

# The Good Word

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*We celebrated the start of a new program year with Honest Worship, Third Grade Bibles, a joyful gathering and Rides on the Enclid Beach Rocket Car!*

## THERE IS NO BUMC WITHOUT “U”

A few weeks ago, on September 12, we had a glorious Sunday filled with celebrations of our commitment to lifelong learning and joyful gathering on the Square. I left our time together that Sunday feeling content, in awe of God, and blissfully exhausted.

It's hard for me to believe that I've been here just over two years—Brecksville UMC feels like it's always been my home. And as I write that, I realize that's part of the magic of BUMC: to make people feel at home and like they've always been a part of the family. Your love for God spills out, and you can't help but make a safe space to grow with God and one another.

*It's who we are. It's who you've always been.*

This time of year, I and the leadership team begin to look forward to the coming year. Praying

over what it will look like, and what resources we'll need to continue to do God's wonderful work in this world. Then we go to you, sharing our God-sized hopes and dreams, asking you to make a commitment for the coming year. Because without your partnership, and your financial commitment, we are not able to commit to lifelong learning, or joyful gathering, or honest worship, or determined service, or courageous inclusion.

Simply put, we can't be BUMC without you: your hands, your feet, your smiles, your hearts, your minds, and yes, your wallets. I know it seems like all the church does is talk about money, but it's because money is a means to an end: if we don't have the finances, we can't do the things. And we want to do the things that glorify God!

In this newsletter, you'll find information about making your next commitment to God, no matter what that looks like: membership, a new class or service opportunity, or filling out a commitment card. Giving us a commitment card helps us plan what we're able to do in the coming year. It shows us not only what you're able to financially contribute to BUMC, but it shows that **you** are committed to BUMC next year! Or to put it plainly, a commitment card shows us that *you're in it to win it with BUMC!*

I am continually grateful for- and in awe of- you and the way you are unabashedly authentic in the way you show up for God and this community. And I'm so excited to work together in the year to come!

Take care,

*Pastor Heidi*

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



## The Membership Journey

Everyone is welcome (and encouraged!) to participate in the life of Brecksville United Methodist Church, growing in their love of God and serving others through BUMC. Members and first-time guests alike are welcome to participate in just about every aspect of our church community. When people first begin attending church, the questions they usually ask themselves are, “What can I get out of this church?” or “How can this church serve me or help me?” These questions are important as one discerns whether a church is a good “fit” as a place they can grow and serve. But as we become more involved and grow as disciples, the questions change to “What can I do for God through this church?” and “How can I help this church reach more people with the Good News of Jesus?” When this transition happens, it’s time to prayerfully consider whether you’re ready to become a member of the church.

BUMC’s Membership Journey has several steps to help you discern whether we are a good “fit” for you and whether becoming a member is the next step in your faith journey.

**Talk with the Team** is an opportunity to gather around the table with our Ministry Team, ask questions, and get to know us. We will share about the ministries and missions of BUMC, and take a tour of the building. The next Talk with the Team is on Sunday, October 17 at 11 am.

**Basic Beliefs** is a 4-week class focused on learning the basics of faith through a United Methodist lens and the history of our denomination. Before you become a member of a United Methodist Church, it’s important to know whether you’re “our kind of crazy.” There’s so many wonderful things in The UMC, and you’ll hear about them in this class! The next session of Basic Beliefs begins in January 2022, on Sundays at 11 am.

**The Membership Class** is the final step in the Membership Journey and focuses on what it means to be a discipling, active member of Brecksville UMC: using your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to love God and love others. In this 3-week class, you will discover your “Jesus story,” learn about your God-given gifts and talents, and how you can use those gifts to glorify God through BUMC. Begins March 2022, Sundays at 11 am.

You may take as long or as short as you would like to make your way through this Membership Journey. *Talk with the Team* and *Basic Beliefs* can be taken in any order, but we ask that the *Membership Class* be the last class in your journey. Upon completion, you will decide if you would like to become a member of BUMC and affirm that during worship.

Becoming a discipling, active church member is an important step in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you feel led to begin this part of your journey with our church, contact Pastor Heidi to start the conversation! We will offer the Membership Journey each year, as the need arises. If you have recently become a member of BUMC or have been a member for many years and would like to learn again or reaffirm your membership, please feel welcome to participate in any or all of these classes! Sign up here for more information: <https://forms.gle/RXY67rzVF6m1AEyg7>

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Help us tell God's story as it unfolds in our church and community. Send us your news!



