Some of our most basic purchases are produced by children. It’s estimated that there are 115 million children worldwide in forced labor. According to the U.S. Department of Labor there are 128 products that most commonly use child labor. The Department of Labor uses all of the following in their definition of child labor: "slavery or practices similar to slavery, the sale or trafficking of children, debt bondage or servitude; the forcible recruitment of children for use in warfare; the involvement of children in drug trafficking; and work that is likely to harm children’s health, safety, or morals.”

Most of the exploitive labor done by children is in agriculture (60 percent), followed by services (26 percent), and industry (7 percent), according to the DOL. But some industries are definitely worse than others.

The U.S. Department of Labor has identified some of the most common products manufactured or harvested using children and the countries that exploit them. (Listed to the right.)

Be aware of products that are being produced by children and make every attempt to not purchase them. Remember to keep the children of the world in your prayers.

Area rugs and carpets produced in Afghanistan, India, Iran, Nepal and Pakistan.
Cocoa produced in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Nigeria.
Coal mined in China, Colombia, Mongolia, North Korea, Pakistan and Ukraine.
Diamonds mined from Angola, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe.
Many garments produced in Argentina, China, India, Jordan, Malaysia and Thailand.
Rice harvested from Brazil, Burma, Dominican Republic, India, Kenya, Mali, Philippines and Uganda.
Cattle farms are worked by children in Bolivia, Brazil, Chad, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Namibia, Paraguay, Uganda and Zambia.
Coffee produced in Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, El Salvador, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Tanzania and Uganda.
Bricks produced in Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, China, Ecuador, India, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Peru, Uganda and Colombia.
Tobacco produced in Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.
Sugarcane produced in Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Thailand and Uganda.
Cotton produced in Argentina, Azerbaijan, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Paraguay, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Zambia.
Gold mined in Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Mali, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Niger, North Korea, Peru, Philippines, Senegal and Tanzania.

Each month, The Good Word highlights a social just issue and action that you can take to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in Christ. What issues are important to you? Do you have suggestions for future topics?
The East Ohio Annual Conference was held June 13—16 in Lakeside, Ohio. Clergy and lay representatives gather at the lake each year in June to worship, discuss and deliberate issues important to the church body and report on matters of interest (such as budget, property sales and purchases, pension reports, church closings).

Retirements and new ordinations were celebrated and new appointments were announced. Karen was installed as the Mid-Ohio District Superintendent and Clark was announced as our new pastor. One of the tasks set before the attendees was to elect 7 members to General Conference and 7 members to Jurisdictional Conference. The Lay Delegates elected 14 representatives and the clergy elected 14 representatives. This was accomplished over the four days and a diverse-minded group was elected.

The theme of the week was “We Are the Body” with the focus being on social justice issues and efforts put forward to work toward equality and fairness in the US and around the world. Five resolutions were presented for vote over the four days. They did not lend themselves to much debate just some discussion and clarification.

♦ The first resolution calls for the EOC (East Ohio Conference) to call upon our state and local law enforcement agencies to enforce the laws that are already in place to uphold the legal action against human traffickers and encourage our elected legislators to enact new legislation to protect the victims.

♦ The second resolution asks that we the church support local food banks with financial donations, volunteering and advocating for changes in public policy on the state and local levels that will decrease hunger in Ohio.

♦ The third resolution encouraged the closing of church offices and the suspension of meetings on Martin Luther King Day.

♦ The fourth resolution called for the church to advocate for participation in the political process and support of collective bargaining in Ohio.

♦ The fifth resolution was the resolution brought forth by the youth over the Youth Annual Conference the previous weekend. This resolution encourages churches to embrace and encourage youth to serve in leadership roles as members on various committees for their local churches.

It is quite clear we are not being asked to sit back and nod our heads in agreement with these resolutions but to become actively involved in promoting them and advocating for those who are in need.

