Because It Matters

Advocacy in the United Methodist Church

In May of 2014, this congregation voted overwhelmingly to become a Reconciling Methodist Church. A frequently asked question since that time is, “What next?” Our congregation believes that God’s love is for everyone, and we have made a decision to extend God’s love and welcome to all people, without restrictions or qualifications. But how can we work toward realizing that same vision in the United Methodist Church as a whole?

On Saturday, November 14, you are invited to the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) fall conference, being hosted right here at BUMC. The conference features Rev. Steve Clunn – coordinator of the Love Your Neighbor Coalition (LYNC) – and will address ways you can become involved in social justice advocacy as the UMC prepares for its General Conference in May, 2016.

Additional information and printable (PDF) registration form at eomfsa.webs.com. Pre-registration is required, but you may pay at the door.

This event is being hosted and supported by our Board of Church & Society. You may contact Karen Schroedel (kakschroedel@gmail.com) or Joy Parker (music@brecksvilleumc.com) for more information.
8:45 Contemporary Worship
10 Education Hour
Classes for All Ages!
11:15 Traditional Worship
Bring a friend!

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Old Stamps = Tools!
The UMW collects cancelled postage stamps (except the Forever stamp and postcard stamps) for National Church Women United. The stamps help “Tools for Hope” an effort to provide tools in developing countries around the world. Bring your stamps to the box in the cloak room. It’s a great way to help!

As We Move Into November
Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor
“I the Lord am your God; follow my statutes, and be careful to observe my ordinances, and hallow my Sabbaths that they may be a sign between me and you, so that you may know that I the Lord am your God.” Ezekiel 20:19-20 NRSV

We move into November, the heart of our autumn activity. Leaves evacuate their tree perches, grass stops growing, and crisp, cool days and nights invade our senses. We think of pumpkins and harvest, cider and doughnuts, Thanksgiving feasts, and kindling the fireplace. We begin to enjoy quiet evenings snuggled up in the comfort and peace of our homes. We increasingly move indoors to keep out of the cold, and when that happens, I can’t help but think of God’s command to keep Sabbaths.

This command speaks volumes about the God we serve. God created a day of rest. God created a day set apart from all of the others to be used for worship, praise, and thoughts of the Kingdom. This is a much needed “refresher” for those of us breathing heavily in the bustle of tos and fros of daily life. I hope we remember that the command to keep Sabbaths is not merely a command to rest and rejuvenate, but that it is also intended to serve as a reminder that God is God.

It is often in the “down” time of R&R that we open up to others and dare to share hugs or moments of silence together. Quiet conversations in non-threatening places, the colors of fall moving all around us on the lift of gentle breezes, the ever onward movement toward closure in the cycle of seasons, all play on our senses.

This month also holds our celebration of All Saints Day. It is a day when we remember those who have been close to us in our life’s journey. We remember that they have moved on to be fully in the presence of God. Whatever that means to us, it pains us to be left behind. Yet we are reminded that our own lives cycle on, just as the leaves fall to the ground to be covered by the cold and snow of winter. All of this is beautiful in its own way. I believe the time to think about it comes in Sabbath. So please, keep your Sabbath time. I have learned the hard way recently that time is all too precious. There is no reclaiming it. It is expended, whether we take the time to realize it or not. I pray you find Sabbath time. I pray that you are aware of your surroundings. I pray you take the time to observe the beauty present around you each and every day. I just pray for you. Please pray for me.

Harvest blessings,
ON A MISSION

to End Hunger!

A team of 11 BUMC people spent a Saturday morning at the Cleveland Food Bank on September 26. Doug Huth reports, “We made back pack meals for kids and their homes. The crew did over 2,000 back packs and processed very close to 10,000 pounds of food staple products!” What a team!

Next opportunities to help:
- November 21, Food Bank
- November 28, Pearl Road
- January 10, Pearl Road

Sign up on Sunday morning or call the office.

Salute to Veterans!

The Evangelism Committee will recognize Veterans Day on Sunday, November 8. If you or a family member has served, and would like to be recognized during the service, please submit your name, years of service, and branch of service to the church office before November 2. Call 440-526-8938 or e-mail office@brecksvilleumc.com.

We will honor our Veterans with ONE combined service at 10 am that morning, followed by a light luncheon in Fellowship Hall. As always, every one is welcome! Adult Sunday School will meet at 8:45. There will be no Sunday School for kids that day.

Veterans Day honors men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America’s armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America’s quest for world peace and our nation’s desire for justice and freedom throughout the world —our nation’s higher goals.

Veterans Day is actually rooted in Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies met with German leaders to sign a truce ending World War I. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decided that our nation should remember with thanks the end of that war and honor those who served in the military. He called the holiday, Armistice (“truce”) Day. The name Armistice Day was kept until 1954 when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day remembering the sacrifices of veterans and “the task of promoting an enduring peace.”

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2015

During worship services at 8:45 and 11:15 the names of the saints of the church who have died since November 2014 will be read.

If you have lost a loved one in the last year, you are invited to submit their name to be read during worship and ringing of the bell.