**Adult Small Groups**

The desire to find one's place among a few good friends is real. Finding that place is not always easy. Enter small groups, a space to ask questions, care for one another, and nourish our faith. Pastor Heidi and Jenny Gee will help connect you with a group and offer resources to guide your conversations. Reach out to one of them (see contact info on page two)!

**Indigenous People's Day Discussion**

*Join the Conversation*

**Sunday, October 10—11 am at church or 7 pm online**

What comes to mind when you think about Native Americans? Do you think about Thanksgiving and Christopher Columbus? Perhaps Cleveland baseball or a high school mascot? Starting with a perspective of "all persons are made in the image of God" can help us to step back from preconceived notions and learn together. Join Rev. Kathy Dickriede for a discussion surrounding our charge as United Methodists to see others through God's eyes and to offer our hearts to those who have been wounded throughout history. Register today for this learning opportunity: <https://linktr.ee/BrecksvilleUMC>



**Sunday Morning Child Care**

Our Wiggle Room (formerly known as the "Nursery" or "Crib and Toddler Room") is provided for children up to age 5 and located near the Sanctuary (with an entrance by the elevator.)

The Wiggle Room is staffed every Sunday from 9:45 until noon with two trained and background checked individuals to care for your child if they need to be looked after during worship the

education hour. Kids are always welcome in our worship spaces. The Wiggle Room is an available as another option! Allie Kenney, a teacher and lifeguard by profession, coordinates our care in the Wiggle Room. Reach out to her for more information or to learn about our Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines. [Allie@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:Allie@brecksvilleumc.com)



**Picture Day, Part 2—October 10**

If you missed the opportunity to have your photo taken for our 2021 Church Family Photo Collage at the Fall Kick Off, come to church on Sunday, October 10! Don Krolikowski will be taking photos from 9:30—10:30 am!

**Sharon Judson Completes Local Church Historian School**

Congratulations are in order for Sharon Judson, who completed a rigorous online course in researching, maintaining and archiving church history records. Sharon signed up for the course offered through the United Methodist General Commission on Archives and History. The program's goal is for participants to gain an awareness of their church's heritage and legacy and be motivated to study their unique stories and proclaim it to those around them. Sharon has already copied our very old original deeds and has stored them in a way that will preserve the originals for years to come. There will be many exciting opportunities for you to participate or learn about our church's history in the months ahead. Next time you see Sharon tell her congratulations!

**Horizon's Pre-School Costume Parade!**

Come to Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 28 and pass out treats to the pre-school kids! There are 2 parades—one at 11:15 and one at 12:45. You're welcome to come in costume, if you'd like.

**Be sure to wear your mask!**



## OCTOBER

*Show your care with prayer!*

Sending a caring thought, and a prayer, to a person's mailbox is a small gift that brings great joy.

*Week of October 3*

### Ada McGeehe

The Oaks Retirement Community  
8757 Brecksville Road Room 234  
Brecksville, OH 44141

\*Ada is a Methodist who recently relocated from Central Ohio to be near her family, is missing home, and could use some cheering!

*Week of October 10*

### Janet Patterson

7005 Stadium Dr Apt 416  
Brecksville, OH 44141-1887

*Week of October 17*

### Carol Johnson

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*Week of October 24*

### Barbara Ramundo

9292 Oxford Trl  
Brecksville, OH 44141-2500

*Week of October 31*

### Robin Raybuck

2365 Barnsley Way  
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*Know someone who would appreciate being on the list? Contact Pastor Barbara! Check back next month for a new list!*



