BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH *OCTOBER 2024*

THE GOOD WORD

Acolyte Training

Five 3rd graders were trained as new acolytes this September, and will join others serving at the 10:30 worship service. Our church has a long history of acolytes bringing in the Light of Christ at the start of our worship time. For almost 40 years Bev Huber (5/23/41-5/21/24) directed the acolyte program and grew it into the strong ministry that it is today.

Acolyte is derived from the Greek word *akolothos* which means attendant. Since ancient times, light and fire have reminded people of God's presence. When an acolyte carries the lit taper into the sanctuary we are reminded that Jesus said he was "the light of the world." When they carry the flame out of the sanctuary at the end of the service we are reminded that God is with us in all places and at all times and that as we leave the sanctuary we are to carry Christ's light out into the world.

Do you have a child, 3rd grade or older who would like to be trained as an acolyte? Reach out to Jenny at education@brecksvilleumc.com.

Congregational Care Team

We have a wonderful challenge in our congregation—we are too big for just one person, our pastor, to visit and care for everyone. So we have widened our circle and are growing a Congregational Care Team who seek to live out the commandment "that you love one another as I have loved you" by visiting those within the Brecksville UMC community who aren't able to freely leave their homes, are in nursing homes, or experience social or spiritual isolation.

This is a ministry of presence, lifting those they serve spiritually, mentally, and emotionally, strengthening their relationship with this church and with God.

On Sunday, September 22, we commissioned this Team as a reminder that the ministry of care is not just in the hands of the pastor, but is in all of our hands.

This team spends time together as a team, in training, conversation, and prayer, meeting together quarterly for continuing education and to discuss how we can best care for our congregation.

If you are feeling a call to Congregational Care, please reach out to Pastor Heidi.

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PASTOR'S REPORT

Each year for Charge Conference, I prepare a "Pastor's Report," summarizing the past year's ministry. Typically, I reflect on the year, thinking about ministry highs and lows, or discover a theme that's arisen.

This year, for the first time in my 12 years of being a pastor, I am able to write my report by reflecting on our goals and how we have spent the past 12 months working towards them. This is largely due to our transition to the Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS), which has put our goals front-and-center in our church's ministry.

As we began 2024, we had two short-term goals and two long-term goals:

Short Term Goal #1: Transition to the SAS Governance Model.

Anyone who has made a major life transition will tell you—it takes a full year to work out all the kinks of the "new" and figure out what you're doing. Transitioning to this model has been no different. Ten months in, we have filled out our Ministry Teams quite well and have seen people excited to do ministry like we hadn't seen before. Our Missions & Community Engagement Team is working on their own Guiding Principles to help volunteers and Team Leads take ownership of events and missions while still being accountable to the larger group. Our Joyful Gathering Team has done so well that we accomplished our second short-term goal before the first quarter was even over! That leads me to…

Short Term Goal #2: Create three opportunities for fellowship and connection.

We began the year with a "Names to Faces" event that was hugely successful —helping people get to know each other in a "speed dating" sort of format. Then we had our annual Chili Cook-Off in March, and a Town Hall in April. Each event was attended by both newer people and life-long BUMC-ers, and enabled us to create a sense of joyful community. The Joyful Gathering Team then continued their work with a Town Hall in June, a pop-up Cook-out in July, and a fabulous Kick-Off celebration in September.

Long-Term Goal #1: Develop a discipleship pathway and help 50 people take their next step in discipleship.

This has been on my heart since I arrived at Brecksville UMC: how do we help people understand how all the fabulous classes we offer fit together, equipping them to grow with God? Well, Jenny, Dana, and I spent countless hours trying to figure out just that. Then, we took our ideas to Melanie, and she helped us create something that easily communicates our discipleship pathway… or as we like to call it, our ***Spiritual Trail Guide***. We took our inspiration from the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park: sometimes you need a beginner trail, other times you're looking for a challenge. Sometimes you have a clear plan, and sometimes you just need to wander with God. And it's always about the journey—who you travel with and what you encounter along the way—rather than the destination.

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HONEST WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday, October 6

We join ecumenically in acknowledging our unity in Christ as we come around his table. Jesus claims us as siblings and invites us to journey together to perfect love. We will be joined by Rev. Cara Stultz Costello with a special message.

