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CELEBRATE EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 30 • 7:30 pm

A service of darkness, shadows and preparation.

SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 1 • 6:45 am

In the Gazebo on Brecksville Square

Greet the sunrise and celebrate the hope of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 1 • Services at 8:45 am and 11:15 am

Come together this Easter. For love. For peace. For all.

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SUNDAY

8:45 Worship with Live Band

10:00 Classes for All Ages

11:15 Worship with Choir

Nursery care available all morning!

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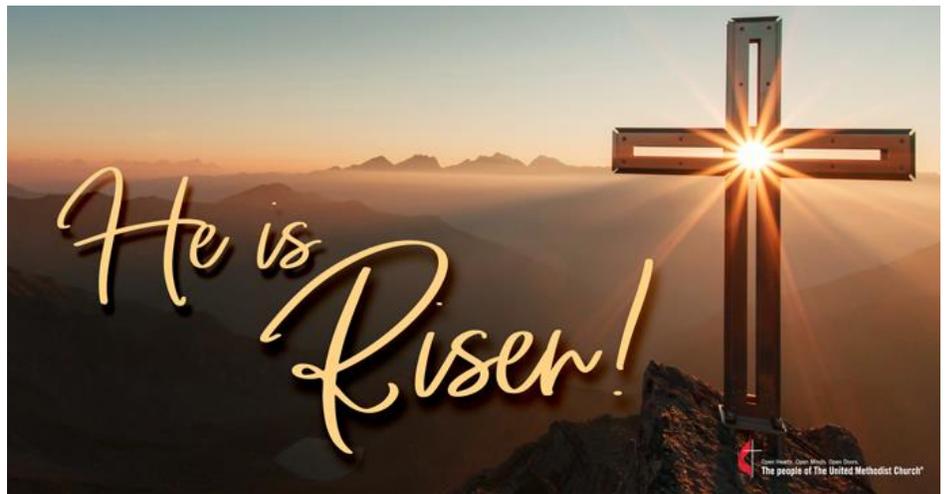
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Our faith, lives and ministries take on new life when they are shared. Help us tell God's story as it unfolds in our church and community. Send news items and story ideas to the church office!



*"You can see for yourselves the place is now empty.
Now - on your way."*

A wise person once said, "The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening." And then, "Silence sits immense upon my soul. Then comes hope with a smile and whispers." –Helen Keller

I think that silence can be used in a few different ways. It has been known to nurture pouting, anger and hatred. Far better uses for silence are reflecting, meditating and listening. Perhaps it is only when we stand silent before the evidence of resurrection that surrounds us at this time of year, that we can begin to sense the still, small voice of God that whispers in our soul. You are never ever alone, even when you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I am with you. You are loved beyond your knowing and experience. So much so that this life you enjoy continues in incredible ways beyond your sense of "now". You are a spiritual being in the middle of a human experience. When your physical being gives way, your spirit will soar. All of this is spoken to us in the middle of an empty space that we have termed a "tomb".

Happy Easter! May you experience resurrection moments in empty spaces, both in creation that so poignantly surrounds you, and in the very depths of your hearts.

Pastor Clark



For this month's Lunch Bunch,
we meet at Creekside Restaurant,
and dine for UMW Missions.

See you at Creekside at noon?

RSVP to reserve a seat with the staff!



Sunday Mornings
at 10 am in the Parlor
**Music & Worship
Board**
Stop in and visit!



March 9, Fellowship Hall: Do you remember how to do the Hustle? You might, if you attended this year's Music with a Mission! After a delicious meal, served family style by students participating in the Youth Service Project, we enjoyed a memorable show with comedy, music, and dancing. The Music with a Mission Band lead performers through the decades, with dance hits from the 50s through the 2000's. Happy feet filled the dance floor!

With the silent auction alone, we raised over \$1,763 for the Youth Service Project Team. Your generous support will help our team travel to Pittsburgh this summer for a life changing week of service.