Cindy Hubert	4	Evan Jatsek	11	Eliza Botzman	21
Austin Karn	4	Jane Petrie	11	Mark Hubert	21
Mitchell Madaus	4	Cindy King	12	Dan Hurder	21
Alex Vastartis	4	Julianna Tait	12	Mia Ports	21
Patricia Butler	5	Thelma Loeffler	13	Hazel Gear	22
Brian McCrodden	5	Ryan Rybak	13	Sadie Glenn	23
Robin Raybuck	5	Carrie Bielinski	14	Olivia Klipfell	23
Cathy Suk	6	Lawry Kardos	14	Sara Kwiatkowski	24
Bryan Agostine	6	Michelle Blatnik	15	Emily Shijo	24
Dick Burroughs	6	Josh Kwiatkowski	15	Carol Herzing Dobos	25
Madison Hart	6	Thuy Ai Nguyen	15	Gerry Beaver	26
Anthony Karn	6	Joshua Biladeau	16	Gretchen Mates	26
Kay AuWerter	7	Lucy Shijo	16	Chris Nguyen	26
Herb Einheit	7	Cathy Walden	16	Bev Dubin	27
Savannah Jacob	8	Dion Adanich	17	Kim Meyer	28
Nancy Manaska	9	Megan Culley	18	Dean Rybak	28
Michael Jaszczak	9	Carly Kubek	18	Jason Bell	29
Mark Spencer	9	Natalie Vastartis	18	Anet Smith	29
Lauren Cheney	10	Andy Batcheller	20	Ric Lesinski	31
Matthew Sendrey	10	Carolyn Jatsek	20	Brenden Meyer	31
				Leslie Selig	31



More than 3,000 of the world's top athletes were registered to compete in St George, Utah on September 18 at the 2021 Intermountain Healthcare IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship, and two of them were from our church family! Congratulations to Emily Kotnik and Mark Spencer for qualifying for this elite endurance event!



At our weekly staff meetings prayers of thanks are lifted to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. The Fellowship Committee pulled out all the stops on this year's Fall Kick Off Event. Thank you for creating a joy filled space for us to safely gather this year! So many folks helped, including—Lynn & Mark Hobzek, Donna Sibits, Don & Kathy Krolikowski, Chef Rasul Welch, Mark Vastartis, Gail & Kim Meyer, Kathy & Matt Auble, Jim Smith—and we lifted up a prayer of thanks for each of you, named and unnamed! We're also thankful for our ushers and greeters, who help create a welcoming and safe space for us every Sunday. Special shout out to George Smith, Ric Lesinski and Bob Lundholm, who have ushered nearly every Sunday since we returned to in person services in May.



*Don't call it "Sunday School" - Our classes aren't just for kids — and they're not all on Sundays!*

We are unabashedly authentic in our lifelong quest to grow with God and learn with one another. Make a commitment to tend to your own spiritual development this fall, and keep looking for ways to grow in faith... no matter your age. *Registration and more information here:* <https://linktr.ee/BrecksvilleUMC>

FOR KIDS

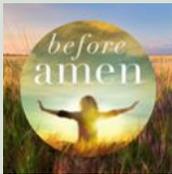
**Sprouts** - On Sunday mornings at 10 am, kids pre-school (age three) through fourth grade join Mrs. Gee after Children's Moment for a time of fun as we learn our Bible stories through craft and games. No registration necessary!

**Spark Your Faith** - for kids pre-school through sixth grade. On Sunday Mornings at 11 am, kids will join their teachers for age appropriate Bible stories through craft, cooking, journaling and lots of sensory fun. Offer your child the gift of a lifelong relationship with Jesus. Nothing can compare.

**Confirmation** - Youth in 7 and 8th grade will dig deeper into their own understanding of their faith with some awesome adults who aren't afraid to ask them the challenging questions. We strive to give our kids the tools to own, understand and be able to defend their beliefs as they venture out into the world.

**Youth Group** - Sundays @ 5 pm - a safe place for students in sixth grade and up to find community and grow with God. As weather permits, we will meet on the church lawn for an hour of games, devotionals, and surprises. And one Sunday each month, we will participate with other NE Ohio kids in an **Ecumenical Youth Group** at Berea UMC.

FOR YOUTH



**Before Amen** - Sunday Mornings at 11 am. We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out before the month does. When the marriage is falling apart. We pray. Wouldn't we like to pray more? With more ease and better consistency? When life gets busy we may find ourselves forgetting to pray. The thing we prayed for so hard ended in disappointment. Maybe we just don't have the word. Join Chuck & Becky Gezze in the Chapel Sundays at 11 am to dig deeper into prayer. Join us with masks and we will ensure proper distancing so you are in a safe space.

FOR ADULTS & TEENS



**Religion and Science** - Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm (replacing the formerly announced class *Painting the Stars*.) Join Jenny Gee and your church friends to find how our trust in science and our faith in God are not at all at odds. We will dive into topics centered around natural selection, evolution, genetics and, yes, even quantum physics. How do these stand up alongside our faith? Is there conflict between the two or do science and religion actually support and hold each other up? You do not need to be an expert in either your knowledge of science or in your faith - just join us online with an open mind.

