaching Sunday School for three years and joined the church in 2014.

Our Favorite Bible Verse is: 1Corinthians 13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Our Favorite Bible Character is: David. Through God, all things are possible.

We pray that we are able to start a lifelong journey for the students in our class in learning and growing in the church.

Kim Rybak

First and Second Grades

I volunteer because: I want to give back to the church that gives so much to me.

How long have you been at BUMC?
Fourteen years.

My Favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like Eagles.

Favorite Bible character? I have always liked Joseph. Even when he thought Mary had been unfaithful, he was kind and wanted to divorce her privately.

What do you pray for the students in your class? I pray that they take the Sunday School lessons beyond the classroom into their everyday lives to help them on their faith journey.



Tuesday, October 11 at Noon

October's Theme

Harvest Buffet

Spend your lunch hour at BUMC.

FREE if you RSVP!

office@brecksvilleumc.com

440-526-8938



Fall Spiritual Retreat
The Abbey of Genesee
October 21 – 23

Spend a weekend in total silence. It is in silence that we can hear the still, small voice of God. The Abbey of Genesee is a Roman Catholic community of monks living a life of solitude and silence, prayer and penance in a joyful spirit of faith. When not in worship, you are open to pray, meditate, conference with a monk, hike, eat, and sleep. Talk to Craig Czarnota to learn more. **The Abbey's website** is www.geneseeabbey.org.

The dates are October 21 - 23. Cost is \$65 per person per night, which 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 \$65 deposit to the church (checks made payable to BUMC, "Abbey" in the memo line.) Your deposit is refundable until October 10. The trip will fill up fast!

Trustees UPDATE

The Trustees and other volunteers have been hard at work over the past several months keeping the church and parsonage in tip-top shape. In addition to the traditional Spring clean-up of the grounds, the Trustees have taken on numerous other projects this year which have resulted in a savings of several thousands of dollars to the church budget.

- In May we spent about eight hours and nearly 350 pounds of cement to reset loose stones in the retaining wall along Route 21.
- In July we had the cork floor in the Sanctuary sanded, cleaned and resealed. The Trustees were able to save significant money on the project by moving the pews themselves.
- While the pews were out of the way, Jeff Hastings was able to replace all of the lightbulbs in the chandeliers and clean the ceiling fans.
- In August we installed a new table that was built by Scott Campbell in the balcony which will be used to house the new sound equipment. When you have a chance, go on up and take a look. It looks great.

Next on our list of to-dos is the annual Fall clean-up and we can always use an extra pair of hands. At Brecksville UMC, we are blessed with a beautiful church building, and we as Trustees are honored to be entrusted with keeping it a wonderful place to worship God.

- Eric Louttit, Chair, Trustees Committee

Images of Faith Exhibit on Display

The *Images of Faith* photography exhibit opened on September 11, as part of our Fall Kick Off Sunday. The juried exhibit features 33 works from members of the Cleveland Photographic Society. You may recognize a name or two among the photographers!

What do you imagine for the theme? Where would you aim your camera to capture images of faith? You may be surprised by some of the images, which are sure to challenge your thinking and take your breath away.

Take time to tour the pictures on display in The Sanctuary, The Parlor, the administrative hallway and The Chapel through November 18. Some of the images are available to purchase—with a portion of the purchase price benefiting our Worship Arts program. Details are posted in the Narthex.

The *Images of Faith* exhibit is a unique community outreach, and we encourage you to invite your friends and family to stop in and enjoy the exhibit.

To learn more about the Cleveland Photographic Society, one of the oldest camera clubs in North America, visit: www.clevelandphoto.org



On September 8, Hunger Action Day, our church staff wore orange for hunger awareness. Here they are by the new church sign on the church lawn (facing Stadium Drive.) How will you fight hunger this month? Here are a couple of ideas: Help fill the bin in the first floor coat room for Brookside Food Pantry. Recycle paper for our hunger ministry fund. Volunteer with the Missions team at Pearl Road Kitchen or The Cleveland Food Bank!