Contemplative Worship Service Returns October 13

Our final Worship on the Lawn of 2024 will be October 6, then we move indoors for a worship service focusing on the word of God. Come experience this unique opportunity to *be still and know*. Join us in Fellowship Hall or with our audio only online live stream or podcast.

New Sermon Series Begins October 13 - Abundant Life

In John 10:10, Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." We will explore God's mission of community, compassion, justice, and love – and how our church participates in that mission every day! *October 13 - 27.*

All Saints Sunday, November 3

A special day set aside to remember those who have gone before us in the faith. The names of those who have died in the past 12 months will be read as a candle is lit and the church bell tolls. Submit your names to be read by Sunday, October 27. Contact the office: 440-526-8938 or info@brecksvilleUMC.com.

All are invited to bring a photo of a family member you would like to remember on All Saints Sunday! Photos can be of anyone in your family, way back or a recently deceased person who you want to celebrate and remember.

JOYFUL GATHERING

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Save the Date! Saturday, November 16 at 6 pm

The Joyful Gathering Team is excited to host a super fun night for all ages. Come by yourself, bring a friend or the whole family. There will be games available for all ages. Don't know how to play? Your table will teach you. No need to choose a particular game in advance, you can do that when you arrive… and you can switch out throughout the evening if you'd like. Have a game you'd love to share? Bring it!! Contact Jenny education@brecksvilleumc.com if you have questions or have a game you'd like to bring along.

FALL ART WORKSHOP – ACRYLIC PAINTING

Saturday, October 26 at 10 am (Ages 16+)

Learn how to create a small acrylic pumpkin painting on canvas with guided instruction from artist, Mandy Spisak. This fun and relaxing workshop is for all skill levels. Materials included. *Pre-registration required. $35. All are welcome, but space is limited to the first 20 people!*

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Our Spiritual Trail Guide booklet enables people to see all the ways they can grow with God, grow with others, and grow as individuals—each are integral parts to our spiritual journeys.

The next step in reaching this long-term goal is to help people learn where they are on the trails and how God is leading them to grow. Then we get to celebrate as each person takes their next step in growing with God!

Long-Term Goal #2: Establish new and deeper relationships with 100 people from our communities; listening to gain understanding, discovering new ideas, and letting people know we care.

This is, admittedly, the goal that has made the least progress. We intentionally chose to put this goal on "pause" for a bit as we worked on developing our Spiritual Trail Guide. Once we help people understand what growing with God and others looks like, then we can connect in the component of listening and engaging with our communities. Yes, these are two parts of the same puzzle, but at the same time we don't want to overwhelm ourselves!

The progress we have made with this goal is to refine it. We began the year with the goal of "develop opportunities to talk with 100 people from our community." We have since clarified that to help us understand why this is one of our goals: we believe it is important to listen to our community—learning their passions, desires, hopes, and dreams—so that we can work with our community to make an impact for God.

I am so grateful for each and every person in our congregation who has participated in helping us move towards our goals. While Leadership Board helps us to see where we are going and keeps us accountable to working towards that, the real magic happens when our congregation comes together and puts in the work. It is a wonderful, beautiful thing to witness!

Take care,

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

LIFELONG LEARNING

After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics

October 6 to November 10, Sundays from 9 to 10:30

Have Christians lost their way when it comes to the intersection of faith & politics? It's time to reframe our political identity as we take the lead in healing what's broken. Jesus' call is clear: ***We are to be salt and light in this world.*** Join Jim Slagle and friends for this incredibly important study. Through short videos, individual reflections, and small group discussion we will explore how to relate to others, particularly those we disagree with, to better reflect Jesus and ways we can engage in politics to foster unity, preserve relationships, and glorify God. Sign up at **BUMCLinks.com** for info & updates! *Can't attend in person? There is an online, self guided study available, too.*

What's the next step?
Schedule a time to meet with Jenny one-on-one to talk about where you feel the Spirit leading you as you take that next step in your faith journey. **Sign up at BUMCLinks.com** to schedule.

Let's Talk - Podcasts

Sundays at 9:30 - Room 301

Do you enjoy listening to podcasts? Do you have a favorite? Are you looking for something to expand your thinking while you drive to or from work? Even if you aren't sure what a podcast is, but you enjoy having meaningful conversations with your faith friends, this class is definitely for you! Join Don & Cathy Krolikowski and Max & Matt Gabor as they open up dialog about some awesome and relevant podcasts that you can access for free throughout the week. The weekly podcast suggestion will even coincide with Pastor Heidi's sermons!! Once you listen, just pop into room 301 at 9:30 on Sunday morning to join in on the discussion.

