



# The Good Word



**Brecksville United Methodist Church**

A Reconciling Congregation

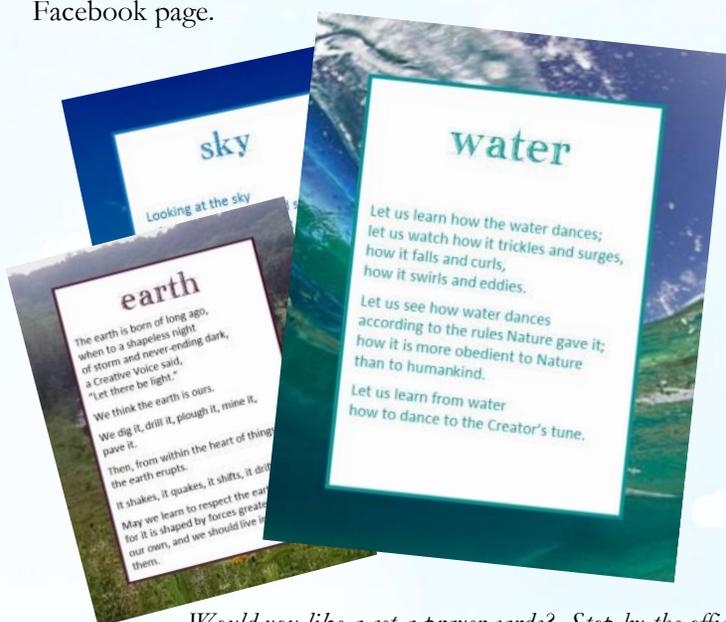
*Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.*

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On Saturday, April 22, we kicked off Engage. This awesome time of reflection, celebration and fellowship for families included...

- Hands-On Activities focused on the gift of Creation, including nature prayer stations, a dancing room, story time, planting, and painting!
- Celebration of the privilege we have to live in this Beautiful World.
- Reflection on our responsibility as caretakers of Creation.
- Healthy and delicious noodle bowls!

Look for pictures of the event on our church website and Facebook page.



*Would you like a set a prayer cards? Stop by the office!*

Our next ENGAGE, will happen on **Saturday, June 3 at 4 pm**. If you weren't able to join us in April—or if you know of a friend or family member who would really love to worship in this unique format—we hope you'll get this next opportunity on your (and their) calendar!

ENGAGE on June 3 will be all about Human Value and Dignity. A few highlights...

- We'll be making personal care kits to be taken to Annual Conference and praying for each person who will receive a kit!
- We'll be creating resources for our international mission team to take to Liberia in July!
- We'll be reflecting on what it means to truly regard EVERY person as a precious child of God.

Help us spread the word as we ENGAGE these important topics and activities and REACH OUT to the community!



## 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!

**Please note: One service May 21 & 28**

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## The Room Called Remember

*Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor*

### 2 Samuel 1:17-27

If you have never read this portion of scripture, I encourage you to read it. It is special to me for a number

of reasons, not the least of which is that it served as the focus of my major project in my third semester of Hebrew at seminary. I have spent hours poring over all the nuances in David's song of lament. I return to it in my times of mourning, for this passage gives voice to the significant grief that can be experienced by a group of people.

Increasingly, we seem to hear of devastating loss. People are victims of increasing violence, nature still has its own ways of flood and earthquake and tornado, all sorts of destruction makes its way into our knowing. We must realize that though we are often not directly affected by what we hear, even those of us who "watch from the sidelines" are moved by what we continually witness. It is helpful, I believe, to pause in the midst of all of this and realize that there is some significance to it for each of us. David lends a prominent voice.

The month of May welcomes in the new warmth of spring, sees the increase of flowers, and the acceleration of new signs of life waking up around us. It seems appropriate that this month also houses Memorial Day, a time to remember our own beloved ones who have fought the good fight and gone on before us to join the chorus of the saints. It is a time to visit the "room called remember" where those relationships remain locked within the center of our beings. Memories so powerful that they can still draw out laughter or a tear. Where are the memorials you have erected in the course of your lives? Who are the people who have contributed to those rooms of memory you like to visit? They forever remain a large part of who you are.

