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A Reconciling Congregation

 *The Good Word* 

Open Doors. Honest Worship. Determined Service.

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Delta blues meets mountain folk music.

Come hear fresh takes on classic hymns like...

It Is Well With My Soul—UMH 377

My Jesus I Love Thee—UMH 172

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross—UMH 301

Great Is Thy Faithfulness—UMH 140

Crosby Lane will worship with us at **10 am**,
join us for a potluck lunch at **11:30 am**,
and perform in concert at **1 pm**!

Brecksville United Methodist Church
welcomes

C R O S B Y

L A N E

in concert

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 at 1 pm

Crosby Lane is a Nashville-based, husband-wife duo featured on Great American Country Network, CMT, mtv.com, UP-TV, the Country Network, and more. On this nationwide tour, they share fresh performances of classic hymns, as well as the stories behind those sacred songs.

The band's national tour is visiting Ohio and Pennsylvania and will wrap up their weekend in Brecksville, joining us in worship at the 10 o'clock service.

We'll celebrate with a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall after the service. Bring a dish to share and visit with the band and be in community with your church family before the concert.

Bring your friends to the Sanctuary at 1 pm and fill your soul with some good wonderful music!

Learn more about the band at www.crosbylane.com

Share a flyer with a friend! We've included one in this newsletter!



**SUMMER SUNDAY
WORSHIP TIMES**

8:30 Worship on the Lawn
10 Worship in the Sanctuary
Nursery care available at both services!

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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!



A Huge Hungry Bear

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

A truthful witness saves lives,
but one who breathes out lies is deceitful.
- Proverbs 14:25

One day while he was walking home from school, Bobby saw a large black dog run across the street right in front of him. He rushed home as fast as he could and told his mother, "Mom, you're never going to believe what I just saw!"

"What did you just see, Bobby?" his mother asked cautiously.

"While I was walking home, a huge black bear jumped out of the bushes and tried to eat me! But I was too fast for him and got home as fast as I could!"

By this time, his mother was distraught, and began to worry about Bobby's "truth-stretching".

When his father returned home the next day from a business trip, Bobby excitedly ran to him and told him about the incredible encounter he had on his way home from school.

His father promptly told Bobby to go to his room, get down on his knees and ask God what God thinks about his story.

Within a few minutes Bobby came bouncing out of his room and into the kitchen.

"Well, son, what did God think about your story?"

"Well", replied Bobby, "God told me that when he first saw that dog he thought it was a bear, too."

We all like to be told the truth. We may like the truth when it favors us, but what about when it does not? Have you ever asked a significant other, "Do I look fat in this?" What do you want to hear? The truth?

So many people long for a truth of their own making. As summer continues, I pray in your leisure that you still abide in the word, for only there will you come to know the truth, and that truth will set you free!

Pray for peace.

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—or to volunteer with the team!





A Fond Farewell to Adrienne Leska

Our Director of Music Ministry, Adrienne Leska, has resigned her position at the church to dedicate herself to the profession of music education. During her time here, particularly when working with children’s choir and Vacation Bible School, Adrienne felt a real calling to work with children full time. We are thankful for her time with us, and wish her every happiness as she pursues a new path. Adrienne’s last Sunday will be July 29.

Music Director Wanted—Help Spread the Word!

Do you know someone with a passion for music and worship? Does this person have a positive and caring attitude, the availability to work on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, and a real heart for Jesus? Can this person work well with a team of musicians and work with singers and players of all ages and abilities? Tell them about Brecksville United Methodist Church! We would love to talk about our dreams for the music program with them. Contact Ric Lesinski, Chair of Staff Parish Relations at rlatking@aol.com.



Vacation Bible School

What do the Otter Olympics, Fizzy Lemons and paper-plate aerobics have in common? They are all elements of our amazing week of learning about Jesus and remembering God’s love for each of us at Vacation Bible School!

We welcomed 109 children into our church along with 57 volunteers who planned, prepped and showed Christ’s love to our kids. I have heard people say that VBS really is an outreach program, and there’s much truth to that. So many of the kids come for the week but attend church elsewhere (or do not attend anywhere.) Seventeen of this year’s 109 children attend our church. Four others have a grandparent attending here. That leaves 88 kids who were welcomed in as we all celebrated the excitement of being part of one large family of faith!

