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THE GOOD WORD

November 2026

Before We Even Asked

One of our wonderful church members came to visit the office this week, and found me slightly red-eyed and staring at spreadsheets, feeling ready for a nap, and like my ability to form words was stuck inside one of those endless tiny cells. "Budget season," I told him with a shrug. He smiled lovingly, gave me a hug, and went on his way.

I spend a lot of my time with spreadsheets. Especially this time of year. And it's easy for spreadsheets to seem like dry, heartless data. But when I really look.... That's not what I'm seeing.

Before our Vision Campaign even went live, people were already giving! Big, leap-of-faith gifts, for the campaign, and for our general fund. Just saying with their dollars and their mouths **"God is doing big things here!"**

That's not something the Vision Campaign can take credit for. That's all God.

And it isn't just the "what" God is giving. Look at the "who" God has sent us, too. Jeremy came on as our AV Director, and it turns out he also has the gifts and heart to be our Facilities Manager. Anthy, our Office Manager? Same story. They had the gifts and interest to become our Custodian, too. There is no way we could have planned that. But God did.

I keep coming back to Jesus's truly mind-blowing words about the sparrow and the lilies... "Do not worry.... Your Heavenly Father feeds and clothes them, how much more will he give to you?" And Isaiah 65:24: "Before they call I will answer."

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All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 1
at 10:30

Bring a photo of a departed loved one to place on the altar.

On All Saints Sunday, United Methodists around the world publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. All Saints Sunday honors the impact each life has on another.

At Brecksville United Methodist Church, the names of loved ones who have died in the past year are read, a candle is lit, and the church bell is tolled in each person's honor. Prayers are lifted for the departed.

United Methodists believe in the communion of the saints, which includes not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before them, a great cloud of witnesses which surrounds the living and cheers each of us on.

Among the people we will honor are these faithful people from our church body who went on to the church triumphant in the past 12 months: **Dorothy Bowles, Scott Campbell, John Faulk, Beverly Gooding, Ruth Hazlett, Jan Kranstuber, Dennis Marsh, Mary Ellen Matts, Alex McMaster, Lois Milne, Nick Rajkovich and Joyce Wuerth**

To add your loved one (who died between November 2025 and 2026) to the list, please contact the Brecksville United Methodist Church office by texting 833-556-1171, calling 440-526-8938 or emailing hello@brecksvilleumc.com.

We will also fill the altar with photos of our saints. Photos can be of anyone you want to celebrate and remember, regardless of when they died. Bring your photo to church anytime before All Saints Sunday at 10 am.

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A Place to Breathe



A reflection on parenthood, sanctuary, and God's beloved children

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance. It's a day set aside to remember those transgender and gender-diverse people who have lost their lives to anti-transgender violence. It's a day of mourning, honoring lives that were cut short, and remembering that every name represents one of God's beloved creations.

As I think about this day, I find myself holding two things together: grief for lives that have been lost, and gratitude for the people who are working to make the world a safer place for transgender young people.

My youngest, who now goes by the name Roe, is navigating the complicated and deeply personal process of figuring out who they are. Like many teenagers, they are asking questions, exploring their identity, and discovering what it means to become themselves. Teens throughout the generations have done this work, and now, for many present-day teens, this includes exploration of gender and sexual identity. As a parent, my job isn't to completely understand this process, but to support and love my kids through their exploration.

And I'm exceedingly grateful that Brecksville United Methodist Church is a place where Roe feels safe to say, "I go by Roe now," and they're treated with kindness and respect, and they're not expected to have justification for such a change. People might slip and call them Corrie, but it's followed by, "Oops! I mean Roe!" The important thing isn't that people are perfect at using a new name or pronouns (Roe goes by they/them at the moment), but that an attempt is made to honor who they are and their exploration of who God has created them to be.

For young people who are questioning their identity, who may be afraid of rejection or uncertain about where they belong, an affirming space is an oasis. It's a place where they can let down their guard, release the fear that they're going to be teased or bullied, and breathe. In a safe space, they can be seen, valued, and discover that they're not alone.

