

THE GOOD WORD

BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Planting, Pruning, and Lighthouses

I am a plant lady. A quick count gets me over 50 houseplants, plus my flower and vegetable gardens.

Most of my plants come from the clearance shelf at Lowe's. I bring them home, trim off the brown and dying stems and leaves, give them a little fertilizer, and make sure they have enough water, the right size pot, and enough sun.

Then I sit back and let the plants do their thing.

After a few weeks/months (depending on the plant), I notice new growth, and I dote over them: "Look at you! Look at your new leaves! And this new branch! You're so beautiful!" My friend told me the other day that I sound like I'm talking to a baby when I talk to my plants... which is probably why they grow so well.

But when I think back at how they looked when I got them—sad, brown, brittle, and in need of loving-care, I am proud of how far they've grown!

I thought about this process as I reflected upon Annual Conference, which was held June 8-10. At Conference, we voted on the disaffiliation of 237 churches in the East Ohio Conference. These are churches who chose to separate themselves from The United Methodist Church due to issues related to human sexuality.

We had known this day was coming. I have written about disaffiliation in past newsletters, had many conversations with individuals, and watched as churches and colleagues went through the discernment process of disaffiliation.

But seeing that number and the list of churches, voting on the disaffiliations, and praying over them—that made it real... final. As of July 1, 2023, 237 of the 651 churches in East Ohio—1/3 of the churches—will no longer be United Methodist. It's heartbreaking.

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51% of the churches disaffiliating have an average worship attendance of 25 or fewer; 95% of the churches have an average of less than 100 people in worship. I don't point this out to say that these churches "don't matter as much;" I point it out because they obviously weren't flourishing in The United Methodist Church. They were doing fine, but not flourishing.

I think about when I propagate a plant—I trim off a stem and place it in a cup of water. Eventually, the stem begins to sprout roots, and then I place it in soil and it grows into a healthy, new plant. I pray that's what happens with the churches that have disaffiliated—that they will be able to grow into the Christian community God calls them to be.

Then I think about a plant when I've cut back 1/3 of its leaves and stems. It's not the same plant it once was—it's smaller, more fragile. And yet, over time, new stems and leaves begin to grow, and the plant begins to flourish—even better than it was before.

Yes, we mourn the loss of these churches of United Methodist siblings. And at the same time, we can be confident that if we continue to attune ourselves with God, God will use this as an opportunity to bring new life to The United Methodist Church.

One way new life is already budding is through Lighthouse churches. These are congregations in the East Ohio Conference who are deeply committed to The United Methodist Church, who are hospitable to guests, and who are already excellent in so many ways. These churches have committed to a series of trainings on hospitality, moving a guest to fully-welcomed members of the faith community, leading through change with grief therapy tools, and more.

I'm happy to share that Brecksville United Methodist Church is being cultivated as a Lighthouse church. It is a way that we feel God is calling us to live deeper into our mission of creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another. As we begin our training at the end of July, we will learn how to grow in our values of courageous inclusion, honest worship, and joyful gathering, and welcome those individuals who desire to remain United Methodist even though their church left the denomination.

I invite you to join with me in praying for those who have chosen to leave The United Methodist Church, as well as those who have chosen to stay. We know that God is much bigger than one individual, church, or denomination. And that if we remain rooted in God, God will lead us to the incredible things we haven't even imagined yet!

Take care,

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



Change Makers Worship Series Begins

Everyone can make a difference in the world! As we will learn in our new worship series, the Bible is filled with stories of change makers. Through these stories, we learn that change makers...

- ask questions (John 3:1-17)
- work together to solve problems (Mark 2:1-12)
- respond to the needs of others (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37)
- build bridges (Acts 10)
- and create a new kind of world (Isaiah 65:17-25)

And guess what? These are the same stories that 100+ kids, ages preschool to sixth grade will be exploring at our Vacation Bible School this month. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, come explore practical ways we can live out our faith and become better disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Annual Conference Recap

“Our mission is yet alive,” declared Bishop Malone during her Episcopal Address. “Now is the time for us to focus forward. This is a time of remarkable opportunity in the life of The United Methodist Church.” The 54th session of the East Ohio Annual Conference met June 8-10 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Annual Conference members:

- approved re-districting the East Ohio Conference from 10 districts to four districts effective January 1, 2024,
- approved a 5% increase across all pastoral minimum salary categories,
- approved the 2024 Conference budget of \$9,428,531, which is a reduction of 3.5% from the 2023 budget,
- approved the disaffiliation agreements of 237 churches effective the end of June 2023, and
- approved three resolutions.

