



# The Good Word



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On All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith.

On Sunday, November 6, during both worship services, the names of the saints of the church who have died since November 2015 will be read and our church bell will toll in each person's honor.

If you have lost a loved one in the last year, you are invited to submit their name to be read. Please contact Leslie in the church office before Tuesday, November 1 by phone 440-526-8938 or [leslie@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:leslie@brecksvilleumc.com).

On All Saints Sunday, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

## JESUS is extraordinary

*Extraordinary Blessings... Extraordinary Response*

Over the past 3 weeks, we have celebrated the *Extraordinary Service* that takes place in our building every day of the week, the *Extraordinary Boldness* that takes us out into the world, and the *Extraordinary Transformation* that takes place when we answer the call to ministry! If you haven't had a chance to see the awesome videos that Michael Pace helped us to put together, you can check them out on our website ([www.brecksvilleumc.com/giving](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/giving)) or on our church's YouTube channel.

The time has come for us to come together as a community in support of all the incredible activities, ministries, and relationships that happen here at BUMC. If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your Estimate of Giving card, we ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge to both our operating budget and the newly established Planned Expense Fund and return the card as soon as you are able.

*Your generosity, coupled with God's extraordinary grace, makes transformation happen!*

If you have questions, or if we can help you better understand any part of our stewardship campaign this year, we welcome the opportunity to be in conversation with you. Please contact the main office to be connected with someone who can best answer your questions.

*Above all, thank you for your incredible support of the work God is doing here at BUMC!*



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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## Celebrate God All Day, Every Day

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

Philippians 4:4-7 *Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! ...*

Dr. Hugh McKean of Chengmai, Thailand, tells of a church of four hundred members where every member tithes. They receive a weekly wage of forty stangs (less than twenty cents) and their rice. Of this meager existence, each gives a tenth every week. Because of this, they have done more for Christ in Thailand than perhaps any other church. They pay their own preacher and have sent two missionary families to spread the gospel in a community cut off from the outside world. They are intensely interested in all forms of Christian work, especially work for unfortunates of every kind; and their gifts for this kind of work are large. They have not only accepted Christ, but, having found him good, they are making him known to others. Oh, by the way, this church of all tithers is also a church of all lepers—every person has leprosy.

We come to November, a month that holds much celebration for us. We will come together around All Saints Day, and a Veterans Day Sunday. Then we move on into Thanksgiving and the beginnings of our Advent and Christmas celebrations. We have so much for which to be thankful. It has always been my experience that those who have little seem to be able to share just about everything they've got. As blessings grow, we often get confused into believing that they came our way by our own efforts, and therefore are uniquely ours to enjoy. My prayer for all of us in this wonderful month of thanks, is that we will remain humbled and grateful for all that God has given. So much so, that we will be moved to share more of what we have that others might come to know Jesus, and experience his love for them through our generosity.

I thank God for all of you, and for this incredible journey we share. May we respond according to the many ways we have been blessed.

With a thankful heart,

*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!

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

Coffee Hour Hosts for November  
**Evangelism**

December hosts will be  
**Council on Education**

# ADDICTION NEXT DOOR SPEAKER SERIES

Knowledge+Action=Hope

You may not be an addict. You may not have a child facing addiction or be married to someone who's struggling or have a sister who's been in and out of rehab. But you may have a friend in one of those situations or a neighbor, a classmate, or co-worker...and not even know it. *Do you know how to spot the signs of addiction and how you can help?* Join us for the last night of our three part speaker series:

Wednesday, November 2 at 7 pm  
**ADDICTION & RECOVERY**

There are great recovery options available that provide tangible hope to those facing addiction and their families, but more are needed. Russ Goodwin, LPC, LICDC, a counselor in private practice with Impact Solutions, will share resources for recovery, including information about Sober Living Cleveland. Participants will also learn about Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) with a representative from Metrohealth.

- *Sober Living Cleveland* is a nonprofit with a mission to empower people in recovery from substance abuse by providing safe housing. Find them on Facebook @soberlivingcleveland
- *Project DAWN* is an opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution (OEND) program. Learn more online at [www.metrohealth.org/projectdawn](http://www.metrohealth.org/projectdawn)

Broadview Heights Community Center, Gym  
9543 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, OH 44147



Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, November 12 at Church of the Saviour (2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118.) In this combined charge conference, we will be meeting with other East Side United Methodist Churches. All church members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**What's a Charge Conference?** It's the basic governing body of each United Methodist church. It directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. See you there!

