

THE GOOD WORD

Lent Begins

Lent is the forty-day season that begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and ends the day before Easter (April 19). This is a time for repentance, renewal and self-examination.

Are you ready to
move toward
transformation?

—Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp, comm. on Luke 9:51-62
A Sanctified Art | @sanctifiedart

“Are you ready to move toward transformation?
Are you ready to listen for good news in seemingly impossible spaces, even as a divided people and planet? Ready to set Lenten intentions, even with this year’s challenges? Ready, even with some good reasons to wait a little longer to begin?”

—Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp (@mindy.m.sharp) from her commentary on Luke 9:51-62 | @sanctifiedart

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - April 13
Maundy Thursday - April 17
Good Friday - April 18

Easter Services

Sunrise Service at 7 am
Traditional Service at 8:30
Easter with Worship Band at 10:30

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5 at 7 pm



Luke 9:51-62 - Jesus sets out for Jerusalem

Take a pause in the middle of your week and join us for our Ash Wednesday service as we step into the season of Lent together. **It’s a time to slow down, reflect, pray, and receive ashes as we prepare our hearts for Easter.**

Need childcare? We’ve got little ones covered! Childcare is available in the Wiggle Room for this service. Come as you are—we’d love to see you as we kick off our journey towards Easter Sunday!



Project Valentines for Hospitalized Kids Update

The 120 Valentine Gift Bags we collected for and assembled in February were delivered to patients at three Northeast Ohio hospitals and to families at Ronald McDonald House through Ronald McDonald Charities. Austin Pribble and his mom, Sarah, delivered the bags. She reports, “Austin kept saying how happy and proud he is of everyone. Thank you all for jumping in wholeheartedly and supporting his idea. We love our BUMC family!”

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FROM THE PASTOR



Shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.

We have spent the past month and a half with the book *Fully Alive*, digging into the seven deadly sins and how they show up in our lives. Each week in worship, we've focused on one sin, and considered the harm that sin causes and what it would look like to move toward a more positive, life-giving virtue.

For example, when we talked about gluttony, we recognized that essentially, gluttony is our propensity to numb ourselves with something(s) like food, alcohol, drugs, shopping, sex, social media, etc. in order to "run away" from the difficult realities of life. Instead of doing this, God calls us into connection with Herself through these moments of ecstasy (a state of great happiness, intense joy, or extreme delight).

While ecstasy is the goal, we don't/can't live every single moment of our lives that way... at least this side of heaven. Sometimes we're going to indulge in gluttonous behavior so that we don't have to feel the intense, difficult feelings that come with being human. Other times, we're going to have moments where we feel so entwined with God that we are at a loss for words.

But most days, we're somewhere in between. We struggle through the hard things, seeing glimpses of God, while allowing ourselves an indulgence or two along the way. That is the "messy middle" of life.

This Lenten season, we're going to take this recognition of the "in-between" of life, and consider how we might navigate the everyday polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness. Each week of this "Everything In Between" series, we will explore two supposed binaries, like "faith & works" or "rest & growth," or "grief & hope." And while we often consider these ideas to be opposing, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We come to recognize that really, these human-made dichotomies are false. It's not either/or, black/white, this/that. There is a beautiful, messy, wonder-filled middle where God is present. This series may resonate with anyone who is in discernment or trying to find their way through an undefined space. It will speak to anyone who feels as if they are living in a divided world. It is for those who seek a spiritual life that engages with complexity instead of avoiding it. In this season of Lent, we're trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.

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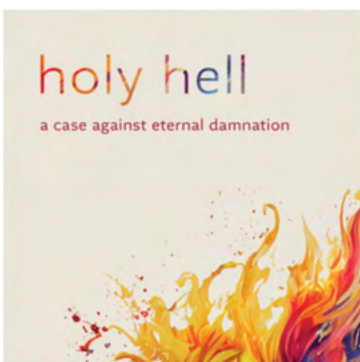
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[in] between moments: connecting through the poetry of Rev. Sarah Speed

Sundays at 9:30 in the Chapel, begins March 9

Join us on Sunday mornings during Lent as we rest, renew, and reflect on Rev. Sarah Speed's poetry. Her beautiful words will be shared in worship and we can connect to them more deeply through this learning opportunity. This class has moments of quiet listening, warm discussion, and meaningful calls to action that revolve around each week's poetry. **You are invited** to join Dana Schwendman and friends for an intergenerational look at the poetry of Everything [In] Between on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Drop in anytime. For more details and updates - BUMCLinks.com.



