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THE GOOD WORD

June 2026



2026 Contest Winners: Kim & Sophia Vann, Andrew Clark and Addie Pribble

Calling all pie bakers! Break out your rolling pins and start your test runs. We are searching for the best pie in the neighborhood. We welcome entries from any and all who would like to join, whether you are an experienced pie baker or have never made a pie in your life. The pie contest will take place on the front church lawn on Saturday, June 20. Visit bumclinks.com to see more details and official rules. We only ask that the pie not be a cream pie or anything that needs refrigerated. We hope you'll enter, but if you don't want to bake a pie, we will also need help setting up for the contest, slicing the pies, and serving to the judges. Talk to Marla Knight or sign up on Sunday or at BUMCLinks!



Welcome our newest church members, Addie Knight, Paige Nogle, Micah Carter and Brandon Houff



On Sunday, May 10, we had an impromptu Listening Post with the Sprouts kiddos, asking about their big dreams. This turned up lots of great ideas about their vision for our church. These children are creative, optimistic, generous, and excited to be part of this church family. I am so excited to share what they came up with across their 61 post-it notes! Here are some verbatim quotes: "Everyone should not be mean to anyone ever." "Helping Jesus and God." "We can raise money so we can maybe take money for people who maybe need it for their sickness/illness." "Big rainbows." "We can make welcome signs and banners for new guests." "Maybe we can have events and other big things like big amazing things at the church."

Many of them want to see more flowers and a compost bin, or other creation care ideas. Capital items (my words, not theirs) included a bigger parlor, a new roof (their classroom has damaged ceiling tiles and a damaged wall from a leak), fixing the curb, more parking spots for people with disabilities, and a new elevator. Community building ideas came up: clubs & groups for special interests (gardening, dancing), small groups, after church meetups, hosting events, a playground, and more signs to welcome new people. Their generosity spurred ideas like volunteering, donating money or having fundraisers. Lastly, they want to see more color! Paint the walls pink, or paint a mural on the wall.

The future of this church will belong to them and their children, and people want to help sustain what they help to build. So ask your young person what they think about these ideas, what other ideas they have, and invite them to the conversation. - Maria Shurik, Sprouts teacher

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Pastor's Column

Watching The Garden Grow



I planted my garden a few weeks ago. The first week after planting a seed, there's not much to see above ground—the garden looks like a bunch of dirt, which means I look like a crazy person each morning while I sip my coffee, just “checking on my plants.”

Underground, however, there's all sorts of preparation happening! The seed absorbs water in the soil, triggering enzymes that wake up the seed's embryo and start turning its stored food into energy. Then, the first root emerges, growing down, anchoring the plant into the ground and absorbing water and essential minerals. All of that happens, while above-ground, it just looks like dirt.

As I was staring at my garden one morning, it occurred to me that our vision process is a lot like those seeds—from the outside, it looks like we announced our new vision to saturate our community with connection and belonging... on the Square and everywhere (we planted the seed), and then nothing else happened.

But behind the scenes, I, our Campaign Work Group, staff, Leadership Board, and (many) others are doing all sorts of preparation.

The Campaign Work Group hired a consultant, The Ling Group. They will help us understand our financial capacity and create a strategy to increase generosity so that we can live out our vision now and into the future. (Thank you to those who have already donated to our Vision Campaign—because of you, we were able to pay for the consultant and have some leftover!)

Jeff Hastings, one of our Facilities Managers, has been working with a few others from our Vision Campaign work group to get quotes for our roof. Because we know time is of the essence with our roof—the likelihood that we make it through another winter without major issues is... not high.

A few members of our Green Team are investigating what it would take to add solar panels to our church—so that we can both save money on electricity, and live into being better stewards of God's good earth.

The Gifts & Memorials Committee (who oversee our endowment funds) is prayerfully discerning how they are being led to participate in our Vision Campaign.

At our first Listening Post, we learned that a large area of concern is integrating those newer to our church into the life of BUMC—beefing up our Welcome Team to ensure we consistently welcome first-time guests, following up with them, and helping them to learn how they fit into the

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Next Steps Made Simple at Field Notes

Sunday, June 7 at 11:45 am

Getting connected in a church community shouldn't feel like a guessing game. On Sunday, June 7 at 11:45 am, we're hosting Field Notes—a brief, 30-minute gathering designed to help you take your next steps with confidence.