## Jazz Ensemble Concert Wednesday, November 16 7:30 pm

The Music Department is thrilled to welcome the Brecksville Broadview Heights High School Jazz Ensemble back to our stage! The BBHHS Jazz Ensemble aims to educate and excite students about the medium of jazz through the study of improvisation, jazz style, and history. They study and perform a diverse range of high-quality literature, from traditional Big Band charts to Bebop, Latin, Funk, Rock, and more. Under the direction of Mr. Jason Wyse, the ensemble has performed at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Cleveland I-X Center, the Lakeland Jazz Festival, and the Tri-C Jazz Festival, among others. Jazz Ensemble students are in grades 9-12, are selected by audition, and meet daily as part of the music curriculum.

This concert is free and open to the public! Invite friends for a great evening of music, followed by great refreshments and an opportunity to meet the musicians!



Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Noon  
**Chili Tuesday**

Spend your lunch hour at BUMC.

FREE if you RSVP!

[office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)

440-526-8938



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

Over five Sundays, mostly in October, we celebrated 7 baptisms!

- Lucas Juniper
- Justin Bielinski, Jr.
- Adalaide Spitzer
- Thomas Aldridge
- Sadie Mae Glenn
- Logan Hricko
- Gianna Hricko

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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 440-528-8938



**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](mailto:elrowan33@aol.com).



Nan Einheit	1	Al Filips	9	Carole Brachna	20
Karl Riccardi	1	Michele Mihalich	10	Kyle Holmok	20
Joyce Wuerth	1	Bryan Miller	10	Ellie Batcheller	21
Chia-Tien Chen	2	Mike Basen	11	Matthew Havranek	21
Burke Engelhardt	2	Terry Bennett	11	Rich Ling	21
Jim McBride	2	Jan Kaminski	11	Ian Roberts	21
Hayden Vincent	2	Judy McBride	11	Doug Robie	21
Tony Cipolla	3	Ryan Hulten	12	Kimberly Campbell	22
Jim Houston	3	Kevin Vastartis	12	Becky Paroda	22
Ruth McKenzie	3	Kelsey Hogan	13	Alan Phillips	22
Alyssa Whitton	3	Monica Geib	14	Martha Rosenthal	22
Jamie Schwendeman	4	Jim Mueller	14	Jennifer Sendrey	22
Elaine Geringer	5	Gregory Warth	14	Gianna Hricko	23
Ella Nelson	5	Brian Wygonski	14	James Berry	25
Melissa Schillo	5	Ryan Burrows	16	Dave James	25
Brandon Calovini	6	Sandy Crist	16	Debbi Scheufler	25
Raymond Koloda	6	Edison Davis	16	Douglas Farling	26
Karl Robie	6	Mike Gezze	17	Kelly Meyer	26
Sean Lundholm	7	Zachary Johnson	17	Evan Davis	27
Ardyn Olszko	7	Jim Berry	18	Harry Koberna	27
Cathy Drescher	8	Shirley Hill	19	Adam Archacki	28
Tom Ellis	8	Brandon Klipfell	19	Gina Goodwin	28
Brandon Fisher	8	Donald Raybuck	19	Hank James	28
Darell Fisher	8	Diana Wise	19	Dee Lancaster	28
Charlotte Hocutt	8			Kim Ling	28
Connor Hogan	8			Nick Rajkovich	28
				Kourtney Ellis	29
				Kaitlyn Hazelton	29



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 Shelly Meek, who stepped in to cover the nursery when Kathy wasn't feeling well. We're thankful for everyone who volunteers in the Crib and Toddler Room. It's an important ministry of caring and welcome! Sound technician, Tom Jenks, went above and beyond the call of duty. He was part of the team installing our new system, conducted an after hours training, then was present during worship services to make sure everything worked. Thanks, Tom! Sue Hastings put a lot of love into organizing and directing the three videos for our Stewardship campaign. Thank you for using your creative vision and organizational skills, Sue, to share important stories with our church family! We're thankful for each of you!

