CHANGE A LIFE

You can help end the curse of hunger by supporting our CROP Hunger Walk, which brings the whole community together in a common mission: Helping hungry people at home and around the world.

☐ Yes! I want to walk! Sign me up!

☐ I can’t be a part of the walk, but I’d like to offer financial support. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation, made out to BUMC, memo CROP Walk.

☐ I’d like a t-shirt: $6.40

Youth ___ Ladies ___ Sm ___ Med ___ Large ___ XL ___

Name: ___________________________

Phone or E-mail: ___________________________

Several companies offer corporate and matching gift support to Church World Service. A list can be found at www.cropwalk.org.

Mark your calendars for September 30 when the 30th Annual CROP Walk will kick off at the Brecksville Train Station at 1:30pm (with registration at 1pm). Walkers from Bath, Brecksville, Independence, and greater Cleveland will be coming together to help fight hunger here at home and around the world.

Enjoy Cuyahoga Valley National Park as you stroll a 2 mile route along the towpath trail. The trail makes for delightful outing for people of all ages and abilities. Signups will be in the Parlor beginning September 9. We will be collecting donations to be turned in the day of the walk. Together we can put an end to hunger, one step at a time. For additional information contact the church office or www.churchworldservice.org.

Strength in Numbers

Elvius says it was hard to feed his family even before Haiti’s devastating 2010 earthquake made food more scarce—that is, until our congregation helped expand a food cooperative near his family home.

That’s right, our congregation helped feed hungry people in Haiti and around the world. When we walk in our CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, September 30 at 1:30 pm (registration starts at 1 pm), we’re helping families have enough to eat—not just tomorrow but for a lifetime.

Elvius says the food co-op helps his family eat, no matter what other struggles they might face. “We’re not dependent on the government,” Elvius says. “It’s good to be self-reliant.”

Remember the old saying about teaching someone to fish? Our CROP hunger walk is our chance to help tackle the root causes of hunger, here in our community and around the world.

We will change lives with our CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 30 at 1:30 pm. Your choice to join us in the first step in making sure families here, in Haiti and around the world eat today, tomorrow and in the days to come.
Many of us have come to equate the arrival of September with busyness. We can’t ignore the facts: children resume their schooling, meeting schedules kick in, vacations are accomplished, football begins in earnest, and the fun associated with summer play makes a quick and rather abrupt exit. Replacing the carefree casualness of summer is a businesslike, closely scheduled, hectic pace of autumn. Some things just happen, and we all know it is time to get back to work. It is a part of the cycle of life. We do the same things year after year after year. The change is normal, and we welcome it in ways and settle on into it.

As we become busier, it is easier to fall into line with what our culture expects of us. We are once again bombarded, (subliminally to a greater degree as our pace quickens) with messages from Wall Street and Madison Avenue. Are you driving a Mercedes? Do you wear designer jeans? Are you as successful as you could be? Do you drink the right soda? Are you “politically correct”? Be alert to the new campaigns, the new visions that are sleekly packaged and will fly at you left and right, expecting you to conform through the investment of your purchasing power and time commitments.

September also marks the beginning of our regular church schedule. We also ask for more of your time as you become involved in meetings and an extra hour (if you so choose) of our church school offerings. We are also asking more of you in direct opposition to other areas of society that compete for your time and your money. We are all faced with choices.

As we begin yet another run at our busyness, as we sort through the maze of messages and expectations, perhaps we, too, should pose the question, “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?” Much of what holds an attraction for us is based increasingly on greed and selfishness. As society continues to grant us license to think only of ourselves, the Gospel continues to call us to accountability. It is an uncomfortable tension. We need to discuss how we will sing the Lord’s song in the middle of madness. Perhaps our harps have hung in the trees too long, and our singing has been reduced to hums heard only in our own heads. I believe that the time has come to join together and raise our voices. Maybe we have spent far too much time worried about who will hear us, rather than thinking about the importance of the gathering and the singing and the doing. I hope you choose to commit to joining us in worship and in church school. We really do need your voice. No one else can sing your part.

Blessings,

Comments from Rev. Clark Stein

Psalm 137:1-4

Sing the Lord's Song

Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House:
Why throw them away?
Turn your pop tops into cash for Ronald McDonald House.
There’s a collection bin in the cloak room. Thank you for your help!

