



The Good Word



Brecksville United Methodist Church: A Reconciling Congregation

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Brecksville United Methodist Church Family Photo: September 10, 2017

**ANXIETY WEIGHS DOWN THE HUMAN HEART
BUT A GOOD WORD
CHEERS IT UP!**

PROVERBS 12:25

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 10 at 7 pm in the Parlor

Share more fully in the life of this church family by taking part in our next Church Council meeting. Church Council focuses on collaboration within our ministries and committees. Reports should be turned in by October 5. Printed copies will be available to pick up at church on Sunday, October 8 and online at www.brecksvilleumc.com/go.



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

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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!



This, Our Season

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

One of the most interesting aspects of traveling to the Holy Land is the opportunity to walk the streets that Jesus walked. There are some powerful experiences in that venture, as one can be reasonably certain that the place is THE PLACE. Perhaps the most powerful of these places to me is the village of Capernaum. One is able to visit the ruins of the village beside the Sea of Galilee. You can see the ruins of Peter's house. One can visit the site of the synagogue where Jesus healed the man with the withered hand, and where he openly taught the crowds and the disciples. You can walk on the remains of the streets, view carvings in stone that date back to the time of Jesus, and stand beside the sea imagining sights of fishing boats and nets and walking on water. Capernaum was Jesus' adopted home town, the very center of his ministry in the Galilee region. It was a bustling, alive city on those beautiful shores.

Today it is merely a ruin. No one lives in the city anymore. It is long since abandoned. It is a place of such significance to those of our faith. Capernaum housed Jesus and the disciples. Its citizens witnessed miracles within the confines of the town. They saw lives forever changed. The ruins now stand as a memorial to a different time, a different season. The town of Capernaum at that point in history served a vital function and purpose. It welcomed Jesus, and allowed him to stay there. In its season, Capernaum was a shining beacon of hope and welcome. But its season turned, and people abandoned the village. It was a mist that appeared for a short time and then vanished.

We are in the middle of the season of our business once again. May we be ever aware that this is our season. This is our time to be a beacon of hope and welcome in an inhospitable world. Who knows what the future holds? Brecksville may be another Capernaum in the years to come. We know that we seem to be changing from what we once were. May we be faithful in this, our season. May those who hear stories of us in years to come also be able to affirm, in our ruins if that be God's will, that we were faithful in our season. May they affirm that we willingly housed the Christ, and that we saw and participated in all of the many miracles of life in an inclusive faith community. May we just be faithful that one day these rocks will speak loudly about faith and devotion, and rising to the top of our potential as a community of faith in our season of life.

Peace,

Pastor Clark



Sunday Mornings
 at 10 am in the Parlor
October hosts:
Trustees



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Evening Circle, October 4 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. This month's project is a "baby shower" for **Womankind**, a Garfield Heights organization whose mission is to provide prenatal care to pregnant women in need. All of their services are provided at no cost to expectant mothers. If you're moved to help, bring a gift—they need not be wrapped. We'll have a few baby decorations, play a few games, and enjoy pink and blue cupcakes...so don't eat dessert at home! **Items needed include: monetary donations; gift cards from Office Max, Giant Eagle, and Sam's Club; all size diapers; baby wipes; baby formula (Similac Advance with iron only); forever stamps; 0-24 month baby clothing; and maternity clothing. No toys are accepted.** Learn more about Womankind at www.womankindcleveland.com. You can also shop at [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com) and Amazon will make a donation to Womankind! Hope to see many you at our October meeting!



OPEN M
A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope

United Methodist Women Meeting,

Thursday, October 5. Our featured presenter will be Bob Titus, of OPEN M, an

organization building bridges out of poverty by fostering health, wellness and nutrition of the body; education of the mind; and hope, joy, and spiritual growth of the soul. Continental breakfast and fellowship at 9:30, program at 10. Everyone is welcome. Plan to join us for an enjoyable morning!

Showing our College Students We Care.

Evening Circle is sending care packages to our college students in November. Want to send a package to your college student? Submit their name and address to the church office before November 1. Packages will be mailed in early to mid-November before they come home for Thanksgiving break.



One student wrote, "Thank you church family for this amazing gift to help me through finals week!"



Our Focus for the Brookside Food Drive this month is Canned "Meats": think chicken, tuna, chili, stew and the like. These hearty items are all in high demand. Bring donations to the first floor bin by Thursday, Oct. 19!