We extend a special thank you to all of our silent auction donors:

- Pastor Barbara Bartholomew, Spice It Up Basket
- The Brachna Family, Pie of the Month Club
- Brecksville Theater, Two Tickets
- Creekside Restaurant, Gift Certificate
- Courtney Drescher, Rodan & Fields Basket
- The Eberhardt Family, Dinner and Tickets to "Rent"
- Claire Hayes, Hand Embroidered William Sonoma Tea Towels
- Heavenly Ascensions, Hot Air Balloon Experience for Two
- Ruth Herman, Homemade Quick Breads
- Lynn Hobzek, Wine and Cork Basket
- The Jaszczak Family, Teddy Bear,
- Handmade "Go Tribe" Cross Body Bag, and , Children's Craft Basket
- The Kotnik Family, Pampered Chef Basket
- Faith McAllister & Melanie Smith, Kitchen Basket
- Fran McClean, Stress Less Salon Basket
- Judy McCrodden, Ice Cream Basket & Easter Fun Basket
- Joan Olszko & Melanie Smith, Paper Arts Box of Fun
- The Petro Family, A Bird Sanctuary
- The Petro Family, Health and Relaxation Kit
- Lori Rusterholtz, Coffee, Tea and Goody Basket & Italian Dinner Basket
- George Smith, Beautiful Baskets
- Melanie Smith, American Girl Banana Seat Bike
- Starbucks Coffee (Rockside Road), Starbucks Coffee Basket
- The Watkins Family, Tea Time Basket



*Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called repairer of broken walls,
restorer of streets with dwellings.*

—Isaiah 58:12

Join us at the
**2018 Apostles Build
House Blessing**

April 5 at 9:30 am
3478 W. 97th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

We are thrilled to be a part of Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity's Apostles Build again this year. On the first day of construction, churches, volunteers, the future Habitat homeowner and the community are invited to the House Blessing. This is a moment for prayer and fellowship. There is an opportunity to tour the home and bear witness to where we are starting.

House Overview

Built in 1920
996 Square Feet
3 bedrooms. 1 bathroom.
Estimated Rehab Cost \$79,560

Our Work Dates

Thursday, April 19
Saturday, July 28
Saturday, September 15

Want to get involved? E-mail
office@brecksvilleumc.com



United
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Stories of Real People Immigration

Thursday, April 5. Come learn about the current issues of immigration on the border of Texas and Mexico. Kevin Louise Schaner will presents. The morning starts at 9:30 with continental breakfast and fellowship, followed by the program at 10:00. Everyone is welcome. We hope you'll plan to attend!



Bishop Tracy Smith Malone is the featured speaker
North Coast District Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9 am - 12 noon
Fellowship Hall
Cost is \$7 for continental breakfast and materials

We are delighted to welcome the spring meeting of the North Coast District United Methodist Women. All are welcome! We hope you'll be there. If you'd like to help our hospitality team, please contact Ruth Herman 216-780-1828.

It was a FUNdraiser! Our chili cook off raised \$300 for Brookside Food Center. Thanks to all the cooks and workers that stepped up to help make this year's event successful. Ruth Herman says, "Pastor Clark's outstanding annual Trivia Game makes us laugh and makes us aware we need to pay better attention to his Bible lessons to get those questions right. You have to laugh!"

Canned Fruit Drive.

Last month our Brookside focus was "Soap for Hope". This month, it's canned fruit! This is an item in big demand at the food pantry. This and donations of other non-perishable foods, toiletries, and household cleaners will be delivered to our brothers and sisters in need in Cleveland on April 21. Are you moved to help? Bring your donations to the bin in the first floor coat room.

Underwear Drive for West Side Sisterhood

During the month of April, the United Methodist Women will be collecting donations of underwear, bras, and socks for the Westside Community House West Side Sisterhood. The items are for girls age 10 to 18. All sizes are needed. If you are moved to give, please bring your donations to the collection box in the coat room. Need more info? Contact Gretchen Mates: 440-526-6481.

West Side Sisterhood is a program preparing girls from Cleveland's west side for womanhood. Sisterhood fosters a belief in girls' self-worth based on their skills, talents, and spirituality rather than on appearance, popularity, sexuality or negative gender and racial stereotypes. Young women are encouraged 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.