Our overall theme this year was white water rapids and rivers, a metaphor for Jesus’ love flowing out on us. Each day we focused on a special word or phrase. We turned our attention to sitting in that love and finding Adventure, Acceptance, Joy, Rest and Peace on the River.

We used the symbolism of water and talked about ‘the ripple effect’ of our good works. The children were challenged to raise \$300 to purchase 3 schools of fish for a farmer in the developing world through Heifer International. Through bake sales, lemonade stands and an increase in chores done around the house, the kids blew past that goal, raising \$459! All money raised will be sent to Heifer.

It was an amazing week and I am grateful to all those who worked to help make it happen! - Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education

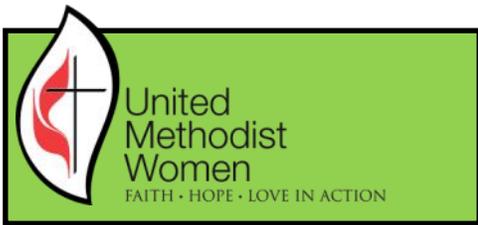


“When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go out for a spin down the road, without thought on anything but the ride you are taking.”

— Arthur Conan Doyle

Bike Pad Update

Have you heard the exciting news about our community bike pad? In August, construction will begin on the patch of lawn facing Route 21. Soon we’ll have a new bike pad with bike racks, a bike fix-it station, and possibly a water fountain. The City of Brecksville has approved our plans, Gifts and Memorials is funding the project and a landscaping company has been hired. Construction on the site is slated to begin the first week of August. This bike feature will help welcome people into our space, highlight our thriving bike ministry, and help our community become more bike friendly. Plan a ride to church one Sunday very soon!



SAVE ~~THE~~ DATE

Rahab

a ministry of hope

**Thursday
September 5**

7 pm in Fellowship Hall
Come learn about this important ministry and how we can help.

Rahab starts with caring.

Drop-in centers, street outreach, prison visits and mentoring programs engage volunteers and show trafficked women and children that we see them and there is a way out. Rahab also teaches communities to see human trafficking in their own backyards and take action.

An invitation home.

Authentic relationships and trauma-informed resources equip women at our adult safe-house to become all they were meant to be. With construction complete on a juvenile house, Rahab will also welcome girls ages 11 to 17 to a home offering similar services.

UMW will host a collection of

- full size shampoo & conditioner
- Soap
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Coffee
- Sugar
- paper products

Bring your donation to the meeting or to the collection bin on the first floor in September.

SUMMER



Reading Series
At Brecksville UMC

August Book Club Book—Why Jesus by William H. Willimon
Sunday August 26 at 4 pm

No figure in history has received more attention, and been less understood, than Jesus of Nazareth. Sometimes we see Jesus as a man who was kind and friendly but we stop short of hearing how Jesus' life challenged us as believers.

Will Willimon shows us that other side of Jesus, the mysterious preacher from Nazareth who continues to invite men and women to claim the true meaning of their lives by giving themselves away in service to God and others. In Jesus' radical teachings, his death, and his liberating life beyond death, this Jesus shows us the true meaning and purpose of our own lives.

Contact Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education, for a copy of the book and the location of the discussion. education@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938.

BRECKSVILLE
**BLOCK
PARTY**
ON THE SQUARE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 11:30
BRECKSVILLE SQUARE**

Everyone's welcome. Invite your friends!

- On this special Sunday, we will have one worship service at 10 o'clock in the Sanctuary. Nursery care is available during the service. After worship, it's a party on the square!
- Ride the Euclid Beach Rocket Car!
 - Cool off with a sweet treat from the Kona Ice Truck.
 - Enjoy hits from the 70's through today with the City Lite Trio.
 - Bounce in the bounce house and play lawn games.
 - Delight in one of the longest potluck buffets around!

FAMILY. FOOD. FUN!



TUES, Aug. 14 at 12 pm
 It's FREE if you RSVP!
Everyone's welcome. Bring a friend and be in community.
 We're having a true potluck lunch. No theme this month.
 Come be surprised!