**Lectio Divina** Mondays at 10:30 am or Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Be part of an amazing group of faith friends who gather weekly to hear and meditate on short scripture passages. You do not need to have a background in scripture to participate... just come with an open heart and imaginative mind. Questions? Contact Jenny at [education@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:education@brecksvilleumc.com) or 440-526-8938 ext 230.

**Midweek Bible Study with Pastor Heidi** - online, Wednesdays at 7 pm, beginning October 6. Join Pastor Heidi and friends for lively discussion and exploration of the Bible. More details coming soon!



## 5 Ways To Serve This Season

The Missions & Outreach Committee continues to find ways we can show God's love for others by meeting the needs of the whole person. *Here are 5!*

1

**ASSEMBLY DAY! October 3** - We'll be making suet cakes for Danbury Senior Living and assembling hygiene kits for the uninsured and under-insured. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am



**Take Action!** Collect rinsed cardboard milk and juice containers (52 oz – 64 oz size) and bring them to the church **now – October 3**. We will use these to make suet cakes!

2

**GO TO CAMP! October 16** – We are in conversation with Camp Wanake, a United Methodist summer camp in Beach City, about a day of service. Want to help them spruce up after a busy season?



**Take Action! Fix a bike!** If you would prefer to help out closer to home, come to Bike Fix It Day 10/16 from 9—12 pm.

3

**VOLUNTEER AT THE VISION CLINIC! October 23** - All those hygiene kits we assembled? It's time to give them away! Come help distribute at the Med Works event at Cole Eye Institute.



**Take Action!** Contact Leslie Miller to volunteer! Call 440-773-5764 or email [baseballnut58@msn.com](mailto:baseballnut58@msn.com)

4

**PRAY AND FOLD! November 7** - A day to pray over and fold donated adult clothing for the B. Riley House, a sober living facility serving the LGBTQ+ community in Cleveland.



**Take Action!** Clean and gather gently used adult clothing to be donated. **We will have a collection area at church from October 24 – November 7**. If we collect more than they can use, we will donate to other agencies, too!

5

**CREATE FOR CHRISTMAS! December 5** - Make and sign Christmas cards for veterans, make bows for Yuletide bikes, and possibly make cookies for the USO Canteen at CLE Airport!



**Take Action!** Recycle your old Christmas cards, or shop for new ones! We'll use the old cards to make new cards. Bring them to church from **November 14 – December 5**.

*“We can strengthen the connection, do good, do no harm and show the world the power of Jesus' call on our lives and the work of the Church as we put feet to our faith and offer hope!”*

- Rev. Kathy Dickriede

### Disaster Recovery Teams Forming

UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) teams are forming to aid the Detroit area, hit hard by flooding this summer. There are over 2000 homes affected! If you interested in organizing a team, or would like to be part of a team, please reach out.

### Housing for Refugees

Afghan families relocating to our area are in need of shelter, hope and compassion. Do you have an empty rental home, apartment, in law suite? Please reach out with details about the space, your name, address, email and phone number and we will put you in touch with a professional resettlement staff member with more information.

**For information about either of these ministries, please contact Rev. Kathy Dickriede, Director, Missions & Community Engagement, East Ohio Conference**  
[kdickriede@gmail.com](mailto:kdickriede@gmail.com)  
330-468-2517

Thank you all for your help through donations of items, money, your time and prayers! We look forward to working with you during the above activities and as always if you have an idea M&O should research, please contact Mary Kotnik [mekotnik@yahoo.com](mailto:mekotnik@yahoo.com) or 330-256-3262. - *The Missions & Outreach Committee*

# You're Invited!

## 5th and 6th Graders

Having fun, being creative, and getting curious, sounds like a good time doesn't it?

That's what you'll find, and more, on Sunday mornings at 11 am in room 302.

We dive into scripture using *Echo the Story*, and explore Bible stories through listening, acting them out, and putting ourselves in the story using our imagination.