We know life is busy, so we promise to keep it short, sweet, and incredibly practical. Pastor Heidi and church staff will be there to share a brand-new handout featuring a next steps checklist on one side and answers to our most frequently asked questions on the other. We'll even help you match those steps up with pages in your Spiritual Trail Guide.

Best of all, you'll get to meet fellow travelers who are also looking to dive deeper into community. We'll even challenge everyone to swap contact info with a new friend before the 30 minutes are up!

Grab a coffee or cold beverage after worship and join us. We can't wait to walk this path with you.

The Gospel of Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, July 22nd, 7 pm in the Chapel

Mary Magdalene is the second-most mentioned woman in the New Testament after Mary, the mother of Jesus. In the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions, Mary Magdalene is fondly remembered as "the apostle to the apostles" due to her witness of the risen Christ at the tomb, and her commission to spread the news of the resurrection to the other followers. Her presence at this moment, whether alone or with a group of other women, is unanimously accounted by all four gospel writers—an incredible feat of consistency in a time of oral tradition.



Despite the strength of her memory in the gospels, Mary Magdalene is not mentioned in any of the other books that now make up the New Testament. Her absence is particularly notable in the Acts of the Apostles. Before the New Testament was canonized sometime in the 4th century, early Christians read and learned from a wide variety of texts. Some texts still survive today, including one named for Mary Magdalene that remembers her as a teacher.

On July 22nd, her feast day, join Anthony & friends in the Chapel as they perform a staged, meditative reading of this text. Following the reading, we will explore its major themes and interpretations, its history, and what an apostolic tradition in Mary's name might look like. We'll also explore The Magdalene in the canonical gospels, as well as the ways she has been remembered (and mis-remembered) throughout church history, and ways we can keep her memory moving forward. *If you're interested in reading for a part, please reach out to anthony@brecksvilleumc.com*

Expanding Connections Online Book Club

Tuesday June 16, 7 - 8 pm

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith through diverse perspectives and meaningful conversation? Consider the **Expanding Connection Book Club**, a unique monthly gathering for Methodists in Ohio Land. It's a safe space for lifelong learners to explore stories of equality and inclusion. In lively Zoom discussions, you'll have the opportunity to build connection with fellow United Methodists across the state and to foster empathy and peace through the power of diverse world stories. Whether you're a lifelong bookworm or looking for a new way to engage with the broader church, all are welcome, even if you haven't finished the month's selection!

Here are some of the upcoming titles. Get a copy from your local library, bookseller, or through [our BookShop link](#):

- June 16— *Everyday Ubuntu* – Mungi Ngomane
- July 21— Children's books - see list on our website!
- August 18 - *A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity* – Debbie Thomas



PASTOR'S COLUMN *Continued from page 2*

they fit into the fabric of our church community. It used to be that the first time we saw someone was the first time they were encountering BUMC or worshipping with us. Now, though, people often research us and worship online several times before walking in our doors. So, by the time they're here, they're ready to meet people and engage with us!

Hearing all of this, it affirmed the necessity of adding an Audio/Visual Director to our staff sooner rather than later. Melanie posted the position on a Monday, and by Thursday we already had several excellent candidates apply!

And Leadership Board is overseeing all the different pieces and parts, supporting the work of each team and work group, asking questions, and affirming that we're all working together to create safe spaces to grow with God and one another by saturating our community with connection and belonging... on the Square and everywhere!

Oh! And we're still listening! Over the summer, we'll have more opportunities to share your thoughts and areas of excitement as we narrow down our "Big Dream Vision" to what we want to focus on in the near future. (Also, you can go to brecksvilleumc.com/big-dream and share your answers to our Listening Post questions!) It's been so exciting to hear people's ideas of how we can live out this vision and where they feel God is calling them to participate!

So, while it might look like not much is happening "above the dirt," much is being done to create a solid foundation of roots so that our vision will be a great success!

You might be wondering how you can participate...