On September 15, as the new program year began, nine 3rd graders and three 7th graders (first year confirmation students) received their Bibles. We are grateful to this congregation for supporting the lifelong learning of our children, youth and adults. *Pictured at left:* Gabriel Vastartis, Amelia Samblanet, Hadley Rae Spencer, Charlie Cooper, Diana Jacob andAdalaide Spitzer. Not pictured: Isaac Shurik and Mae Smith. *Confirmands:* Adaline Knight, Paige Noggle (pictured), Micah Carter and Brandon Houff.

Confirmation Students in 7th grade and above have the opportunity to have a personal exploration of what it means to be a Christian, and more specifically, a United Methodist. This two-year process concludes as students are invited to publicly proclaim their faith and choose if they want to become members of Brecksville UMC. To prepare for that decision, they attend Sunday morning classes to learn about the Bible, United Methodist History and Polity, and begin to explore what being a person of faith means. This is a space to ask questions, connect in new ways, and feel empowered. And it could not happen without our Confirmation Teachers. They teach in teams of two and alternate every three to five weeks. They are enthusiastic about creating a fun atmosphere where students feel less like they are in school and more like they are on a journey of discovery. Check out our Confirmation teacher spotlight to find out more about these wonderful congregation members:

George Gee is an educator who brings his love of fun and passion for teaching into the Confirmation classroom. George has taught Confirmation for many years and also runs elementary games at Vacation Bible School. George is married to our Director of Education, Jenny Gee, and has three wonderful daughters, Aleyna, Bridget and Erin.

Mike Kubek is entering his 15th year as a confirmation teacher. He enjoys the "tough questions" that come up and says that he learns as much from the kids as they learn from him. He loves being able to bring his faith experience to class and believes that regardless of age, everyone has perspectives and God-given gifts to share. Mike resides in Broadview Heights with his wife, Julie. They have three adult children, Andrew, Carly, and Kristen.

Janine Telischak has 37 years of Sunday school teaching under her belt, but treasures the moments she has spent with our Confirmands. She loves teaching about Methodism and church history and she loves the kids - they keep her mind open and she is excited to see their transformation from year to year. If you're lucky, you can catch Janine and her adorable dog, Pickles, at our 8:30 outdoor service. Janine and her husband, Nick, reside in Brecksville. Ask her about her kids!

Kathy Louttit is our newest addition to Confirmation. Her warmth and kindness creates an open atmosphere for students to feel at ease to ask questions. Encouraging the Confirmands to challenge themselves to discover their own thoughts and ideas about God is one of the best parts of the job, and she hopes that the learning in Confirmation will set the stage for continued growth through the rest of their lives. Kathy resides in Brecksville with her husband, Eric. They have two young adult daughters, Megan & Sara.

BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Youth Group Fall '24 Schedule

- **6 OCT** YOUTH GROUP ON THE CHURCH LAWN
  5-6pm> Kindness Campaign Devo> Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza
- **13 OCT** YOUTH GROUP ON THE CHURCH LAWN
  5-6pm> Lord's Prayer Devo> Extreme Spoons
- **20 OCT** YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
  5-6pm> Lord's Prayer Devo> Hide & Seek
- **27 OCT** YOUTH GROUP RUNS PUMPKIN PATCH
  5-6pm> Watch Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown
- **3 NOV** YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
  5-6pm> Lord's Prayer Devo> Hide & Seek
- **10 NOV** PROJECT FEED (TBD)
- **17 NOV** YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
  5-6pm> Lord's Prayer Devo> Extreme Spoons
- **24 NOV** YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM
  5-6pm> Gratitude Devo> Hide & Seek
- **1 DEC** NO YOUTH GROUP
- **8 DEC** YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
  5-7pm> Bingo> Christmas Movie

Reach out to Dana at Youth@brecksvilleumc.com with any questions

Brecksville Kiwanis TRICK OR TROT

5K RUN, COSTUME PARTY & TRICK-OR-TREATING FUN RUN

It's time to start working on those costumes and lace up those tennies for a few practice miles for the Ken Ganley Companies & Brecksville Kiwanis 11th Annual Trick or Trot 5k and 1 Mile Trick-or-Treating Fun Run, Saturday 10/19. Race kicks off at 8:30, with an awards ceremony & children's activities at the finish line. Early race registration discount and guaranteed t-shirt if you sign up by 10/7! ***Brecksville UMC is a race sponsor*** and will be there with treats for the kids. If you would like to help at the table, please sign up at BUMCLinks.com or by contacting the church office. This event is a fundraiser for Kiwanis and a Special Wish, a Brecksville organization providing support for families facing serious medical diagnoses.