It's an hour of growing with God and one another, making connections, and faith formation. **We hope to see you there!**

# October

## Youth Ministry SCHEDULE

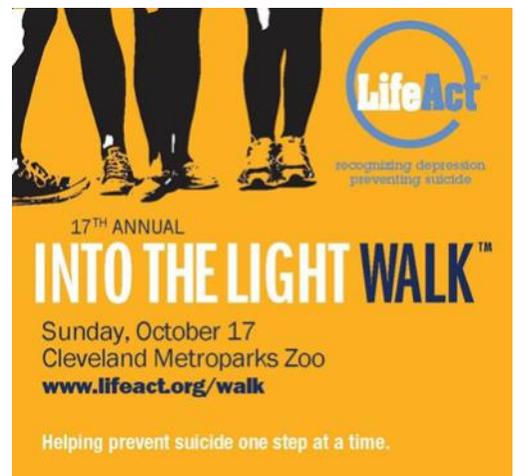
**3 All Youth Dinner 5-7 pm**  
At the Watkins House! RSVP for details!

**10 Youth Group on the Front Lawn**  
5 - 6 pm Lawn Golf and Rock Painting

**17 Youth Group on the Front Lawn**  
5 - 6 pm Corny Games and Pumpkin Craft

**24 Ecumenical Youth Group at Berea UMC 5pm**  
BYOP (bring your own pumpkin!)  
Meet at BUMC at 4:30 for carpooling

**31 It's Halloween!**  
No youth gathering tonight!



### Shine a light on depression awareness and suicide prevention.

The 17th Annual *Into the Light Walk* will take place at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on October 17.

This evening gathering is for students, educators, families, adults -- anyone and everyone -- who has been touched by suicide or who just wants to help breakdown the stigma associated with depression, suicide, and mental health.

The evening will include:

- Informational booths by local mental health organizations
- Words from inspirational speakers
- Music from a local high school choir
- A twilight reflective walk through Cleveland Metroparks Zoo to remember those we have lost, provide space for healing, build community, and support suicide survivors
- Food by Augie's Pizza and Ribs

#### DOORS OPEN AT 6pm

Your participation in this event will support LifeAct in their mission to prevent teen suicide by teaching young people to recognize symptoms of depression and signs of suicide, and to access professional help for themselves and their peers.

Register here:

<https://www.lifeact.org/events/2021/10/17/into-the-light-walk>

## The Giving Doll Founder to Speak

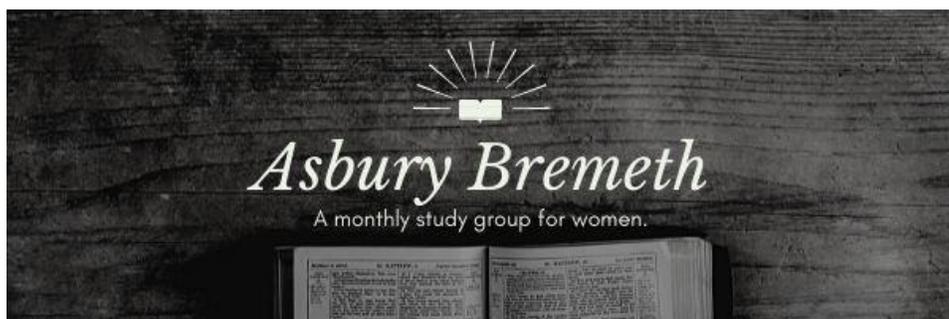
Did you know that there is a local (Norton, Ohio) non-profit that makes cute cloth dolls for those in need? Their mission is to “give faith, love, joy, hope and comfort to children worldwide, at times of special need through the construction and distribution of handmade cloth dolls.” Founder Jan Householder will talk about her efforts to help children of many different countries and nationalities at the UMW meeting on October 7 in Room 301. Refreshments will be available at 9:30 am with the presentation following at 10 am. A business meeting will then follow.

The organization accepts donations of:

- Poly Fil (stuffing)
- Hair Colored Yarn
- Woven Cotton and Cotton Blend Fabric
- Thread, Trims, Lace, Elastic: 3/8 and 1/4 inch wide
- Gift cards from: JoAnn Fabric, Michael's, Wal-Mart and Visa
- Postage stamps to mail requested materials



If you're moved to help, bring your donations to the meeting!



**Asbury Bremeth** starts on October 14 and meets on the second Thursday of each month. Join the women of the church for fellowship and learning. From 9:30 to 10 am we will socialize and catch up on some UMW business, then from 10-11 we will start an exciting new study called *Follow* by Andy Stanley. Is our faith based on a set of arbitrary rules or a big to-do list? In fact, our faith is extraordinarily relational. If we listen to Jesus' call to follow... we will understand better what it means to be a child of God. No registration required. Bring a friend!