- Connect with me or one of our staff members to let us know you'd like to join one of the teams mentioned above.
- Participate in upcoming Listening Posts.
- Begin to think about your capacity for financial generosity towards our Vision Campaign.
- Most of all—pray! In order to saturate our community with connection and belonging, we first need to be saturated in prayer!

Because if we are going where God is leading, we cannot fail!

Pastor Heidi



United
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ALL ABOARD!

UWF Explore the CVNP Scenic Railroad
Thursday, June 18

34 people are already signed up, but you might be able to join the adventure! Join us for a morning aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad! Board train at Peninsula. Travel to Akron and back to Peninsula. \$18 round trip **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Lunch optional at Winking Lizard. Tickets still available. Contact Kathy Sopka Email UWF@BrecksvilleUMC.com



BIKES WANTED!

Our bike ministry team is on a roll! In the past six months alone, they have redistributed 87 bikes and are now in need of more bikes to fix. If you have a bike you have outgrown or no longer use, please consider bringing it to church to help get spokes to folks!

- Bikes can be dropped off anytime the church is open. Leave them in the (coat room) donation station on the first floor.
- Tell your friends! Bikes, and helping hands are always welcome.





Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS

July 6–10 | 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Who says you need snow for a mountain adventure?

This summer, kids are invited to head to the Blossom Hill picnic shelter and soccer field for Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God! Through winter sports-inspired games, music, crafts, science activities, snacks, and unforgettable Bible stories, children will discover that God gives us strength for every challenge life brings our way.

Throughout the week, we'll explore stories of courage, prayer, hope, generosity, and using our gifts to help others — all while enjoying sunshine, laughter, friendships, and plenty of outdoor fun.

Already, more than 90 children are registered to join the adventure, and there's still room for more teammates on the mountain! Whether your child is returning for another summer at VBS or joining us for the very first time, we can't wait to welcome them.

To learn more, contact the church office at 440-526-8938.



It truly is one of the best weeks of the summer! More details and registration at BUMCLinks.com.

From Memorial Day weekend through the fall, our children's ministry heads outdoors for Summer Sprouts — a sixteen-week journey of wonder, exploration, friendship, and faith formation on the church lawn.

Each Sunday after the Children's Moment during the 10:30 service, our preschool through elementary-aged children gather outside to explore God's creativity through nature walks, scavenger hunts, science activities, stories, games, crafts, and hands-on learning experiences centered around the natural world right outside our doors.

This summer's themes will include insects, birds, water, plants, weather, pollinators, animal habitats, caring for creation, and even a celebratory creek exploration at the end of the season. Along the way, children will practice observation, curiosity, kindness, and care for the world God has made. Summer Sprouts is intentionally simple, joyful, and rooted in helping children slow down and notice the beauty and wonder woven throughout creation. We are excited to spend the summer learning and growing together outdoors!



Youth Helpers Needed for Summer Sprouts

With so many of our youngest children participating in Summer Sprouts this year, we would love a few extra helping hands outdoors each Sunday morning! **Youth and older students** are invited to serve as Summer Sprouts helpers during the 10:30 service. Helpers assist with walks, activities, scavenger hunts, restroom trips, and offering a caring presence for our little ones. Students do not need to commit to every week, but consistent helpers throughout the season are especially appreciated. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve, connect with younger children, and be part of a joyful ministry outdoors this summer. If your student would like to help, please reach out to Jenny Gee or simply join us on a Sunday morning.



YES! I Want to help make VBS Possible!

Your financial support helps keep VBS affordable for all families. There is little in this world more awesome than seeing over 100 children singing praises to Jesus and learning how beloved they are in God's eyes.

Name:

Donation Amount:

Return this form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Text "GIVEBUMC GiveVBS" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

BORING, BUT IMPORTANT

BUMC's New Electricity Rate

As part of our commitment to faithful stewardship of our church's resources, we are participating in a cooperative energy purchasing process through the Community Purchasing Alliance (CPA) Co-op. By joining with other community institutions, churches, and nonprofits, we're able to explore more stable and competitive utility pricing while also partnering with an organization that emphasizes transparency, sustainability, and ethical business practices.