United Women in Faith

faith
action
sisterhood

Illustration by Michael Jaszczak

Painting Jesus

First Thursday of the Month - October 3, 9:30 am

Discover the inspiration and techniques that it took to paint pictures of Jesus from artist Michael Jaszczak. A retired art teacher, he'll take us on his journey at the UWF meeting, Thursday, October 3rd in the church parlor on the second floor. Refreshments and fellowship start at 9:30 am. The program begins at 10 am after a short devotional.

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

Second Thursday of the Month - October

Fellowship starts at 9:30 - conversation around our study begins at 10am Everyone is welcome, meet in the Parlor and bring your own coffee or tea. This year's study (September through December) is ***The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent.*** Join us as we explore the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Angels of Christmas uses these four angelic appearances to discuss God's presence in history and our lives today.

EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle's focus is doing projects to give back to the community and to take care of people in need within our church community. Watch for their meeting announcements in this newsletter, weekly bulletins, on social media and more.

Join our mailing list! Email UWF@Brecksvilleumc.com

World Communion Sunday

on October 6 is a United Methodist Church-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day by giving generously to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Last year the World Communion Sunday special offering raised $443,000 enabling undergraduate and graduate studies for those who could not afford an education, helping to shape the future leaders of the United Methodist Church.

- 50% of the funds collected on World Communion Sunday are used for scholarships that benefit undergraduate or graduate level students of color pursuing ordained ministry.
- 35% of the funds collected provide grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. In-Service Training Grants are designed to bolster recruitment, training, and retention of persons of color for leadership positions at every level of the church and its ministry. Learn more about In-Service Training Grants here.
- 15% of the funds are used for leadership development among our partner churches and communities in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and people from communities of color in the U.S. Learn more by emailing scholars@umcmission.org.

Together, we can achieve much more than we could alone. Your generosity reflects God's glory through young leaders, equipping them to pursue God's call in their lives.

DETERMINED SERVICE

Each month, the Missions & Community Engagement Team identifies ways we can serve in mission and engage with the community. What small thing will you choose to be part of this month? ***Sign up at BUMCLinks.com***

Sleeping Mats

Ongoing, Loom in the Parlor or work at home

Help cut plastic grocery bags for plastic yarn, or help weave mats to be delivered to people living outdoors through Trials for Hope.

Fix a Bike on Make a Difference Day

Bike Fix It Day, Saturday October 26

Donated bikes just keep showing up!!! We need your hands to help fix a few, wash a few and get them ready to be distributed to our neighbors in need. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am to noon, and have a lot of fun together as we continue to work to get spokes to folks. Doughnuts and coffee are part of the adventure!!

Bread on Bridge @ Nehemiah Mission

Tuesday, October 22

There are lots of ways to help with this feeding ministry. Plan the menu, shop for ingredients, prep the meal or help serve it. Learn more and sign up at BUMCLinks.com

October Donation Drive

Stepstone Academy, a 100% tuition free, K-8 charter school in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, grew out of Ohio Guidestone. We can support the students there this month by donating new children's underwear (all sizes) and new or gently used school uniform tops and bottoms: navy or white polo shirts and navy, khaki or black button pants (sizes 12 & 14 are most needed.) Donate through October 27 through our Amazon wish list or by bringing donations to the first floor donation station bin.

BRECKSVILLE FROZEN FOOD MINISTRY

A weekly act of love

Each week, restaurants were tossing perfectly good food into dumpsters to make room in their freezers for new food to serve. Strongsville UMC saw a way to repurpose this food. They started the Big Blue Bus hot meal delivery program 20+ years ago, and have built a relationship with these restaurants. Each week, they send volunteers to pick up the unused frozen food and they turn it into hot meals that are delivered to downtown locations. But, there's so much food that Strongsville UMC can't use it all. ***That's where we come in!*** Volunteers from our church go to Strongsville each Sunday to get this leftover frozen food which we then deliver to feeding ministries like B.Riley House, St. Herman's, Northfield Emergency Assistance Center, and Elevate Him Worship Center. Not only are we helping those in need, but we are also keeping good food out of the landfill.