Fellowship Hour Hosts

September: Missions
October: UMW
November: Staff Parish Relations
December: Education
Music!

2012-13 CONCERT SERIES

Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy FREE music at Brecksville United Methodist Church.

MICHAEL NIGRO, GUITAR SOLOIST
Saturday, September 22, 2012 ~ 7:30pm
A Journey Through Latin America, in Classical Guitar

STAFF & FRIENDS CONCERT
Saturday, November 3, 2012 ~ 7:30 pm
Join Joy Fenton, Chris Toth and Guests for a Musical Evening

CANTORES CLEVELAND
Saturday, December 1, 2012 ~ 7:30pm
Vocal music of the late Medieval and Renaissance eras

BRECKSVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
COMMUNITY CHORUS AND YOUTH CHORUS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday, December 16, 2012 ~ 4:00 pm

AN EVENING OF JAZZ:
JOSH RZEPKA AND JACKIE WARREN
Saturday, January 26, 2013 ~ 7:30pm
An evening of jazz trumpet and piano

CHORISTER'S GUILD FESTIVAL CONCERT
Saturday, March 2, 2013 ~ 3:00pm

BRECKSVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
COMMUNITY CHORUS AND YOUTH CHORUS
SPRING CONCERT
Sunday, April 21, 2013 ~ 4:00pm

BRECKSVILLE UMC STUDENT RECITAL
Benefitting the music department scholarship.
Saturday, May 18, 2013 ~ 7:30pm

BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
65 PUBLIC SQUARE • BRECKSVILLE, OHIO 44141
440 • 526 • 8938 • WWW.BRECKSVILLEUMC.COM
As people of faith, we find God’s presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings, we have recently lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others: Look around BUMC and you may see Cliff Theilman ably filling in for Jeff and Scott during their recent vacation; The Schroedel Family opening their home in the spirit of fellowship for the Music Department summer picnic; and The Schneider Family serving as ushers and assisting with communion. We are thankful for each of you!

Do you have news to share? Contact Melanie! office@brecksvilleumc.com or 440-526-8938

When a mountain is in your path, do not sit at its foot and cry. Get up and climb it.
- African proverb

Greg Eberhardt 09/01  Kathleen Bartholomew 09/17
Alan Jones 09/01  Jacob Root 09/17
Mary Kate Kaminski 09/01  Charles Wilson 09/18
David Hurder 09/02  Becky Gezze 09/20
Ann Rittman 09/03  Mitchell Hlay 09/20
Luke Dorman 09/04  Claire Kenney 09/20
Marilyn Huber 09/04  James Patrick 09/20
L. Neil Johnson 09/04  Fred Priest 09/20
Timothy Miller 09/04  Jonathan Wise 09/20
Celeste Olenik 09/04  Donna Box 09/21
Harry Wilson 09/05  Sara Storey 09/22
Matthew Georgievich 09/07  Les Buttolph 09/23
Quinn Slifcak 09/08  Emma Sak 09/23
Megan Burns 09/09  Donald Yates 09/23
Joseph Hurst 09/09  Anne Rosenthal 09/24
Ellie Ritterbusch 09/09  Hannah Stanley 09/24
Sandy Whitton 09/09  John Faulk 09/25
Tonya Boldt 09/10  Daniel Hulten 09/25
Mona Carlisle 09/10  Brett Hubert 09/26
Abbey McLuckie 09/10  Jeffrey Schillo 09/26
Jinho Lee 09/11  Hannah Buttolph 09/27
Samuel McLuckie 09/11  Kathy Holmes 09/27
Madeline Hamilton 09/12  Annie Madaus 09/27
Abigail Jaite 09/12  Jeannie McBride 09/27
Ruth Georgievich 09/13  Matt Harper 09/28
Giovanna Figer 09/14  Mary Jane Matts Slifcak 09/28
Douglas Huth 09/14  Matthew Harper 09/29
Monica Klipfell 09/14  Kaiya Crouch 09/30
Barbara Diver 09/15  Craig Kotnik 09/30
Loren Guell 09/15  Claire Hayes 09/16

Matthew Stephens,
Church World Service
Regional Director

Dear Brecksville UMC,
We appreciate the generous donation of 49 School Kits and Baby Kits for our Church World Service programs. This card is one of the craft items being produced by young people in Rwanda as a way to generate income and move toward being self-sufficient. Through the Giving Hope program, CWS is working to support the self-empowerment of more than 30,000 orphans in youth-headed households in five countries in East Africa. We are only able to do our work because of supportive congregations like yours. Many thanks,

Matthew Stephens,
Church World Service
Regional Director

Thank you!
Join an Agape Group!