Through this process, the co-op has negotiated a fair locked-in electricity rate for us through December 2028, helping provide greater predictability and stability in an often volatile energy market.

This process is about more than simply lowering costs, although it's a huge win for our ability to budget utility costs wisely and accurately! It's also about making thoughtful, values-driven decisions that help us care wisely for the resources entrusted to us, so that more can be directed toward ministry and community impact.



Do things like electricity rates, insurance and building safety and efficiency interest you?

Consider joining the BUMC Building Care Team! Facilities Manager, Jeff Hastings, can tell you more about it. Email him at Jeff@BreksvilleUMC.com

Youth Group NEWS

This summer marks a new season for our Youth Group, and I could not be more excited for what's ahead.

Over the past month, we've already welcomed new students into the group, and it has been such a joy watching the way relationships form and personalities are invited to shine uniquely. Every week has looked a little different, which honestly feels exactly right.



One recent youth group night ended with a few of our more art-inclined students sprawled out on the lawn together, quietly drawing and talking as the sun went down. Other nights are loud, chaotic, and full of games and laughter. I love that both kinds of evenings can emerge here naturally, because every student brings their individual colors to the space.

My heart for this ministry is simple: I want this to continue to be the place our beloved Dana worked so hard to create: a place where teenagers can show up exactly as they are. A place where they can laugh loudly, ask tough questions, make art, play wild games, eat snacks, sit quietly when they need to, and know they are safe, welcomed, and deeply valued.

We'll spend plenty of time just hanging out and building community. Lord knows these kids need some space to unwind and just be. We're also going to dig deep together. We'll talk honestly about the things that shape us, challenge us, and form us into who we become. We'll explore the radically loving, wise, and often upside-down teachings of Jesus, and what it might look like to actually live them out in everyday life.

A few important summer announcements:

- Youth Group is meeting all summer! If we hit 10 students at any Youth Group (6-12th graders welcome!) night this summer, we're walking to Corradi's for ice cream.
- I want to meet up with youth and parents one-on-one and get to know you and hear what thoughts, dreams, concerns, and ideas you have for what we can build together. I'll be reaching out all Summer, but if you're excited, feel free to reach out to me first and we'll get something scheduled!

I'm just excited to keep creating a space filled with friendship, honesty, curiosity, joy, and grace together. I constantly see that our young people are full of incredible depth, compassion, wisdom, and goodness, and I can't wait to see what grows this summer. - Shannon Kantorowski, Director of Youth Ministry and Finance Manager



Where Faith Meets Action: 22 Camp Scholarships Funded!

Corner 65 Girls at Camp Asbury Last Year

What started a few years ago as a small initiative to send a handful of kids to camp has blossomed into a major movement of joy and belonging. Over three years, interest has skyrocketed. The first year, we helped 6 girls go and this year 22 girls from Re:Source Cleveland—all from families new to the United States as refugees and asylum seekers—were eager to attend an East Ohio UMC camp.

The financial barriers for these families were high, but our Missions & Community Engagement Team knew exactly what to do. Using a generous portion of their annual budget, they ensured every single one of these 22 girls will get to go to camp this summer.

According to Re:Source Cleveland, this experience is vital. It offers these youth:

- Space to build confidence and independence.
- Time in nature, away from the heavy stressors of relocation.
- A chance to form lasting friendships and simply be kids.

This is what your giving makes possible! Thank you for opening your hearts and resources to ensure our newest neighbors are welcomed with open arms and life-changing experiences.

Want to help? Drivers may be needed to help get the girls to and from camp. Financial donations help equip the girls with the camp gear they need. Text “GiveBUMC Kids2Camp” to give online or note “Kids2Camp” on your cash or check gift.

“Give to Everyone Who Asks” (Luke 6:30)....

Deeds of Mercy

Did you know that Brecksville UMC has a special fund, called **Deeds of Mercy**, that is money we set aside specifically so we can say “yes” to those in need who may come and ask us for help? We want to follow Jesus’s example and always be ready to take care of our neighbors. The Deeds of Mercy is a **designated fund** meaning that it’s not a portion of our annual operating budget, and is instead something that is filled directly when you give a gift and tell us it’s for that purpose.