Holy Hell : A Book Study with Pastor Heidi

Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Parlor - March 18 - April 8

Eternal torment. A lake of fire. Wailing and gnashing of teeth. These dark visions of the afterlife seem a bit sadistic. Is there any hope within the Christian faith if this is the God of Love we serve? In *Holy Hell*, Rev. Derek Kobilus shows how our ideas about hell have been distorted by mistranslation of the Greek and Hebrew scriptures. Armed with proof-texts, those in power have used threats of eternal damnation as an instrument of control. Arguing that such torture is contrary to God's nature, Kobilus offers an alternative understanding of hell—a temporary and holy rehabilitation, reconciling all creation in Christ. Grab a copy of *Holy Hell* from [Bookshop.org](https://bookshop.org), your favorite bookseller or library and meet Pastor Heidi in the Parlor to dig into this fascinating book written by an ordained elder in the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Books for Lent

Check out our display in the Parlor. Books can help us experience Lent as a season of reflection and attentiveness, and provide the opportunity to learn and grow on our own schedule. Our Parlor book display includes some titles available through our church Bookshop (we earn a small commission on each sale) -- but you can get them at your local library or through your favorite bookseller, too. Check out the online bookshelf here: <https://bookshop.org/lists/books-for-the-season-of-lent>



At-Home Video Resources

For Lent we are recommending: *Luke* by Adam Hamilton, *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy Jill Levine, *Five Means of Grace* by Elaine Heath and *Deep Blue/Life of Jesus* (for families), especially the episodes: *Jesus Washes Feet*, *Jesus Celebrates Passover*, *Jesus Enters Jerusalem* and *Alleluia*. Create space for yourself this Lent to go a little deeper in your understanding of the scriptures that surround this holy time of year. Reach out to Jenny Gee - Jenny@brecksvilleumc.com - to learn how to access these titles.

Lenten Lectio Divina
Mondays at 10:30 in the Chapel

Let's Talk - Podcast
Sundays at 9:30 in room 301 and Online



VBS IN THE PARK!

JULY 7-11, 2025

Join us for a summer adventure!

REGISTRATION OPENS 4.1.2025 >>> www.BUMCLinks.com




MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY WEEKEND – CAMP-O-RAMA

MAY 23-26, 2025

Camp Wanake Memorial Day Family Weekend Camp-o-Rama

May 23 - 26

Do you dream of unplugging and spending great quality time with your family in the beautiful outdoors? Camp Wanake’s Memorial Day Family weekend might be just what you are looking for. There are various options... pitch a tent, bring your RV, stay in a cabin or in the retreat center. Two BUMC families have been attending for years and they give it a 10 out of 10 recommendation and two thumbs up! Questions? Ask a Botzman or Cathy Girard or Matt Mellott. They can tell you all about it. Love the idea? Check out all the details and register for it here: BUMCLinks.com



EAST OHIO UMC SUMMER Camp

East Ohio Camps - Early Bird Registration Deadline 3/15

How will your kids spend their summer? Camping can provide what children truly need: a chance to grow in faith, learn responsibility, and build cooperation within a supportive community. They’ll discover their self-worth as beloved children of God. In a world that presents challenges for both kids and parents, let East Ohio Camps be your partner in nurturing the spiritual and personal growth of the children in your congregation. Great Places! Great Experiences! All guided by trained, caring staff. To register online, visit www.EOCSummercamps.org or visit a spring open house: Camp Asbury April 13, Camp Wanake April 26 or Camp Aldersgate May 4.

For Kids: Sunday School, Sprouts and Seedlings
Age appropriate Faith filled fun Sundays at 9:30 and 10:30. Email Jenny@brecksvilleUMC.com to learn more!