A safe, affirming space can literally save lives.

The Trevor Project's 2020 national survey of LGBTQ+ young people found that transgender and nonbinary who reported having at least one gender-affirming space had 25% lower odds of reporting a suicide attempt in the previous year than those who did not.

This doesn't mean that acceptance erases every struggle, or a single person or community can solve every challenge a young person faces. But being welcomed, respected, and supported matters. It can make a life-changing difference.

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Chapel Conversations: Practicing the Way

Finding God in the ordinary. Sundays at 9:30 in the Chapel

This fall, our Practicing the Way series has invited us to slow down and explore the ways we encounter God in everyday life. Through paying attention, practicing Sabbath, and exploring gratitude, we've been considering what happens when we make room to notice, receive, and appreciate the gifts already woven into our lives. These practices aren't about adding more to our to-do lists, but about becoming more present to God and to one another.

In November, we'll continue that journey by turning our attention toward our relationships and the ways our spiritual lives shape how we meet the world around us. We'll explore

- Listening—becoming more present to God and others
- Blessing—recognizing goodness and speaking life into one another
- Forgiveness—considering what it means to release what keeps us bound
- Service—joining in what God is already doing in the world.

Together, we'll keep exploring how small shifts in attention and practice can open us to deeper connection with God, with one another, and with the ordinary moments that make up our lives.

Drop in anytime! Want to know more? Reach out to Jenny@BrecksvilleUMC.com

Let's Talk: Podcast Class

Sundays at 9:30 am in room 301.

We listen to a podcast episode during the week then gather on Sunday morning to talk about what we heard, share our reactions and questions, and explore how the conversation connects with our faith and our lives. That's it! Just listen during the week, come curious, and join the conversation. There's no lecture and no right answer. It's simply a chance to listen, wonder, question, and learn together before or after worship.

Come for the podcast. Stay for the conversation. Leave with something new to think about.

Imaginative Prayer: A Story to Step Into

Mondays at 10:30 in the Chapel (first Monday each month at Chippewa Place)

This November, we continue our practice of Imaginative Prayer, entering a Bible story through our imagination and allowing its words and people to come alive in new ways. There is something special about being able to hold these ancient stories in our hands, read their words, and discover that they still have something to offer us today. We're grateful for the stories, the space to wonder, and the moments when a familiar passage opens up in a new way. *Drop in anytime!*

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Transgender Day of Remembrance is an opportunity for us to consider what kind of world we are creating. Are we making room for people to be honest about who they are? Do we offer kindness instead of judgment, curiosity instead of assumptions, and belonging instead of conditions? These questions are profoundly spiritual, because they boil down to how we love our neighbor and whether we see someone as God's beloved child... or not.

Our mission is to create safe spaces to grow with God and one another. What sets us apart from other churches is that we don't just say it, we mean it. Now, that doesn't mean we're perfect at it—that we don't say the wrong (inappropriate) thing, use the wrong pronouns, or forget someone's chosen name. However, it does mean that we are intentionally trying to learn with a humble heart.

As a parent, I want to say thank you. Thank you for being a place where young people can bring their questions, where families can find support, and where no one has to hide an essential part of themselves in order to be welcomed. Thank you for treating my children with love, respect, and dignity, and showing them that they matter.

I pray that those people who need this sort of place are led by the Spirit to our doorstep or website. And that when they discover us, they're able to breathe a little easier, feel a little less alone, and begin to imagine a future in which they belong.

God, may your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven! Amen.

Pastor Heidi

Growing in Faith, Putting Love into Action

There's a lot happening with our children at BUMC! This fall, they've been exploring Bible stories, getting creative, serving our neighbors, and finding all sorts of ways to put faith into practice.

In *Seedlings and Sprouts*, children are discovering that Bible stories are full of people who face challenges, make choices, and experience God's presence in their lives. Through storytelling, games, crafts, and hands-on activities, these familiar stories become opportunities to wonder, imagine, and grow.