Ready to have an enjoyable meal with new friendships? Then an Agape Group is just for you! Agape is an opportunity to socialize and get better acquainted in small groups of 6—8 people at least four times throughout a year in member homes, usually as a pot luck. Each group determines the times and dates. Some groups may decide to tour restaurants. We will put the groups together, but we need to know your preference. Don’t delay! Send in this form NOW to the church office!

Questions? Call Jane Petrie for Evangelism Committee 440-526-1725

Name_____________________________________________________________Phone#_________________________
Address__________________________________________________________________________________________

Time Preferences: What works best for you? Circle your choice(s)
1. Weekend evening  
2. Weekday evening  
3. Lunch time  
4. Restaurants

*A gape is G reek for love feast

Organ Update

As of Sunday, August 20 over $29,000 has been raised toward our total goal of $35,000 for organ repairs and improvements.

Thank you to all who have contributed toward this project. We hope to meet our goal by September 15 in order to complete the renovations by Advent.

If you are still interested in giving, please contact Joy or the main office!
440.526.8938
music@brecksvilleumc.com

Tailgate Party
October 21

Worship Committee is teaming up with Music Board to bring you our 2nd annual Tailgate Party! This year, all funds raised will go to support our organ renovation project!

Join us on Sunday, October 21 at 1:00 to see the Browns defeat the Indianapolis Colts (sorry Joy!) Enjoy popcorn, cotton candy, sno-cones and carnival games!

We’ll fire up the grills and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun as we raise money for our organ! If you’d like to help, contact Joy today.

Ice Cream Social
September 9

Like to make home made ice cream? It’s good to share! Bring a batch to this year’s ice cream social, Sunday, Sept. 9!

Our chili cook off is in January—our “ice cream freeze off” will be a warm weather alternative! Bring a batch of home made ice cream to share, or just bring your appetite, as we enjoy a late summer afternoon together. Hope to see you there! Questions?
Call Jenny at: 440.526.8938 or e-mail education@brecksvilleumc.com

Young Disciples Picnic
September 16

Attention all Middle Schoolers and their families: Join us for the Young Disciples Picnic Sept. 16 from 4 pm to 6 pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. We will spend some time together talking, eating and playing games while you find out about some of the youth events coming up this year. Meet at the Rybak home 1100 Hamilton Drive in Broadview Heights. Contact Jenny if you have questions.
Disaster Relief Needed

Dear BUMC:

This past Friday I visited a house in Howard, Ohio, just east of Mt. Vernon. In early July, a huge tree fell on the house during the violent storms. Although a contractor came and tarped the smashed roof, another storm blew the tarps off and further water damage occurred. Ruth is the home owner, an 80-year old woman raising her 8-year old grandson (great?) Dakota. She is already on welfare, though she also works part time helping in the local kindergarten classes. She had insurance on the house, but only about $17,000 cash value, which they are having trouble getting a payment on.

There is a little United Methodist Church in Howard served by Pastor Lee Cubie. He is a local pastor, but also works full time as a contractor (obviously a God thing). The church and district—Three Rivers, the next district over from me—have been working on the house, with the help of teams from churches in some other districts. However, they have now come to the end of teams available to help, the pastor needs to get some of his own work done, as does the disaster response coordinator from the district, Rich Frazier, who has been helping there a lot. The church has been wonderful, taking care of Ruth and Dakota, and feeding all who have come to volunteer.

What I am working around to is whether there would be some folks from Brecksville who might consider spending some time in Howard to help Ruth and in this project. They are getting to a point where they will need drywall hung and some other finishing jobs. When they are ready for painting, I know that Jeff Fesler is a whiz!