Thank you to these wonderful volunteers for saying **YES:** *Brian and Abigail Bendlak, Sharon Judson, Eric and Cathy Loutitt, John Leitch, Dave Brown, Melanie & Jim Smith.*

There is room for more volunteers if you are interested. We are simply moving frozen food along. You only need to be able to lift bags and drive. Please contact Matt or Kathy Auble to be added to this mission team.

Thursday Meal Prep Mission Work

A weekly act of Love

Our frozen food collection each Sunday is so abundant that we are able to give to area shelters as well as prepare our own hot meals to deliver to the unhomed. Working alongside Trials for Hope, our prepared meals are delivered each Thursday evening to areas where the unhomed are gathered. Thank you to Maggie Jones and Bob Fehlner for volunteering each week with this mission work.

There is room for more volunteers if you are interested in this mission. We meet in the BUMC kitchen 2:30-4:00 pm to prepare and box 70-75 meals. Meals vary depending on the frozen food collected. Contact Matt or Kathy Auble to be added to this mission team.

440-526-8938 or Missions@BrecksvilleUMC.com

What's a cookbook without you? Incomplete!

Sure, there are lots of recipes online. But recipes collected by friends are always better. Can you find Marla Knight's lemon cupcake recipe there? Where's Catherine's famous pulled beef sandwiches? Google comes up short when you search "Brecksville Pies." Help make our new cookbook better than the internet by submitting *your* favorite recipes today. Find the instructions at brecksvilleumc.com/recipes-wanted/ ***Cookbook sponsors help offset the cost of printing!*** If you are an individual or businesses willing to support the cookbook with an ad or patronage in the professionally printed, heirloom quality cookbook, we want to hear from you! Please email melanie@breckvilleumc.com.

Fall Fun for All in the Church Yard!

- Our pumpkins are scheduled to arrive on Sunday, October 13 at noon. If you're able, please stick around after church to help unload. It will be fun and many hands make light work!
- If you have a wagon or wheelbarrow we can borrow, either for unloading or for the duration of the sale, they would be welcome. They will serve as "shopping carts" for shoppers.
- Photo opportunities, games and concessions will help make our Pumpkin Patch a joyful gathering, especially on the weekends. Have ideas? Want to help?

What kind of things will you find at the Pumpkin Patch? Pumpkins of all sizes, naturally; pie pumpkins, snow ball and mini pumpkins; and gourds - gizmo, star, swan, wing and elf house!

This joyful gathering is possible because of YOU. Thank you for helping us show love and welcome for our neighbors. On behalf of the Alternative Revenue Team, thank you for helping to "close the budget gap" through pumpkin sales!

The Budget Gap Shrinks – Because of You!

Brecksville United Methodist Church is a vital part of our community - a safe space to gather for worship, weddings, funerals, classes, recovery group meetings, pre-school, recitals, music lessons, exercise and more! Careful stewardship, disciplined spending, and exploration of alternative revenue sources have all helped shrink our budget gap for 2024. But we still have a considerable way to go. If you are able, would you consider an additional financial gift this month? Give securely online at **onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/give/CTG** or mark your gift "Close the Gap."

Charge Conference Here

On the first weekend in November, ALL of the United Methodist Churches in the Northern Waters District may choose from three Charge Conference sessions to attend, and one of them is here **at Brecksville UMC Saturday, November 2 at 10 am.** All members of the church are encouraged to attend and vote! (See below.)

Providing a warm Christian welcome: Do you remember the first time you walked through the doors here? Or maybe the last time you helped someone find their way in the building? It can be confusing for newcomers. ***We are looking for volunteers to help all of our guests at Charge Conference find their way.*** Sign up at BUMCLinks.com, or contact the office: ANTHY@brecksvilleumc.com

Glossary: Charge Conference

"The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry."

From UMC.org

REMINDER

Q4 TOWN HALL

SUNDAY 10.6.2024

Fellowship Hall - 11:30

Come enjoy lunch with friends after the 10:030 worship service, as we hear the latest news from our Leadership Board - and have the opportunity to ask questions!