And at *Do Something Sundays*, our kids are discovering that faith is something we do, too. October was a busy month! Children helped decorate the pumpkin patch by Mod Podging pumpkins and creating whirly-leaf decorations, and they wrote cards for members of our congregation who are unable to join us in person. These may seem like small acts, but they are meaningful ways for children to share kindness and remind others that they are remembered and loved.

November brings more opportunities to learn and serve. Whether they're discovering what happens next in Moses' story or helping our church care for neighbors and community members, our children are growing in faith and learning that they have something important to contribute.



After Children's Moment in the 10:30 Worship Service.

Preschool–Kindergarten and anyone wanting a quieter and gentler Sunday morning experience. Our youngest learners are continuing their adventures through Bible stories, with the parting of the Red Sea and Manna in the Wilderness coming up in November. They'll also meet Rufus and his Angry Tail as they explore feelings and what to do with anger. There's plenty of storytelling, movement, creativity, and play along the way!



Grades 1–6. After Children's Moment in the 10:30 Worship Service.

Our older children wrap up their exploration of Baby Moses on November 1 before moving into the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. Through our rotating mix of storytelling, art, science, cooking, videos, and games, children have opportunities to explore the Bible in ways that invite curiosity and conversation.



Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Parlor

Faith in action happens every week here at Brecksville UMC! In November, our children will help unload frozen food for our food ministry and make cards for the volunteers who help make that ministry possible. They will host a table where they'll encourage congregation members to pick up cards to write to veterans and on Hanging of the Greens morning, they'll help put up Christmas trees in Fellowship Hall. It's a wonderful way for children to take part in the life of our church while learning that even small acts of service matter.





At the October Leadership Board meeting we opened with a wonderful, inspiring Violin Solo from our very own Michael Houff. We zoned in and focused through the beauty of music on how the Lord is helping us all in the church bring forward his vision for our church and our future. Often times a vision that God has for us can feel larger than life, but when we trust and have faith, that is where miracles happen.

This has rung so very true for me. As my 3 year term on this board comes to a close at the end of this year, I reflect back on all we have accomplished. When we adopted the Simplified Accountability Structure (SAS) three years ago, it felt so different, but it has come to be such a blessing and is bringing us all together to help make wonderful things happen.

I have had the honor to be part of starting both the Flea Market and Pumpkin Patch which have become so much a part of our church now. It all started with forming an “Alternate Revenue” work group where we brought in other church members and it evolved from there. Since then, it’s no longer about “Alternate Revenue” but has evolved into community outreach. We have had people come to our church on Sunday morning for the first time after experiencing what we offer in both the Pumpkin Patch and Flea Market. These are wonderful opportunities for outreach where people can see who we are by the love we have for our community. This started with a ‘vision’ we had that felt larger than life but has become a way to take us out of building and into the community, in fact defining what it can look like to be “on the square and everywhere”.

As I reflect I see so many parallels to our vision campaign where at times it feels large, but God’s vision is always bigger than ours. Can you imagine what we could be saying 3 years from now? I believe we will be reflecting on how, because of our faith, we have made positive impacts on our community and can see God moving in big ways among us.

Brecksville UMC will continue to a beacon of hope and light on our little square here in Brecksville. May God help us to have faith - and trust He has such great things in store for us here, on the square and everywhere.

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We’ve been asking God to open our hearts and minds to the incredible things we haven’t even imagined yet. Some weeks, that can feel like a scary request. But then we are reminded, over and over... ***God goes ahead of us.***

Underneath all the logistics of this Vision Campaign, it’s about trusting that when God calls us to saturate our community with connection and belonging, God provides what we need to follow that call.