# LEARNING IN & REACHING OUT

## A Column on Outreach & Mission

This fall, we are getting back to basics. We are focused on the central stories of our faith and the core principles of love, generosity, and hospitality that drive all of our ministry together!

Great outreach begins with a great spirit of hospitality, and this month we have an awesome opportunity to embrace radical hospitality and be mindful of the images and faces that people see when they enter our building. Have you noticed the beautiful photographs that have graced our halls over the past several weeks? They are part of an exhibit featuring the work of the Cleveland Photographic Society, and will be on display through November 18. We have received overwhelming positive feedback that folks—both within our church family and visitors to our building—really love seeing images that are modern, thought-provoking, and non-traditional.

*You have an opportunity to make your favorite image a permanent part of our art collection!  
Would you be willing to sponsor a photograph?*

Photographs come matted and framed (just as you see them) and sponsored photos will become a part of our church's permanent art collection. The cost to sponsor a photograph is \$100.

Please contact Joy Parker, [outreach@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:outreach@brecksvilleumc.com), for more information or to sponsor your favorite photograph! Thank you for your support of outreach and hospitality!



*Veterans Sunday November 13*

**ONE Worship Service at 10:00**

*Veterans, please arrive by 9:45*

**Celebration Luncheon**

at 11:00 in Fellowship Hall

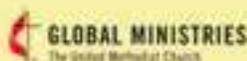
*ALL are welcome. Together, we'll celebrate the service of our veterans!*

To recognize a veteran in the service slideshow, please contact the office with the veteran's name, years of service, and branch of service.

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God's love through giving  
on UMC #GivingTuesday  
Nov. 29, 2016.

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# November YOUTH NEWS

## November All Youth Dinner and Trip to Open Table Worship Experience November 6th

We are changing things up a bit and hitting the road after our All Youth Dinner! At 3:30 pm we will be sharing a meal of pizza and salad at the church and then heading over to Church of the Redeemer UMC for their Open Table worship experience. The community will be coming together to celebrate all people and sharing their support for inclusive church. This is a wonderful chance for you to experience worship in a new way! If you are coming, let Dana know through [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com) before November 3.

## Energize Worship Overnight

Fun, modern worship! Bubble soccer! Karaoke! Mac and cheese bar! Make your own pie bar! Does this sound like a fun night? We will take a little road trip to southern central Ohio and hanging out with the youth from Christ UMC for the night as they host this awesome event. We will leave November 4 at 4:30 pm and return by noon the next day. To come along, RSVP to [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com) by November 2.

### Dates to Remember

4	Energize Worship Overnight	4:30p
6	All Youth Pizza Dinner/Trip to Open Table	3:30p
13	Project: FEED	1:30p
21-27	Week of Thanks	
22	No Middle School Youth Group	
27	No High School Youth Group	

## High School Main Event : Project: FEED November 13

CCYM is hosting a really cool event and they need our help! We will head over to Wadsworth Middle School and help pack food for those in need. After, there will be a concert by Rapture Ruckus! Admission is \$10 plus a canned food item. Let Dana know you are going by November 10.

## Week of Thanks: November 21—27

Though it is important to be grateful everyday for the blessings God has placed in our lives, it's nice to take this time of year to be intentional about saying thanks. During this week we will not meet for youth group, but you will have the opportunity to participate in cool, interactive social media challenges revolving around what we are thankful for. Not following our social media?!?! You totally should!

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BrecksvilleUMCYouth/](http://www.facebook.com/BrecksvilleUMCYouth/)

Twitter: @bumcyouthmin

Instagram: @bumcyouthmin



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

### **Calling all "crafty" and "non crafty " women.**

Join The United Methodist Women on Thursday, November 3 for our annual craft morning. We will be creating two Christmas crafts and filling 60 bags of goodies for Guidestone's Maple Heights' Head Start Program. Begin the fun filled morning at 9:30 in The Parlor with a continental breakfast and lots of laughs. Everyone is welcome!

**2016 World Community Day** is November 4 at 9:30 am. Church Women United invites you to "share the gifts at the table" at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. To RSVP, or for more information, please call Nancy Knowlton 440-838-4341.