Youth Group March '25 Schedule

2 MARCH	YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM 5-6pm> Lent Devo> Uno Tournament
9 MARCH	YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM 5-6pm> Lent Devo> Chili Cook Off
16 MARCH	YOUTH GROUP IN THE YOUTH ROOM 5-6pm> Lent Devo> Extreme Spoons
23 MARCH	NO YOUTH GROUP- HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

Reach out to **Dana**



YOUTH@BRECKSVILLEUMC.COM
 for more youth info



What's your superpower? Sending Kids2Camp!



Corner65 is a youth program of Re:Source Cleveland, which empowers resettled families to grow roots, supporting them in becoming engaged, self-sufficient and contributing members of their new communities.

This summer, 14 newcomer youth in Cleveland will have the incredible opportunity to attend East Ohio UMC Camps for a week of outdoor adventure, personal growth, and lifelong memories. Many of these students—who have come to Cleveland from around the world—have never experienced summer camp before. Camp is a chance for them to explore nature, build friendships, and gain confidence in a fun and supportive environment.

Last year, we sent 12 girls to camp, and they came back energized, full of stories, and calling it the best week of their lives. This year, Re:Source Cleveland is expanding the opportunity so more students in their youth program, Corner65, can experience the joy of camp—learning new skills, playing sports, swimming, hiking, and simply getting to be kids through East Ohio UMC Camps. Your help is needed to make it happen! A week at camp costs \$600 per camper, and your donation helps cover lodging, meals, activities, and transportation. By sponsoring a camper, you're not just funding a week of fun—you're giving a newcomer student the chance to feel welcome, build confidence, and create lifelong memories.

Join me and your friends from church in making this dream a reality for these kids! Mark your gift "Kid2Camp" or give now by texting "Kids2Camp" to 73256. Thank you! - Rev. Kathy Dickriede

Coins for Lent

2025 GIVING CALENDAR

Take time to talk as a family about why you think it's important to give money to churches or organizations you care about. This year's Easter Offering will support our church's commitment to the 2025 mission for Humaneity Faith Build. Together with other area churches, we are helping a family national disaster-stricken. The coins we collect through this calendar will help fund this mission. Keep this calendar and your collection bank where you can see them every day during Lent. Each day, circle up the name in your home and put that number of coins in your bank. On Easter, donate your coins along with your collection bank to worship so we can celebrate and bless those who...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Coins for Lent Calendar Available

Looking for a Lenten practice for the whole family? Pick up a copy of our new calendar, which encourages gratitude and giving in the season of Lent. Pick up a copy at church, download and print it at BUMCLinks or request a copy by mail - info@Brecksvilleumc.com

Pray for the Counting Team!

They will be counting those coins.

Each week, a dedicated team of two volunteers counts and records financial gifts received in the offering plate and by mail. With strict guidelines that ensure transparency, accuracy and checks and balances, these church members fill an important role. **The 2025 roster of Offering Counter Team has been named.** 1st Sunday: Sylvia Fowler & Paul Botzman. 2nd Sunday: Sue Ellenberger & Dave Brown. 3rd Sunday: Bob Bloch & Carol Wilson. 4th Sunday: Kathy Holmes & Leisa Scott. 5th Sunday: Jeff Hastings & Jack Drescher. Many thanks to Ann Rittman, Bob Lundholm, and Cliff Thielman, who have completed many years of faithful service as BUMC Offering Counters. We appreciate their dedication to this important Ministry Team. Welcome new team members Paul Botzman and Leisa Scott. We look forward to counting with you! - Sue Ellenberger, Team Lead



*A morning of hands on service
Saturday, March 15 from 9:30 - noon*

What is a Trials for Hope Work Day?

We travel to Bridge Avenue in Ohio City, CLE and spend a morning serving our neighbors together.

What will we do?

There are options! You may pack dignity kits, deliver food to shut ins, or load or unload delivery trucks. If you can't help in person consider donating trial sized hygiene items (shampoos, etc), non-perishable food items or large reusable shopping bags.

Why do we do it?

Trials for Hope is delivering dignity and hope to people on the margins. But they can't do it alone! They serve 3,000 people in the greater Cleveland area who are facing food insecurity and do not have enough personal care and household items for their families.