- The Joyful Gathering Team is preparing pulled pork for our carnivores and a vegetarian option for our herbivores. Also on the menu - baked beans, cole slaw and a pumpkin dessert!
- The nominees for the 2025 Leadership Board will be introduced.
- The Leadership Board will report on the state of the church and answer your questions. If you feel shy about standing up and speaking in front of the crowd, you can use the form below to submit your question ahead of time.

QUESTIONS FOR LEADERSHIP BOARD

Name

Address

Email

Phone

What are you wondering about?

Return this form to the church office, or bring it to the Town Hall on Sun. 10/6!

Your 2024 Leadership Board: *Alan Scheufler (chair), Zane Burgstahler, Kristi Eberhardt, Matt Gabor, Carolyn Jatsek, Julie Kubek, Eric Louttit, Jim Slagle, Deb Watkins, and Rev. Heidi Welch.* For contact information, reach out to the church office: 440-526-8938 or info@brecksvilleumc.com

COURAGEOUS INCLUSION

Welcoming Friends of All Abilities Into the Church Environment

Learn How You Can:

- Be an Inclusive Community
- Minister To Members of Your Church
- Best Support Your Friends with Differing Abilities

October 30 or November 2

The East Ohio Conference is partnering with Ashland Special Needs Ministry to offer a workshop that will teach participants how their church can be a more inclusive community, how to minister to church members, and how to best support their friends with differing abilities. Scheduled speakers are Christina Teevan, executive director of Ashland Special Needs Ministry; Jess Berryhill, Youth Disability minister & executive director of Terre Haute Friendship House; and Kloey Kaeser, an intern at Ashland Special Needs Ministry. The same program will be offered twice:

- October 30 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Ashland Grace Church (1144 W Main St.)
- November 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at UMC of Macedonia (1280 E Aurora Rd.)

The cost to register for the workshop is $15 and a box lunch is included. If you have questions about the event, please e-mail Rev. Kathy Dickriede, Missions & Community Engagement director in the Connectional Ministries office.

REGISTER HERE

https://eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/WelcomingFriendsofAllAbilities

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ASHLAND Special Needs MINISTRY

Saturday, October 12, 2024
Brecksville
United Methodist Church
Visitation 10 to11:30 am
Celebration of Life
memorial service at 11:30 am
followed by a luncheon in
Fellowship Hall

Installation Service
for Bishop Hee-Soo Jung
October 19 at 11 am

Laity and clergy of the East Ohio Conference are invited and encouraged to attend The Service of Installation for Bishop Hee-Soo Jung on Saturday, October 19 at 11 am at Wooster UMC, 243 N Market St. in Wooster. The service will be followed by a reception at the church. This is your opportunity to greet Bishop Jung and his wife Rev. Im-Hyon and welcome them to the East Ohio Conference and the new Ohio Episcopal Area.

October

Reach out with a prayer and a note, call or text each week this month!

Week of October 6
Ryan Rybak
It's his birthday this week!
1100 Hamilton Dr
Broadview Hts, OH 44147-4228

Week of October 13
Cliff Theilman
8759 Stuart Ln
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067-3404

Week of October 20
Mary Reid
1830 Hampton Run
Broadview Hts., OH 44147-3290

Week of October 27
Janet Biggs
119 Laurie Ln
Northfield, OH 44067-2758

Nominate someone who could use a reminder that they are loved and prayed over! ***Email Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com***

Al and I would like to thank our "church family" for all the cards, calls and prayers during my recovery from a fall. Thank you and God Bless you.
Barbara Harper