**West Side Sisterhood** is a program of the West Side Community Center in Cleveland. *Sisterhood* fosters a belief in girls' self-worth based on their skills, unique talents, and spirituality rather than on appearance, popularity, sexuality or negative gender and racial stereotypes. *Sisterhood* encourages and challenges young women to be strong and independent, to exercise self-discipline, to respect themselves and one another, to value education, and to know when and how to give help and receive it. The United Methodist Women support this great program, and again this year we are coordinating an "adopt a girl for Christmas program." If you'd like to help fill a girl's Christmas wish, sign up at church on Sunday, November 13 or contact Gretchen Mates, 440-526-6481.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped create a successful Home Days (also known as cherry/blueberry pies days!) Because of your hard work and support, the United Methodist Women earned \$4,814.41 to be used for our Mission Fund.

### **WE'RE BAKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

An order form is included on page 11 of this newsletter!

### **Cupcakes for Veterans**

Evening Circle will be decorating cupcakes for our veterans on Wednesday, November 9 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please bring one dozen cupcakes, lightly frosted with white frosting. We'll finish decorating with patriotic colors and designs, with Judy and Janine's help. The cupcakes will be served at our Veterans' recognition luncheon November 13. All are welcome to join in this fun evening. Questions, email Lynn Hobzek at [kezboh@aol.com](mailto:kezboh@aol.com).

### **Sending Love to College Students**

Evening Circle will be sending care packages to our college students again this year. The packages will be assembled December 7 and mailed by December 9. If this schedule works for your college student, please email Lynn Hobzek at [kezboh@aol.com](mailto:kezboh@aol.com) with their address. If anyone would like to donate items for the packages, please place your donation in the box provided in the coatroom downstairs. Items needed: energy/granola bars, post-it notes, mini candy bars, fruit snacks, lip gloss, small hand sanitizers, highlighters, etc.

Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY is no longer collecting Campbells Soup Labels, but they are collecting Box Tops. You can help unlock a world of opportunity for their students. All you need is a pair of scissors. Clip the symbols from products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. Learn more at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).



# Searching for Jesus: **Opening Ourselves to the Presence of God**

## ADVENT

We are moving into that time of year that can be filled with extra stress and a flurry of activities from holiday parties to shopping to travel. As the days grow darker and colder we invite you to engage in a deeper sort of activity. The Advent practice of hope-filled waiting calls us to immerse ourselves in a place somewhere between patience and joyful expectation.

You will have the opportunity during the 10 o'clock Sunday Education hour for the five Sundays before Christmas to consider your own journey in Advent. *Where is there darkness in waiting? Where is light in things that bring you hope?* We are excited to invite three spiritual directors who bring very different gifts to our church. Spend some time learning from them as you find space to be quiet and rest in promises we will find together.



November 20— Liz Nau, a retired United Methodist pastor, and a graduate of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University, will teach us how to get the most out of a labyrinth walk. Liz is a Veriditis certified labyrinth facilitator and has presented labyrinth programs for individuals and groups. Liz un-

derstands that life is a pilgrimage and has felt the call to companion others as they walk more deeply into their faith and to help others know and experience God's love and Christ's presence in daily life.



November 27—Sr. Marian Durkin will lead us through Ignatian Gospel Contemplation. The early Christians did not waste a lot of energy looking back and wishing they had been born a hundred years earlier so they could have walked with Jesus. Instead they focused on coming to know Christ in three powerful

ways: through the sharing of the meal, through the stories that were told, and through the power of the Spirit when they gathered in Christ's name. Immerse yourself in the ancient and powerful prayer practice that allows you to use your senses to make the Gospel real and come alive in your time of quiet prayer.

Sister Marian has been a spiritual director for over ten years. She directs group retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma and guides individuals in Spiritual Direction. She has helped direct Busy Student Retreats each year for Kent State University and at Case Western Reserve University. Sister is also involved with Samaritan Women and Ohioans to Stop Executions. She was a co-founder of The Open House, a ministry for those afflicted with AIDS and their families. She continues her ministry to Gay and Lesbian Catholics with a yearly retreat.