When do we do it?

This is a bi-monthly service project, serving on a Saturday morning from 9:30 am - noon. (Carpool meets at the church at 9 am.) Our remaining dates in 2025 are March, May, July, September, and November.

How do I sign up?

Visit BUMCLinks.com - or talk to Matt or Kathy Auble!



Chippewa Craft Day

Friday, March 21 at 11am

Catherine Vastartis is leading a special outreach - craft days at Chippewa Place, the retirement community right next door. They have an entrance from our church parking lot! If you would like to help this month, reach out to Missions@brecksvilleumc.com

February Donation Drive - Yoga Mats for Trials for Hope

Maybe you have an old mat you don't use anymore. Maybe you can find a good deal at Marcs or online. However you are able to get one, we will use them to add an extra layer of protection for our sleeping mat project, helping provide comfort and care for people who are currently sleeping outside in greater Cleveland. This collection will end on Sunday, March 30.



UMCOR Sunday is March 30

United Methodist Committee on Relief Sunday seeks to increase awareness and support for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday play a vital role in enhancing the Church's global humanitarian response because these funds cover UMCOR's administrative costs - ensuring that 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year can be directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts where it's needed most. By investing in UMCOR's operations, we empower the church to mobilize resources quickly and efficiently, making a meaningful impact in communities affected by disaster and hardship around the world. Last year, your generosity delivered almost \$2 million in support of UMCOR's work to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing through these ministries.

BIKE FIX-IT DAY HELP NEEDED



Saturday, March 15 from 9 to noon Once each month we gather together to repair donated bicycles and 2025 is off to a great start, with new partnerships and lots of volunteers helping us *get spokes to folks*. Do you have some mechanical skills? Want to learn from one of our capable mechanics? Would you be willing to wash a bike or work on removing some rim rust? Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 15 from 9 to noon and help get more Spokes to Folks!



Brecksville United Methodist Church



Cornbread and
**CHILI
COOK OFF**

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 AT 4 PM

A Mission Trip Fundraiser

RSVP at BUMCLinks.com

**Help send our mission team
to North Carolina this summer!**

Bake up a batch of your favorite chili
or your best cornbread recipe for this
joyful gathering - or just come eat and
vote for your favorites!

Suggested donation of \$10

Register at BUMCLinks.com for all
the details!



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

TRANSforming
Church Culture:

Becoming Trans Inclusive

Monday, March 31

7 - 9 pm



Monday, March 31st is Trans Day of Visibility, acknowledging the determination it takes to live openly and authentically as a transgender or non-binary person.

To celebrate, we are hosting a program from 7-9 pm: **TRANSforming Church Culture: Becoming Trans Inclusive**. This study will cover basic truths about transgender people, invite us to engage in reflection and discussion guided by Biblical scripture, and better equip us to support transgender folks in our community.

We are grateful for this resource that was created in part by Reconciling Ministries Network, affirming that there is a safe space within The United Methodist Church! Please go to BUMCLinks.com to sign up. Question? Contact Pastor Heidi.

What does "Safe Space" Mean: Youth Answers

In her February report to Leadership Board, Dana Schwendeman shared the extraordinary insights of the youth about how they define and envision a *safe space*. They have been looking at what they can learn from historical safe space makers through the *Holy Troublemaker* devotionals. Our young people were asked "*What does safe space mean and look like to you?*" Here are some of their answers:

- Somewhere you can express yourself freely and without judgement.
- For me, a safe space is anywhere I do not have to worry about anything.
- Where I can be myself, express my emotions, and make mistakes.
- A safe space for me is a place with my friends and family and I can be myself.
- A calm and peaceful place.
- Somewhere everyone accepts me, I can be myself without judgement, other people feel comfortable to be themselves around me.
- Anywhere with my friends and people I trust.

Dana said "Our young people certainly have a vision for safe spaces and I can tell you they create that space for one another. It is really awesome to see each week. I hope their answers inspire you as they have inspired me!" (And, if your answer is **Yes!** please feel free to touch base with Dana about volunteer opportunities to work with the youth.)