If you have any questions about these resolutions please ask Jenny Gee or Elizabeth Jaszczak for more information.
On Sunday, June 12, our church family gathered at the Oak Grove Picnic area to wish Pastor Karen and Chris Oehl well as they move on to their new appointment. Creatively decorated paper dolls representing many of us were strung as decoration, with messages to the Oehls written on the back. Bubbles were blown, swings and ball bats were swung, and lots of good cooking was enjoyed. Thank you to Bev Huber for sharing the pictures above!

**Youth Annual Conference '11**

Eleven youth from Brecksville attended the Youth Annual Conference at Lakeside the weekend of June 10 to the 12. The youth had a weekend of faith renewal and gained an understanding of the workings of the larger church. Christian rock bands and an illusionist were part of the weekend’s offerings along with debate on resolutions and testimonials.

**Top row/ left to right:** Josh Dietrich, Amanda Auble, Lauren Brinkman, Bridget Gee, Allie Kenney. **Bottom row:** Jenny Gee, George Gee, Eli Shively, Dan Auble, Michael Lee, Stephanie Holmes, Emily Loughner, Aleyna Gee, Erin Gee, Al Loughner, Allison Loughner and Susie Loughner.

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**BUMC’s Annual Ice Cream Social**

Friday, July 22
6 pm

*My advice to you is not to inquire why or whither, but just enjoy your ice cream while it’s on your plate. That’s my philosophy.*

~Thornton Wilder

Come to meet and greet Pastor Clark and Kathy while you enjoy a delicious ice cream sundae or root beer float. Ice cream and toppings will be provided. We will gather on the front lawn, weather permitting, or in 301 if we need to move indoors. Enjoy good fellowship and a great dessert!

**Bible Study for Men**

Did you know that there is an ongoing Men’s Bible Study which meets at the church on Friday mornings from 9 until 10 am? The men of the group say, “Please join us!”

For information contact Les Buttolph or Kendall Lancaster
Have news you would like to share? Please call or e-mail Melanie.

The City of Brecksville has honored our own Sylvia Fowler as Senior Volunteer of the Year! Brecksville Mayor Jerry Hruby honored Sylvia for her work as president of the Brecksville Historical Association and with Meals on Wheels. Serving in love!

Wedding bells have rung for Janine and Nick Telishak’s son, Adam, who said “I do” to his bride, Lori, on May 21.

We’re sad to report the loss of Janine’s mother, Mary Ruth Hotchkiss, who died June 18.

Our hearts go out to the Hastings family on the sudden death of Sue’s brother, Mike, earlier this month.

A memorial service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, June 25 for Eleonor Tomko, the mother of Joan Filips, Rev. Jim Winkler officiating. Our prayers are with the family.

“Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.”

Lamentations 3:32

Dear Pastor Karen and Everyone at The Church,

I would like to thank everyone who donated lotion and glasses for my medical mission to Peru. I also collected 23,600 children’s vitamins through friends and family. The glasses will be redistributed to children and adults in need, many have never had glasses before. It is the start of winter there and the kids’ faces get very chapped so the lotion will be put to good use. The church community is very loving and giving and I thank everyone for their donations. I leave tomorrow and will come back with many memories to share. Thanks again.

Love, Karen Pace
**Introducing...**

**Cristy Shumaker**

We are thrilled to welcome Cristy Shumaker to BUMC as Interim Director of Youth Ministries. Cristy will guide our youth programming from July through December as the Staff Parish Relations Committee searches for a person to permanently fill the role. A current student of Ashland Theological Seminary, Cristy’s dream is to work with youth. She has been very involved in Chrysalis ministry and helps out as a Volunteer Youth Leader at Church of the Savior UMC in Garfield Heights. She is a member of Garfield Memorial UMC in Pepper Pike where she sings in the worship band. Welcome to Brecksville, Cristy!