Have you registered for the **Greater Cleveland Church Women United Church Women's Day** on **Friday, October 6** at the South Euclid CCC (4216 Bluestone Road, South Euclid)? Registration begins at 9:30 am. This year's theme is THE HEART, with a presentation by a nurse practitioner from Cleveland Clinic's Cardiovascular Center. Lunch to follow. Be sure to bring your Bible! Cost \$12. Please contact Nancy at 440-838-4341 TODAY if you are interested in attending.



1. If anyone has access to a drone with a camera we would be appreciative of their help to get a close look at the cross and the cross attachment to the bell tower.
2. A note that any person or group using the kitchen needs to follow the posted kitchen policy, including cleanup and put away of dishes and utensils.
3. Fall cleanup will be scheduled for Saturday, November 18 at 8:30 am until noon. Alternate date if weather is inclement will be December 2. Bring tools appropriate for yard cleanup. Many hands make short work!



October 10 at 12 TAILGATE PARTY

To celebrate the Cleveland Indians historic season, we will enjoy a baseball themed buffet.

Go Tribe!

Everyone's welcome.

Please RSVP!

Sign up on Sunday or contact us:
440-526-8938 or
office@brecksvilleumc.com

Connected



Are you Connected? Connected to God? To Jesus? To Jesus' Transformation that happens through Brecksville United Methodist Church?

Sometimes we feel like we are right in the middle of everything happening in our church family. Other times we have that awkward feeling like we are peering in from the edges, and wondering how to regain that Connected feeling.

Two years ago, our congregation studied how God owns it all (*Psalm 24:1*). Everything we have is actually a gift from God. We are mere stewards or trustees of all those gifts. And God expects us to grow and multiply those precious gifts, and to return to God a portion of his very property (*Matthew 25:14-30*).

Last year, our congregation embraced Christ's Transformation story when we heard terrific testimonials of how Jesus has Transformed peoples' lives through our worship, our prayers, our service, our study, our missions, and so many other ways. God has been so good to us.

This year, we focus on how each of us is Connected to God and God's most precious gift of Jesus. We will seek how each of us is Connected to Jesus' Transformation story that happens through you, me and our faith.

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness. (Ephesians 4:4-6) MSG

One of our grateful responses to being Connected in Oneness is our return of gifts to God, through our church.

We ask you to prayerfully consider your 2018 financial pledge and commitment to our church, and how you will return to God a portion of his wonderful gifts to you. We invite you to increase your commitment in grateful response to God's Oneness. Our congregation is actively engaged in building God's kingdom. Your faithful pledge and support helps us all to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We are also continuing our second year of additional contributions to the Planned Expense Fund (PEF). The PEF enables your Trustees to proactively care for our 70 year old church and 50 year old parsonage, so that our ministries and programs have an effective space to serve Christ. We invite you to make a new pledge or increase your pledge to the PEF. - *Your Finance Committee*

To download an estimate of giving card, visit www.brecksvilleumc.com/admoffice/pdfs/estimateofgiving.pdf

Invitation. If you have a photo where you, your family or friends are actively Connected to your wonderful BUMC church family, please print it and drop it in the box outside the church office. We will share those photos with everyone throughout October.



YOUTH NEWS

All Youth Dinner

October 1 from 5-7 pm

We will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for fun, food and fellowship! Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a meal and then a large group game. Special thanks to the Auble Family for being our sponsors this month, and to the Ryabaks (pictured here) who hosted last month.



High School Main Event

Luther Farm Fall Fest &

Chilling with The Louttit Family

Sunday, October 15 from 4-8 pm- cost: \$5.00

We will be making our annual visit to the Luther Farm Fall Festival. There will be so much autumnal fun to be had and after our visit we will head over to the Louttit Family home for some relaxing time by the bonfire. Won't you join us for this chill event? RSVP to Dana before October 10.

Coffee Talk Saturday, October 28 at 11 am

Brecksville Starbucks

October is our first Coffee Talk month of the year! What is Coffee Talk? We invite students in grades 9-12 to gather together at a local coffee place for honest conversation about life, faith, and anything in between. This meeting replaces high school youth group on Sunday night for the week. We hope to see you there!



Are you getting our monthly newsletter?

If not, send Dana an email and we will be sure to add you to the list! Every month we make a newsletter and send it straight to your inbox. Read about upcoming dates, a devotional, and more details about upcoming youth events. Don't miss out on the fun!



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Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237

or youth@brecksvilleumc.com



October Night Out

Saturday, Oct. 28

A Cold Reading of Sleepy Hollow by the Lantern Theater. Join Pastor Clark, Kathy and friends for cider, cocoa, baked goods, songs and A Cold, Creepy Reading of the Washington Irving classic. We have reserved a block of tickets, which are available for \$12 for adults, and \$8 for kids under 12. Tickets are limited! Call the office today to reserve yours (440-526-8938) or sign up on Sunday in The Parlor.