Education Committee Meeting, Monday, Aug. 13 at 7 pm

Both Education Subcommittee (Sunday School and VBS) will be meeting along with our teaching staff from the 2017-18 school year. We will review our new curriculum and learn about some new and exciting adventures that lie ahead for this school year. Please plan to attend. Many voices and ideas help strengthen these vital ministries. RSVP to Jenny Gee: education@brecksvilleumc.com

YOUTH NEWS



ALL YOUTH DINNER HOSTS WANTED

A cornerstone of our youth program are our youth dinners. All middle and high school students are invited to come together once a month (typically the first Sunday) for a meal and some fun. We're currently looking for hosts for each of these dinners, October through May. You don't have to cook! Ordering in is a hit, too. Contact Dana for more information.



SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR RETURNS 9/16

Are you ready to travel the world without leaving Brecksville? Want to learn more about the faiths of the world? Join our high school exploration of world religions during the 10 o'clock education hour. It's sure to be an enlivening, thought provoking study!



DREAM BIG FOR YOUTH MINISTRY!

Calling all dreamers! Would you like to be a part of our Dream Big for Youth Ministry meetings, coming soon? Reach out to Dana!



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



A Night at the Ball Park

The crack of the bat, the roar of the crowd, and the sweet and salty tang of Cracker Jacks... it is no wonder we call baseball "America's favorite pastime." Add a walk-off homer by the good guys in the ninth inning, perfect weather and amazing fireworks set to the music of recent Rock Hall of Fame Inductees Rush to the list and you have the recipe for a fabulous night at the ballpark. Thirty six BUMC-ers gathered under the lights at Canal Park on Friday, July 20 to see the Cleveland Indians affiliate Rubber Ducks take on the Richmond Flying Squirrels. The Ducks swept the series and sit comfortably in first place in the Eastern League, western division with a record of 60-41!

Starting the School Year with Thanks

For the third year in a row, our education and youth departments will be saying "thank you" to the teachers of Brecksville Broadview Heights School district with coffee and refreshments for a teacher in-service day. Director of Education, Jenny Gee, and Youth Director, Dana Schwendeman, will be at the school with coffee (hot and iced) and water for the day!



E-mail or phone Melanie
with news to share!
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Thank You!

Paul, Brenda and family would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards and loving support shown upon the death of Paul's father. Albert Calovini. We appreciate your kind and caring ways more than you know. Thank you!

The children of Philip and Gloria Hines would like to express their sincere thanks to the people of the Brecksville United Methodist Church. We've appreciated your generosity, kindness, and support that spanned over 40 years but especially in recent years as our parents aged and sometimes life became more challenging. Your cards, visits, phone calls, meals, and prayers were always appreciated. We also thank Pastor Barbara, Adrienne Leska, Gordon Black, and the UMW for their leadership and support of Dad's recent memorial service. It was a beautiful tribute and a wonderful send off to a Christian life well-lived. We greatly appreciate all who attended the service. It was wonderful to see so many familiar and loving people! Thank you! Sincerely, Nancy Marsh, Jane Taylor, and Philip Hines, Jr.