The services and celebrations of Annual Conference 2023 commemorated 48 saints who joined the Church Triumphant since last year’s conference; commissioned five clergy as provisional members and ordained nine clergy as full members; and celebrated the ministries of 40 clergy who are retiring this year. Learn more at EOCUMC.com/

Rev. Heidi Welch attended the conference with our Lay Delegate, George Gee. Three members of our church, Jenny Gee, Melanie Smith and Linda Crouch, also attended as delegates at large for the North Coast District.



WORSHIP
IN THE WOODS

**June 16 • July 14
August 11**

Worship in the Woods kicked off on a beautiful Friday night (6/16) in the Brecksville Reservation. Our June adventure had 13 people (and one wonderful dog) hiking, singing and listening to scripture and meditation that was focused on noticing the grandeur of God in the little everyday things in nature. Plan to join us for the next Worship in the Woods on July 14 at 7pm. We meet at the Meadows Picnic Area in Brecksville Reservation.

**Want to receive weather
updates and changes?**

Sign up at BUMCLinks.com





Vacation Bible School: Changemakers

Our VBS kicks off soon and it is going to be awesome! Over one hundred children are signed up and our volunteers are making BIG plans to make VBS 2023 just as wonderful as always. The theme of VBS this year is called Changemakers and each day we will hear a Bible story that tells us about folks in the Bible that asked hard questions, worked well with each other and dreamed big dreams that resulted in changing (at least their corner of) the world a little bit. The kids, adults, and youth helpers will all be encouraged to be Changemakers in their own world. Keep us in prayer throughout the week of July 17 to 21. If you know a young person (age 3 to entering 6th grade in the fall) who would like to participate, encourage their parents to sign them up at BUMCLinks.com soon, ***we have 15 spots available as we go to print.***

Summer Sprouts

Throughout the school year our kids run up the aisle after Children's Moment to attend Sprouts, a multi-aged group that learns together in our 4th floor classrooms. During those months when school is in session we learn Bible stories and how those stories connect to our lives today. Once the warm weather hits Sprouts changes a bit. Have you been wondering what we are doing as we all run up the aisle and head outside??

So far we have focused on what a big, beautiful and intricate world God has created. We use our listening skills as we sit still for a few minutes to hear and observe what is happening around us. Some of the kids are beginning to discern the difference between various bird calls!! We have learned about air, water, sun and soil and how living things use these to thrive and survive. Over the course of the summer we will continue to 'dig' in and learn about plants, mammals, birds, herps, fossils and insects. We occasionally go on short hikes and do scavenger hunts. Everything we talk about is tied back to what an amazing and creative God we have! I know from my own memories of childhood, what a huge impact it was for me to be encouraged to stop, and take the time to observe the intricacies of a blooming flower or the variety of creek insects I found. I hope that our kids gain an even greater appreciation for our natural world through summer Sprouts and a realization about what a gift God has given us in the creation around us!

Lectio Divina meets Monday mornings at 10:30 and Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Chapel. Enrich your faith by joining us for a time of Imaginative Prayer, discussion and connection. All are welcome.



What is ReachOut Camp?

For over 50 years, Reach Out has been an East Ohio United Methodist summer camp that aims to inspire youth to live a life of service and Christ-like love. During the week of camp youth have the opportunity to enjoy the gorgeous views of Lakeside, OH and have an overnight experience at a local missions location that Reach Out has partnered with in order to make a difference in the community. Over the course of the week, youth engage in worship, crafts, Bible study, swimming, fishing, shopping, games, and more. Reach Out is a unique experience that youth can only have at camp. Reach Out is truly a camp for teens by teens. It is led by seven high school juniors and seniors. They are elected each year by their fellow campers to plan the camp for the following year. The planning committee, or "PC's" are these seven youth. PC's lead prayers, worship services, large group games, devotions and other various activities throughout the week of camp. This allows campers to see their peers in a leadership position and sharing in their faith. For several years, Dana Schwendeman has written the study for Reach Out, led craft time, and participated as a staff member and Jamie Schwendeman has been part of the planning committee, played in the Reach Out worship band, and been a staff member. We have had some terrific BUMC youth attend Reach Out, getting to experience this awesome camp for themselves.