United
Women
in Faith

faith

action

sisterhood

United Women in Faith meets the first Thursday of most months in the church parlor. Gathering for fellowship and refreshments begins at 9:30 am. Programs begin at 10 am.



Upcoming Program

Thursday, March 6

Determined Women a presentation by Rev. Peg Welch, will discuss the beginning of women's missions. Brave, assertive women wanted to provide maternity hospitals, girls' schools and colleges, and teacher training. They raised money and fought for the right to decide its use. We can learn a lot from our spiritual ancestors.

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

Second Thursday of the Month - March 13

Fellowship starts at 9:30 - study begins at 10 am

Women of faith gather for conversation (BYO coffee or tea!) at 9:30 as we begin a new study with Jenny Gee at 10 exploring parables that give us a window into Jesus's message and movement. When we think of them in their own context, what might they mean for us today?

EVE CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 in the Parlor

TLC - **tender loving care** - is something we all need, and when we can't get out and about like we used to, it's all the more meaningful. Come help assemble gift bags for delivery to folks in need of a little TLC. To learn more, talk to Lynn Hobzek or email UWF@BrecksvilleUMC.com.

Join our mailing list!
Email UWF@Brecksvilleumc.com

JOYFUL GATHERING



Take Out Wednesdays

March 12 (Second Wednesday of the Month) 5 - 8 pm

Practice/rehearsal/school event/appointment - so many busy families are running from one point to another. Wouldn't it be great to stop in between and share a meal with others doing the same thing? This month, we're launching **Take Out Wednesdays** a time set aside to drop in - open house style - to Fellowship Hall to hang out together in a safe and welcoming space. Bring your own take out food and drink. We'll have music - and tables set up for homework, service projects, games and crafts. No need to sign up, but if you'd like to receive reminders and updates, text "TakeOut" to 833-556-1171



"THE POWER OF SOUND IS IN IT'S ABILITY TO CREATE SPACE WITHIN THE MIND AND BODY, TO RESET AND RENEW"

Group Sound Bath Class

Friday, March 7 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall

Singing bowls, chimes, rain sticks and gongs. The ancient practice of sound therapy can affect us in a positive way. As sounds are played your body attunes to the vibrational energy, cultivating a deep sense of rest, calm, peace, joy, and balance. Erin and Jenny Gee will be offering a free introductory **Group Sound Bath Class** on Friday, March 7 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your yoga mat and an open mind (eye mask, blanket and pillow also highly recommended) for a truly transformational experience.

Save the Date - Names to Faces Event

April 6, 2025 at noon

Don't miss this opportunity to put **names to the faces** you see at church in this fun and casual event. We'll have the opportunity to spend a few minutes asking each other interesting questions before moving on to another person! Come for a time of intergenerational fun in Fellowship Hall.



LEADERSHIP BOARD REPORT



Our Church on the Square - Much to Celebrate

There is much to celebrate at BUMC! This month, Leadership Board opened with a reflection on God's use of the ordinary for extraordinary transformation through Jesus. In Matthew 13:31-32, we read "[t]he kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds. Yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." Even though I've heard the parable of the mustard seed many times, this week, I was struck not by the smallest seed becoming the largest plant in the garden, but that it grows so that birds can perch in its branches. It makes me think of how our church on the square grew from a tiny seed of faith to a much larger safe space, so that we can grow with God and one another. If we continue to be bold in our faith, what will our church on the square continue to grow into, and where might we be called by God to offer refuge and transformation to the extraordinary?

In other celebratory news, last year through savings in our church expenses, additional funds raised through alternative giving opportunities, faithfulness in pledges, as well as additional giving, BUMC closed \$46,000 of the \$53,000 deficit gap in the budget. The ending deficit in 2024 totaled \$6,595. A special thank you and shout out to Financial Manager, Shannon Kantorowski, for the insight and experience that she brings to working with finances. Shannon highlighted exactly why the "ordinary" of budgeting and finances is important to the church's mission: "Being in a position of financial sanity and integrity is vital to being a safe place for growth, as well as a firm foundation from which to engage with the community."