As we work to find places of "memorial" for those so affected by the death and destruction of today, may we also take the time to visit our own special rooms. The construction of memorials can be overwhelming sometimes. It has always been the case. May we open up our rooms of memory and freely walk around. May we be inspired once more by those who have loved and cared for us in so many ways, and now await us on the other side, cheering us ever on, and calling us to remember...

Blessings,

*Pastor Clark*

**ministries**  
OF *Caring*



The Caring Committee is here for you and available to visit those who may be lonely and looking for support or someone to lend an ear. Contact Pastor Barbara, 440-799-3126, to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one.



Coffee Hour Hosts for May

**Missions**

Stop by the Parlor during the 10 o'clock Sunday Education Hour for a treat and say hello!



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### Evening Circle

Our evening women's group has concluded their program year, but will return in the fall! Watch *The Good Word* and Sunday bulletin for updates.

### Mark Your Calendars!

The History of Broadview Heights is the subject of the **Thursday, May 5** United Methodist Women meeting. Join us at 9:30 am for a Continental breakfast and fellowship, followed by a presentation by Donald Faulhaber, Jr. at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome for this informative and delightful morning!

**Annual Field Trip, June 1.** This year we will be heading to Burke Lakefront Airport to tour The Women's Aviation Museum. The cost will be \$14 which includes a box lunch. We will carpool from the church at 10 am. A sign-up sheet will be posted in The Parlor. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Herman 330.467.3237 or [rherm4@hotmail.com](mailto:rherm4@hotmail.com). Everyone is welcome!

### Thank You!

The Palm Sunday Bake Sale added more than \$500 to our Mission Fund. Here's a big thank you to all of our bakers, and to all those who enjoyed the treats!



### The Period Project

*"If I have to choose between tampons and food, I go without food."* Feminine hygiene should not be a luxury and no one should be forced to choose between cleanliness and a full belly.

For women living in poverty or the brink of it – and for whom the cost of feminine hygiene products is yet another burden on an already stretched budget – periods are no joke. A year's supply of tampons and pads costs upwards of \$70 and is not covered by food stamps.

In spite of the fact that these products are essential, they are rarely donated to food pantries and homeless shelters. Let's help fill this need this month by focusing our Brookside Food Center Drive on tampons, pads, panty liners and the like - items essential to feminine health.

If you're moved to help, bring your donation to the bin in the first floor coat room before Thursday, May 18.

### Fill The Truck for Easter Seals August 26 and 27

Start saving your cloth items and small household goods at home for this collection this summer!



### We Love a Parade!

The Brecksville Memorial Parade is an opportunity for us to reach out to our community and tell them about the great things happening at Brecksville United Methodist Church! This year, our focus will be our bike ministry. Would you like to join our bike parade? If you'd like to participate, but don't want to ride your bike, we'd love to have you walk along, or even ride in the back of the truck. The parade is Monday, May 29. Please contact Jenny Gee to sign up and for updates! 440-526-8938 or [education@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:education@brecksvilleumc.com)

*Pictured at left, our parade team from 2016*



Marisol Wylie extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has prayed for her, sent cards, and visited her at her new home. She especially thanks Pastor Barbara for her visits and care during her move. Marisol said, "There are just too many people to thank! Thank you all!"

We have received another message of thanks. "Thank you, my Church Family, for all your prayers, cards, and good wishes the past months as I struggled with health issues. I'm recovering well and hope to be among you soon. Yours in Christ, Elinor Rowan."



### Mexican Fiesta!

May 9 at noon

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440-526-8938

Come enjoy a buffet of favorite Mexican dishes with your friends. Remember, it's free if you RSVP!