December 4 – Rev. Sharon Seyfarth Garner will guide us through Lectio Divina, a method of prayer that dates back to the early monastic tradition. Imagine a time when Bibles were rare and many people could not read. Monks gathered in the chapel to hear a member of the community

read scripture. In this exercise they were taught to listen with their hearts and reflect on what they heard God saying to them.

Sharon describes herself as a "Martha" in our fast-paced world, longing for more "Mary" moments to slow down, sit at the feet of Jesus and simply spend time with God on purpose. Her special areas of interest include lectio divina, centering prayers and the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. She is the author of *Praying with Mandalas: A Colorful, Contemplative Practice* and enjoys contemplative coloring as a spiritual practice offering focus, joy and depth to times of prayer.

December 11—Liz Nau return to teach us the art of Centering Prayer, a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer — verbal, mental or affective prayer — into a receptive prayer of resting in God.

December 18—Take what you have learned these past four weeks and guide yourself through multiple prayer and devotion stations that will be set up around the church. The stations will remain in place through Christmas Eve. You could also use this time to sit quietly and talk to God using one of the techniques you learned this month.

# Meet **THE TEACHER**

A monthly feature highlighting our Sunday School Teachers!

## Carole Brachna



My favorite bible verse is Mark 5:34

*He said to her,  
“Daughter, your faith  
has healed you. Go in  
peace and be freed from  
your suffering.”*

*- Mark 5:34*

Carol says “I volunteered because it is a way to give back to the church and the kids are fun. My family and I have been at Brecksville UMC about 8 years. My favorite bible character is Jesus, because his love is still alive in our world today. For the students in my class, I pray that God touches their lives through our Sunday school session.”

## Kylie Engelhardt

Kylie has been a part of Brecksville United Methodist Church for fourteen years

She doesn't have a favorite verse, but her favorite Bible Character is Mary, because “God chose Mary to be the mother of God.”



*I pray that the kids in my class find a connection to the stories, to each other, to our church family and the world!*



Open Table Worship & Communion

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sunday, Nov 6, 2016, at 5 pm

Church of the Redeemer  
2420 S. Taylor Rd  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

4-5 pm RMN Leadership  
Planning Meeting

All are welcome and encouraged  
to attend!

5 pm Open Table Worship  
Service and Communion

Church of the Redeemer and East Ohio Reconciling Methodists invite you to an Open Table Worship and Communion Service lovingly created to honor full inclusion of all of God's children in our church. Join us for an inspirational message by Pastor Shannon Trenton.

Enjoy nourishment and fellowship following the Open Table service.

*Child Care is provided from 4 to 6 p.m.!*

Donations may be made at Open Table or mailed to:  
East Ohio RMN,  
c/o Bill Watts, Treasurer,  
3727 Sweitzer St. NW,  
Uniontown, OH 44685

### Meeting Date Change

As the second Tuesday of November is Election Day, we are moving all meetings regularly scheduled on that date to November 15. Don't forget to get out and vote on November 8!



**Sunday, November 20**  
**after Second Service**  
 (around 12:15 pm)

Church family, it's time to gather together and prepare for the Christmas season! We need adults and children (and those young at heart) to help decorate the church and have some fun!

Contact the office for info:  
 440-526-8938



The holidays officially begin with Brecksville's Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, November 27. Come to the band stand on the square for Yuletide songs, Christmas carols, and a special appearance by Santa Claus. The parade steps off at 4 pm.

Our church, with coordination from our Evangelism Committee, will host a festive reception following the parade in Fellowship Hall, and we need your help to create a warm welcome for people who might not normally come through our doors. Lend a hand with set up, clean up, serving hot chocolate and cookies, and with smiling and hosting!

Can you give an hour or two?  
 Please contact Catherine Vastartis at  
 440.526.9406



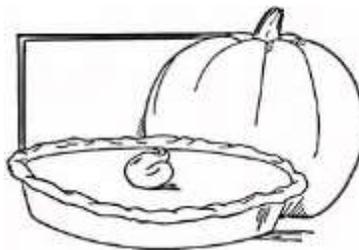
Give thanks. Give life.

**National Donor Sabbath is November 13:** There are nearly 120,000 men, women and children in the United States who are awaiting an organ transplant. Of that number, thousands are right here in Ohio. Every 10 minutes a new name is added to the national transplant waiting list. On average, 18 people die every day from the lack of available organs.