If you have any thoughts or calling about this, the person to contact would be Pastor Lee Cubie, at 740-504-8601. Blessings to you!

- Rev. Karen Oehl

Cross International at BUMC Sept. 11

In Jan 2010, an earthquake of magnitude of 7.0 hit Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. Initially it was reported 61 people were killed, and 180 were missing. Despite aid from numbers of countries to this country, already the poorest in the Western Hemisphere, 200,000 have died as a result of the earthquake, and 2 million people are still homeless. Schools have only been partially rebuilt, and many classrooms are still being held outside.

Cross International is one of the agencies that came to Haiti’s aid and is still active. Virtually all of the donations to Cross International go to on site needs. In fact, a $2000 donation can provide meals and school to 18 children for one year! The meals, despite the low cost, are not just a few grains of rice. Pam Leer, an executive of Cross International, explained these meals have brought many of the children from near starvation to completely healthy in a relatively short time.

On September 11, two representatives from Cross International will be at the Brecksville United Church to provide an update of the needs of Haiti, what they are doing now, and what the continuing needs are. They are even willing to provide information about mission trips to Haiti for volunteers or those who would just like to see the needs of this country for themselves.

This free presentation will begin at 7:30 PM and is open to the public. We hope you will join us for this very informative evening.

Michael Nigro in Concert:
A Journey Through Latin America

“Nigro is an excellent guitarist, drawing a multitude of tone colors from his instrument and displaying great technical dexterity. He has a wide dynamic range, a very pretty sound, and an ability to vary his articulation for expressive purposes.”

Long Beach Gazette

Saturday, September 22 @ 7:30pm
Brecksville United Methodist Church
65 Public Square
Brecksville, OH 44141
(440) 526-8938

www.nigroclassicalguitar.com
**You're Invited...**

Ladies of the church, please join Asbury Bremeth Circle on the second Thursday of each month in the parlor at 9:30 am. Our meetings include a light continental breakfast, an opening thought and prayer, approximately thirty minutes of good talk and fellowship, and a lesson that combines our real lives with God’s plans for us. Our wonderful Christian Education Director, Jenny Gee, will be our facilitator, so look forward to exciting lessons! We are starting our new spiritual season on **Thursday, September 13**. For more information call Nancy at 440-838-4341. See you September 13!

**The Abbey of Genesee**

**November 2 - 4**

A weekend at the monastery. Interested in learning more? Talk to Craig Czarnota or Kendall Lancaster or check out the Abbey Website at [www.geneseeabbey.org](http://www.geneseeabbey.org). Call the church office to be put on the reservation list (440) 526-8938. Suggested donation to the Abbey is $50 per person – this includes two nights private room and all meals.

Can we make our numbers grow? Why not bring a friend to church or Sunday School?

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**UMW** hopes that everyone had a wonderful summer. We would like to have you start the fall with us at our **Thursday, September 6** meeting. It starts at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and fellowship. A very interesting program, **Building Hope in the City**, will begin at 10:00 a.m. The featured speaker is Nadia Abuamsha who is a missionary in the greater Cleveland area. She was born and raised in Bethlehem as a Christian. She was not able to freely share the Good News of the Gospel with Muslim women until she came to America. She will tell us about the various outreach programs of Building Hope in the City. Plan to join us in the Chapel.

**Explore what it means to be a United Methodist—be a part of our New Member Class. Sundays, September 16, 23, 30. Sign up by contacting the church office by phone (440-526-8938) or e-mail: office@brecksvilleumc.com**

**This Month** we'll move the hike from its usual first Sunday to the second Sunday of Sept. Meet at the Brandywine Falls parking lot at 2 p.m. Sept. 9, and walk the trail down to the Stanford House and back, a round trip of a little over 4 miles. See you there! Need more info? Contact Carole Brachna for details! 330-908-2031