Sign up Sunday in the Parlor  
Or contact the office: 440-526-8938  
[office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)



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| Cindy Krause     | 2  |                  |    |                     |    |
| Karen Pace       | 2  |                  |    |                     |    |
| Shelby Olszko    | 3  |                  |    |                     |    |
| Micah Stein      | 4  |                  |    |                     |    |
| Sandie Meyer     | 5  |                  |    |                     |    |
| Barbara Ramundo  | 5  | Nancy Sirianni   | 13 | Brian Culley        | 22 |
| Suzanne Blatnik  | 6  | Nora Culley      | 14 | Mark Hobzek         | 22 |
| Eli Shively      | 7  | Danielle Fisher  | 14 | Bev Huber           | 23 |
| Stephanie Holmes | 8  | Wyatt Slifcak    | 14 | Nathan Hudacek      | 23 |
| Lori Pasek       | 8  | Melanie Smith    | 15 | Michael Lee         | 23 |
| Eric Chen        | 9  | Jeff Drescher    | 16 | Brett Hof           | 24 |
| Jenny Gee        | 9  | Emma Engelhardt  | 16 | Evan Jaite          | 24 |
| Scott Hastings   | 9  | Harry Fox        | 16 | Taylor Kwiatkowski  | 24 |
| Alison Bell      | 10 | Donald Rickert   | 16 | Tom Taylor          | 24 |
| Jack Drescher    | 10 | Lauren Sendrey   | 16 | Gabrielle Croes     | 25 |
| Russell Goodwin  | 10 | Matthew Dietrich | 17 | Alan Scheufler      | 25 |
| Sandy Kovalik    | 10 | Lynn Hobzek      | 17 | Kathy Sopka         | 25 |
| Nancy Lee        | 10 | Sara Meyer       | 17 | Bob Johns           | 26 |
| Mike Stratis     | 10 | Emily Kotnik     | 18 | Carina Kosla        | 26 |
| Evan Croy        | 11 | Brandon Toman    | 18 | Alison Rickert      | 26 |
| Bobby Hotaling   | 11 | Philip Hines     | 19 | Catherine Vastartis | 26 |
| Margaret Putka   | 11 | Betty Fielden    | 20 | Greg Diver          | 27 |
| Bill Rittman     | 11 | Ava McFarlane    | 20 | Don Krolikowski     | 27 |
| Joseph Tereshko  | 11 | Kirk Robinson    | 20 | Jack Neville        | 27 |
| Justin Bielinski | 12 | Ryan Wilson      | 20 | Kate Burrows        | 28 |
| Doug Hurst       | 12 | Ed Gugliucci     | 21 | David Engler        | 29 |
| Kathy Stein      | 12 | Connor Mathewson | 21 | Bailey Mendlik      | 29 |
| Walt Walburn     | 12 | Emily Miller     | 21 | Josh Dietrich       | 30 |
| Chris Wygonski   | 12 | Aneira Watkins   | 21 | Ashley Pacholewski  | 30 |
| Michael Paroda   | 13 | Bryn Watkins     | 21 | Ava Pawlak          | 30 |
|                  |    | Nick Bondra      | 22 | Clark Rechkemmer    | 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 Wally Kudlaty and Jinho Lee, whose tireless efforts have made our bike ministry possible; Manish Kapur, the proprietor of Zoup! in Independence whose generosity helped make our soup fundraiser for our Africa mission trip a success; Bev Huber, whose ministry with our acolytes helps the children of our church grow in their faith; George Smith and Kathy Sopka, who have stepped in countless times when there was a need, and who serve as ushers with us monthly; and for Easter those who helped make our Easter services extra special—musicians Ava Traum & Adam Smith and liturgical dancer, Erin Gee. We are thankful for you, one and all, and for all of the ways you serve!

# May Youth News

As the school year comes to a close, so does our weekly youth programming. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Don't worry, there's lots of good stuff planned this summer! Here is a peek at what's ahead this summer.