Consistent with the Great Commandment to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39), selfless consideration for the health and welfare of all people is at the heart of the Christian ethic. Each year, our church joins others in observing the ecumenical and interfaith celebration of the National Donor Sabbath. United Methodists are encouraged to consider becoming future organ and tissue donors and to encourage others to learn about it.

Organ and tissue donation is a life-giving act. Transplantation of organs and tissues is scientifically proven to save the lives of people with terminal diseases and improve the quality of life for the blind, the deaf, those with life-threatening illnesses.

How do I donate life? It's easy! Say "yes" when asked if you want to be an organ and tissue donor at the BMV or register online at [Lifebanc.org](http://Lifebanc.org), Northeast Ohio's non-profit organ procurement organization.



## Pre-Order Only Holiday Bake Sale

For United Methodist Women's  
 Mission Fund

Get your delicious cakes & pies for the holidays!

- ◆ Order by Sunday, 11/13. Payment due with order.
- ◆ Pre-order only! No extras will be available!
- ◆ Pick up on Sunday, 11/20.

Order Form			
Name:			
Phone:			
Number of Pumpkin Pies		@ \$10 =	
Number of Spice Cakes		@ \$10 =	
<b>Total Enclosed</b>			

Please make checks payable to BUMW.  
 Pies are sold frozen. Bake at 375° for 90 minutes.  
 Thaw Cakes and serve at room temperature,  
 or gently warm in the oven.

# november

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 CAPA 10 Staff Mtg 5:30 Youth Grp 7 Evangelism	2 6:30 Dawnbreakers Breakfast 7 Bible Study 7 Addiction Se- ries, Part 3	 3 9:30 UMW 6:15 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir <b>8:45 Men's            Ensemble</b>	4 <i>Energize            Youth Worship            Overnight!</i>	5
6 Communion Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Sunday <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes <b>11:15 Worship</b> 3 Youth Board 3:30 Youth Pizza 5 Open Table	7 4:15 Brecksville Youth Chorus 5:30 Scouts 7 Brecksville Community Chorus	8 Election Day 10 Staff Mtg <b>4 Children's            Ensemble</b> 5:30 Youth Grp 	9 6:30 Dawnbreakers Breakfast 6:30 Worship Band Rehearsal 7 Bible Study 7 Evening Circle 7 Open M	 10 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 6:15 Bells 7 Church & Society 7:30 Chancel Choir <b>8:45 Men's            Ensemble</b>	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <b>5 Women's            Ensemble</b>	12 9:30 Charge Conference, Church of the Saviour
13 Veterans Sunday Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Veterans Luncheon 1:30 HS Youth Grp Main Event: Project Feed	14 4:15 Brecksville Youth Chorus 5:30 Scouts 7 Brecksville Community Chorus	15 <b>10 Stitch'n'Time</b> 11 Staff Mtg 12 Lunch Bunch <b>4 Children's            Ensemble</b> 5:30 Youth Grp 7 COM 7 Gifts & Mem 7:30 Trustees	16 6:30 Dawnbreakers Breakfast 7 Bible Study 7 Missions 7:30 BBHHS Jazz Ensemble Concert	 17 <i>Paper Recycling            Bonus Week!</i>	 18 <i>UMW Delivery to            Brookside Pantry</i> 5 Chancel Choir	19
20 <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes <b>11:15 Worship</b> 12 Hanging of the Greens 3 Pearl Road Soup Kitchen 6 HS Youth Grp	21 4:15 Brecksville Youth Chorus 5:30 Scouts 7 Brecksville Community Chorus	22 10 Staff Mtg <b>4:15 Children's            Ensemble</b> 7 Finance	23 6:30 Dawnbreakers Breakfast 6:30 Worship Band Rehearsal 7 Bible Study	<b>Thanksgiving            Day</b> 	25 <i>Church Offices            Closed</i>	26
27 Advent Begins! United Methodist Student Day <b>8:45 Worship</b> 10 Classes <b>11:15 Worship</b> 4 Brecksville Christ- mas Parade 5 Parade Reception	28 4:15 Brecksville Youth Chorus 5:30 Scouts 7 Brecksville Community Chorus	29 <i>UMC Giving            Tuesday</i> 9:30 UMW Board Meeting 10 Staff Mtg 5:30 Youth Grp	30 6:30 Dawnbreakers Breakfast 7 Bible Study	<i>Scripture Readings This Month:</i> Nov. 6: Matthew 5:1-12 & Joshua 2:1-14 Nov. 13: Matthew 25:14-30 & Judges 4:4-24 Nov. 20: Philippians 1:3-11 & Luke 1:67-79 Nov. 27: First Sunday in Advent!		