**Evening Knitting Group Returns**

**WANTED:** Women who want to be a part of our yarn ministry! There are no qualifications to be a member! Any age! Come and learn to knit/crochet for FREE! Bring a project to work on or help with one of several charity projects. We can help you read a pattern and we even take donations of yarn and crochet supplies. Good people, good friends, and good conversation! We have worked on prayer shawls for shut-ins and baby items for Providence House. Currently we are working on caps, mittens and scarves for the Christmas Mitten Tree. We welcome any suggestions for charity projects. We meet the FIRST and THIRD Tuesday of each month, starting September 18, through March from 7pm-8pm in the Youth Room (4th Floor, next to the elevator.)
A rite of passage in our church is awarding Bibles to third-graders. This year Third Grade Bible Sunday will be held on September 30 during the 8:45 worship service. Plan to join the children in Fellowship Hall for a cake and punch reception following the 8:45 service. If your third grader did not receive a letter in their Sunday School class, call Jenny as soon as possible.

It’s a wonderful day when the third-graders receive their Bibles. Names are inscribed inside. The books smell of fresh ink and have that delicious creak when the children open them. Then what? Here are six tips to consider to make the event an important part of a child’s faith journey.

1. **Tell the story of your Bible.** Many of us carry New Testaments or entire Bibles that belonged to relatives. Others use Bibles with notes and explanations. Let the third-graders understand the important role your Bible plays in your life. Let them see you carry it, mark it and write in it. We “grown ups” can talk to the third-graders about our own special Bibles.

2. **In Sunday School, our third-graders will learn how to use their new Bibles.** Third Grade Bible Sunday is the culmination of a four week Bible unit that the children in Grades 1 through 5 will complete on September 30. This year they are studying the parables of Jesus and the lessons behind the stories. Over the next two weeks these young people will be planning and practicing to lead worship on October 21.

3. **Play memory games to learn the books of the Bible.** Start with the New Testament. Make an index card for each New Testament book. Then scramble the cards and ask the children to put the cards in order. Or play a card game. Have a set of cards for each child. Shuffle and deal them. Play a game (call it “New Testament Rummy”) where children can discard only if they have the next book in order. Whoever discards all their cards first wins.

4. **Read beloved stories together.** Most children’s Bibles have indexes of famous stories and parables. Show your third-graders how to use this index to choose a different story each Sunday. Reserve time for children to find stories that are familiar or that sound interesting to them. Ask the children to take turns reading the Scripture. Although you may need to help them with some words, third-graders often love to be asked to read. It is also important to recognize not every child learns in the same way. Some children need someone to read to them.

5. **Invite children to highlight Scripture or passages.** The most precious Bibles are those that are used. Encourage students to highlight verses or stories they read in their Bibles. Let them write notes or questions in the margins. These markings will not deface the children’s Bibles. Rather, they will stand as precious reminders of their childhood thoughts as they age.

Third-grade minds are like sponges — open to new words and ideas. What a perfect time for the Bible to come into their lives. With your help, that new Bible will make an imprint on their hearts — rather than their bookshelves.

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Rally Days
Rally Days are August 26 and September 2. Look for us at the table in the lobby and update your child’s contact information. We have made it so easy. Even if your information has not changed please stop by the table and let us know. Remember Sunday School for all ages begins on September 9!

Crib and Toddler Room
Open to all our babies and children. Our nursery is staffed by loving and skilled workers to care for your children. Nursery care, child care, and children’s fellowship is available Sunday mornings during both worship services and the Sunday School hour.

Godly Play
Preschoolers and Kindergarteners
Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired method for teaching Christian education through storytelling, reflection, art, writing, singing and/or creative play. Children and the teacher/storyteller wonder together about the message and meaning of selected Bible stories, and then respond to the words they hear. The children also share a simple feast, which is a great time to share joys and concerns, and a blessing with each other.

Rotation
1st through 5th graders
Rotation Sunday school is a way to teach major Bible stories and concepts through child-friendly, creative and interactive workshops. Children rotate through Art, Drama, Cooking, Music, Movie, Science and Games over the course of 5-6 weeks. During each unit of time the children focus on just one scripture based story or theme.

Sprouts
Ages 3 and up, meets after the Children’s Moment during worship.
Sprouts incorporates Bible stories, activities, crafts, visual media, and games into a full faith experience for children. At Sprouts children develop the skills to unlock the Bible message and grow their faith by leaps and bounds. Our goal with the Sprouts program is to help the children learn Jesus’ clear message to us about loving our neighbors. We want to see our young people living out their faith as they grow.