Clip this coupon!



Take it to Creekside Restaurant on Tues. April 10 and a portion of your check will be donated to the UMW Mission Fund!

Creekside

RESTAURANT & BAR

UMW Fundraiser for Missions

Round up a group of friends and eat lunch, dinner or carryout for a good cause — UMW's mission projects!

Where: Creekside Restaurant, 8803 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH

When: Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Anytime between 11 am and 10 pm

What: Give your server this flyer and 20% of your bill (excluding alcoholic beverages) will be donated to the Brecksville United Methodist Women mission fund, which helps women and children. A flyer is necessary for each bill. *Carryout is included!* Menu available at www.creeksiderestaurant.com or call 440-546-0555.



All Youth Dinner // April 8 // 5 to 7 pm
 (Note date change due to Easter Sunday) // We will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for fun, food, and fellowship! Students in grades six through twelve are invited to join us. Weather permitting, we will play some outside games after dinner. There will NOT be high school youth group after All Youth Dinners. Hope to see you there! On the menu: On the grill - hot dogs and hamburgers! Thanks to our Thursday Evening Men's Prayer Group for sponsoring our meal this month!



2018 Music Ministry Scholarship

Attention High School Seniors:
 The 2018 Music and Worship Scholarship application process starts now! If you are a high school senior who has participated in the music and worship program at Brecksville UMC, and you intend to continue to be active in worship as you pursue additional education, we encourage you to apply. Please email Adrienne Leska music@brecksvilleumc.com for a copy of the application form and complete and submit the document via email to Adrienne by 5 pm on Friday, April 27, 2018. Questions? Call Adrienne at 440-526-8938 ext. 231.

Save the date for this year's Golf Outing, which raises money for our scholarship fund! Saturday, June 16 at Briarwood Country Club



Geraniums for Pentecost

Let's fill the sanctuary with Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Watch your bulletin, and the next issue of the Good Word, for an order form. Orders will be due May 5.



High School Main Event: Dinner and a Show! // April 20 // 5:30-9 pm // Come with us to support all our awesome students who are part of this year's BBHHS musical, *Into the Woods*. Before we see the show we will meet for dinner (location TBT) and then head over to the high school. Tickets will need to be purchased ahead of time, so **RSVP is required**. Let Dana know you're coming before April 10. Friends are always welcome!

Let's Talk About It: Mental Health Movie Night // April 29 // Starts at 6:30 pm, movie viewing is 1h 37min // discussion will follow // Our April discussion will be a little different as we will be engaging in conversation as it relates to a featured movie. We will be watching *The Breakfast Club* and discussing mental health as it relates to themes presented in the film. Due to the nature of some of these themes, students under the age of 18 must have permission from their parents to watch. This discussion is recommended for students in grades 9-12. We hope this timeless teen classic will help us to have open conversation about mental health and the ways in which students can support one another through difficult times. Mental health is one of the most important topics our students are talking about today and we want to make sure we are giving them an inviting and entertaining opportunity to explore it. Please join us as we engage in this important conversation!



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Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Legacy of Love and Learning

Our church has a long history, with no shortage of stories that lament dire financial challenges and dwindling attendance. But there are just as many that highlight a congregation that works hard to create a place where neighbors find a place of welcome—a place to learn about and worship God.

In 1932, attendance had dropped to only 5 people when new family of five - the Kleins - moved into town and doubled the attendance of our church on their first Sunday! They made it their priority to increase church numbers. Mr. Klein drove around town to pick up children and bring them to Sunday school which was taught by his own 11 year old daughter, Virginia, and Pastor Nichol's wife.

Sunday school has remained a high priority. By the end of the 1930's the congregation had grown enough that there was the need for some more classroom space. The Trustees decided to create a 1st and 2nd floor out of a two-story tall fellowship space that sat right behind the old church.

As the congregation grew larger, the old church was just too small to accommodate the needs. The Trustees and congregation voted to begin a large scale building project that would be completed in three phases. The first phase? The Education wing! They knew that the very roots of Methodism included faith building in small group settings. It was only after what is now our preschool hallway was completed that they moved to phase 2 (Fellowship Hall) and phase 3 (the sanctuary and rest of our building).