Celebrating All Saints this month, we remember the people whose faith built this church. Every Sunday we worship in a place full of reminders that all of this came through someone else’s faithful generosity. Now it’s our turn to pass that faith on. If you want to be part of that, there are many ways to do it:

- ***Give to the Vision Campaign.*** Every gift and pledge, of every size, moves us forward.
- ***Leave a legacy.*** Gifts to our Gifts & Memorials Fund honor someone you love, and gifts over \$5,000 are invested so they keep giving for generations. You can also include BUMC in your estate plans.
- ***Give from your IRA.*** If you’re 70½ or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution goes straight from your IRA to the church, is generally excluded from your taxable income, and can count toward your required minimum distribution. Learn more at BrecksvilleUMC.com/qualified-charitable-distribution.

Questions about any of these? Email me at Shannon@BrecksvilleUMC.com or call the office at 440-526-8938.

With my heart open, I find that the Finance chair is actually just a front-row seat to God’s faithfulness. Witnessing that will change our lives, if we’ll let it. Will you step out in faith with us?

-Shannon Kantorowski, Finance Manager

Special Thanksgiving Offering

Replenishing Deeds of Mercy Fund

This Thanksgiving season, we invite you to make a tangible, life-changing impact through our Special Thanksgiving Offering for Deeds of Mercy.

When neighbors in our community face unexpected financial crises, the Deeds of Mercy Fund allows Brecksville UMC to respond immediately with grace and dignity. Whether it's keeping the heat turned on during a frigid winter night, putting a tank of gas in a car so someone can get to work, or putting food on the table during a gap between paychecks, this emergency fund provides crucial relief to individuals and families during their hardest moments.

We will collect this special offering all month long, with a focused dedication on Sunday, November 22. 100% of financial gifts directly replenish our Deeds of Mercy fund. As you reflect on your own blessings this Thanksgiving, please prayerfully consider giving a gift to ensure we can continue saying "yes" to those seeking emergency aid.

November Youth Events

- **Nov 8 – Project Feed:** Event is currently full! Participants depart BUMC at 1:30 PM or meet on-site at 2:45 PM.
- **Nov 29 – Parade & Friendsgiving Potluck:** Meet early at 4 pm to set up chairs before our feast.
- **Weekly Youth Group: Every Sunday, 5:30–7 pm** in the 4th Floor Youth Room. Games, food, and real talk about life and faith. Bring a friend—and an appetite!

Questions or ideas?

Reach out or find me on Sunday.



Shannon Kantorowski

Youth Director

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New Seasons & New Solutions:

Some updates on our church staff

As we enter November, our church family is celebrating a season of gratitude and fresh beginnings!

Thank You, Jeff & Scott!

After years of faithful service keeping our church building running smoothly, our Facilities Managers, Jeff and Scott Hastings, are moving on to new adventures! We had a wonderful time celebrating them on Sunday 10/25, and we are so grateful for the heart and dedication they've poured into our building and grounds over the years. Their final day on staff will be November 6—be sure to wish them well!

Stepping Up: How Our Team Is Evolving

Rather than simply filling one position, we looked closely at our daily operations and found an efficient way to support our existing staff while keeping our church home well cared for:



- **Jeremy Johnston** is expanding his role to serve as our AV & Facility Manager. Bringing his technical expertise and deep knowledge of our space, Jeremy will oversee the maintenance, systems, and overall physical management of our facility.



- **Anthony Morgan-Imes** is expanding their role as Office Manager to also care for our day-to-day spaces as Custodian. Our office hours will remain the same

With these updated responsibilities, both Jeremy and Anthony are transitioning from part-time to full-time!

What This Means for Our Church

- **Work is shared, not doubled:** Anthony and Jeremy aren't taking on extra work on top of a full-time schedule—their total hours are expanding to full-time status so they have dedicated, structured time during the week for every part of their roles.
- **A fully present professional team:** With Jeremy, Anthony, Jenny Gee (Director of Education), Melanie Smith (Director of Communication & Connection), Shannon Kantorowski (Youth Director & Finance Manager, and Pastor Heidi Welch all serving full-time, our ministry team is better equipped than ever to connect with you!

Have questions or want to reach out to the team? Stop by the church office during the week or drop us a line—we'd love to connect with you! Contact info is on page two!