Sixth and Seventh Grade
This year we will delve deeply into the Old Testament and hear the familiar stories in a different way. We will focus on seeing the connection between these Old Testament writings and some familiar passages in the New Testament. Mostly though we will ask the question, “What does this story mean in my life and what am I to learn from it?” Youth will be challenged to delve more deeply into the sacred scripture and will explore their messages through art, skits, games and short video presentations.
Eighth Grade
Explore and discuss the tough questions that make even those most secure in their faith feel tongue tied. Consider some great “thinking points” as a great foundation for feeling secure in future faith discussions you may have. During the 8th grade year, and Confirmation preparation, we want you to have as many experiences as possible that will help you decide if now is the right time to confirm your faith. Each 8th grader will be set up with a mentor, a non-related adult who will meet with you throughout the school year to share their own faith questions and faith journey. Confirmation students will be expected to put their faith into action by completing a certain number of service hours in the community, either on their own or through opportunities provided by the church. Membership in the greater church is part of the confirmation year and students will be required to attend 3 membership classes/confirmation planning sessions on April 28, May 12 and May 19. Confirmation this year is on June 2.

High School
The Me I Want to Be
There are a lot of pressures and interests competing for our time, energy, money, and hearts. In high school and beyond, there are many forces shaping who we are and who we’ll become and a lot of people telling us who we should be and what we should even think is cool. Well God has the definitive picture of who we are and who we should become in His image. You know He called us His work of art, a masterpiece? Through interactive lessons, discussions, videos, skits, and readings, we’ll discover what that means and who God designed each of us to be. We’ll celebrate the unique gifts, passions, and plans God has for you while we go deeper into our faith and prepare for our futures in high school and college. We’ll unpack words like grace, prayer, worship, relationship, and learn to be real with ourselves in front of God and each other. Come find the you God designed you to be.

Classes for Adults
Faith and American Politics, one of our adult education options in the fall, will delay its start until Sunday, September 23, when Joy returns to town. Those enrolled in the class are encouraged to attend the Sanctuary drop-in class with Pastor Clark on September 9 & 16.

Sanctuary Drop In Class
HASHING IT OUT
Facilitated by Pastor Clark Stein
Join Pastor Clark in the sanctuary for the drop in Sunday School class. This experience is a video based curriculum in a discussion format dealing with some of the hottest topics facing the church today. These lessons are thought provoking and challenging as Steve Brown and Tony Campolo seem to disagree on just about everything. Tony Campolo is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University. Steve Brown is a Radio Broadcaster, Seminary Professor and Author. Make it when you can!

FAITH AND AMERICAN POLITICS
Facilitated by Joy Fenton
Are you tired of attack ads?
Do you avoid touchy political subjects?
Do you struggle with the relationship between God and politics?
THEN THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!!!
Get ready to…

 grow and be stretched in the way you think about your own faith and your own politics.
 discipline yourself to listen to the personal and spiritual journeys that have brought people to their worldviews.
 learn to effectively and graciously express spiritual principles that are important to you.

In this time of harsh electoral politics, our goal above all else will be to love each other. If you’re ready to take the challenge, join this class on Sundays beginning September 23. Want to learn more? Contact Joy or go to www.faithandamericanpolitics.com. Sign up by contacting the main office, or after church on Sunday!
Dear church family,

We are excited to announce that we will soon begin the process of producing our new pictorial church directory with Universal Church Directories. This directory is to help us put names and faces together, introduce our church to the community, preserve this time in our church's history and tell our story to new church families. In order to achieve these goals we need your help to make the new directory a complete representation of our church family.

We need YOU to be a part of this year’s pictorial directory!

Schedule your appointment right now on line (directions below) or call the church office!

Photography Dates: Tuesday, September 4—Saturday, September 8.

- Tuesday, 9/4: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- Wednesday, 9/5: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- Thursday, 9/6: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- Friday, 9/7: 2 pm—8:30 pm
- Saturday, 9/8: 10:30 am—5 pm

- All photography will take place at our church for your convenience. Immediately following photography, you will view your images electronically and select a pose for the directory.