Bread on Bridge Tuesdays

Nehemiah Mission

65515 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland

Bread of Bridge Tuesdays is a regular Tuesday evening gathering from 6:30 - 8:30 pm where **all** are invited to **drop in** to share in conversation, scripture, prayer, and song in a café setting. There will be fresh baked bread, soup, coffee and desserts.

There is no cost, just a free will offering. Come alone, bring a friend, bring a group. Share your concerns, joys and interests in an atmosphere of acceptance, safety and community. Enjoy quiet discussion or join in a community forum. Bread on Bridge Tuesdays is about sharing and caring in a multi-cultural community.



The Jaczcak family is please to announce the engagement of Betsy and her fiancé, Dan “DJ” Komarchuk.

A message from Nancy Knowlton, “Thank you, thank you, thank you to my church family members for the prayers, phone calls and cards I have received during my recent broken ankle and wrist . All are much appreciated!”

Cliff Theilman thanks all of you for all of the love and support this church family gave to him and his family during Karen’s illness and passing. Your help in such a difficult time means more than you know.

Fred Priest called the church office on his birthday to say thank you for the birthday wishes. He was having a good day and asked us to let you all know that you’re missed and thought of often!

Baptism ANNIVERSARIES

We have so many baptism anniversaries in the month of October!

Grace Auble; Brett Bender; Justin Bielinski; Daniel Biggs; Megan Burns; Ella Davis; Adam, Anna & Bryan Derry; Samuel Eberhardt; Kaitlyn Ellis; Burke Engelhardt; Anne, Grace & Sarah Ford; Liz Fredrick; Sadie Glenn; Amelia Guell; Amy Hazelton; Gianna & Logan Hricko; Zachary Johnson; Stella McCrodden; Christopher Nurre; Miles Paroda; Gavin Santora; Lauren Scott; Wyatt Slifcak; Melanie Smith; Adalaide Spitzer; Brandon Toman; Jimmy Zawada.



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



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 James Patrick, who stepped up to serve as a liturgist this summer; Don Krolikowski, who’s skill

with the camera helps preserve the history of our church life and helps tell our community the stories of our many ministries; and all of the folks who helped with Third Grade Bible Sunday - Julie Kubek, who inscribes our Bibles, and Robin Raybuck, Fran McClean and Deanne Kloss who helped us celebrate with cake at the reception. We’re so thankful for each of you, named and unnamed, and all of the ways that you are involved in the life of this community and all of the ways you help share the love of Jesus!



OCTOBER 2017

BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH www.brecksvilleumc.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>World Communion</i> 8:45 Worship 10 Classes for All Ages 11:15 Worship 2 Waltz Lessons 5 All Youth Dinner Closer: Brown	2 6 Kickboxing 7:30 Scouts 175	3 10 Staff Mtg 5 Middle School Youth Group	4 6:30 Breakfast 4:15 Children's Choir 7 Evening Circle Baby Shower	5  9:30 UMW 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir 8:30 Men's Ensemble	6 9:30 Mom's Club of North Royalton	7 9 BTOS 11 UMW Potluck Luncheon
8 8:45 Worship 10 Classes for All Ages 11:15 Worship 2 Waltz Lessons 7 High School Youth Group Closer: Holmok	9 6 Kickboxing 7:30 Scouts 175	10 10 Staff Mtg 12 Lunch Bunch 5 MS Youth Group 7 Church Council	11 6:30 Breakfast 4:15 Children's Choir	12  9:30 Asbury Bremeth Circle 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	13 <i>No School</i> <i>NEOE A Day</i> 8:30 Brecksville Theater on the Square Day	14 9 BTOS
15 <i>Laity Sunday</i> 8:45 Worship 10 Classes for All Ages 11:15 Worship 12:30 New Member Cls. 2 Waltz Lessons 4 HS Main Event Closer: Hudacek	16 6 Kickboxing 7:30 Scouts 175	17 10 Staff Mtg 10 Stitch'n' Time 5 MS Youth Group 7 Trustees	18 6:30 Breakfast 4:15 Children's Choir 5:30 Cub Scouts	19  9:30 UMW 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir 	20 <i>Brookside Delivery Day</i> 6 Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta 	21 8 PEO Membership Worship 9 BTOS 1- 4 Halloween on the Heights
22 8:45 Worship 10 Classes for All Ages 11:15 Worship 12:30 New Member Cls. 2 Waltz Lessons 7 HS Youth Group Closer: Harper	23 6 Kickboxing 7:30 Scouts 175	24 10 Staff Mtg 5 MS Youth Group 6 SPRC Consult with DS 7 Finance	25 6:30 Breakfast 4:15 Children's Choir	26  9:30 UMW 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir 8:30 Men's Ensemble	27 <i>No School</i> <i>Abbey Retreat</i> 9:30 UMW Board Meeting	28 9 BTOS 4 High School Coffee Talk 7 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Lantern Theater
29 <i>Commitment Sunday</i> <i>New Member Sunday</i> 8:45 Worship 10 Classes for All Ages 11:15 Worship 2 Waltz Lessons Closer: Lundholm	30 6 Kickboxing 7:30 Scouts 175	31 <i>Reformation Day</i> 10 Staff Mtg <i>Horizon's Pre-School Halloween Parade</i>	 Kathy Goebel & Jack Drescher	Help Fight Hunger in Greater Cleveland! Sign up to serve Pearl Road Dinner, November 19 Cleveland Food Bank, December 2 Call the office 440-526-8938		