Great news! Brecksville UMC is one of several mission locations for this year and we will host a breakout group of Reach Out youth and their adult leaders. This group will spend some of their mission time at Trials for Hope and some of their time with our very own Bike Ministry. Between their two service opportunities they will stay the night at our church and have fun exploring the Brecksville area. If you see them around on July 11th or 12th, please give them a warm welcome!

Here are some other ideas on how you can connect with Reach Out Camp 2023:

- Pray for the campers and staff during the week of camp, July 9-15
- Donate individually packaged candy or snacks for the snack table at camp to help raise money for the Youth Service Fund of the East Ohio UMC
- Buy something off Dana's Reach Out Amazon Wish List and help make camp study time and craft time happen, wish list can be found at [BUMCLinks.com](https://www.bumclinks.com)

Connect with Dana at youth@brecksvilleumc.com for other ideas and if you have any questions!

Have an idea for a class or small group?

Is there a book you've read, a movie you've watched, or an interest you'd like to explore with others from your church family? Maybe an evening class or weekday morning class would work better for your schedule? Reach out to our Director of Education, Jenny Gee, and share your idea! Jenny@brecksvilleumc.com



What is the Simplified Accountability Structure?

As our church continues discussion about SAS (the Simplified Accountable Structure) we have pulled together resources on these two pages to help with our discernment and decision making.

Trust God from the bottom of your heart;

don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

God's the one who will keep you on track.

Don't assume that you know it all.

Run to God! Run from evil!

Your body will glow with health,

Your very bones will vibrate with life!

Honor God with everything you own;

Give God the first and the best.

Your barns will burst,

Your wine vats will brim over.

- Proverbs 3:5-10

Background

- The Simplified, Accountable Structure (SAS) takes the 4 of the committees required by the *Book of Discipline* (Finance/Trustees/Staff Parish Relations/Council) and merges them into 1 nine-member Leadership Board (plus the pastor)
 - Leadership Board is accountable for Brecksville UMC's vision/mission/goals
 - Leaders serve a rotating 3-year term, are formally nominated, and approved by Brecksville UMC at Charge Conference
- Other committees can transition to Ministry Teams (leaders/members not formally nominated, but can still be invited)
 - Ministry Teams are accountable for carrying out the mission within the guidelines of the Guiding Principles
 - Opens the door to more volunteers to serve on Ministry Teams without 3-year term/monthly meetings
 - Each Ministry Team is supported by a staff member
- Guiding principles establish guidelines so everyone knows what they can and cannot do
- Brecksville UMC has been reviewing the SAS model since February 2022. Church Council approved a formal "discernment" process and the model has been shared/discussed in a number of settings including Town Halls on 4/12 and 5/10; coffee hour; small groups; Council meeting 4/11; and at committee meetings.

Timeline/Next Steps

June – Submit request to District Superintendent for approval to move forward with the SAS model.

July 11— Church Council Meeting. Decide if we want to move to a vote on the model and choose the date for a church conference for the vote.

July – Church Conference, where all members of Brecksville UMC have the opportunity to vote, in person, on whether to approve the SAS model.

August – Selection/training of the Nominating Committee members

October – Selection of the Leadership Board

November – Training of the Leadership Board

January 2024 – Begin implementation of the SAS governance model

Frequently Asked Questions about the Simplified Accountability Structure

Q: Will volunteers step forward to assist with Ministry Teams without a nomination process?

A: Through a combination of church members being invited to participate in or lead Ministry Teams and church members stepping forward to volunteer, we are optimistic that we can engage more people in the mission of Brecksville United Methodist Church.

Q: Will the overall number of meetings really be reduced?

A: The only group that will be required to regularly meet is the Leadership Board. The work of the Ministry Teams will be determined by the individuals participating on those teams, and may include regular meetings, ad hoc meetings dictated by a particular project, or other means of communication.