October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>Amy Piorkowski & Kathy Goebel</i></p>						1
<p>2 World Communion New Member Sunday 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 3 Youth Board 5 All Youth Dinner 6 HS Youth Group</p>	<p>3 4:15 Community Youth Chorus 7 Community Chorus</p>	<p>4 10 Staff Meeting 5:30 MS Youth Group 7 Evangelism</p>	<p>5 6:30 Dwnbrkrs 7 Addiction Next Door, Part One in Fellow- ship Hall</p>	<p>6  7 Usher, Greeter & Acolyte Train- ing</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 12 Biggs Vow Renewal Cere- mony</p>
<p>9 Bielinski Baptism 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship No Youth Group</p>	<p>10 4:15 Community Youth Chorus 7 Community Chorus</p>	<p>11 11 Staff Meeting 12 Lunch Bunch 7 Ad Board 8 Music Board No Youth Group</p>	<p>12 6:30 Dwnbrkrs 7 Bible Study 6:30 Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>13  9:30 Asbury Bremeth—Special Guest, Pastor Clark!</p>	<p>14 No School BBH</p>	<p>15 9 SPRC Consult 1 Halloween on the Heights </p>
<p>16 Spitzer Baptism 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 12:30 Liberia Mtg. 11:15 Worship 6 HS Youth Group</p>	<p>17 4:15 Community Youth Chorus 7 Community Chorus</p>	<p>18 10 Staff Meeting 10 Stitch'n'Time 5:30 MS Youth Group 7 Gifts & Mem 7:30 Trustees</p>	<p>19 6:30 Dwnbrkrs 7 Addiction Next Door, Part Two in Broad- view Hts 7 Bible Study</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21  Brookside Food Delivery Retreat Departs to the Abbey</p>	<p>22 </p>
<p>23 Aldridge & Glenn Baptisms 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 3 HS Main Event: Fall Fest at Farm</p>	<p>24 4:15 Community Youth Chorus 7 Community Chorus</p>	<p>25 10 Staff Meeting 5:30 MS Youth Group 7 Finance 7 Open M Presentation</p>	<p>26 6:30 Dwnbrkrs 7 Bible Study 6:30 Worship Band Practice 7 Church & Society</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28 9:30 UMW Board Meeting 6 MS Bonfire </p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Hricko Baptisms Commitment Sunday 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Traditional Worship 6 HS Youth Group</p>	<p>31 Reformation Day Halloween 4:15 Community Youth Chorus 7 Community Chorus</p>	<p>Scripture Readings this Month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2: Matthew 7:21-19 and Genesis 7:5-24 October 9: Romans 8:17-25 and Genesis 17: 1-8, 15-17 October 16: Matthew 14:13-21 and Genesis 32:24-31 October 23: Acts 10: 23-36 and Genesis 41: 38-46 October 30: Psalm 26:1-12 and Exodus 3:1-15 				



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WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY!



YOU ARE WELCOME

HERE

• A PLACE FOR YOU •

8:45 Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 Coffee & Classes for All Ages

11:15 Traditional Worship Service

Open Doors.
Welcoming all of God's children.

Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace diversity as a gift. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Brecksville United Methodist Church as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.



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

Do you know that Brecksville United Methodist Church has an active e-mail Prayer Chain? To be added to the e-mail list, or to submit a prayer request, please contact Elro-wan33@aol.com.

PRESENCE

Date	First Service	Education Hour	Second Service
Aug 28	92	n/a	83
Sep 4	70	n/a	72
Sep 11	165	n/a	n/a
Sep 18	119	117	81

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 last publication of the *Good Word*.

Date	Offering
Aug 28	10,364
Sep 4	9,513
Sep 11	5,469
Sep 18	10,210

At Charge Conference this year, we set a goal of serving 4,000 volunteer hours as a congregation this year.

At right are our totals so far (November through July.)

Do you have hours to add? Contact Ric Lesinski:

rlatking@aol.com

SERVICE

Committee or Group	TOTAL
Administrative Board	190
Caring Committee	0
Prayer Chain	79
Closers	96
Council on Ministries	4
Church and Society	0
Counters	224
Education	933
Sunday School Secretary	216
Evangelism	0
Finance	174
Gifts & Memorials	0
Men's Small Group Cleaning	45
Missions	610
Habitat for Humanity	0
Bike Mechanics	0
Seeds of Literacy	16
Music & Worship Board	72
Scholarship Golf	10
Choir	517
Bell Choir	207
Men's Ensemble	96
Praise Band/Musicians	300
Fridays @ 5	165
Concert Series Volunteers	58
Music w/a Mission-Performers	50
Music w/a Mission - Workers	0
Ushers	376
Communion Stewards	32
Worship Team - AV	80
Project Learn	232
Staff Parish Relations	0
Trustees	302
Closers	305
Mowing Club	20
United Methodist Women	1000
YSP	951
Youth Board	0
	7360



Social Media sites give us the opportunity to glorify God, connect with one another, and reach out into our community. Once you start interacting with the church on social media, your friends and followers will start noticing us as well! Our social media presence can be a subtle reminder of the Spirit's movement in your life, in our community and in the world. It's a subtle form of outreach anyone can do.

If you're on social media, take a minute to connect with us!

Share a picture or post with #Brecksvilleumc

In September, We Learned About Pinterest

pinterest.com/brecksvilleumc



Pinterest is like a giant, endless bulletin board where users collect and share images and videos. The site has over 50 million users! We use our account to inform and engage our church family and friends, with boards like *Books We're Reading*, *Potluck Recipes*, *Devotions*, *Music*, *Methodism*, *Ice Breaker Ideas*, *Chili Cook Off Inspiration*, *Yarn Ministry* and *VBS 2016 Surf Shack*. Connect with us and share!

In October Our Focus will Be Our Website



www.brecksvilleumc.com

Our church website is a great resource for you, and for sharing information about our church with others!

Visit the website for:

- Directions to the church
- Our up to the minute calendar
- Information about upcoming events
- Church stewardship information
- And more!

Is there something you'd like to see added to our website? Let us know!