Autumn and Holiday Outreach

Service is love in action, and this season we have so many meaningful ways to share that love with our local community and beyond. Mark your calendars and see where you can lend a hand or a heart!

Sunday, November 8: Veterans Recognition & Care

- **Veterans Day Coffee Hour:** Join us for a special reception honoring all who have served in the armed forces. Are you a veteran, or would you like to help with the reception? Email Hello@BrecksvilleUMC.com to connect!
- **Christmas Cards for VA Patients Launch:** On November 8, we also launch our annual Christmas card drive for patients at the Cleveland VA Hospital. Pick up or write cards to bring festive cheer to our hospitalized veterans.

Friday, November 13: Chippewa Craft Day

We're heading next door to the Chippewa retirement community at 11 am to spend time with the residents and share a sweet Christmas Tree Ornament craft!

- Want to help bring some holiday joy? Contact the church office to join the crafting team.

Saturday, November 14: Hands-On Saturday of Service

Choose a hands-on project and spend your Saturday morning giving back:

- **Bike Fix-It** (9 am - noon): Help us get "spokes to folks!" We have plenty of bicycles ready to be cleaned, tuned up, and repaired for children and adults in need of reliable transportation. No expert mechanical skills required—just drop in and we'll show you how to help!
- **Cleveland Kids Book Bank Volunteer Morning:** Join a group from BUMC as we head into Cleveland to sort and package books for children in need. Carpool from the church or meet us there. Help us spread the gift of literacy across Northeast Ohio! Advance sign-up required at BUMCLinks.com.

Sunday, November 22: Canned Food Tree Collection Begins

Help us build our traditional Canned Food Tree! Starting November 22, bring in non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies to church. All donations will stock local pantries and help families in need throughout the holiday season.

Join The Mission & Community Engagement Team

Or be part of a project!

Reach out to team lead, Marla Knight, for more details.

Missions@BrecksvilleUMC.com



Mission Possible!

Have you ever thought about an international mission trip? Maybe the idea occurs to you once in a while, but it just hasn't happened yet? We can all be thankful for our abilities and our opportunities. Here is another opportunity! A group of Volunteers in Mission from East Ohio will be traveling to Camphor Mission, Liberia in early 2027: January 16-31. Volunteers of any age are welcome to share this opportunity to serve in the school (pre-K to grade 9), medical clinic or agriculture program. Cost is estimated to be between \$3500 and \$3800 per person. For more information call, connect with Janet Kleckner through Missions@BrecksvilleUMC.com



Green Team:

Holiday Light & Extension Cord Recycling - Lights for Lions

Last year, we filled a 50-gallon trash can. Can we top it this year? Bring your broken lights and extension cords to the Green Team collection bin in the Parlor between Sunday, November 22 and January 10, and the BUMC Green Team will deliver them to the Cleveland Zoo! Proceeds support Lights for Lions and big cat conservation in East Africa. (Direct drop-offs at the Zoo entrance or Solid Waste District run through Feb. 15). Thank you for keeping recyclables out of our landfills!



New worship series begins

Is This It?

Sundays, November 8 - 22 at the 10:30 Service

What do we do when life feels repetitive, out of our control, or less meaningful than we hoped? Beginning November 8, Pastor Heidi leads a three-week series through the book of Ecclesiastes titled "*Is This It?*" Rather than offering tidy platitudes, this series gives us permission to be honest about our restlessness and the limits of our control—inviting us to discover the quiet, unexpected goodness hidden in the middle of ordinary life. Join us as we explore these honest questions together before we enter the season of expectation with our Advent series, *Until the Dawn*, on November 29.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 22 at 11:30 am

In preparation for the season of Advent, we gather together to decorate the building with Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands. Come be a part of this joyful activity for all ages! Stay after the 10:30 service for food, Christmas music and fun!