Q: How do we ensure transparency/communication?

A: Portions of the Leadership Board meetings will be open for members to attend. Periodic Town Halls will be held for members to have a voice and engage in dialogue. Updates will be communicated in writing and during church announcements.

Q: Who holds the Leadership Board accountable?

A: Accountability will be addressed monitored similar to how Church Council and Committees are held accountable today.

- Members of the Leadership Board are formally nominated and trained in their role under the new model. This includes training on how to hold one another accountable.
- The Brecksville UMC congregation ultimately hold the Leadership Board accountable.
- The roles of the District Superintendent, Church Conference, and larger Methodist Church remain the same with regard to oversight/governance.
- The Ministry Teams are accountable to the Pastor/Staff leads.
- The Pastor is accountable to the Leadership Board and the Brecksville UMC congregation.

Q: Will we end up with a new model but the same problems?

A: Changing to the Simplified Accountable Structure is not just a change in structure, but a change in behavior.

Q: Has this model been successful in other churches?

A: Healthy churches that have adopted this model have been successful where:

- The change was well communicated and intentional
- The Nominating Committee and Leadership Board are formally trained
- The model is implemented as intended.

Q: What are the “Guiding Principles”?

A: The Guiding Principles are developed by the Leadership Board and establish the “macro” boundaries for authority for approval and decision-making. They are intended to be a permission giving tool to eliminate confusion and the need to wait on decisions and to remove barriers to ministry workflow.

Q: Does this mean we will be leaving The UMC?

A: No, a transition to the Simplified Accountable Structure only impacts the way we govern ourselves at Brecksville United Methodist Church. It does not in any way impact our relationship to the greater United Methodist Church. We will continue to #BeUMC!

A Word from Finance

Now that summer is in full swing, everyone is looking forward to some kind of break this summer from their normal routine, whether it's to visit family, hit the beach or explore new destinations. But do you know who doesn't get a break? The church doesn't get a break from paying its monthly bills for gas, electricity, internet, and all those other service providers who help us do the work of the church!

As God has provided summertime and all those good things that go with it, you should enjoy those gifts. However, while you're out taking a break from your usual and exploring new places and meeting new friends, please remember Brecksville UMC. Remember to arrange for giving while you are away. The church has numerous ways to give while not being physically present in our church building. Please check out the "Giving" tab at www.brecksvilleumc.com. Have questions? Give the office a call: 440-526-8938 Happy travels!

- The Finance Committee



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Women in crisis are able building healthier happier lives with the help of RAHAB Ministries. Our Evening Circle held a spring donation drive and, thanks to the generosity of people like you, recently delivered \$138 for study bibles, 15 journals, 5 study bibles, \$145 in gift card donations, toothpaste & tooth brushes, and kindness rocks for the ladies. Learn more about this mission at rahab-ministries.org

Save Your Pennies!

Are the pockets of your pants full of pennies? Is your purse or wallet too heavy? Do you have a jar of dusty pennies at home? The Brecksville United Women and Faith want to help you, while helping women in need. Donate your pennies to our **MINISTRY OF THE LEAST COIN BANK**—the bright green penny bank in the church Parlor. Women all over the world collect least coin donations, which are used to help women's start up expenses in new businesses owned and run by women anywhere in the world. (Yes, the USA, too!) Questions about this effort? See Nancy Knowlton!

Our 2023 Guide Book Directories have been sent to a sheltered workshop for production and mailing and should be arriving in our homes in early July. Sheltered workshops are places of employment committed to providing safe working environments for people with physical and cognitive disabilities. Our directories help provide employment for people - and are produced at no cost to our congregation by the advertisers who sponsor the publication. Be sure to say "thank you" the next time you interact with one of our advertisers!