If you’d like to help us keep saying “yes”, you can give via the normal channels, online or by check or cash... Just make sure to mark them for “Deeds of Mercy”.

Thank you for your heart of love and generosity!

DETERMINED SERVICE



Fishing Booth Promotes Clean Water!

Brecksville Home Days returns the weekend of June 19-21, and the Fishing Booth is coming back! While we have enjoyed serving ice cream the past few years, we know that our BUMC Fishing Booth was loved by the children attending Home Days, and it was a great way to start conversation with attendees. This year, the booth will help us live into our value of caring for God’s earth! We’ll be partnering with a local water conservation group to dream up a fun way to help share about the ways we can better care for our water - more details coming soon! We also feel that bringing back this booth will provide an opportunity to help build connection and belonging, as is our BIG DREAM. We would love for you to sign up for a slot to work the fishing booth, or help provide some of the items that will be given out. Lots of help is needed to make this event a success. Visit bumclinks.com to see the sign-up and wishlist. See you on the Square!



COURAGEOUS INCLUSION



Sharing God's Love in CLE

Pride in the CLE,

Saturday June 6

We are joining together and marching along with many other area churches showing our collective support of the LGBTQ+ community. This year, Rev. Dr. Israel (Izzy) Alvaran, Director of United Methodist Connections, will be joining BUMC and other Northeast Ohio United Methodist Churches in the march!

Carpool from the church or meet us at our standing location by 11 am the start time for the march. Sign up at the welcome table on Sunday morning or sign up online at BUMCLinks.com! Have questions or need more information? Talk to Linda Crouch or Pastor Heidi. *It'll be a great day!*

BBH Pride Fest

Saturday, June 27: 12 - 7 pm

Brecksville Broadview Heights Pride Fest is an opportunity to offer a simple but meaningful witness: that God's love is wide, welcoming, compassionate, and real. Our goal is to show up with kindness, conversation, encouragement, and open hearts.



Dana Schwendeman, Maria Shurik, and Kim Petro
at BBH Pride Fest in 2024

To help make this happen, we're looking for volunteers! We need friendly people willing to spend an hour or two at the booth greeting attendees, handing out information, chatting with people, and helping create a warm, joyful presence. If you've ever wondered what you can do to share love and help mitigate loneliness or isolation in the community in a simple, accessible way - here is an amazing chance to do so.

We'd also love creative help brainstorming fun and engaging things for the booth. Ideas so far include stickers, bracelets, temporary tattoos, giveaways, prayer cards, kids' activities, cold water bottles, a photo backdrop, rainbow sidewalk chalk, and interactive prompts like "Where have you experienced love?" or "What gives you hope?" If you have ideas, crafty talents, or supplies to contribute, we'd love to hear about them!

Finally, we'll need practical help with both setup and teardown. That means strong arms, helping hands, and a few larger vehicles to transport tables, signs, and supplies to and from the festival grounds at the Broadview Heights City Campus & Amphitheater 9543 Broadview Road in Broadview Heights.

Whether you can volunteer for a short shift, help carry equipment, or simply stop by to support and encourage, every bit helps make our presence possible. If you'd like to volunteer or contribute ideas, please sign up at BUMCLinks.com or reach out to Shannon in the office.

Thank you for helping us be a visible reminder that God's love belongs to everybody.



Pride Month Reminders

- Queer people are created in God's image and whole-heartedly loved.
- Creating inclusive spaces means choosing love over fear and judgment.
- Learning from and listening to Queer voices helps all of us grow as loving Christians.
- Pride is an opportunity for joyful gathering and celebrating God's creativity.
- Queer people deserve to be part of a community of faith and to worship authentically.



The View From The Balcony

I am a new member to the Leadership Board, but before I joined the board, I was and still am an AV volunteer running the worship slides almost every

Sunday morning. I wanted to share my viewpoint on why an AV Director can help grow our church.

I want to start by saying Melanie does a fantastic job currently with everything AV. She has taught me everything I know and I am very grateful. But those who know Melanie know that her talents of hospitality and connecting with people aren't being fully utilized in the AV booth every Sunday. An AV Director would allow her to step away and use her God given gifts to welcome and connect with people in our church.