Daniel Jaszczak	1	Laina Culley	9	Samuel Donze	19
Sally Jones	1	Betty Monnin	9	Robin Engler	19
Tish Kwiatkowski	1	Valorie Bender	10	Joan Olszko	19
Skip Smith	1	Allison Engler	10	Kyle Romance	20
Susan Hurst	2	Jack Hehr	10	Roger Wadsworth	20
Katrina Orr	2	Maeven Reiter	10	Grace Auble	21
Nick Orr	2	Ryan Shijo	10	Ben King	21
Kaitlyn Robinson	2	Beth Dadas	11	Mark Robinson	21
Chris Davis	3	Maddie Holt	11	Nathan Robinson	21
Bennett Eberhardt	3	Heather Manocchio	11	Rebecca Urso	21
Karen Fisher	3	Lori Rusterholtz	11	Jill Zawada	21
Jeff Hastings	3	Trey Shively	12	Ann Zupanc	22
Gabriel Vastartis	3	Brad Toman	12	Chelsea Croy	24
Steven Vastartis	3	Mark Vastartis	12	Andy Dorman	24
J.T. Zawada	3	John Galik	13	Caroline Eschbaugh	24
Catherine Derry	4	Tanya Palmer	13	Denise BonTempo	25
Kristi Eberhardt	4	Lue Andree	14	Helen Lee	26
Joan Filips	4	Aleyna Gee	14	Christopher Nurre	26
Judy Novak	4	Beverly Gooding	14	Bridget Gee	27
George Smith, Jr.	5	Dave Meek	14	Amelia Guell	27
Karen Walburn	5	Barbara Tereshko	14	Bryn Bisco	28
Frank Pasek	6	Kathy Auble	15	Janet Nelson	28
Brooke Barnum	7	Chuck Gezze	15	Don Southam	28
Sally Crist	7	Matthew Johnson	17	Kristin Bisco	29
Joan Martin	7	Karin Meyer	17	Jamie Hocutt	29
Mary Jane Opatrny	7	George Diver	18	James Lesinski	29
Jeffrey Mihalich	8	Nancy Lundholm	18	Pat Neville	30
Jim Rollins	8	Sarah Lundholm	18	Grant Palmer	30
Dave Stoffer	8	Bob Tschannen	18	Andrew Scott	31



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 Ruth Herman and Mary Kotnik, who display almost superhuman abilities by coordinating all of the work that goes into making Grandma's Pie Booth a success at Brecksville Home Days; Al and Barb Harper, church closing team extraordinaire; and Sylvia Fowler, one of our team of church counters who works quietly behind the scenes to ensure that gifts to the church are accurately recorded and safely deposited.

August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Gail Huth & Janine Telishack	 Bike Pad Construction to begin this month.		1 Dawnbreakers on hiatus this month.	 2 Brown & Sendrey Mow	3 9:30 Mom's Club of North Royalton	4
5 Communion Sunday 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship 3 Hazel Fetzek Memorial Service	6 Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting	7 10 Staff Meeting	8	 9 Gee & Gee Mowing	10	11
12 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship	13 7 BBH Community Chorus Board meeting 7 Board of Education Meeting	14 10 Staff Meeting 12 Lunch Bunch	15	 16 Teacher In Service Days  Bloch & Campbell Mow	17	18
19 Blessing of the Backpacks Foster Care Sunday 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship with Crosby Lane 11 Potluck Lunch 1pm Crosby Lane Concert	20 First Day of School BBH 10 Mom's Club of North Royalton	21 10 Staff Meeting 10 Knitting Group 7:30 Trustees	22	 23 Lundholm & Herzing Mowing	24	25
26 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10 Worship	27	28 10 Staff Meeting 7 Finance 7 Missions Committee	29	 30 Auble & Spencer Mow	31 9:30 UMW Board meeting 5 Wedding Rehearsal	



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BACKPACK BLESSING



SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

We invite all students and teachers to bring their backpacks, literal or figurative, to church on Sunday, August 19 as we fill them with well wishes for the start of the new school year.



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.



APOSTLES BUILD



Today, July 20th, I had the pleasure of meeting Michelle and her two sons (Rashad 11, Ranas 9). It was a special moment as Michelle showed her sons their soon-to-be home for the first time.

Michelle led them through the living room, told them where the table was going, where the couch would be and pointed out the work she has done on the home- including taking them to the basement to show them the electrical box she helped install.

Michelle is overjoyed for many reasons. She sees the home as a way to build a better financial future. She views rent as throwing away money, now she is buying something that is hers.

“Everyone I have met is so nice. It’s amazing to see everyone working together to get the job done. I love interacting with and meeting all the people and learning how to tear down walls, put up dry wall and install the furnace and thermostat. **It makes me feel important, engaged and involved.**

Thank you everyone.”



The boys were particularly happy about the thought of having their own rooms. Currently they share a bedroom and are now of an age where they want their own space. Rashad was very excited about seeing the backyard because he thought it was large enough for a basketball hoop- one of his favorite sports.

Ranas liked the backyard too- but for his dog, Molly, a pug beagle mix. He can’t wait to play with her in the yard.





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