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MEMBERSHIP

What does it mean to be a member
of the Methodist Church?

Come find out during New Member Classes
October 15 and October 22

If you are interested, or want to know more,
please contact Pastor Clark by e-mail
pastor@brecksvilleumc.com or phone 440-526-8938

New members will be received during worship on
October 29.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Your church staff uses a long range planning calendar for church programming.

Here's a look at November and December.

Do you have changes? Get your updates in before the next Church Council meeting, October 10!

November 2017	
Evening Circle Project: College Care Packages Brookside Drive Focus: Canned Meats	
	Wednesday, November 1 – All Saints Day Thursday, November 2 – UMW Meeting. Craft project. Saturday, November 4 – Charge Conference at Church of the Saviour UMC
Sunday, 11/5	Communion Sunday. All Saints Sunday. Daylight Savings Time Ends.
	Tuesday, November 7, Election Day. North Royalton Moms Club meets here. Thursday, November 9 – Asbury Bremeth Circle
Sunday, 11/12	Veterans Sunday. One service at 10 am. Luncheon at 11 am. (Also organ and tissue donor Sunday)
	Tuesday, November 14, Lunch Bunch. Tuesday, November 14 Brecksville Broadview Heights HS Jazz Ensemble Concert Thursday, November 16 – Good Word Deadline
Sunday, 11/19	(National) Bible Sunday. Pearl Road Dinner.
	Wednesday, November 22 – Good Word publishes Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day Friday, November 24 – Church Offices Closed
Sunday, 11/26	Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. United Methodist Student Day (offering). Hanging of the Greens. Brecksville Christmas Parade and Reception

December 2017	
Brookside Drive Focus: Fill the Food Tree Annual Mission Projects: Hat & Mitten Tree, West Side Sisterhood Christmas, Christmas Offering	
Sunday, 12/3	First Sunday of Advent. Communion Sunday.
	Saturday, December 2 – Greater Cleveland Food Bank Wednesday, December 6 – Advent Worship Service and Soup Supper Thursday, December 7 – UMW Potluck
Sunday, 12/10	Second Sunday of Advent
	Brecksville Broadview Hts Community & Youth Chorus Christmas Concerts Saturday, December 16—reading of a Christmas Carol (Fellowship Committee outing)
Sunday, 12/17	Third Sunday of Advent
	December 20 – January 2 – Brecksville Broadview Heights Winter Break
Sunday, 12/24	Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship in the morning at 8:45 and 11:15. Sunday school. Christmas Eve services at 5, 8 and 10.
	Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day! Thursday, December 28 – Good Word Deadline (late because of Christmas)
Sunday, 12/31	New Year's Eve. One service at 10 am. No Sunday school
	Offices closed on Monday, January 1.

LET THERE BE

Light

THE SEASON OF
ADVENT

A Sneak Peek at the Coming Season. Save the Dates!

November 20: Morning Advent Study with Rev. Kathy Dickride begins. (7:30 - 8:30 am)

November 26: Hanging of the Greens and Brecksville Christmas Parade Reception.

December 3: First Sunday in Advent. New Sunday Morning adult classes begin.

December 6: Soup Supper at 6 pm and **Advent Worship Service** at 7:30 pm.

December 10: Second Sunday in Advent. Brecksville Community Chorus Concert.

December 17: Third Sunday in Advent

December 24: Fourth Sunday in Advent. Services at 8:45 and 11:15 (10 am Sunday School)

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24: 5 pm Family Service. 8 pm & 10 pm Candlelight Services