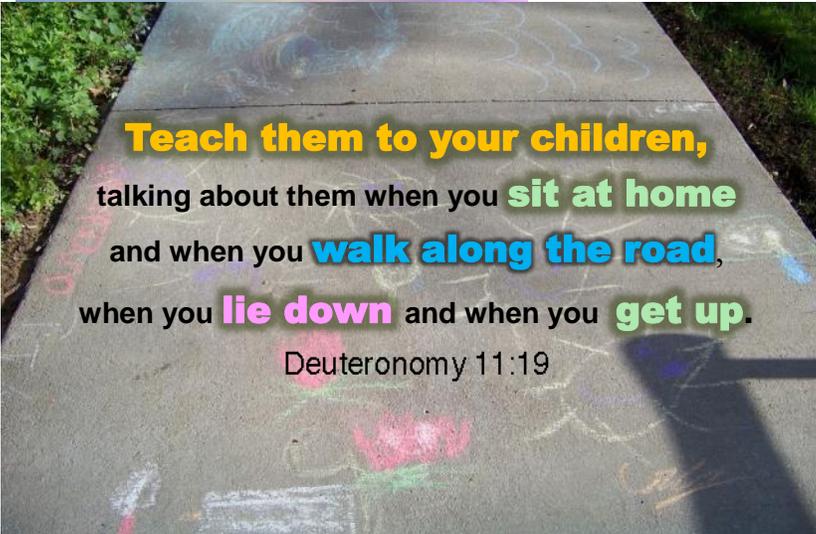
Sunday school had a strong presence in our church through the years but the schedule did not allow for Sunday morning adult study. In 2007 our

church adjusted the worship schedule and launched a dedicated education hour at 10:00. This allowed our adults to attend classes between the two services and gave our children's Sunday School teachers the chance to be part of worship with their church family. It also allowed our kids to experience worship services.

Sunday school lessons today don't look much like they did back when Virginia Klein and Harriet Nichols first began teaching in our church. Curriculum is found online, has video components and tries to reach children with varied approaches to their particular learning style. But one thing remains the same: this church family takes our promise at baptism very seriously; when we vow to walk alongside our children on their faith journey.*

This year's AWESOME Sunday School teachers

Jason and Alison Bell
John and Carole Brachna
Chris and Leanne Davis
Heather Dean
Greg and Kristi Eberhardt
Erin Gee and George Gee
Bev Huber
Sydney Hudacek
Gail Huth
Pam Johnson
Allie Kenney
Mike and Julie Kubek
Kathy Louttit
Judy McCrodden
Becky Paroda
Sheridan Patrick
Kim Rybak
John and Tracy Scott
Ray and Debbie Shijo
Janine Teleschak.



Teach them to your children,
talking about them when you **sit at home**
and when you **walk along the road,**
when you **lie down** and when you **get up.**

Deuteronomy 11:19

*Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? To which our responsive answer is: "we will!"

As United Methodists, it is our mission to make and mature disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. When you offer your time and talent to help staff to work with kids in our Crib and Toddler Room, at VBS or in the Sunday School Classroom, you are joining with God to love and nurture them, expressing God's grace to them and helping them to grow and mature in their faith. If you want to be a part in our disciple making, talk to Jenny. She will share some new and exciting ways you can help! Call her at 440.526.8938 ext. 230 or email education@brecksvilleumc.com.



Future **UMVIM Leader Training** date is Saturday, April 28 at Brecksville UMC for anyone not yet UMVIM leader trained. Learn more about East Ohio best practices, ways to be connectional and build the partnership in healthy ways that empower local folks and create principled Christian leaders who help to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

This training is targeting youth leaders who lead teams and are not yet UMVIM leader trained. We are hoping that you will bring your best practices and teach and learn more from each other on this day! Come and be a part of helping others lead in this Kingdom work! Let Kathy Dickriede [Kdickriede@gmail](mailto:Kdickriede@gmail.com) know if you would like more information on how to sign up!