June 4  
**Graduation Sunday/  
Commissioning of YSP Team**

June 18-24  
**YSP Trip**

July 2  
**Commissioning of Liberia  
Team**

July 9-15  
**Reach Out Camp at Lakeside**

July 17-21  
**Middle School VBS**

## **May 7 Last All Youth Dinner before summer break**

We will be having a cookout and field day for our last dinner together before we break for summer! All students 6-12 grades are welcome! 5-7 pm

## **May 13 YSP Plant Sale Pick Up**

Did you order flowers to support our youth traveling to Milton, PA this summer? Pick up will be at the church from 10-noon!

## **May 14 No high school youth group. It's Mother's Day!**

Enjoy a wonderful day with your families!

## **May 20 Change the World Day at Nehemiah Mission**

**May Main Event!** Join us for a fun day in missions as we partner with Joy and the rest of our church family to make a difference in the Cleveland community. Contact Dana for more info! (contact information below)

## **May 21 Confirmation Sunday**

We are so excited to celebrate our 2017 Confirmation Class! You're invited to the **10 am service** and the **11 am reception** that will follow.

## **May 21 Welcome to High School Youth Group**

We are having a very special last youth group before our summer break. Our current high school students will host the current eighth grade students for a night of getting to know one another, chatting about why we go to youth group, and making some new memories! If your eighth grader would like to attend please let Dana know before May 15.

*Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237  
or [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com)*



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## **Graduation Sunday, June 4**

Are you graduating from high school, college, graduate or professional school? Graduation Sunday is June 4, and we would like to share your accomplishment with our church family! To be included in the Graduation Bulletin, please take a moment to complete a short survey **before May 30**.

[brecksvilleumc.wufoo.com/forms/graduation-sunday-2017/](http://brecksvilleumc.wufoo.com/forms/graduation-sunday-2017/)

Don't want to complete the survey? That's OK. Simply e-mail the church office before May 30. [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)



May 13, 2017 | Edgewater Park | Cleveland, OH

### Habitat 5k Walk, Run, Mosey

Brecksville United Methodist Church has partnered with Habitat for Humanity and other area faith organizations to rehab a house on Longmead Avenue in Cleveland as part of the 2017 Apostles Build. As another part of our ongoing partnership with Habitat, we are also participating in their 5K/1 mile Run/Walk/Mosey on **Saturday, May 13**. Any funds raised for this event will support the general work and mission of Habitat for Humanity. If you raise or donate at least \$20, you will receive a t-shirt to decorate! Prizes will be awarded for best t-shirt design.

### Summer Run Series

The Habitat 5K also kicks off our Summer Run Series! This is a great opportunity for you to get in shape, have a TON of fun together with friends and family, and even win some great prizes. Any 5K participants on May 13 can set their baseline time for the summer. Then join us for training group on Tuesday evenings and/or Saturday mornings (as your schedule permits) to see how much you can improve your time over the summer! **You can join our Summer Run Group on Facebook for details and updates!** [www.facebook.com/groups/724065724433318](http://www.facebook.com/groups/724065724433318)



Noel (Fenton) Zickefoose will lead a FREE training group starting on Tuesday, May 16. Training group will continue every **Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm** and **Saturday morning at 8:30 am**. Training group will meet at the Station Road trailhead in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks.

### The Challenge

We have identified 5 different 5K races that support our community and the United Methodist Church. Choose any 3 of those races, and see how much you can improve your time from the beginning of the summer to the end! Prizes will be awarded in August for most dedicated participants, most improved times, and other fun categories, including prizes for KIDS! Children, families, and guests are all welcome at training group, and modifications will be available for ALL levels (including walkers).

So join us on **Saturday, May 13**, to support Habitat, kick off the Summer Run Series, and set your first 5K time for the summer! The event will take place at Edgewater Park in Cleveland, with registration opening at 8:45am and prayer and walking/running starting at 10:00 am. Learn more at [www.clevelandhabitat.org/habitat5K/](http://www.clevelandhabitat.org/habitat5K/).

Can't make it on May 13? That's ok! Join us for these other great races, or clock your own baseline 5K time on your own and let us know at training group! Contact Joy Parker at [outreach@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:outreach@brecksvilleumc.com) with any questions!