As someone who volunteers on the AV team, I've seen firsthand how much we rely on sound, video, and livestreaming to create a meaningful experience. When everything works, it's seamless and powerful but when something goes wrong, it can be stressful and distracting. Having a dedicated AV Director would help ensure services run smoothly every week, so the focus stays on worship rather than troubleshooting.

From a communication standpoint, this role would make a real difference in how people experience the service. Clear audio, well-timed slides (if I'm paying attention), and a steady livestream will help everyone stay engaged, especially those joining from home. I've noticed that when things are dialed in, it feels easier for people to connect with the message.

This position could take that to the next level by improving quality and consistency, making our services more welcoming to both long-time members and first-time visitors.

Finally, this position would allow the church to be more proactive about the future instead of reactive to issues. Whether it's planning upgrades, improving livestream capabilities, or supporting special events, an AV Director would bring a clear direction to those efforts. From where I stand as a volunteer, we already have a lot of passion and willingness; we just need the right person to help bring it all together and make our AV ministry as strong as it can be. - *Brian Bendlak, Leadership Board*

Why now?

YouTube has been an excellent teacher. One of the countless "how to live stream your church worship services" videos I watched included this great advice: ***You can't fix it all at once. Just try to make it 1% better every week.***

Over the past six years, that's exactly what we've done. Starting with a cell phone rubber-banded to a tripod, we built a weekly livestream production that consistently opens the digital doors of our church. We've even had other churches look to us as a benchmark! I am incredibly proud of the learning that Jamie Schwendeman, Mike Murphy, Ryan Lohr, Michael Pace and I have done together, and so grateful for the team that keeps it running every week: George Gee, Paul Calovini, Cam Christensen, Brandon Houff and Brian Bendlak, with the support of the talents of Jamie, Craig Kotnik and Michael Houff.

So, why hire an AV Director now?

Because we finally have the foundation to support one!

Right now, as Brian shares, we are often stuck playing defense—spending Sunday mornings putting out tech fires because we are *still* learning as we go. But through that learning we've gotten better every week and have built a robust system and a dedicated volunteer team.

We've just reached a technical ceiling—specifically in sound engineering—that YouTube videos can't bridge. By finding an AV professional with a teacher's heart to resource us and train our volunteers, we can continue to take those weekly steps forward, and make the balcony a joyful place to serve again.

I am so excited for the future of this ministry. Please join me in surrounding our search for our AV Director with prayer! - *Melanie Smith, Director of Communication & Connection*



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.



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

Week of June 7

Craig Czarnota

Needs our love and support

8341 Whitewood Rd

Brecksville, OH 44141-1527

Week of June 14

Phil Long & Katie Singleton

Are getting married this week!

10760 Meadowbrook Dr

Parma Heights, OH 44130-5117

Week of June 21

Linda Rollins

Is celebrating a birthday this week!

2176 Brookdale Dr

Frisco, TX 75036-2811

Week of June 28

Ruth McDonel

Just had a birthday!

7005 Stadium Dr Apt 214

Brecksville, OH 44141-1895

*Nominate someone who could use a reminder
that they are loved and kept in prayer!*

Email Prayer@brecksvilleumc.com



MILESTONES
News of the church family

Longtime member and former church Finance Manger, John Faulk, has died. John and his wife, Linda, joined our church in 1993, but spent the last 20 years living near their family in Texas. John was a gift to our church in his time here, establishing modern financial practices that ensure the fiscal health of our church to this day. Please surround his family with love and prayer as they mourn his passing.