Brecksville Christmas Parade

Sunday, November 29 at 4:00 pm

The City of Brecksville celebrates the start of the Christmas season with a parade and tree lighting on Brecksville Square, complete with an appearance by Old Saint Nick and fireworks. Start the season in community. See you on the Square?

The Gift of Paying Attention

November has a way of turning our thoughts toward gratitude. We hear reminders to count our blessings, give thanks, and appreciate what we have. And there is something lovely about that invitation. But I wonder if gratitude might be less about making a list of good things and more about learning to see the life we're already living a little differently.

Life holds all kinds of things at once. There are seasons of joy and seasons of worry, moments of deep contentment and times when we wish things were different. And right in the middle of all of it, there are gifts we might easily overlook.

Sometimes they're so ordinary we barely notice them. The warmth of a familiar cup of coffee. A breeze through an open window. Someone who remembers to ask how we're doing. A shared laugh, a task that brings a moment of peace, or the simple comfort of being known by another person. These moments may not change our circumstances, but they can change how we experience the day.

Perhaps gratitude begins with attention. When we slow down enough to notice a kindness, recognize the care woven into a familiar relationship, or pause at the beauty of the natural world, an ordinary experience can become something more. We begin to see the connections that sustain us and to recognize God's presence in the ordinary rhythms of our days.

This is one of the quiet gifts gratitude offers: it draws us into relationship. What might have passed unnoticed becomes something we cherish. We feel more connected to one another, to the world around us, and to the God who meets us there.

As we move through November, perhaps we can make a little room for that kind of noticing. What made us smile today? When did we feel connected to another person, or catch a glimpse of something beautiful? We may be surprised by how much meaning can be found in moments we might otherwise pass by.

The sacred isn't always waiting somewhere beyond the ordinary. Sometimes it has been here all along, quietly present in the life we're already living.

May we make a little room to notice it this November.

- Jenny Gee, Director of Education



Circle of Care

Walking with one another through every season.

A Soft Space to Grieve

My mother died in March, and in November, when All Saints Sunday rolled around, I was facing the day with dread. I brought it up with my grief counselor. "What is it that you dread about the day?" she asked. Feeling all the feelings, was one answer. Losing my composure and crying in front of everyone at church was another. "What would happen if you felt the feelings and cried at church?" she countered.

The truth that question unlocked for me was that my church family would love me, comfort me, and remind me that God is with me through it. Rather than a day to avoid, being able to be fully present to my feelings in a safe space on All Saints Sunday provided me a soft space to do the complicated work of grief, and helped me draw nearer to God.

It's estimated that one-third of adults in the United States are grieving a significant loss at any given time. A few ways you can come alongside someone who is aching this season:

- **Normalize the tears:** No need to change the subject or try to dry their eyes. A hand on a shoulder or a simple "I'm sitting right here with you" is enough.
- **Say the name of the person who died:** Hearing a loved one's name, doesn't intensify grief. It reminds us that our loved one is not forgotten.
- **Practice emotional hospitality:** Phrases like "I'm sorry" can stop a conversation. Try "tell me more", which creates space to talk. Give your friend room to share as much as they need without rushing to fix their pain.

If you are entering this season with a heavy heart, know this: Brecksville UMC is a safe place for your tears. You don't have to put on a brave face here. You are loved, you are seen, and you don't have to walk through the valley alone.

- Submitted by Melanie Smith

Walking through grief? Whether you need a confidential ear, a prayer partner, or support as you navigate loss, our Congregational Care Team is here for you. Please reach out to Norla Lamonte at Care@BrecksvilleUMC.com.



United
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How Nehemiah Serves The City

Thursday, November 5/Refreshments at 9:30 Program at 10

Come learn about the work of Nehemiah Mission, a United Methodist urban mission on Bridge Avenue in Cleveland. Board President and BUMC member, Craig Kotnik, presents.

After the presentation, we will vote on the future of our United Women in Faith Chapter. If you cannot attend, please complete a proxy form (found in the church work room, UWF File), sign, and return it by November 5. For any questions, call Kathy Sopka at 440-821-5203.