If you need to update your contact information or if you would like to be included in next year's Guide Book, as an advertiser or as part of our church family, please contact Jaclyn Torres, Office Manager: jaclyn@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938

ADA Door Update We applied for a grant through the Disabilities Ministries Committee of the United Methodist Church to help offset the cost of our new automatic door opener, making the entry near our elevator a fully accessible door. As part of the grant application, we completed a disability audit of our church—and we learned a few things! The grant has been approved. Share your ideas to help make our church more accessible to all. Reach out to the Trustees committee: trustees@brecksvilleumc.com



Broadview Heights Home Days, July 6-9

The smell of funnel cakes cooking, the sound of the band, the sight of the carousel in motion, the taste of an ice cold lemon shake up—our senses come alive at a summer fair! And it's a great opportunity to get out and get to know our neighbors! Brecksville UMC is hosting a photo booth at Broadview Heights Home Days, and it's sure to be a Joyful Gathering. Can you help by signing up for a shift? Sign up at BUMCLinks.com. We're also putting together a raffle basket for the Home Days Organizers and are filling a bike basket with bicycle related items to help tell folks about our bike repair ministry. Want to help add to it? Please contact the office!

Meal Train Forms!



One of the great things about being a part of a church family is the opportunity we have to care for and love one another! Our new Meal Train Ministry provides an opportunity to serve those recovering from surgeries, welcoming a new baby, grieving a loss, or suffering from illness or injury. Sharing food is one way we can help ease one another's burdens and provide comfort.

Sign up at BUMCLinks.com to be added to an email list to be informed of each new opportunity to serve. You don't need to be a cook to serve! You can provide a home cooked meal, purchase take out, or provide the family with a restaurant gift card. Sign up to deliver meals when it fits your schedule and flow of life. If you have specific questions about the ministry or would like to request a meal train for your family or someone you know please contact Jaclyn Torres, our office manager, jaclyn@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938.

Need some inspiration? Check out our Meal Train Ideas Board on

Missions Considering Its Mission

What does our community need us to be? Who can we partner with to strengthen this vision? How will our community be better because our church is here? How will our church be better because we are involved in the community? These are some of the big questions we'll be asking at the next Missions & Community Engagement Meeting on Sunday, July 9 at 11:30 am (after the second worship service). If you'd like to join us in this conversation, please RSVP—we are going to share a simple lunch. Call 440-526-8938 or email Missions@Brecksvilleumc.com.

Other Ways to “Get Off Your Donkey” In July



7/1—Trials for Hope

What happens when a mission has all the supplies they need, but not enough help to prepare the supplies for the field? People go without! Travel with us to Trials for Hope, a UMC Mission on Bridge Avenue Cleveland for a morning of hygiene kit assembly. Sign up at BUMCLinks.com



7/7—Faith Build

Our second Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Work Day is on a Thursday. Thank you Zane Burgstahler, Randy Richards, Janet Kleckner and Jorge Gonzalez for signing up. We have room for two more! Join the team at BUMCLinks.com



Kids' Clothing Drive in July!

It Takes a Village is a non-profit helping clothe kids in our school district. Let's help them with donations of pajamas (new or gently used) of all sizes—older kids' and teens sizes are most needed. New socks and underwear are also a need!



We are in need of adult sized bikes! Tell your friends and family!



July

Care and Prayer!

This month, we're celebrating those in our church family who graduated in 2023. Please keep them in prayer this month and send a card to...

Week of July 2

Hannah Botzman

6433 Willow Drive
Independence, OH 44131

Week of July 9

Evan Davis

1081 Stony Hill Road
Hinckley, OH 44233

Week of July 16

Kristen Kubek

3593 Ridge Park Drive
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Week of July 23

Aneira Watkins

9505 Barr Rd
Brecksville, OH 44141

Week of July 30

Bryn Watkins

9505 Barr Rd
Brecksville, OH 44141

Know someone celebrating something special in August or September? Nominate them for next month's list!



1 Jerry Bartholomew
2 Domenic Bellone
2 Brett Bender
2 Delaney Hurley
2 Henry McCrodden
2 Jack McCrodden
2 Derek Ritterbusch
2 Sophia Vann
3 Kathleen Koteles
3 Elizabeth Romance
4 Sarah Ford
4 Jim Lee
4 Johnny Santora
7 Janet Beck
7 Wendy Chenney
7 Tyler Teare
7 Emily Telischak
8 Kevan Fisher
8 Jon Wygonski
9 Kevin Machesky
9 Tracy Scott