**More 5K's to come** **Wednesday, June 14 – Lakeside Chatauqua in Lakeside, Ohio** (during Annual Conference) The Bishop's 3C's 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 am. Come up early and stay for a wonderful day including the annual MFSA Luncheon and Open Table Worship at 5:30 pm.

**Sunday, July 2 – Brecksville Home Days 5K**

**Sunday, July 9 – Broadview Heights Home Days 5K**

**Saturday, August 19 – Recovery Resources 5K Run for Recovery**



### It's time to start thinking about VBS!

We are so excited to be offering Vacation Bible School again this year! Our theme is superheroes and we invite all children to soar with us at what we are calling Hero Central! This superhero adventure includes music that makes you want to get up and dance, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and more. Together we will explore how, through God, we can 'power-up' and discover our inner strength! Volunteers are still needed to help make this awesome week a reality. In the past few years we have had around 100 children participate- what a wonderful sight it is to see them all up and dancing and praising God! Consider being a part of it this year. We will need lots of help the week of VBS and in the weeks leading up to it! Contact Jenny to learn more.

### Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21

9 am - 12 pm each day

For kids in Pre-school through Fifth Grade

Childcare available for little ones under 3 if you volunteer!

\$25 for the whole week.

Maximum cost is \$50 per family.

Parents who volunteer all week can sign their children up for \$10 each!

Register Online: [2017.cokesburyvbs.com/brecksvilleumc.com](http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/brecksvilleumc.com)



### Preschool Bible Story Hour

Monday, May 15 at 10 am

Preschoolers, come explore the amazing and awesome world you live in! You and your caregiver will enjoy hearing the story of creation and then take time to do fun hands on activities. If weather allows we will go outside. There is no better way to appreciate God's beautiful earth than to be out in nature!



**Church Meeting Tuesday, May 9.** Join us in the Parlor at 7 pm for our very first Church Council meeting. Our new structure is all about *minimizing* the amount of time spent in meetings and *maximizing* the amount of time we spend in ministry! As always, *everyone* is welcome to attend a Church Council meeting and share more fully in the life of this church family!



### Toot, Toot, Pedal, Pedal, Grab Your Bike!!

Clean the winter dust off your bicycle and join us for a group ride on the towpath. We will meet up at the Station Road parking lot and set off. If you would like to combine a ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway bring \$3 for the trip. Our goal will be 7 miles to Peninsula, once there you will have the option to turn around and ride back, grab lunch at Fishers, or hop on the train (with your bike) for a trip back to your car. Please call the office if you have any questions.

**Where:** Station Road Parking Lot

**When:** May 6 at 10 am



### BUMC at the Ballpark

Ah, the crack of the bat, the smell of the popcorn, the dribbled mustard on your shirt... There is no summer tradition more delightful than a ball game under the lights!!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, June 2** as our Akron Rubber Ducks take on the Reading Fightin' Phils. Game time is 7:05 and it is a fireworks night. Tickets are only \$8! There's a sign up sheet in the Parlor, and Jenny Gee has our tickets. (If you'd like to pay with a check, please make payable to BUMC and mark "Rubber Ducks" in the memo line.)

We've reserved 50 seats, and can get more, so grab some friends, save the date, and meet us at the ball park!

# BUDGET REPORT



## Transformation Happens Here

Great things are happening in our church and community. Just reading through these Good Word pages shows that peoples' lives are being transformed through Christ right in our midst. Every one of us is a big part of that transformation.

Our wonderful congregation has stepped forward this year to pledge more money than ever before in support of our ministries. Between pledges to our Operating Budget and the new Planned Expense Fund (PEF), we have truly moved forward.

With your loving support we have a balanced budget of \$588,278, and additional pledges of \$129,668 to the PEF over the next three years. Hallelujah! We thank you for your tremendous gifts and love!