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Sasha McHenry
2 Blakely Raybuck
4 Cindy Hubert
4 Alex Vastartis
5 Brian McCrodden
5 Robin Raybuck
6 Dick Burroughs
6 Cathy Suk
7 Kay AuWerter
7 Herb Einheit
8 Savannah Jacob
8 Wren Smith
9 Michael Jaszczak
9 Nancy Manaska
9 Maria Shurik
9 Mark Spencer
10 Lauren Chenney
10 Matthew Sendrey
11 Evan Jatsek
11 Jane Petrie
11 Nick Telischak
12 Cindy King
13 Ryan Rybak
14 Lawry Kardos
14 Randy Richards
15 Josh Kwiatkowski
15 Thuy Ai Nguyen
16 Marilyn DeMoor
16 Lucy Shijo
16 Cathy Walden
17 Dion Adanich
18 Carly Kubek
18 Natalie Vastartis
20 Andy Batcheller
20 Becky Gezze
20 Anthy Imes
20 Carolyn Jatsek
21 Eliza Botzman
21 Mark Hubert
21 Mia Ports
23 Olivia Klipfell
24 Dominick Bianchi
24 Sara Kwiatkowski
24 Emily Shijo
25 Carol Herzing Dobos
26 Peggy Bowman
26 Gretchen Mates
26 Chris Nguyen
28 Kim Meyer
28 Dean Rybak
29 Jason Bell
29 Anet Smith
31 Susan Hernandez
31 Ric Lesinski
31 Leslie Selig

Brecksville UMC is a thriving community of faith because of people like you who care for one another and reach out in service to those who are in need. People like Paul Botzman, who filled in at the last minute when we realized we were short one person on Sunday morning. Thank you for answering the call, Paul! Bob Bloch is sharing his considerable talents with us by paying the church bills while we look for a new Finance Manager. Thank you for keeping things running, Bob. Speaking of finances, Ann Rittman has stepped down after serving many years as our lead offering counter. Ann, your leadership helped make the counting process run like clockwork. We are thankful for you! Speaking of counters, do you know that Dave Brown and Sue Ellenberger serve on the second Sunday counting team? That means that every year during Fall Kick Off (which is always the second Sunday of September) they miss some of the fun. (Don't worry, Sue and Bob -- we have an idea for next year!) Thank you for your dedication. Bob Fehlner, a former medic, noticed that our first aid kits were in need of refreshing and he took that on. Bob, you're the best! Julie Kubek inscribed each 3rd Grade Bible with the children's names, Lynn Hobzek supplied all of the supplies to make earrings for cancer patients, and Don Krolikowski brought his trusty camera two Sundays in a row in September. We are all blessed by each of you!

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 Staff Mtg 2:30 Comm. Service at Chippewa Place	2 6:30 Breakfast 12 God In Nature on FB	3 9:30 UWF Mtg 2 Mission Food ~~6:30~~ Choir ~~8~~ Worship	4	5
6 *World Communion Sun* **8:30 Last Worship On the Lawn of 2024** 9:30 Classes/All Ages **10:30 Worship** 11:30 Town Hall 5 Youth Group REMINDER	7 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Pastor's Online Bible Study	8	9 6:30 Breakfast 12 God In Nature on FB	10 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 2 Mission Food ~~6:30~~ Choir ~~8~~ Band	11 NEW TIMES THIS MONTH! 6 CHOIR 6:30 BAND	12 10 Celebrating the life of Bill Long
13 **8:30 Contemplative Worship** 9:30 Classes/All Ages **10:30 Worship** 11:45 Missions 12 PUMPKINS Arrive! 12:30 Tea at IUMC 5 Youth Group	14 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Pastor's Online Bible Study	15 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff Mtg 6:30 Cantata Rehearsal 5 Sew4Good *DCINY CHOIR REHEARSAL	16 6:30 Breakfast 12 God In Nature on FB	17 2 Mission Food ~~6:30~~ Choir 7 Leadership Bd ~~8~~ Worship Band	18	19 11 Installation of Bishop Jung at Wooster UMC
			PUMPKIN PATCH 11 AM—7 PM			
20 **8:30 Contemplative Worship** 9:30 Classes/All Ages **10:30 Worship** 5 Youth Group *HBD, Anthy!*	21 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Pastor's Online Bible Study	22 10:30 Staff Mtg 11:30 Bread on Bridge	23 6:30 Breakfast 10 Newsletter Production Party 12 God In Nature on FB	24 2 Mission Food ~~6:30~~ Choir ~~8~~ Band	25 9:30 UWF Board Meeting	26 9 Bike Fix It Day 10 Fall Art Workshop
			PUMPKIN PATCH 11 AM—7 PM			
27 **8:30 Contemplative Worship** 9:30 Classes/All Ages **10:30 Worship** 5 Youth Group working the Pumpkin Patch	28 10:30 Lectio Divina 7 Pastor's Online Bible Study	29 10:30 Staff Mtg	30	31 2 Mission Food ~~6:30~~ Choir ~~8~~ Band		
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