Save the date!

UWF Christmas Luncheon

Thurs., December 3 at noon in the Parlor
Bring a dish to share.



Eve Circle Cares

Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor

Do you know that we have about twenty college students we're praying for and caring for this year? Join the Eve circle on Tuesday November 10 at 6:30 in the Parlor as we create note cards (with gift cards) to mail out to these students so they'll know their church family cares about them and is cheering them on! For details - Lynn Hobzek- kezhboh@aol.com

Asbury Bremeth Women's Circle: Creed

Thurs. November 12 Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. | Program at 10

Asbury Bremeth Women's Circle is exploring the Apostles' Creed—words many of us have said countless times, but may not have stopped to consider very deeply. Using Adam Hamilton's *Creed* as our guide, we combine video sessions with conversation and discussion. Come take a closer look at the beliefs we share, the questions they raise, and how they might shape the way we live. Come ready to explore, question, and perhaps see some familiar words in a whole new way.



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

Week of November 1

Nan Einheit

Has a birthday this week!

6686 Hidden Lake Trl
Brecksville, OH 44141-3176

Week of November 8

Doris & Tony Cippolla

Have an anniversary this week!

6846 Hidden Lake Trl
Brecksville, OH 44141-3191

Week of November 15

Donald Raybuck

Has a birthday this week

2365 Barnsley Way
Broadview Hts., OH 44147-3674

Week of November 22

Someone you're thankful for!

Leave a note for the trash collector,
hand a card to your barista,
drop a line to a neighbor
for brightening your life.

Week of November 29

Bob & Carol Snyderwine

*Carol's mother, Ruth Hazlett, passed
away 11/27/25*

1453 Ashford Glen Ln
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

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

BIRTHDAYS

1 Nan Einheit	9 Ash Wasie	19 Brandon Klipfell
1 Karl Riccardi	9 Quinten Calovini	19 Gabrielle Barile
1 Jack Romance	10 Becky Bendlak	21 Rich Ling
2 Chia-Tien Chen	10 Michele Mihalich	21 Ian Roberts
2 Judy McBride	10 Bryan Miller	21 Ellie Batcheller
2 Hayden Vincent	10 Logan Vastartis	22 Kimberly Campbell
3 Tony Cipolla	11 Terry Bennett	22 Jennifer Sendrey
3 Alyssa Whitton	11 Jan Kaminski	22 Becky Paroda
4 Jamie Schwendeman	11 Jim McBride	22 Benny Kantorowski
5 Elaine Geringer	12 Kevin Vastartis	22 Martha Rosenthal
6 Karl Robie	13 Preston Christensen	22 Oliver Rajah
6 Brandon Calovini	14 Monica Geib	25 Debbi Scheufler
7 Marilyn Pifer	14 Gregory Warth	25 James Berry
7 Ardyn Olszko	14 Brian Wygonski	25 Ryleigh Wischmeier
8 Linda Moore	16 Sandy Crist	27 Sean Brown
8 Jim Slagle	16 Eddy Davis	27 Evan Davis
8 Cathy Drescher	17 Carol Snyderwine	28 Gina Goodwin
8 Brandon Fisher	17 Michael Gezze	28 Kim Ling
8 Darell Fisher	17 Zachary Johnson	28 Nick Rajkovich
8 Charlotte Hocutt	18 Jim Berry	29 Kaitlyn Hazelton
8 Palmer Stachowski	19 Sharon Manocchio	29 Harper Vastartis
9 Bob Fehlner	19 Donald Raybuck	
9 Al Filips	19 Diana Wise	