When we give to our church, we know we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. We are helping to spread God's Good News not only within our four walls, but well beyond. And we are finding new ways to be in outreach and ministry as active participants in our community, helping us to reach ever more people with God's grace.

Christ called us to live according to his Word regardless of what the world may think. We know that through the great redemption from that joyous Easter day, we can help save and transform lives for Christ. With your tremendous gifts to BUMC, our church family WILL make a difference in Christ's name.

- Blessings, Your Finance Committee



## Confirmation Sunday is May 21: One service at 10 am

Many of us remember the preparations that went into making our Confirmation. We grew closer to those in our class as we prepared to make our first public statement that we are choosing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and declare our profession of faith.

Although confirmation is not a sacrament in The United Methodist Church, it is an important marker along our spiritual journey. At baptism, we are initiated into the new covenant in Jesus Christ and membership in the Church, Christ's body in the world. For many, this happens when they are very young. Confirmation is an opportunity to respond to God's grace, as acknowledged in baptism, and to promise to live as a person of faith.

We know that we are not alone on our journey of faith; others within this church and the greater Christian community support us and love us along the way. Our confirmation youth have had lots of support through the years with their parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers and all of you. This year they have found themselves especially supported through our mentoring program. The list below highlights our ten Confirmation candidates and their mentors who have met with them this year and discussed all types of matters of faith.

**Sydney Hazelton: Craig Czarnota**

**Carly Johnson: Bev Huber**

**Jack Kenney: Eric Louttit**

**Carly Kubek: Jenny Gee**

**Josh Kwiatkowski: Bryan Miller**

**Helen Lee: Dana Schwendeman**

**Cole Mihalik: Jamie Schwendeman**

**Lauren Sendrey: Leslie Miller**

**Eliot Slifcak: Ruth Georgevich**

**Neilson Tait: John Brachna**

Our confirmations kids have spent this year being taught on Sundays by George Gee, Sue Hastings, Mike Kubek and Janine Telischak

# UMC



# MAY 2017

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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
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| <br><i>Bill &amp; Ann Rittman</i>  | <b>1</b><br>4:15 Brecksville Youth Chorus<br>7 Com Chorus<br>7 Boy Scouts  | <b>2</b><br>10 Staff Mtg.<br>4:15 Children's Ensemble<br>5:30 MS Youth<br>7 Cub Scouts                             | <b>3</b><br>6:30 Breakfast                                      | <b>4</b><br>9:30 UMW   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>9:45 Bike Aboard Bike Ride<br>10 Memorial Service for Joseph Matts   |
| <b>7 Communion Sunday</b><br><b>8:45 Worship</b><br>10 Coffee & Classes<br><b>11:15 Worship</b><br>3 Youth Board<br>5 Youth Cook Out & Field Day<br>6 HS Youth Group  | <b>8</b><br>4:15 Brecksville Youth Chorus<br>7 Com Chorus<br>7 Boy Scouts  | <b>9</b><br>10 Staff Mtg.<br>12 Lunch Bunch<br>4:15 Children's Ensemble<br>5:30 MS Youth<br>7 Church Council       | <b>10</b><br>6:30 Breakfast                                     | <b>11</b><br>9:30 Asbury Bremeth   | <b>12</b><br> | <b>13</b><br>9 Habitat for Humanity 5k Fun Run, Walk, Mosey<br>10 to Noon YSP Plant Sale Pick Up!  |
| <b>14 Mother's Day</b><br><i>UMW Sunday</i><br><b>8:45 Worship</b><br>10 Coffee & Classes<br><b>11:15 Worship</b>   | <br>10 Pre-School Bible Story Hour<br>4:15 Brecksville Youth Chorus<br>7 Com Chorus<br>7 Boy Scouts | <b>16</b><br>10 Staff Mtg.<br>10 Stitch'n'Time<br>5:30 MS Youth<br>7 Gifts & Mem.<br>7 Cub Scouts<br>7:30 Trustees | <b>17</b><br>6:30 Breakfast<br>1 National Piano Guild Auditions | <b>18 Good Word Deadline</b><br>6 Confirmation Rehearsal & Reception   | <b>19</b><br>Project Period Donations delivered to Brookside Food Center                          | <b>20</b><br>Change the World Weekend at Nehemiah Mission<br> |
| <b>21 Confirmation Sunday</b><br><b>10 One Worship Service</b><br><b>11 Confirmation Reception</b><br>12:15 YSP Meeting<br>4:30 American Guild of Organists Recital<br>6 "Welcome 8th Graders" HS Youth Group | <b>22</b><br>4:15 Final Brecksville Youth Chorus<br>7 Com Chorus<br>7 Boy Scouts   | <b>23</b><br>10 Staff Mtg.<br>5:30 MS Youth<br>7 Finance   | <b>24 Aldersgate Day</b><br>6:30 Breakfast                      | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>9:30 UMW Board Meeting   | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28</b><br><b>10 One Worship Service</b>  | <b>29 Memorial Day</b><br>Church Offices Closed  | <b>30</b><br>Graduation Surveys are due today!<br>10 Staff Mtg.  | <b>31</b><br>6:30 Breakfast                                     | <b>Summer Worship Times</b><br><b>Return June 4</b><br>8:30 Worship on the Lawn<br>10 Worship in the Sanctuary |   |  |