Our current goals are:

- To help 50 people engage with BUMC in a new way
- To establish new and deeper relationships with 100 people from our communities; listening to gain understanding, discovering new ideas and letting people know we care.

The 2025 Leadership Board: *Kristi Eberhardt, Kathy Louttit, Michael Houff, Julie Kubeke, Alan Scheufler (chair), Matt Gabor, Jim Slagle, Maria Shurik, Deb Watkins, Rev. Heidi Welch.*

Missions and Community Engagement reported extraordinary work this month. A major win in January was an idea from Austin to deliver Valentines to children who are hospitalized, which was accomplished through the busy hands of so many---from purchasing gifts to fill the bags, made by the Sew4Good group, to the young people making cards, to the multi-generational group who gathered to assemble the bags, which were then delivered to Ronald McDonald House. In addition, the Frozen Food Ministry continues to grow! Upwards of 15 people throughout the month serve on this weekly mission to collect frozen food from Strongsville UMC, which ends up serving those in need in a variety of ways---from hot meals for unsheltered individuals through Trials for Hope, to food distributions to other communities and agencies. Missions and Community Engagement reports that they "are very pleased with the many ways this ministry is opening doors to serve others."

Thank you to the Joyful Gathering team for making and serving a delicious and wholesome soup lunch for the Town Hall meeting. What a joy! Jenny Gee also highlighted the work of the dedicated volunteers who teach Sunday School, Sprouts and Seedlings, and who make BUMC a healthy, vibrant and safe space to learn. And, we already have a group of volunteers forming for this summer's VBS.

Scott and Jeff Hastings reported the wonderful news that the elevator is now fixed---the part that was replaced was 60 years old! They highlighted that "keeping our elevator functioning is part of maintaining safe spaces. It is clear that our elevator is critical for many people to move about the building."

Dana Schwendeman's Youth Ministry report was so wonderful that we are sharing an excerpt on page 7 of this newsletter!

Lastly, did you have an opportunity to read our *Winter Spiritual Trail Guide*? What a great resource to encourage us to take the next steps in our lives of faith. If you're looking for inspiration to grow in discipleship, it's a perfect place to start! We'd love to hear more about the next steps in faith in that you're taking. Thank you, Melanie and Anthy, for your work on this Guide!
- Submitted by Deb Watkins

March BIRTHDAYS



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

Week of March 2

Phyllis Phillips

It's her birthday this week!

27819 Center Ridge Rd Apt 307
Westlake, OH 44145-3994

Week of March 9

Cliff Thielman

It's his birthday this week!

8759 Stuart Ln
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067-3404

Week of March 16

Joann Fox

It's her birthday this week!

8427 Whitewood Rd
Brecksville, OH 44141-1529

Week of March 23

Cindy & Rick Krause

Celebrating a wedding anniversary

6726 Pin Tail Dr
Brecksville, OH 44141-2845

Week of March 30

Donald & Beryl Burkle

3464 Logwood Trl
Richfield, OH 44286-9359

*Nominate someone who could use a
reminder that they are loved and prayed over!*

Email Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com

2 Mary Kotnik	11 Bob Bloch	19 Kim Petro
2 Edie Coman	11 Alison Bellone	20 Kristen Kubek
2 Hannah Burgstahler	12 Janet James	20 Stosh Skoczen
2 Taylor Laski	12 Susan Slaby	20 Rev. Peg Welch
4 James Mullins	12 Rev. Kathy Dickriede	21 Joseph Botzman
5 Phyllis Phillips	13 Kaden Juniper	22 Sienna Petznick
5 Tiffany Jacob	14 Lisa Stachowski	25 Liz Fredrick
5 Matthew Bloch	14 Sydney Hudacek	25 Stacie Memmer
6 Caitlin Drescher	15 Lindsay Dorman	25 Nathan Gardner
6 Harper Adanich	15 Santino Marotto	26 Mallory Krolikowski Smith
7 Donald Burkle	16 Lee Derry	26 Robin Wilson
7 Megan White	16 Samuel Eberhardt	26 Elliot Shah
7 Debra Hart	16 Jennifer Miller	26 Reese Hoffman
7 Jake Archacki	16 Zoey Telischak	26 Elizabeth Sparks
8 Ruth Ann Bilek	17 Joann Fox	27 Andrew Shurik
9 Matthew Auble	17 Carly Johnson	30 Hannah Shively
9 Cliff Thielman	17 Corrie Welch	30 Kim Rybak
10 Mike Kubek	17 Braxton Vann	31 Madeline Piorkowski
10 George Gee	18 Dave Sibits	31 David Slaby
10 Sharon Judson	18 Bob Hudacek	
10 Barb Sindyla	18 Matthew Gardner	

**If you would like to be added to - or to opt out of - the monthly birthday list,
please email info@brecksvilleumc.com*



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 the ladies from Eve Circle who hosted morning refreshments in January, and for the Bendlak, Vann, Watkins and Calovini families who are on a regular rotation. Your generosity and hospitality makes Sunday morning more welcoming for all! To the new counters on the Sunday morning offering team and to those who faithfully serve in this important ministry year in and year out. Your quiet service is important and appreciated! Thanks to the leadership of Matt & Kathy Auble, our frozen food ministry is thriving, reaching people in places we could have never imagined a year ago. Austin Pribble had a great idea and was brave enough to share it with his church. Thank you, Austin, for lighting a spark that grew into Valentines for hospitalized children! Eric Louttit continues to share his knowledge and talents for finance with the church, even though his term on Leadership Board has ended. We're thankful for your wisdom, Eric! The Leadership Board surprised the church staff with sweet treats for Valentine's Day, with assistance from the Sew4Good group. Thank you, friends! Catherine Vastartis has been *busy* helping in Sunday School, the Sew4Good Group, organizing craft days at Chippewa Place and leading Pearl Road and Bread on Bridge Dinners. You are amazing, Catherine!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Silent Prayer Circle: Join us in the Chapel weekday mornings from 9 - 9:30 for dedicated time to practice silent, self-guided prayer in community. The only rule is to turn off your voice once you step into the Chapel! Come and go as you please, and pray in your heart in whatever silent way you choose.					1
2 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship 5 Youth Group	3 10:30 Lectio Divina	Happy Pączki Day! 4 9:30 Tues. Talk 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Comm. Svc. 2:30 Food Prep 7 Fully Alive Discussion Grp	5 6:30 Breakfast God In Nature on FB Live 7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	6  9:30 UWF Meeting 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band	7  SOUND BATH CLASS 7 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL	8
9 <i>First Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship 4 Chili Cook Off 5 Youth Group	10 10:30 Lectio Divina	11 9:30 Tues. Talk 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Mission Food Prep 6:30 Eve Circle	12 6:30 Breakfast God In Nature on FB Live THE FIRST EVER TAKE OUT WEDNESDAY	13  9:30 Asbury Bremeth Circle 6:30 Choir 7:30 Leadership Board 8:30 Band	14 	15 <i>BIKE FIX IT DAY 9-12</i> 9:30 Trials for Hope Work Day 9:30 District UWF Meeting in Chagrin Falls
16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship 5 Youth Group	17 10:30 Lectio Divina 	18 9:30 Tues. Talk 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Miss Prep 5-8 Sew4Good 7 Holy Hell	19 6:30 Breakfast God In Nature on FB Live	20  6:30 Choir 8:30 Band	21 11:30 Craft Day at Chippewa Place	22
23 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship No Youth Group	24 10:30 Lectio Divina	25 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Mission Food Prep 7 Holy Hell	26 6:30 Breakfast God In Nature 10:30 Newsletter Production	27  (Tentative) 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band	28 9:30 UWF Board Meeting	29
BBH SPRING BREAK						
30 <i>UMCOR Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes & Coffee 10:30 Worship 5 Youth Group	31 10:30 Lectio Divina 6:30 TRANSforming Church Culture	1 9:30 Tues. Talk 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Comm Svc 2:30 Miss Prep 7 Holy Hell	2 6:30 Breakfast God In Nature on FB Live	3 9:30 UWF Meeting 6:30 Choir 8:30 Band	4 VBS REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1 - NO FOOLIN'!	5



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*Welcoming all
 of God's children.*

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