The Bike Ministry had a great season last year. We took in 86 bikes from the city of Parma that needed fixing or scrapping. Twenty two bikes were distributed at the Yuletide Hunger Bike Give-away, 10 were delivered to Westside Community House and 16 to Pearl Road United Methodist. Eleven more bikes were brought to “ride-ready status” and the remaining bicycles were transported to the Cleveland Bike Co-op before the band took the stage for Music with a Mission. To date, this ministry has kept well over 400 bikes out of the landfill and, more importantly, has provided transportation or a fun means of exercise to almost 300 people.

We are one step closer to installing a bike pad with bike racks, a bike repair station and a unique sculptural element on our east lawn (facing Route 21). The concept was met with unanimous approval from the Brecksville Planning Committee on February 8 and received final approval from City Council! We are currently soliciting bids for landscaping, with hopes of completing the work before Home Days.

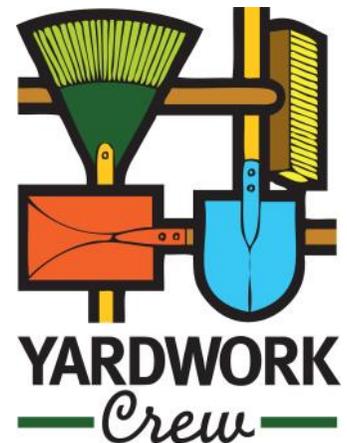
Want to get involved in this wonderful ministry? Contact Jenny Gee at 440-526-8938 ext. 230 or education@brecksvilleumc.com



Church Leader Meeting Saturday, April 21

9 am

Church committee chairs and youth board members will be participating in a leadership meeting to discuss information obtained from our recent focus groups. We will report the discussion items at the next Church council meeting (date tbd).



Spring Yard Clean Up Saturday, April 21

8 am

Let's get the church yard ready for spring! We will be cleaning the beds, tidying the yard, planting any leftover Easter Flowers and weeding as necessary. Rain dates are the following Saturdays. As always, trustees appreciate everyone's help to get our grounds ready for summer worship! THANK YOU!

Dear ones, let us love one another by sharing in any way we can an encouraging word.

Baptism ANNIVERSARIES

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. - Galatians 3:27

Carl Opatrny	4/2/1939
Roger Wadsworth	4/2/1939
James Fredrick	4/5/1998
Kelly Meyer	4/5/1998
Melissa Schillo	4/5/1998
Chad Boldt	4/6/1997
Austin Karn	4/10/2016
Abigail Jaite	4/11/2004
Evan Jaite	4/11/2004
Ryan Wilson	4/11/2010
Sydney Hazelton	4/13/2003
Alex Vastartis	4/14/1991
Jill Magistro	4/15/1973
Gabriel Vastartis	4/17/2016
Mitchell Bell	4/18/2010
Colin Johnson	4/24/2005
Kaya Roberts	4/24/2011
Jack Burrows	4/24/2016
DJ Magee	4/25/2010
Carly Johnson	4/27/2003
Sarah Nurre	4/28/1985
Chelsea Croy	4/28/2002
Andrew Fredrick	4/28/2002
Arthur Wise	4/28/2002
Matthew Sendrey	4/29/2001
Andrew Kubek	4/30/2006
Sara Louttit	4/30/2006
Julianna Tait	4/30/2006