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## 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.

## WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY!

**8:45 Contemporary Worship Service**

10:00 Coffee & Classes for All Ages

**11:15 Traditional Worship Service**



# SERVICE

At Charge Conference last year, we set a goal of serving 4,000 volunteer hours as a congregation this year. We blew through this goal with a total of 12,021 hours reported!

*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 [Elrowan33@aol.com](mailto:Elrowan33@aol.com).

## PRESENCE

Date	First Service	Education Hour	Second Service
Sep 25	151	122	63
Oct 2	129	115	79
Oct 9	142	91	74
Oct 16	135	116	76
Oct 23	140		82

## 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.

Date	Offering
Sep 25	9564
Oct 2	8339
Oct 9	9694
Oct 16	6097
Oct 23	8294

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

<b>Committee or Group</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Administrative Board</b>	196
<b>Caring Committee</b>	0
Prayer Chain	79
<b>Closers</b>	96
<b>Council on Ministries</b>	4
<b>Church and Society</b>	345
<b>Counters</b>	224
<b>Education</b>	933
Sunday School Secretary	1001
<b>Evangelism</b>	0
<b>Finance</b>	174
<b>Gifts &amp; Memorials</b>	401
<b>Men's Small Group Cleaning</b>	45
<b>Missions</b>	610
Habitat for Humanity	211
Bike Mechanics	315
Seeds of Literacy	16
Camphor Mission, Liberia	645
<b>Music &amp; Worship Board</b>	72
Scholarship Golf	10
Choir	517
Bell Choir	207
Men's Ensemble	96
Praise Band/Musicians	570
Fridays @ 5	175
Concert Series Volunteers	70
Music w/a Mission-Performers	50
Music w/a Mission - Workers	0
Ushers	376
Communion Stewards	32
Worship Team - AV	188
<b>Photography &amp; Web Site</b>	55
<b>Project Learn</b>	232
<b>Staff Parish Relations</b>	540
<b>Trustees</b>	302
Closers	367
Mowing Club	108
<b>United Methodist Women</b>	1808
<b>YSP</b>	951
<b>Youth Board</b>	0
	<b>12021</b>



Trusting God for the future, I/we desire to be faithful in giving so others can experience God's love through the ministries of our church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Estimate of Giving

**2019** PLANNED EXPENSE

I plan to contribute to the new capital improvements fund:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2017

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2018

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2019

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ One Time Gift

**2017 PLEDGE**

I plan to give the following to ministries of the church:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

- Yes, I would like a set of weekly offering envelopes.
- I plan to give electronically. (Learn more at: [www.brecksvilleumc.com/giving](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/giving))

**Please send me monthly statement of gifts:**

- by e-mail     by mail     by both mail and e-mail     year end only

- Please contact me about special ways to give to the church, including stock and appreciated assets.

*This is a statement of intent only and can be altered if circumstances change.*

### Why is returning this Estimate of Giving Card important?

It expresses your intent to honor God with your resources. Your Estimate of Giving Card makes it possible for our church to plan and implement ministries without hesitation. Knowing your plans allows wise management of resources throughout the year. All ministries of our church are dependent on the generosity of God's people.

### What happens to my Estimate of Giving Card?

Your Card is confidential and is not a legally binding contract. It is your personal commitment to God and to this church family. If your situation changes and you would like to increase or decrease your estimate, call the church office.

### Where can I learn more?

On our church website, visit [www.brecksvilleumc.com/giving](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/giving) Or talk to Pastor Clark or any member of the Finance Committee

*Your estimate of giving card can be returned to the church office by mail, on Sunday, or any day!*