- Each family that is photographed and selects a directory pose will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional professional portraits to share with family and loved ones.

- Universal offers a complete professional portrait studio including a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and frames.

Please join us in celebrating this time in the life of our church.

Church Directory Committee

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, and click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter OH1338 in the Church Code field and enter brecksville in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. To set appointment by phone call (888)-742-5823. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.
### This Month’s Scripture Focus

*Find this month’s scriptures on the home page of the church website: www.brecksvilleumc.com*

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**The Innovators**, a Zimbabwean gospel group, are coming to Brecksville! We will host these dynamic young men for the day on Monday, September 24. Want to join us for some local sightseeing and a time of learning from our brothers in the faith community? **Contact Joy ASAP!**

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**As of August 19, we have collected $1,808 for our Liberia School fund. Our goal is $24,000.**

Learn more: www.brecksvilleumc.com
Liberian center for the deaf dedicated
MONROVIA, Liberia — The Hope for the Deaf Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia has dedicated a modern skills training center for deaf students. The dedication of the three-classroom building was presided over July 11 by Bishop John G. Innes of the Liberia Area. Construction of the Modern Skills Training Center was made possible through donations from the Middletown United Methodist Church in Middletown, Md.

Ghana president cited Methodism
ACCRA, Ghana – Ghana is mourning the death of its president, Professor John Evans Atta Mills, who died July 24. Mills, 68, had been a Methodist. “I am the biggest beneficiary of the Methodist Church’s autonomy because I owe my education to the Methodist Church and my childhood training that was given me by the Methodist Church,” he once said.

Turning faith into a verb
CHICAGO — The Rev. Robert Biekman’s approach to ministry is simple: “If you think about the world as our parish, then we need to begin in the neighborhood.” Southlawn United Methodist Church is busy turning faith into a verb. With the help of a $6,000 Ethnic Local Church grant from the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, the church has begun a Neighborhood Intern Project that uses youth to survey the community and recommend remedies.

UMCOR aids flood survivors
MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines office of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination’s relief agency, is responding to the needs of survivors of heavy flooding in and around the Filipino capital, Manila, brought on by a confluence of storms and steady rain that began Aug. 1.

United Methodists at the Olympics
LONDON — Not all the Olympic action was on the track or in the pool or even at the gymnasium. In a nation where only 6.5 percent of the population attends church regularly, Christians in Great Britain have seized upon the opportunity to offer a positive image to the public. British Methodists are among 300 volunteer “games pastos” in powder-blue uniforms interacting with Olympic visitors. A partnership between Westminster Abbey, Methodist Central Hall and St. Margaret’s Church has brought Christian musicians, dancers and visual artists from 30 countries to perform daily on the Abbey Green and the Methodist chapel in central London. Methodist Central Hall also offered lunchtime services.

Bishop reaches out after Sikh attack
OAK CREEK, Wis. — Wisconsin Area Bishop Linda Lee called for Sunday, Aug. 12, to be a day of prayer by United Methodists for those affected by a gunman’s attack on a Sikh temple Aug. 5. The attack on the temple in suburban Milwaukee left seven people dead, including the shooter. Bishop Lee said she also hopes this tragedy will be an occasion for Christians to learn more about the Sikh religion. Here’s a start: Founded 500 years ago in a region now split between India and Pakistan, Sikhism now has 20 million followers; a central tenet is there is one God who is the same for all religions.

Indiana volunteers take VBS on the road
HENRYVILLE, Ind. — One hundred days after the March 2 tornado that claimed six lives and destroyed 200 homes in Indiana, more than 100 children, ages 4 to 12, from Henryville and Edwardsville gathered for a weeklong vacation Bible school at the Henryville United Methodist Church. “The community members are tired and weary,” said the Rev. Beverly Perry, pastor at Edwardsville United Methodist Church. “The children and parents could use a little encouragement, and God has provided.” See the full story at http://goo.gl/IL2Z6.

Get in the ‘spirit’
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Got spirit? No, not that one; the back-to-school spirit. It’s that time of year to bless backpacks, fashion a sermon around them. Throw a back-to-school bash. The United Methodist Church offers a chalkboard full of ways churches can support their students and their schools. Go to umc.org/schools.