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**Sunday, May 7 is Communion Sunday**

8:45 Contemporary Service ~ 11:15 Traditional Service

10:00 Coffee Hour and Classes for All Ages

**Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day**

8:45 Contemporary Service ~ 11:15 Traditional Service

10:00 Coffee Hour and Classes for All Ages

**Sunday, May 21 is Confirmation Sunday**

10:00 One Blended Worship Service

11:00 Cake and Punch in Fellowship Hall!

**Sunday, May 28 is Memorial Day Weekend**

10:00 One Blended Worship Service

**Sunday, June 4 Summer Worship Times Begin!**

8:30 Worship on the Lawn

10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary



**RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK**

## 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.



## Change the World Day **Nehemiah Mission**

Saturday, May 20, 2017

The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland is sponsoring a “Change the World” day on Saturday, May 20, 2017 and is looking for a team from Brecksville United Methodist Church to devote a day to cleaning up the “hidden” neighborhoods of Cleveland. The mission is working with city officials and community representatives to identify streets, neighborhoods, abandoned and occupied properties that are in need of landscaping, trash removal, graffiti removal, overgrowth trimming and general clean up.

### **Youth and adults are invited to participate in this ministry opportunity!!**

To volunteer, contact Joy Parker at [outreach@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:outreach@brecksvilleumc.com) or 440.526.8938, ext. 227  
OR Dana Schwendeman at [youth@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@brecksvilleumc.com) or 440.526.8938, ext. 237

### **SCHEDULE:**

Interested volunteers can plan to carpool from BUMC (meet at 8:00 am)

OR meet at Nehemiah Mission (8:30 am)

Worship: 9:00 am

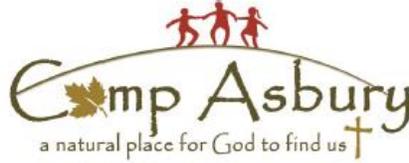
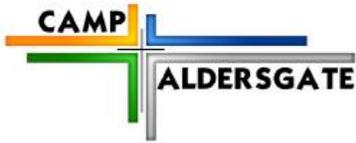
On site project work: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Return to mission / Celebration Worship: 4:30 pm

BBQ dinner: 5:30 pm

**A donation of \$20.00 per person is requested to help defray the cost of supplies and materials.**

The Nehemiah Mission is a program of the North Coast District of the United Methodist Church.  
It is located at 6515 Bridge Ave. Cleveland, Ohio.



**Reach Out CYF Institute**

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### Camp by the Numbers

The average American youth spends:

- ▶ 270 minutes watching TV a day
- ▶ 4 minutes playing outside a day
- ▶ 7.5 hours a day on electronics

A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose!