

Special Worship Services in April

Maundy Thursday, April 2 7 pm in Person and online

During his final hours, Jesus gathers his disciples to share one last meal. In the Gospel of John, something surprising happens: Jesus wraps a towel around his waist, pours water into a basin, and begins washing the disciples' feet. The good news is - even Judas gets his feet washed.

Good Friday, April 3 7 pm in Person and online

A Service of Tenebrae: Experience the "deepening darkness" as we trace Jesus' journey from betrayal to burial. Through the Gospel of Luke and the extinguishing of candles, we witness the unyielding power of nonviolent love.

Easter Sunday, April 5

7 am Sunrise Service

in the Amendt Chapel

9 am Traditional Easter Service

with the Resurrection Brass

11 am Easter Service

with the Worship Band

A Special Morning of Praise: Sing for Unity

Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am

Our worship service will take a special, musical form as we celebrate **Sing for Unity**. This unique service replaces our standard liturgy with a collective journey of song, scripture, and prayer.

In a world that often feels divided, we are gathering to find our common harmony. Our Chancel Choir and Worship Band have collaborated to lead us in a mix of songs familiar and unfamiliar, designed for us to sing together in powerful unison. Interspersed with moving special solos and moments of reflection, this service is an invitation to lift your voice as one body.

Whether you are a lifelong singer or simply find peace in the music of others, come experience the "Good News" of a community in tune. All are welcome exactly as you are.

Sometimes Things Are Worth The Risk

by Rev. Heidi Welch



Ever since I moved into this house, I've wanted to grow a vegetable garden. Every year, I've tried a different flower bed around the house—some are too sunny, others are too shaded, and all of them have the hard, clay soil that's almost impossible to grow in. I've tried to augment the soil with different fertilizers, compost, etc. and nothing has given me the harvest I got at other houses. Last year, I gave up and decided, "I guess I'm not meant to grow veggies."

And even though it might not seem like a big deal to most people, growing tomatoes, cucumbers, peas, and green beans for my family is something that is both deeply spiritual for me and connects me with my (farmer) family roots.

There's a spot on the south side of our house that gets just the right amount of sun, but there's no flowerbed there, so I'd have to put a new, raised garden bed. Which is awesome, because I could fill it with the best soil!

But what if I invest all that money for raised beds and I get moved next year? And what if the next pastor doesn't like gardening? What if still nothing grows? Or what if the deer find themselves a new "garden buffet?"

Each year, I've let my dream for a vegetable garden drift by, letting the "what ifs" win.

Until this year.

I finally decided to go for it—I bought two cedar 8'x4'x18" raised garden beds off Facebook Marketplace, and (after a lot of research) filled them with the best compost and soil mix.

I still might get moved next year (this is a possibility every year in an itinerant system), and the deer might come along and nip all the sweet buds off my okra. Or I might spend all this money and still nothing grows.

But no matter what, I will have gotten my hands in the soil, reducing stress, improving mood, and strengthening my immune system. And, my garden will have benefitted the bees and butterflies and air, even if nothing worth eating grows.

Because sometimes things are worth the risk.

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On March 15th, we took a big risk at BUMC.

At our Town Hall, we shared a vision that feels both exciting and, if we're honest, a little unnerving... because it's bigger than we've ever allowed ourselves to dream. We named that God is calling us to saturate our community with connection and belonging... on the square and everywhere. It's a beautiful vision. And it raises all kinds of "what ifs."

- What if we try something new and it doesn't work?
- What if we invest time, energy, and resources and don't reach our goals?
- What if we don't know what we're doing? What if we mess up?

These are all legitimate concerns that we, as a Leadership Board and Generosity Team, have wrestled with over the past several months. And ultimately, this is what we've come to realize through listening, praying, and paying attention: We can't grow anything new if we stay rooted in what feels "safe." And we can't experience the fullness of what God has for us if we don't trust God and try something new.

This vision didn't come out of nowhere—it grew out of conversations with many of you, our communities, and the quiet nudging of the Spirit. Again and again, we heard a longing—not for programs or events—but for real connection. For spaces where people feel known and a little less lonely. For a church that shows up in the difficult moments and doesn't shy away from hard questions.

Like my garden, this vision will require investment. It will take time, energy, and yes, money. It may not (probably won't) look perfect. And there might be seasons where we wonder if anything is happening at all. And we believe it's worth the risk.

- Because we believe God is already at work—in our community and in us.
- Because belonging is holy work.
- Because when we show up—with open hearts and open hands—God can create things we could never imagine on our own.
- And because God created The Church for such a time as this: to be a community where people can feel loved, known, and connected to something larger than themselves.

So we're choosing to step out in faith. Not because we have all the answers or it's a 100% guarantee. But because we trust the One who calls us to grow.

And we're asking you to join us. Because this isn't just a vision for a few people to carry. This is a Big Dream. And it requires all of us. Actually, there is no we without you! So here's how you can join us on the journey:

- **PRAY** – Join the 6:50 Prayer. Set an alarm for 6:50 (AM or PM) each day and take a moment to pray for our church, our community, and this vision.
- **LISTEN** – Pay attention to what stirs in you. Where do you feel a tug? What excites you? What questions linger?
- **TALK** – Share this vision with your family and friends. Talk about it around dinner tables, in car rides, and over coffee.
- **STAY ENGAGED** – This is just the beginning. We'll gather again in April to share what we've heard. Make plans now to join us for our next Listening Post on April 26.

We are doing good work together! (Which is one reason why I'm not worried about being moved right now.) And this vision continues what God has already started with intention and focus.

We might not know exactly what the future holds, but we trust the One who does. And that's enough to begin.

Pastor Heidi
Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor



Celtic Spirituality

Sundays at 9:30 in the Chapel - 6 week exploration begins April 12

The Celtic Christian tradition offers a deeply rooted spirituality shaped by nature, poetry, prayer, and attentiveness to the sacred in everyday life. In this six-week class we will explore themes such as:

- The Celtic approach to prayer and meditation
- Ancient poems, prayers, and stories of the early saints
- The rhythms of the sacred year
- The spiritual symbolism found in the Grail quest traditions

Participants will encounter beautiful prayers and blessings that can be woven into daily life and discover how Celtic wisdom invites us to see the world as alive with the presence of God. All are welcome!

Mind, Body, Spirit: Supporting The Body's Natural Healing

Sunday, April 19 at 6 pm - with Tina Mibalek

Join us as we explore gentle practices designed to support the body's natural ability to heal and restore balance. Our April talk is two-fold:

Sacro-Cranial Healing Session

- An introduction to the principles of craniosacral work and how subtle bodywork techniques can encourage relaxation, release tension, and support the body's natural rhythms.

Healing Circle

- A quiet, supportive gathering focused on presence, intention, and communal care. Through stillness, listening, and shared energy, participants will be invited into a space that nurtures restoration and well-being.



You Didn't Miss Your Chance To Join A Small Group!

Small groups have started- and we're having a wonderful time getting to know one another better and sharing life.

If you missed signing up for the March kickoff - don't worry! Small group registration is perpetually open. Just reach out to Shannon in the office, or the host of the group you'd like to join, and we'll get you any info you need.

It's never too late to get connected in community!

Also- if you're interested in becoming a Small Group Host, Shannon will be leading a new 6 week host training, beginning Sunday, April 26th. We'll be meeting in the Parlor at 1:30 pm. (Shannon says, "so you can grab some lunch after church and come join me!")

If you'd like more information about joining or hosting a group, please send Shannon an email at finance@Brecksvilleumc.com, or you can send her a text at 330-703-9930.

Imaginative Prayer Group

Lectio Divina gets a new name - and goes on the road!

A space to gently explore Scripture with heart, mind, and spirit.

Imaginative prayer is an ancient way of praying where we enter a sacred story using our senses and curiosity — noticing what we see, hear, feel, or wonder as we rest in God's presence. It's not about performing or "getting it right," but about making space to encounter the Spirit in a personal and meaningful way.

No experience is necessary. All are welcome. **You** are welcome! We gather at 10:30 am.

- First Monday of the month at Chippewa Place.
- All other Mondays at Brecksville UMC's Chapel

Come as you are — with curiosity, questions, or simply a desire to listen more deeply.

Mental Health First Aid Training

FREE Three-Year Certification

Friday, April 17 from 9 am -3:30 pm
Online

Many individuals in mental health crisis go to a church to seek help...and we often don't know it. This class is open to anyone wanting to learn more about self-care and how to help others who may be struggling.

Sponsored by the East Ohio Conference of The UMC but open to all.

Contact Meghan DeGregory, Certified MHFA Trainer, with any questions:
thrive1010mv@gmail.com

The training is free but space is limited.



Scan the QR Code or visit BUMCLinks.com

Faith & Fun for Kids
 Sunday mornings
 at 10:30

 **SEEDLINGS**
 for younger kids
 and
Sprouts
 First grade and up!

Register at BUMCLinks.com
 Jenny@BrecksvilleUMC.com

Do Something Sunday: Faith in Action at 9:30

On Sunday mornings during the 9:30 hour, our children’s ministry sets aside the usual classroom routine for something a little different—and very intentional. *Do Something Sunday* is a hands-on, service-focused experience where children are invited to live out their faith by helping others in practical, meaningful ways.

Over the past months, our children have done incredible work. One particularly fun project in February was assembling Birthday Kits - a decorated bag with everything needed for a celebration, including cake, plates, napkins and balloons - for our local food pantries. Because of your generous donations we were able to complete *fifty-three* kits!

Each *Do Something Sunday* is designed to be age-appropriate, meaningful, and rooted in conversation and prayer. Teachers help children connect what they are doing with why it matters—how a simple task can become an act of kindness, how small hands can make a big difference, and how service is one of the ways we follow Jesus.

These Sundays also help children see themselves as an important part of the church right now, not just someday in the future. Their work supports ministries within our church and throughout the wider community, and it reminds all of us that compassion is learned by doing.

We are grateful for our volunteers who guide these mornings with care, and for the children who approach each task with generosity and joy. *Do Something Sunday* is a powerful reminder that our kids are not only learning about faith—they are living it.

Vacation Bible School Registration Opens April 1!

Get ready for the best week of summer! This year’s VBS will explore Snowball Mountain Challenge, a winter-themed adventure where children will discover that the strength they need for life’s challenges comes from God. Through Bible stories filled with courage and hope, kids will learn the promise of Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through God who strengthens me.”

VBS takes place July 6–10 from 9:30 am–12:30 pm at the Blossom Hill Pavilion and is open to children age 3 (fully potty trained) through those entering 6th grade. Registration opens April 1 and will remain open until we reach capacity. Join us for a week of music, storytelling, games, crafts, and plenty of fun!



More details and registration at BUMCLinks.com.

STAY AND PLAY

FOR KIDS &
PARENTS OF
ALL AGES

SUNDAY APRIL 12 AT 11:30

CONNECTION, COFFEE & LAUGHTER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

A relaxed morning for young children and their caregivers to gather, play, and connect. We'll celebrate the season with simple spring-themed activities, toys, and time for parents and kids to build friendships. A great opportunity for families to get to know one another in a welcoming, low-key environment.

WHAT IS STAY & PLAY?

A casual, drop-in gathering after Sunday worship. Kids can play with simple toys and coloring materials in the same space where parents are hanging out. It won't be strictly supervised, but a few of our youth will be nearby to help and be with the kids. No agenda. No pressure. Just connection. Each Stay & Play will include a small seasonal surprise — because little joys matter as much as big ones.

WHY COME?

- Give your kids space to explore, create, and be themselves.
- Connect with other parents who understand what parenting today really feels like.
- Take a little breath for yourself in the middle of a busy day.

Stop by for a few minutes or stay as long as you like—let's enjoy some lighthearted family fun together!

JENNY [at] BRECKSVILLEUMC.COM

A SPACE
FOR
PARENTS,
TOO!





GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS

Thursday, April 23 from 7 to 8:30 pm

It's our turn to host the Engage GCC Assembly at Brecksville UMC. This is a monthly gathering of representatives from the various Greater Cleveland Congregations member institutions where we share information about ongoing activities, learn about advocacy opportunities, and build relationships with each other. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the collective power of churches working together to make a positive difference in our community. Anyone from Brecksville UMC is welcome to attend. Want to know more? Talk to Jim Slagle or any member of our BUMC GCC Team!

Easter Offering: Re:Source Cleveland

This Easter, we celebrate that "the Good News is alive in the world" by dedicating 100% of our Easter Offering to Re:Source Cleveland. As international newcomers—refugees and immigrants—work to build new lives in Northeast Ohio, Re:Source provides the essential tools they need to thrive, from youth mentoring and academic support to legal aid and mental health services. Your gift transforms the "difficult realities" faced by these families into stories of hopefulness and belonging. Please mark your gifts "Easter Offering" to ensure every dollar supports this vital work. Learn more about Re:Source Cleveland on our website. Other ways to support this work:

- Purchase a CSA share from Ohio City Farm: ohiocityfarm.com/csa
- Volunteer: resourcecleveland.org/volunteer

Hands on Service: Nehemiah Mission

Every Tuesday, Nehemiah's *Bread On Bridge* provides a hot, homemade meal for the community of Bridge Avenue in Cleveland. Our church will provide the food for the meal on Tuesday April 21. There are three ways to get involved:

- The Prep Crew (Saturday, April 18): Join us in the church kitchen for a few hours on Saturday morning to help cook and package the meal. No professional chef skills required!
- The Delivery Team (Tuesday, April 21): Help us deliver the prepared meal to Nehemiah.
- Surround this ministry with your prayers.

This is a fantastic, tangible way to serve together. Whether you can chop veggies for an hour or help with the heavy lifting of delivery, we'd love to have you. To join the crew talk to Marla Knight, or email Missions@BrecksvilleUMC.com

Join the Property Care Team!

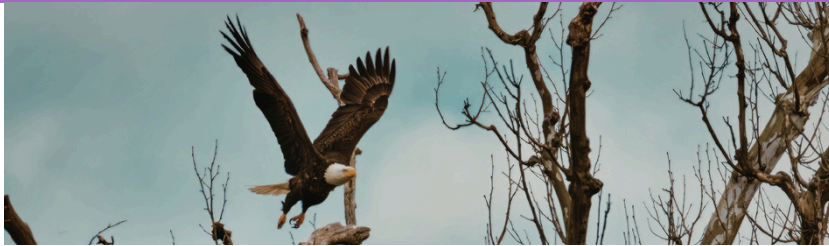
Our church building and grounds are more than just brick and grass—they are the setting for our worship, our weddings, and our community life. To keep our home-away-from-home in top shape, Jeff Hastings and the Property Care Team are looking for volunteers who love the great outdoors. Are you feeling called to lawn care and outdoor beautification?

- **Adopt-a-Flower-Bed:** Take the lead on weeding and tending a specific patch of our grounds throughout the growing season. Work at your own pace!
- **The Mowing Rotation:** Join a two-person team to mow and trim. With a full roster, you'll only be "on duty" once every few weeks.

Learn more! Reach out to Facilities@BrecksvilleUMC.com



Use this label for your bread tag collection. Bring your tags to the red cubbie on the first floor!



The April Aerie Amble: A Sojourn for All

Saturday, April 11 | Meet at Brecksville Railway Station at 11 am

Join the Green Team for a morning of movement, music, and mindful connection with creation. This all-abilities sojourn along the Towpath is a perfect outing for everyone—including those using wheelchairs or who prefer a gentler pace.

The Plan:

- **The Hike:** We'll depart from the Brecksville Railway Station, walking the accessible path toward the eagle nests.
- **Reflections:** Along the way, we'll hear stories and insights from Jenny Gee and Maureen Wise, with a special time of prayer and song by the river (stay tuned for a musical guest!)
- **The "Brown Bag" Social:** We'll conclude at the Plateau Picnic Area Pavilion for a BYO-lunch. Whether you hiked the full trail or are just joining us for the meal, there's a seat for you at the table!

Details at a Glance:

- **Bring:** A brown bag lunch and a reusable water bottle.
- **Accessibility:** The main route and pavilion are wheelchair friendly. For those seeking a challenge, a rugged secondary trail is available near the pavilion after lunch.
- **Parking:** Ample parking is available at the Plateau Picnic Area.



PLANT A TREE

GROW A COMMUNITY

BRECKSVILLE

Join us for an Arbor Day tree planting event dedicated to preserving our planet and creating a greener future for generations to come.

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

AT BLOSSOM HILL COMPLEX

4400 OAKES ROAD

Free tree saplings to take home and plant, while supplies last

The Canopy of Creation

Creation Care Sunday, April 19 | 10:30 AM

"A tree gives glory to God by being a tree."

Thomas Merton

This service explores the sacred role that trees play in our lives and our faith, with an invitation to breathe deep and reconnect with the Earth we are called to protect. From the ancient cedars of scripture to the maples in our own backyards, trees are silent witnesses to God's faithfulness.

The Heartbeat of Creation: We are thrilled to welcome a Guest Drum Circle! Their rhythmic, grounded music will lead us in a celebratory and soulful worship experience unlike any other.

A Sacred Canopy: Reflect on the healing of the nations and the restorative power of the woods.

Faith in Action: A time to honor our role as stewards of this beautiful, fragile world God created.

Partnership with Integrity Fiber Ends

Thank you for recycling your paper and cardboard at Brecksville UMC for all these years! Together, we have diverted tons and tons and TONS of waste from the landfill, saving trees, energy and water -- and generating money for our hunger ministries.

But, with changes to the recycled paper market, our bins overflowed more days than not and we started to contribute to the local litter instead of preventing it.

On March 20, our bins were removed from our parking lot. The BUMC Green Team made the call and will continue to educate us on all of the ways we can recycle right, including by recycling our bulletins on Sunday mornings and continuing to recycle all paper and cardboard used inside the church.

Please continue to care for God's creation by recycling your household paper curbside, or visit Cuyahoga Recycles to learn more about drop off locations for paper and cardboard in Cuyahoga County -- and all of the ways you can recycle right!



United Women in Faith

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BEAVER MARSH TO BOARDWALK

United Women in Faith Meeting April 2.

The story of the design, construction and development of the Ira Road Beaver Marsh Boardwalk, one of the most visited and well-loved sections of the Towpath Trail in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, will be the subject of our April meeting. Don't miss this story of transformation by Rob Bobel, Park Engineer for Cuyahoga Valley National Park for 30 years, retiring in 2017. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend! Presentation is at 10 am.

Refreshments begin at 9:30 am in the 2nd floor church parlor.

ALL ABOARD!



Sign up for June Train Ride!

We're looking for at least 20 people to join us for a morning aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad! Join UMW on JUNE 18, 2026 from 9 am to 1:15 pm. If 20 people sign up price is just \$18 dollars round trip.

Lunch optional after trip.

Email UWF@BrecksvilleUMC.com

ASBURY BREMETH CIRCLE

Radicle Methodism: Early Roots

Thursdays, April 9 and May 7 at 10 am

The class will continue its exploration of the origins of Methodism, looking at the early movement, its social impact, and the spiritual vision that shaped its beginnings. Sessions in April and May will focus particularly on how today we are being called back to our roots.



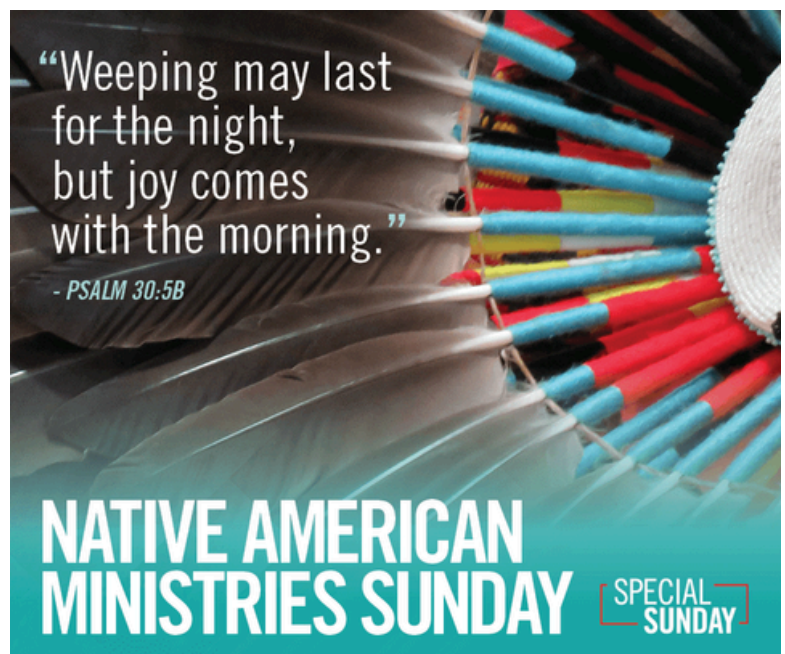
Stressed about finances? You are not alone!

Financial literacy from a perspective of faith - Class begins April 21

Money is one of the biggest stressors we face, but it doesn't have to stay that way. *Saving Grace*, a 6-week series starting April 21, can give you the tools to help you breathe easier. Whether you're looking to build a spending plan or finally tackle debt, you'll gain practical, faith-based strategies to reclaim your financial peace.

Saving Grace is designed for every generation—from those just starting out to those navigating retirement. Whether you're living paycheck-to-paycheck, in a financial crisis, or just want to be a better steward of your resources, you will find a safe space to learn and grow.

- Tuesdays, starting April 21, 7 pm
- Taught by Alan Scheufler
- Focus: Your well-being and financial freedom.
- Register: BUMCLinks.com, call 440-526-8938, or text 888-556-1171.
- Childcare available upon request.





Dream Big...God-Sized Dreams

At the March 15th Big Dream Town Hall, Pastor Heidi described a Big Dream, building on our existing Vision Framework, and pointing to the future. It is the result of many months of study, small group feedback, local community leader interviews, discussions facilitated by a consultant, and much prayer.

The vision is simple, but profound: *To saturate our community with connection and belonging... on the Square and everywhere.*

We can quickly see the connection to our mission: *Creating Safe Spaces to Grow With God and One Another.* Our congregation lives into that mission daily.

But why add a new vision? Because loneliness is a local and national epidemic. We heard it expressed many ways in our studies. The crisis of social isolation is getting worse, and is affecting every age group.

Loneliness negatively affects our health, our mental well-being, and our safety.

By adding the new vision, we actively implement our mission to address the very real loneliness problem that is all around us. Our church is uniquely positioned to help. By nurturing community and belonging, and intentionally connecting people both inside and outside our congregation, together we can help address isolation and loneliness.

How? By doing what we already do well, with new motivation! By intentionally focusing our programs and ministries in ways that counteract isolation. By consciously creating intergenerational opportunities and activities. And so much more.

But our church staff is already at maximum capacity. To implement the vision, there is a new strategic staffing plan to grow our staff over time as we also grow our financial resources.

And to continue to provide a “safe space to grow with God and one another,” we must also make a number of critical major repairs to our church building.

As we consider the Big Dream Vision, we ask that everyone pray daily for our church using the new 6:50 Prayer. We ask you to listen and talk with family, friends, church staff, Pastor Heidi and Leadership Board. We ask that you actively participate in the Listening Post on April 26, where everyone can share where their prayers and heart are leading them regarding the vision.

God sometimes asks big things of us, if we are willing to listen. When we listen and say YES to God, we know we can accomplish incredible things that we haven't even imagined yet. *-Alan Scheufler, Leadership Board member*

Listening post Sunday, April 26

11:45 am in Fellowship Hall

*What would we do if we knew
God would not let us fail?*

We are moving from a Vision Framework to a Big Dream, and we need your help to shape it.

Join us on **April 26** for a positive, high-energy Listening Post where we'll discuss how to turn our church into the relational heart of the community.

Whether you're passionate about youth ministry, accessibility, or simply building a more connected Brecksville, come share your heart and help us dream big!

650 PRAYER

God of abundance, saturate our community with connection and belonging. Where there is isolation, make me present. Where there is loneliness, make us family. Show me my part in cultivating relationships so that others will know of Your boundless love. Open my heart and mind to the incredible things I haven't even imagined yet. **Amen.**

Our 2026 Leadership Board - Kathy

Louttit (chair),
Brian Bendlak, Brenda Calovini,
Matt Gabor, Michael Houff,
Alan Scheufler, Tracy Scott,
Maria Shurik, Deb Watkins,
Rev. Heidi Welch.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Week of April 5

Beryl Burkle

It's was her birthday last week!

3308 Brecksville Rd Apt 103
Richfield, OH 44286-9813

Week of April 12

Dorothy Pliske

It's her birthday this week!

8239 York Rd Apt 2002
North Royalton, OH 44133-1254

Week of April 19

Gail Huth

It's her birthday this week!

8462 Edgelake Oval
Northfield, OH 44067-1017

Week of April 26

Nancy Kroenke

It's her birthday this week!

487 Austin Drive #136
Barberton, OH 44203

Nominate someone who could use a reminder that they are loved and kept in prayer!
Email Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com

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| 1 Doug Holmes | 11 Isaac Shurik | 18 Tyler Cramblett |
| 1 Beryl Burkle | 12 Stacy Parker | 19 Stephanie Roberts |
| 1 Amy Colligan | 13 Payton Schneider | 21 Judy Burroughs |
| 2 Lauren Brinkmann | 13 Alex McMaster | 21 Caitlin Dieringer |
| 2 Leanne Davis | 13 Kathy Louttit | 22 Quinn Barnum |
| 3 Julie Kubek | 13 Carri Kenney | 24 Ryan Petznick |
| 3 Sherry Klodnick | 13 Joel Bellone | 25 Tate Fowler |
| 3 Greg Gambone | 14 Mark Pace | 25 Katie Kiss |
| 4 Matthew Agnew | 14 Andrew Fredrick | 26 Chase Boldt |
| 4 Jessica Agostine | 14 Ed Jones | 26 Sara Louttit |
| 5 James Fredrick | 14 Vince Marotto | 26 John Hulligan |
| 6 Stella McCrodden | 14 Michael Houff | 27 Becky Juniper |
| 7 Mark Moore | 14 Matthew Gabor | 27 Alison Donze |
| 8 Derek Brinkmann | 14 Landon Winkler | 27 Kate Ivers |
| 8 Dorothy Pliske | 15 Matt Nelson | 28 Nancy Kroenke |
| 8 Philip Borders | 16 Janine Telischak | 28 Matt Salsbury |
| 10 Alan Harper | 16 Jim Neidinger | 29 Nell Taylor |
| 10 Avery Petznick | 17 Bill Lang | 30 Bob Wuerth |
| 10 Mandy Rozman | 18 Gail Huth | 30 Barbara Harper |
| 11 Hannah Winkler | 18 Ken Wise | 30 Lynn Dorman |

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



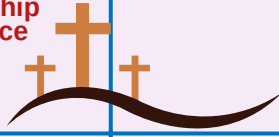








Brecksville UMC is a thriving community of faith because of people like you! You've probably heard the adage, "it takes a village..." Well, it takes a township to put on a Town Hall! What a team we had in March. Here are just a few ways people helped out: Kudos to our set up crew: Jeff and Lucy, Deb, Maria, and any of our first service attenders that hung back to help out. Thank you to Cathy and Maria for helping the kids make those adorable feathered buzzards. Thank you Michelle, Eliza, Deb, Catherine, Maria, Kathy and Lucy for all the work you did setting up and prepping food to go out. Thank you John, Ray, Mike, Tina and Deb for bringing back your award-winning chilies. They were a big hit at the cookoff and really savored by folks on Sunday. Thank you Matt and Kathy for arranging for the frozen foods and buying the buns! Thank you Maria for adding to the vegan option with your incredible orzo salad! Thank you to Abigail and Gavin for bringing down the coffee from coffee hour and the left over treats. Thank you Brandon, Michelle, Brenda, Kathy and Lucy for all the work you did cleaning up afterward. AND last, but certainly not least... thank you Michael for those treasured caricatures. You are such a talent! If we missed anyone, please know, named and unnamed, we are so grateful for all you did to make the Big Dream Town Hall such a success. A wonderful team like this really indicates what a healthy and vibrant church BUMC is.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7 Breakfast	2 9:30 UWF Mtg 10 Small Gp, Zoom 2:00 Chippewa Place Maundy Th 7 Maundy Thursday Worship Service	3 7 Good Friday Worship Service 	4
5 Easter Sunday 7 Sunrise Service 9 Traditional Service 11 Service with Worship Band, Sprouts & Seedlings	Holy Week Prayer Labyrinth Monday - Friday, 9 am - 7 pm Fellowship Hall					
12 Sing for Unity 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship - Sing for Unity 11:30 Stay & Play 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group	6 10:30 Imaginative Prayer at Chippewa Plc. <i>Easter Monday Church Offices Closed</i>	7 No Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food 6:30 Bell Choir	8 7 Breakfast <i>Leadership Board Reports are due!</i>	9 9:30 Asbury Bremeth Circle 10 Zoom Sm Grp 6:30 Choir 7 Small Group 8 Band	10 CHOOSE TO REUSE <i>Bring your own mug or water bottle with you!</i> 11 Drums	11 <i>Say no to plastic spoons & forks</i> 
19 Creation Care 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship 6 WELLNESS Series 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group	13 10:30 Imaginative Prayer 6:30 BBH Pride Parent Support Group	14 10:30 Staff Mtg 12 UWF Staff Luncheon 2 Mission Food 6:30 Eve Circle	15 7 Breakfast LAST DAY to <i>submit news for the April Newsletter!</i>	16 10 Zoom Sm Grp 6:30 Choir 7 Small Group 7:30 Leadership Board 8 Band	17 11 Drum Rehearsal	18  9 - Noon, Bike Fix It Day! 9 - 11 Bread on Bridge Meal Prep
26 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes 10:30 Worship 11:45 Big Dream Listening Post 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group	20 10:30 Imaginative Prayer <i>Choose locally grown food. Join a CSA!</i>	21 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food 3 Bread on Bridge at Nehemiah Mission 5 Sew4Good	22 7 Breakfast HAPPY EARTH Day 	23 10 Zoom Sm Grp 10 Newsletter Production Party 6:30 Choir 7 EngageGCC 7 Small Group 8 Band	24 9:30 UWF Board Meeting Arbor Day Event at Blossom Hill 	25  <i>Add a Colony Cupboard need to your shopping list</i>
	27 10:30 Imaginative Prayer	28 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food	29 7 Breakfast	30 10 Zoom Sm Grp 7 Small Group	<i>Learn more about Creation Care and the UMC! Visit UMC.org</i> 	

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 to a FREE event
Tuesday, April 14 from 6- 7 pm
 Brecksville United Methodist Church
 Fellowship Hall

Girls participate in fun Girl Scout tradition
 themed activities while their caregivers
 learn about Girl Scout sand troop
 openings.

RSVP
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*Welcoming all
 of God's children.*

Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace diversity as a gift. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Brecksville United Methodist Church as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.