## Evening Circle

*Fun, Friendship and Service*

Ladies, you're invited to join the Eve Circle on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy time together as we assemble gift bags for our confirmation students! Please wear a mask. **All are welcome.**

Mark your calendar for these activities for the rest of the program year:

- November 3 - college student care project
- November/December - collection for RAHAB ministries
- January 5 - USO cookie bake
- March 9 - meals to members
- March/April - RAHAB collection
- May 4 - "Just for fun" get together

Contact Lynn Hobzek 440-526-6037 or [kezboh@aol.com](mailto:kezboh@aol.com) For more information.



# OCTOBER 2021

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<p><b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIMES</b>  <b>8:30 Worship Outside</b>  <b>10 Worship Inside</b>  <b>10 Online</b></p>	<p><i>The Church Office is open from</i>  <i>8 am—2 pm Weekdays</i>                  Reach us at 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com</p>				<p>1</p>	<p>2                  Bread Ministry—                  TBD</p>
<p>3 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>                  9:30 Hygiene Kit and Suet                  Cake Assembly Day                  9:45—12 Wiggle Room                  11 All Ages Ed Hour                  5 Youth Dinner                  7 Painting the Stars</p>	<p>4                  10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>5                  10:30 Staff Mtg                  7 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>6                  6:30 Breakfast                  6:30 Evening Circle                  7 Bible Study</p>	<p>7                   9:30 UMW                  9:30 FB Live!                  6:30 Choir</p>	<p>8                  NEOEA Day—                  No School!</p>	<p>9                  11:30 Faith Build Home                  Dedication                   Bread Ministry—                  Hobzeks</p>
<p>10 <i>Get your picture taken!</i>                  9:45—12 Wiggle Room                  11 All Ages Ed Hour                  11 Indigenous Ppl Day                  5 Youth Group                  7 Painting the Stars                  7 11 Indigenous Ppl Day                  Discussion Online</p>	<p>11                  10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>12                  10:30 Staff Mtg                  6 Budget Mtg                  7 Lectio Divina                  7 Inclusion Task Force</p>	<p>13                  6:30 Breakfast                  7 Bible Study</p>	<p>14                   9:30 Asbury                  Bremeth Circle                  9:30 FB Live!                  6:30 Choir</p>	<p>15                  5 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>16                  9:30 Bike Fix It Day!                  2:30 Wedding Camp Wanake                  Work Day TBD                  Bread Ministry—                  Petkorsek</p>
<p>17                  9:45—12 Wiggle Room                  11 All Ages Ed Hour                  11 Talk with the Team                  5 Youth Group                  6 Suicide Prevention Walk                  7 Painting the Stars</p>	<p>18                  10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>19                  10 Stitch'n'Time                  10:30 Staff Mtg                  7 Lectio Divina                  7 Trustees</p>	<p>20                  6:30 Breakfast                  7 Bible Study</p>	<p>21                   9:30 FB Live!                  6:30 Choir</p>	<p>22                  No School Today</p>	<p>23                  (Time TBD)                  MedWorks                  Vision Clinic                  9 Vision Team                  Bread Ministry—                  Hobzek</p>
<p>24                  9:45—12 Wiggle Room                  11 All Ages Education Hour                  5 Ecumenical Youth Group at Berea UMC                  7 Painting the Stars</p>	<p>25                  10:30 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>26                  10:30 Staff Mtg                  7 Lectio Divina                  7 Finance</p>	<p>27                  6:30 Breakfast                  7 Bible Study</p>	<p>28                   9:30 FB Live!                  11:15 Costume parade                  12:45 Parade 2                  6:30 Choir</p>	<p>29                  9:30 UMW Board Meeting</p>	<p>30                  Bread Ministry—                  Millers</p>

**CLOTHING DRIVE FOR B. RILEY HOUSE (THROUGH NOVEMBER 7)**

<p>31 <i>Commitment Sunday</i>                  11 All Ages Education Hour                  No Youth Group Tonight                  7 Painting the Stars</p>			<p>                  On Thursdays, our paper recycling bins are emptied, earning money for our hunger ministry!                  We recycle all things paper—newspaper, books, notebooks, magazines, and flattened cardboard.  <b>If it's paper, bring it to the bin!</b></p>	<p>Our Bread Ministry delivers bakery bread to food pantries and kitchens. Want to help? Contact us!</p>
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## Church Office Hours