10 Matt Hof
10 Karen Memmer
11 Joan Bloch
12 Dave Lienert
12 Rus Welch
13 Diana Jacob
15 Grant Barnum
17 Jim Fredrick
17 Stephanie Ling
17 Cara Santora
19 Taylor Heisler
19 Tim Kenney
20 Wade Hurley
21 Amy Hazelton
21 Zachary Kardos
21 Miles Paroda
21 Nick Rajkovich
21 Stefan Wygonski
22 Michelle Botzman
22 Paul Frank
22 Matthew Mellott
22 Anthony Robusto

23 Molly Donathan
23 Ruth Herman
23 Nathan Olszko
24 Elizabeth Jaszczak
24 Allison Toensing
25 Addison Cave
25 Lawrence Kaminski
25 Matthew Manocchio
26 William Olszko
26 Carl Rossborough
27 Laurie Riccardi
28 Claire Burgstahler
28 Mary Cay Derry
28 Adaline Knight
28 Ruby Ludwig
29 Patricia Frank
29 Janet Patterson
30 Paul Dadas
30 Rachel Machesky
30 Laurie Robusto
30 Beth Smith
30 Eli Stacher



Deanne Kloss, a beloved member of our church since 2015, died on June 19. A celebration of her beautiful life is scheduled for Saturday, June 24 at the church. Calling hours 9 –11, service at 11, lunch following the service.








Each week at Staff Meeting we celebrate “God Moments” and lift up prayers of thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. People like Marla Knight, Linda Crouch, and Chuck & Becky Gezze who helped share the message of God’s inclusive love at pride events in Cleveland and

Brecksville in June; The Gee Family, Randy Richards, and Maggie Jones who were part of the Shale Avenue Spruce Up Day with Habitat for Humanity; Don Krolikowski, who helps share the life of our church with the world through photography and web design; our mowing teams and flower bed adopters, who keep the church yard looking beautiful in the summer; Doug Holmes and Bob Lundholm, who added an outlet to our church sign, making our Worship on the Lawn set up easier and safer; the Watkins family who are generally awesome—and donated prizes for the fishing booth; and the Samblanets, who made our Father’s Day/Graduation/Teacher Recognition Sunday Coffee Hour welcoming and fun. We’re thankful for each of you, named and unnamed, and all of the ways you reach out in love.

July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <small>OPEN SUNDAY MORNINGS 8 AM - NOON</small>				Thank you, Mowing Teams! 7/6—M. Botzman/ K. Meyer 7/13—Auble/Spencer 7/20—Lundholm/Holmes 7/27—Brown/Sendrey		1 10:30 Trials for Hope
2 8:30 Worship 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship with Baptisms	3 10:30 Lectio	4 	5 6:30 Breakfast	6  8:30 Faith Build 9:30 FB Chk in 8 Band	7 12:30 God In Nature on Facebook Live	8 Time? Church Wedding
BROADVIEW HTS HOME DAYS—SUN, TOO!						
9 8:30 Worship 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship 11:30 Missions & CE with Lunch	10 10:30 Lectio	11 10:30 Staff 2:30 Chipp. Place Service 7 Church Council 7 Lectio	12 6:30 Breakfast	13  9:30 FB Chk in 8 Band	14 12:30 God In Nature on Facebook Live 7 Worship In the Woods	15 <i>Happy Birthday, Machala!</i>
REACH OUT CAMP						
16 8:30 Worship 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship	17 7:15 Abundance Lab Online Kickoff	18 10 Stitch'n' Time 1 Staff 7 Trustees	19 6:30 Breakfast	20  9:30 FB Chk in 12 Newsletter Deadline 8 Band	21	22 Time? Margie Benedict Memorial Service
CHANGEMAKER'S LAB: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
23 8:30 Worship 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship	24 10:30 Lectio	25 10:30 Staff 7 Finance 7 Lectio	26 6:30 Breakfast	27  9:30 FB Chk in 10 Newsletter Production Party 8 Band	28 12:30 God In Nature on Facebook Live	29 10:30—1:30 BBH Swim Team Fundraising Car Wash!
30 8:30 Worship 9:30 Joyful Gathering 10:30 Worship with Baptism	31					 BBH Swim Team CAR WASH SATURDAY 7.29.2023 10:30 TO 1:30 PM <small>Brecksville United Methodist Church</small>

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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.