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**If We Are The Body** by Mark Hall

It’s crowded in worship today, and she slips in, trying to fade into the faces. The girls’ teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know, farther than they know.

A traveler is far away from home; he sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the back row. The weight of their judgmental glances tells him that his chances are better out on the road.

But if we are the Body, why aren’t His arms reaching, why aren’t His hands healing, why aren’t His words teaching? And if we are the body, why aren’t His feet going, why is His love not showing them there is a way?

Jesus paid much too high a price for us to pick and choose who should come, and we are the body of Christ. Jesus is the way.

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**Wishing Farewell to Lisa Kropinak:** The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to wish farewell to Youth Director Lisa Kropinak as she leaves BUMC to begin her appointment as Associate Pastor at both Nelson UMC in Garrettsville and Windham UMC in Windham, Ohio. (Nelson is the “B” on the map above, Windham is the “A” and BUMC is the red star.) You may add your thoughts to a memory book by sending an email or a written message to the church office. Mallory Krolikowski is coordinating the book with plans to deliver to Lisa on August 1st. If you would like to contribute toward a love offering, please a put marked gift in the offering plate or send or bring it to the church office before July 29. - Bruce McCrodden, Chairperson Staff Parish Relations Committee
Our annual Youth Service Project is about to embark on their mission. This year’s group is going to Grand Rapids, MI, leaving on Sunday, July 10th at 7:30 am. They will return to BUMC on Saturday, July 16th between 12:00 and 1:00 pm.

Our YSP’s will be repairing homes for those in need - the elderly and the less fortunate. Repairs often include extensive painting and doing things like building wheelchair ramps, skirting and insulating trailer homes, and roofing.

Those participating also have tremendous opportunities for worship, youth group devotions, and social time with other campers. Those participating usually number between 350 and 400 Christian campers!

**This Year’s Team:** Amanda Auble, Kathy Auble, Nate Bender, Derek Brinkmann, Lauren Brinkmann, Christine Drescher, Jeff Fesler, Lucy Fesler, Grace Ford, Ruth Herman, Stephanie Holmes, Brad Holmok, Allie Kenney, Craig Kotnik, Emily Kotnik, Darren Krolikowski, Mallory Krolikowski, Nick Orr, Michael Pace, Donald Rickert, Doug Robie, Megan Rohrer, Alan Scheufler, Alyssa Whitton

*Send an encouraging e-mail to our volunteers!*

Go Online to:

www.groupworkcamps.com

(Click on the “E-mail a Camper” link at the top of the page.)

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In the portion of our hymnal allotted for SPECIAL DAYS you will find the hymn now titled “God of the Ages.” In this season of Independence Day, it is fitting to learn a bit about the colorful, and rather complex, history of what is often referred to as “The National Hymn.”

Six years before his death in 1907, Daniel C. Roberts wrote, “I remain a country parson, known only within my small world.” This may have been accurate in regards to his name, but Roberts did leave a lasting legacy to the hymnody. The hymn, “God of Our Fathers,” was written by Roberts in 1876 to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It was sung for the first time at the church Roberts pastored in Brandon, Vermont, at their Fourth of July celebration. [This initial singing was to the tune RUSSIAN HYMN, which, if you’re curious, can be found in our hymnal at number 653.]

Those in Roberts’ congregation enjoyed the new hymn so much that they entreated their pastor to submit his text to the committee planning the centennial celebration of the US Constitution in 1894. [The hymn (with the RUSSIAN HYMN tune) had already been included in the 1892 Protestant Episcopal Church hymnal.] The committee did indeed choose his text for their celebration, but they wanted a unique and dramatic tune. They commissioned the organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City, a man by the name of George C. Warren, to write such a melody. He did so, complete with the famous trumpet fanfare. As an amusing note, *Guide to the Pilgrim Hymnal* provides this caution: “Too often the trumpet interludes dominate to such an extent that worshippers hardly think of the words they are singing and the music is cheapened. Organists should remember that a little trumpet goes a long way.”