Monday — Friday

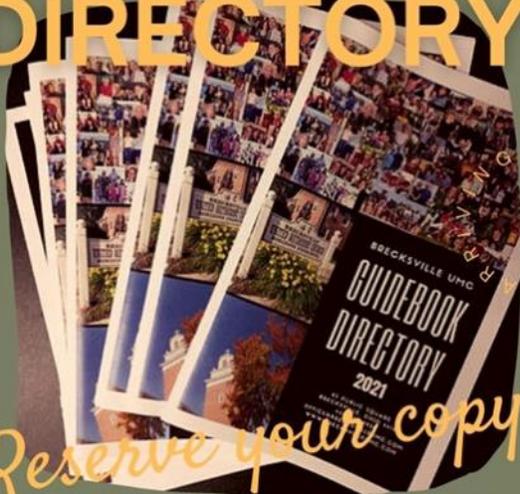
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# 2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY



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*Update your contact info by October 8*

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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.

# MY COMMITMENT TO GOD IN 2022

Throughout the month of October, we will be looking at the ways that Brecksville United Methodist Church is a community of return, a place of homecoming. And the ways that it's also a community of sending, a place that commissions us as agents of God's love and grace, so that all may experience a sense of homecoming into God's new world of compassion, dignity, and joy.

## October 31 is Commitment Sunday.

In your prayers in the coming weeks, ask for God's wisdom for the ways you can contribute to the ongoing returning and sending that makes Brecksville United Methodist Church who we are today, and who we'll be tomorrow. Complete this pledge card and bring it with you to church that Sunday, mail it in to the address below, or scan and email it to [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)

A DIGITAL PLEDGE CARD IS AVAILABLE HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/Y6ACRHBRzKfI45Pi7](https://forms.gle/Y6ACRHBRzKfI45Pi7)



I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

-JEREMIAH 29: 10-11

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I/We plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each  week  month  annually  
for an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards our mission and ministry.

### PLANNED EXPENSE FUND PLEDGE

The planned expense fund (PEF) is set aside for scheduled maintenance of the church building and parsonage. I/We plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Planned Expense Fund each  week  month  annually for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2022.

I/We understand that this pledge can be changed at any time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a set of offering envelopes.  Weekly  Monthly  Quarterly

I plan to give electronically. <https://onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/Give>

I have included the church in my will or trust.

Tell me how I can support the church through stocks, appreciated assets, etc.

I am interested in attending a planned giving event at Brecksville UMC.

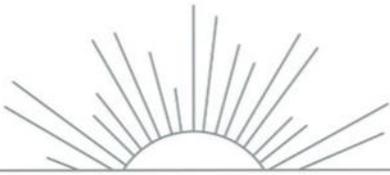
I would like to know more about company matching gifts.

Please send giving statements by  Mail  Email  Year end only

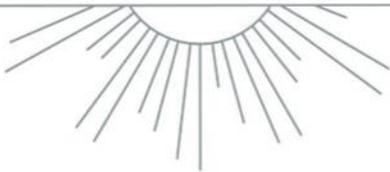
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# A FUTURE WITH HOPE



THIS IS A WONDERFUL DAY.  
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS ONE BEFORE.  
+ MAYA ANGELOU



**Brecksville United Methodist Church**

**65 Public Square**

**Brecksville, OH 44141**



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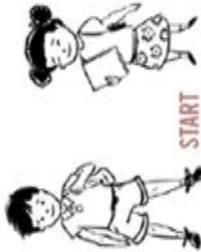
## GIVING CHART

To calculate your weekly gift, find your income on the left, and read across to the percentage of income you feel called to give.