**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.

Donna Sibits has been volunteering with the Welcome Relay team. Thank you
for making Sunday mornings brighter, Donna! Julie Kubek inscribed our
Third Grade and Confirmation Bibles with each child's name again this year.
Thank you for this beautiful gift, Julie. Jody Shankland has been lending a
hand with our AV team. We're thankful for that gift, Jody! Kim Meyer saw
that the portico needed painted at our main entrance - and he painted it.
Thanks for taking that initiative, Kim. Nolan Wasie, Evan Jatsek, Gavin
Bendlak and Brandon Houff have all been volunteering with the Tech Team
- the next generation stepping up in leadership and service. Katie Noggle had
a small crew for Do Something Sunday one recent week and she and the kids
created loving notes for our home bound folks that day. Thank you for
sharing love in such a caring way. Speaking of sharing our gifts, Tony Petro's
creative genius brought fun to the Pumpkin Patch Fall Fun Fest with
wonderful games for kids. Thank you, Tony, and to everyone who helped
with that first time event. It was such a great day for community fun and
connection thanks to you all! Named and unnamed, we're thankful for you all!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Sunday First Offering Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes&Coffee 10:30 Worship 5:30 Small Group	2 10:30 Imaginative Prayer (@ Chippewa)	3 Election Day 10 Worship Tm 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Food Rescue 2:30 Communion Svc at Chippewa Place	4 7 Breakfast 10 Zoom Grp 7 Zero Line HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAMIE	5 9:30 UWF Mtg 6:30 Choir 7 Small Group 8:30 Band <i>Reports to Leadership Board due today!</i>	6	7 9 - 12 Yard Clean Up Day 9 - 2 District Leadership Training Day here!
8 Veterans Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes, Veterans' Reception 10:30 Worship 11:45 Green Team 3 Project Feed at Kent UMC 5:30 Small Group	9 10:30 Imaginative Prayer 6:30 BBH Pride Parent Support Group	10 10 Worship Tm 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Food Rescue 6:30 Eve Circle 7 Safety & Sec.	11 7 Breakfast 10 Zoom Sm Grp 7 Zero Line 7 Vision Team	12 9:30 Asbury Bremeth 6:30 Choir 7 Small Group 7:30 Leadership Bd 8:30 Band	13 WORLD KINDNESS DAY 11 Crafting at Chippewa Place	14 KIDS' BOOK BANK Book Bank 9-12 bume Bike Fix It Day 9 am - 12 pm Leadership Board Retreat
15 New Member Sun 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes&Coffee 10:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group America Recycles Day	16 10:30 Imag. Prayer	17 10 Stitch'n'Time 10 Worship Tm 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Mission Food 5-8 Sew4Good	18 7 Breakfast 10 Zoom Grp 7 Zero Line LAST DAY <i>December Newsletter Deadline!</i>	19 6:30 Choir 7 Small Group 8:30 Band	20 Remembrance Day	21
22 Hanging the Greens 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes&Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Hanging of the Greens 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group	23 10:30 Imaginative Prayer 1:30 Genesis Book Study (Zoom) 7 GCC Team	24 10 Worship Tm 10:30 Staff Mtg 12:30 Advent Planning 2 Mission Food	25 7 Breakfast 10 Zoom Grp 10:15 Newsletter Production Party	26 HAPPY THANKS GIVING	27 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEAN	28
29 1st Sunday Advent 8:30 Worship 9:30 Classes&Coffee 10:30 Worship 4:30 Brecksville Christmas Parade 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Small Group	30 10:30 Imag. Prayer	1 10 Worship Tm 10:30 Staff Mtg 2 Food Rescue 2:30 Communion Svc at Chippewa Place	2 7 Breakfast 7 pm Advent Dinner Church	3 12 UWF Christmas Luncheon 6:30 Choir 7 Small Group 8:30 Band	4 6 Staff Christmas Party	5 HELP FILL THE CANNED FOOD TREE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

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and one another.*

December 2026

Advent Dinner Church, Wednesday December 2

**Christmas Extravaganza and
Cantata Sunday**, December 20

Longest Night Service
Monday, December 21

Christmas Eve Services
10:30 am - Joyful Morning Carols & Candles
3 pm - Traditional Service with Organ
5 pm - Christmas Pageant with Worship Band
8 pm - Carols & Candlelight
with Chancel Choir & String Quartet



Open Doors.
*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.