Beryl Burkle	1	Dale Beaver	12	John Brachna	25
Doug Holmes	1	Stacy Parker	12	Tate Fowler	25
Lauren Brinkmann	2	Carri Kenney	13	Ruth Holmes	25
Leanne Davis	2	Kathy Louttit	13	Clay Kesling	25
Sherry Klodnick	3	Alex McMaster	13	Katie Kiss	25
Julie Kubek	3	Payton Schneider	13	John Prominski	25
Eli Mitchell	3	Andrew Fredrick	14	Chase Boldt	26
Matthew Agnew	4	Ed Jones	14	Lilliana BonTempo	26
Jessica Agostine	4	Addie Magee	14	Sara Louttit	26
Brad Holmok	4	Vince Marotto	14	Alison Donze	27
James Fredrick	5	Maddie Miller	14	Becky Juniper	27
Lianna Meyer	5	Mark Pace	14	Nancy Kroenke	28
Bryan Daugherty	6	Matt Nelson	15	Matt Salisbury	28
Stella McCrodden	6	Jim Neidinger	16	Barb Toman	28
Claire Palmer	7	Janine Telischak	16	Bud Engelhardt	29
Lily Seifert	7	Gail Huth	18	Nell Taylor	29
Derek Brinkmann	8	Ken Wise	18	Sheri Zakarowsky	29
Morgan Parker	8	Stephanie Roberts	19	Lynn Dorman	30
Dorothy Pliske	8	Zachary Brachna	20	Barbara Harper	30
Donna Eilbeck	10	Judy Burroughs	21	Bob Wuerth	30
Alan Harper	10	Caitlin Dieringer	21		
Avery Petznick	10	Maryanne Salisbury	21		
Hannah Johnson	11	Marilyn Sewell	21		
		Ralph Slifcak	22		



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings over the last four weeks, the following people were lifted in prayer with thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. People like Harry Koberna, whose skills and talents help sharpen and brighten things up around here; Ben Magistro and Chuck Gezze, whose parking lot ministry gives everyone a

warm welcome on Sunday mornings; and Ann Rittman, who serves in so many ways, including coordinating Sunday counters and serving on the Gifts and Memorials Committee; Mark Hobzek and Jason Bell shared part of a Sunday afternoon helping move furniture so the Parlor could be painted; and Doug & Gail Huth gave a weekend to leading our teams helping feed hungry folks at the Cleveland Food Bank and Pearl Road UMC. We're so thankful for each and every one of you and all of your servant hearts!

April



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 6:45 Sunrise Service 8:45 Worship 11:15 Worship	2 Easter Monday <i>Church offices closed.</i> 	3 10 Staff Mtg	4 6:30 Breakfast 6:30 Evening Circle	5  9 Apostles Build House Blessing 9:30 UMW	6	7 9 NCD UMW Spring Meeting 2 Egg Hunt & Summer Preview at Camp Wanake
8 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 6:30 Ukulele Worship 5 All Youth Dinner	9	10 <i>Dine at Creekside for UMW Missions</i> 10 Staff Mtg 12 Lunch Bunch at Creekside 5 MS Youth Group	11 6:30 Breakfast	12  9:30 Asbury Bremeth 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir 8:30 Men's Ensemble	13 	14 2 - 6 Open House at Camp Aldersgate
15 <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i> 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 2 Camp Asbury Open House 6:30 Ukulele Worship 4 Community Chorus Spring Concert	16	17 10 Stich'n'Time 10 Staff Mtg 5 MS Youth Group 7:30 Trustees	18 6:30 Breakfast 7 Preventing Suicide presentation at the Middle School	19  <i>Church Offices Closed</i> 8 Apostles Build 12 <i>Good Word</i> deadline 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir 8:30 Men's Ensemble	20 UMW Fruit Delivery to Brookside	21 <i>Spring Yard Clean Up</i> 9 BUMC Leadership Meeting 12:30 Spring District Conference at Westlake UMC
22 <i>Festival of God's Creation</i> 8:45 Worship 10 Coffee & Classes 11:15 Worship 6:30 Ukulele Worship 7 HS Youth Group	23 7 Staff Parish Relations Committee	24 10 Staff Mtg 5 MS Youth Group 7 Finance 7 Missions & Outreach	25 6:30 Breakfast	26  6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir 8:30 Men's Ensemble	27 9:30 UMW Board Meeting	28 9 NCD Trustees Training, Church of the Saviour 9 UVIM Team Leader Training TBD High School Coffee Talk
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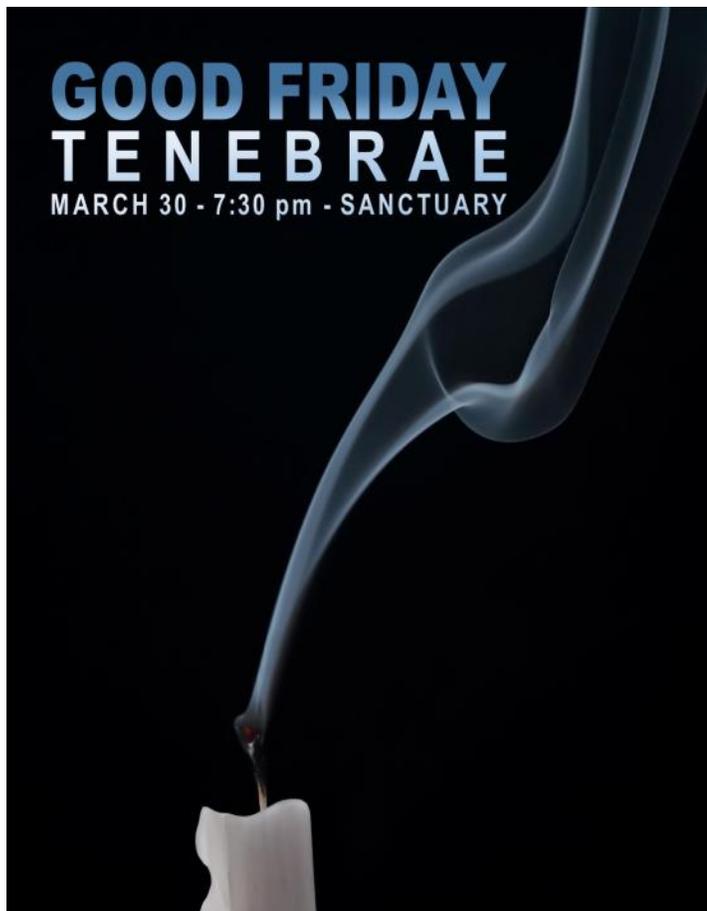
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Open Doors.