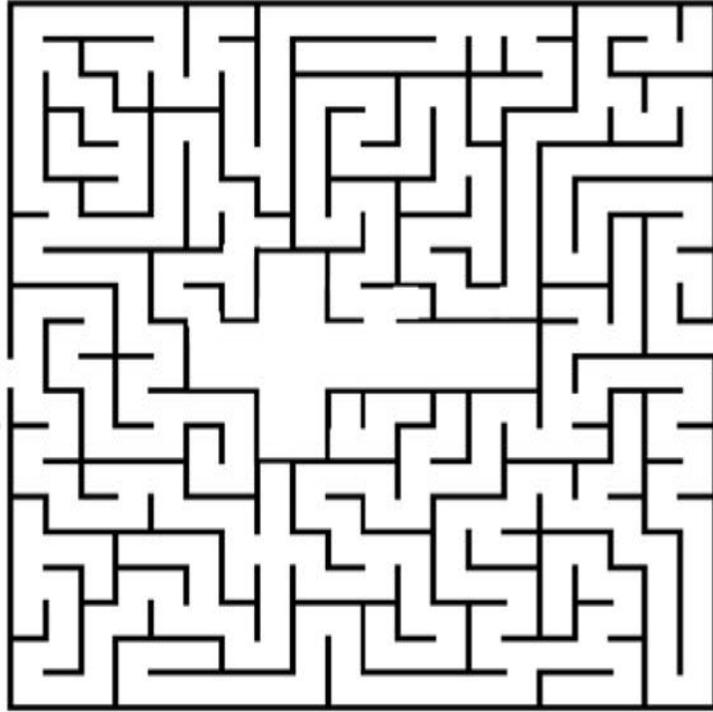
Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	WEEKLY GIFT					
			2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361

**MAZE**

On World Communion Sunday, United Methodist churches join together to help students reach their dreams. Follow the maze to help the student reach the school.



START



FINISH



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church®





## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

# READING LIST

**10 Books for World Communion Sunday** Expand your understanding about the practice of Holy Communion and our ecumenical global relationships. In preparation for World Communion Sunday, here are some suggested books to read on your own or as part of a small group.

**THIS HOLY MYSTERY: A UNITED METHODIST UNDERSTANDING OF HOLY COMMUNION** *By Gayle Carlton Felton* - a study guide for the official United Methodist position on Holy Communion adopted by the 2004 General Conference. Available in paperback, Kindle and a PDF download.

**OUT OF EVERY TRIBE AND NATION: CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AT THE ETHNIC ROUNDTABLE** *by Justo L. González* The author draws from a diversity of ethnic minority perspectives, developing a more complete understanding to traditional doctrines: creation, salvation, the Word, and the church in its relation to the world.

**GLOBAL ARTS AND CHRISTIAN WITNESS: EXEGEting CULTURE, TRANSLATING THE MESSAGE, AND COMMUNICATING CHRIST** *By Roberta R. King* Veteran missionary-scholar Roberta King draws on a lifetime of study and firsthand mission experience to show how witness through contextualized global arts can dynamically reveal Christ to all peoples.

**FIVE MEANS OF GRACE: EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE THE WESLEYAN WAY** *By Elaine A. Heath* Based on The Wesley Covenant for Renewal, "Five Means of Grace" will show you how to reorder your life through prayer, searching Scripture, receiving the Lord's Supper, fasting and worshipping together.

**MANY FACES, ONE CHURCH: A MANUAL FOR CROSS-RACIAL AND CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY** *by Glory Dharmaraj, Jacob Dharmaraj, and Ernest S. Lyght* This book outlines what the authors believe church leadership needs to understand in order to fulfill a theological mandate of inclusivity.

**VULNERABLE COMMUNION** *By Thomas E. Reynolds* As parents of a son with disabilities, Thomas E. Reynolds and his wife know what it's like to be misunderstood by a church community. In "Vulnerable Communion," he draws upon that personal experience and a diverse body of literature to empower churches and individuals to foster deeper hospitality toward persons with disabilities.

**ROADMAP TO RECONCILIATION: MOVING COMMUNITIES INTO UNITY, WHOLENESS AND JUSTICE** *by Brenda Salter McNeil* We can see the injustice and inequality in our lives and in the world. We are ready to rise up. But how, exactly, do we do this? How does one reconcile?

**THE MEANING OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** *By E. Byron Anderson* In this resource for newcomers and lifelong members of the church, E. Byron Anderson provides readers with a brief introduction to the meanings and practices of Holy Communion in The United Methodist Church.

**CREED: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY** *By Adam Hamilton*. Powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. This book explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters.

**JESUS THROUGH MIDDLE EASTERN EYES: CULTURAL STUDIES IN THE GOSPELS** *by Kenneth E. Bailey* With a sure but gentle hand, Bailey lifts away the obscuring layers of modern Western interpretation to reveal Jesus in the light of his actual historical and cultural setting.

Learn more about World Communion Sunday  
here: [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)