1 Leslie Miller

1 Betsy Jaszczak

1 Rick Krause

1 Adam Smith

1 Micah Carter

2 Judy McCrodden

2 Jeannette Dumot

2 Fran McClean

2 Harmony Lasich

4 Russell Slifcak

4 Aaron Georgevich

5 Cathy Krolikowski

5 Kimberlee Fisher

5 Wally Kudlaty

6 Jenna Schroedel

6 Megan Gardner

6 Reid Samblanet

6 Elliot Samblanet

7 Darren Calovini

7 Lauren Scott

7 Courtney McDonough

10 Aurelia Perry

10 Maggie Gabor

11 Jim Monnett

11 Cydney Tormento

12 Trevor Vastartis

13 Tom Kuttler

13 Nolan Wasie

15 Amber Lasich

17 Dan AuWerter

18 Adeline Miller

19 Judy Helm

19 Charlie Cooper

20 Kevin Kwiatkowski

21 Mark Pace

21 Russ Martin

22 Gavin Santora

23 Michael Pace

23 Linda Rollins

23 Mike Manocchio

24 Anne Ford

24 CJ Gabor

25 Brian Pasek

25 Karolyn Hood

25 Jacob Nelson

25 River Roberts

26 Linda Crouch

26 Darren Krolikowski

26 Craig Czarnota

26 Jerry Bartholomew

26 Jimmy Zawada

26 Silas Spitzer

26 Cathy Mellott

27 Ruth McDonel

27 Shirley Galik

27 Jan Kranstuber

27 Krissy Nelson

28 Joe Bartholomew

28 Lori Cooper

29 Julia Patterson

29 Hadley Vastartis

29 Mila Crooks

30 Taylor Cave

**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! We thank God for each of you every day, and pause in this space to say a public thanks for just a few of you for the many ways you help saturate our community with connection and belonging. People like Sharon Judson, who offered

rides and welcome to church to a family in need. Jamie Schwendeman, whose presence at Youth Group is a precious gift. Maria Shurik who strengthened the church in Ohio by presenting a workshop on leadership development to UMC leaders. Meredith, from the Brecksville UCC, who helped us locate - and move - a bike that had been errantly donated there. Cam Christensen who had his first solo flight on the sound board in May. Way to go, Cam! Sue Ellenberger who helped create warm welcome for our Composting Workshop by greeting folks in the parking lot. Bob Fehlner who serves week in and week out on our welcome team. When their mom's surgery kept her off her feet, Eliza and Hannah Botzman stepped in to teach Sprouts and did an amazing job. That you all for all the ways you saturate our community with connection and belonging!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:30 Imaginative Prayer at Chippewa Plc. <i>Mowing Team: Brown/Sendrey</i>	2 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food 2:30 Chippewa Communion	3 7 Breakfast	4 10 Zoom Sm Grp 7 Small Group 8 Band	5 7 Recital 	6 
7 Communion Sunday 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:30 Worship with Sprouts 11:30 PARTY! 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group	8 10:30 Im. Prayer 6:30 BBH Pride Parent Group 6:30 Izzy Alvarez Meeting <i>Mowing Team: M. Botzman/ Meyer</i>	9 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food 7 Gifts & Memorials	10 7 Breakfast <i>Our Recycling Project will be recognized at Annual Conference Today!</i>	11 10 Zoom Sm Grp 7 Small Group 8 Band	12	13 9 - Noon, Bike Fix It Day! 
14 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group	15 10:30 Imaginative Prayer <i>Mowing Team: P. Botzman/ Spencer</i>	16 10 Stitch'n'Time 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food 5-8 Sew4Good 7 Expanding Connections Book Club, online	17 7 Breakfast 9 Faith Build Kick Off Celebration LAST DAY to submit news for the July Newsletter!	18  9 UWF Train Ride 10 Zoom Sm Grp 7 Small Group 7:30 Leadership Board 8 Band	19 June Tenth! 11 Chippewa Craft Day 4 Wedding Rehearsal 6 Healing Circle Brecksville Home Days	20  Long/Singleton Wedding
21 HAPPY Father's Day 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group Brecksville Home Days	22 10:30 Imaginative Prayer <i>Mowing Team: Auble/Gee</i>	23 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food	24 7 Breakfast	25 10 Zoom Sm Grp 10 Newsletter Production Party 7 Small Group	26	27  BBH Pride Fest 12 - 7 at Broadview Heights Rec
28 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group  HAPPY BIRTHDAY John Wesley!	29 10:30 Imaginative Prayer <i>Mowing Team: Brown/Sendrey</i>	30 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food Queer Youth of Faith Day 	1 6 DAYS TO GO 	2	3	4 HAPPY 4th of July 

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accepted here, exactly as you are.*



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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.