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.



April 18, 2018 @ 7:00PM

Preventing Teen Suicide: One Conversation at a Time

Presented by Cleveland Clinic Expert Dr. Ellen Rome, MD, MPH

In the United States, 157,000 teens are taken to an emergency department each year for an attempted suicide; 30 percent of teens will try it again and 78 percent never talk to a doc about it.

Teen suicide is the second leading cause of death for teenager.

Dr. Rome, Head of the Center for Adolescent Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic will discuss adolescent mental health, and strategies for parents and the community to use to talk about depression and suicide to young people.



6:30 PM – Community Resource Tables

Come early to engage with community mental health specialists who will provide information and resources.

All participants will be entered into a raffle to win the book, *Raising Kids to Thrive*, by Author Ken Ginsburg.

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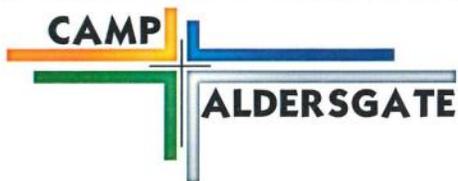
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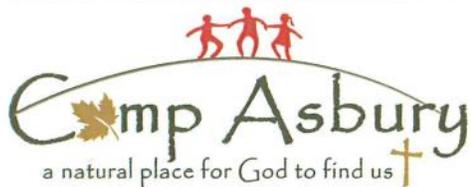
Join us for an

Open House

Want a chance to tour the sites, talk to the staff, and see what is being offered for 2018? Join us on the following dates or contact the site.



Saturday, April 14th - Open House and Summer Preview from 2 - 6 p.m.



Sunday, April 15th - Open House and Summer Preview from 2 - 5 p.m.



Saturday, April 7th - Resurrection Egg Hunt & Summer Preview - 2 - 6 p.m.



Go to www.EOCSummercamps.org for more information.



The Festival of God's Creation is a time on The Official United Methodist Program Calendar to celebrate God's gift of creation and to commit to stewardship of the environment. It is designated for the Sunday nearest Earth Day. It's April 22 this year. What do you do to show appreciation of our created world?

Enjoy this coloring page in celebration of the day.