This hymn first appeared in the Methodist Hymnal in 1905, with its new tune. Some years ago the Hymnal Revision Committee of the United Methodist Church attempted to reduce, wherever possible, the dominance of masculine pronouns and images. Thus, the title and opening line of this hymn became “God of the Ages.” This sparked debate among some who felt that the title was intended to refer specifically to the founding fathers of the USA and their belief in God. Of course, this sparked further debate from historical scholars who questioned whether the founding fathers considered themselves Christian at all. Obviously, consensus was reached, and the hymn now stands as “God of the Ages,” which, regardless of your perspective on the founding fathers, is certainly accurate.

**Sources:**


MEMBERS-ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (Meets in January, April, July, October)

* Clark Stein, Senior Pastor
* Libby Kunz, Associate Pastor of Visitation
* Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education
* Cristy Shumaker, Interim Director of Youth Ministries
* Joy Fenton, Director of Music Ministries
* Les Buttolph, Business Manager/Treasurer
* Also serves on Council on Ministries

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Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education

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2014  Alyssa Whitton, George Sendrey
Interim Director of Youth Ministries:  Cristy Shumaker

* = Also serves on Council on Ministries
**Save the Date:**
Garden Elves Rummage Sale
Saturday, September 17

**July 2011**

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**Vacation Bible School:** 9 am—Noon, Monday through Friday
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**Family Night Out**
Saturday, July 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.
(Order by July 9th)
Celebrate Christmas in July with a Skipper Bobble Head sponsored by Lake Health! (First 1,500 fans). Post-Game Fireworks! Post-Game Lake County Captain Player Testimony of Faith!
Tickets are just $9. Contact John Dietrich @ 440.877.0852 or john.dietrich@sbcglobal.net

For the most current information, click the “general calendar” link at www.brecksvilleumc.com
YOU'RE INVITED!

Brecksville United Methodist Church

Middle School Vacation Bible School 2011

RSVP by Monday, July 11!

Who: Kids going into 6th-8th Grades
What: Explore Bible stories together and nurture your faith in a fun, creative, comfortable atmosphere.
When: July 18 - 22 from 9am-Noon.
Where: Brecksville UMC Youth Room
Directors: George Gee & Katie Bartholomew
Cost: $20

Middle School VBS Registration 2011

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who can be reached between 9 and noon:

| Name: | Phone: |
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Student T-shirt Size (circle one): Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL

Do you have any allergies? (If so, please list):

I can provide a snack on (Circle one)*: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

*If you volunteer to provide a snack, you will receive a follow up call with information about any student allergies and number of people the snack is going to feed.

Payment due with Registration. Checks payable to: BUMC

Additional registration Forms Available in this Issue of The Good Word, On The Website (www.brecksvilleumc.com), and in the Church Office.

Tell Your Friends!
Brecksville United Methodist Church  

Registration Form  

July 18-22, 2011  

Open to all children ages 3 (by 7/1/11) through 10 (or entering 5th grade)  

Cost: $20 per student, $10 for children of volunteers  

Each family will receive a music CD. Additional CDs can be purchased for $5.  

For more information call: (440) 526-8938

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Home Phone ___________________ Cell Phone_________________________ E-Mail Address:_________________________

Address: Street ___________________ City_____________________________ Zip_________________________

Emergency Contact ___________________ Relationship ___________________ Phone ___________________

Adults authorized to sign out my children: ________________________________

Other helpful information (illnesses, medication, activity restrictions, etc.) _____________________________________________

Home Church ___________________________________________________________

__ I can help as an adult helper, please call me. __My teen would like to help: Teen's name _____________________________

I can help    __ from home    ____All week at VBS    ____ At VBS on circled days    M    T    W    TH    F

Checks payable to BUMC. Return completed form and payment to:  
Attn VBS, Brecksville United Methodist Church, 65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141