Contact the church office by October 25 at 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com.
As people of faith, we find God’s presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings this month, we lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. Paul and Joan Olszko, who are so willing to step in and fill a need when they see it; Kristi Eberhardt, who sprang into action on Third Grade Bible Sunday when help was needed, and whose leadership on SPRC is invaluable; Ruth Georgevich who stepped in to fill the void when Dick Hayes retired from being a counter. Thank you, Ruth and Dick for fulfilling this important role!; Cathy Drescher, who prepared the food for the first First Sunday Youth Dinner; Craig Kotnik, who used his woodworking skills to make new stands for our international flags; and Jinho and Helen Lee who jumped in to help with coffee hour clean up. Jinho’s help with the Bike Round Up has helped give people wheels. We’re thankful for each of you, named and unnamed!

Marisol Wylie is thankful for the cards, messages, and prayers of her church family as she has been home bound. They’re helping her feel better!

On Sunday, October 11, we celebrated the baptism of Gavin Michael Santora, son of Cara (Kaminski) and Johnny. As Gavin begins to grow and takes the first steps of his journey of faith we wish him growth in the nurturing fellowship of our caring, learning, worshipping, serving congregation!
Violinist Michelle Abraham and pianist Shuai Wang present a special afternoon chamber music performance featuring classical duet works by Mozart, Dvorak, and Franck. Bring your own “brown-bag” lunch and beverage to be enjoyed together before this free concert. As always, all are welcome. A light coffee and dessert reception will be provided following. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow concert-goers!

**BUMC Youth are Leading the Way and Making a Difference**

On Thursday, October 15, students at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) packed over 23,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now. The meals – which cost just 29¢ each to package and mail – will go to children in schools and orphanages around the world in order that those children might see the value of education and have the healthy food that enables them to focus on learning each day.

Seniors Dan Auble and Monica Kotnik – both students at CVCC – were instrumental in making this project happen. Monica and Dan both participated in Stop Hunger Now events here at the church, had a vision for undertaking an event at their school, and made it happen! They are an awesome example of what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus, working hard alongside their friends and classmates in order to make a difference in the lives of others.

Congratulations, Dan & Monica, on a great event. And thank you for making a difference!

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**Fall Retreat**

The Abbey of Genesee is a Roman Catholic community of monks living a life of solitude and silence, prayer and penance in a joyful spirit of faith. Come to the Abbey where you are encouraged to worship six times daily with the monks. When not in worship, you are open to pray, meditate, conference with a monk, hike, eat, and sleep. You will live from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon in total silence. Daunting? It is in silence that we can hear the still, small voice of God. Talk to Craig Czarnota to learn more. The Abbey’s website is www.geneseeabbey.org. The dates are November 13-15. Cost is $65 per person per night, which includes your private room and all meals. We will car pool the 4 hour trip to the abbey, which is just south of Rochester, NY. To reserve your spot, please submit a $65 deposit to the church (checks made payable to BUMC, "Abbey" in the memo line). Your deposit is refundable until October 25. The trip will fill up fast!
Finance Committee believes it is important for you to see where our church budget stands as of September. There is some favorable news, some tougher news, and much hope to share.

The favorable news is that with extraordinary effort and sacrifice, we are meeting our expenses. The tougher news is that there are three reasons we are meeting our expenses: (1) all budgets were cut significantly, (2) many members of our church family have remained current on their Pledges, and (3) because the Administrative Board approved a one-time emergency transfer of $23,947 from our General Reserves to the Operating Budget. This emergency transfer helped compensate for the fact that we lost a number of large givers in 2014 due to death, retirement, relocation, and changed circumstances.

Our church gives substantial off-budget money to missions locally and around the world. But we sometimes forget that to keep that vital mission work going, our pledges must support the “heart and soul” of our church—the foundation that enables this church family to serve the community through Christ. Our heart and soul includes salaries, health insurance and related benefits for our terrific church staff. Our heart and soul includes maintaining and insuring our beautiful—but old and very demanding—church building and parsonage. It includes utilities like our $1,000+ monthly winter gas bills. Our heart and soul includes our apportionments, which support the larger United Methodist community. And of course our heart and soul includes all the programs that we assume will always be there for us: the music to which we worship, Sunday School for all ages, and youth programs to name just a few.

In order to hold steady in 2016, we need to not only make up that transfer from the General Reserve but also increase our income to compensate for increased costs.

We believe that if everyone understands the goal and the need, we will come together as a church family and handle this situation with God’s grace, confidence and love. Contrary to national trends, our membership is holding steady. Our church family has always come through when we see a specific problem that can be addressed. The current budget shortfall can be addressed with our money, our time and our effort. If we all work together as a church family, we can continue to support the fantastic ministries and programs for which our church is known throughout the surrounding communities. - The Finance Committee

Questions? Want to learn more? Contact Alan Scheufler, Finance Committee Chair, 440-526-1335 or asch0897@gmail.com or any member of the finance committee: Matt Auble, Sue Hastings, Mark Hobzek, Ric Lesinski, Shelly Meek, Leslie Miller, Stacy Parker, Alan Phillips, or Don Raybuck.
**Stewardship Campaign**

We are excited to present a very special program for our church, *The Heart Of Giving*. This will be inspirational as our church family celebrates our many ministries, missions and programs. It will be heartwarming as we examine the tremendous gifts God has given to us. It will be uplifting as we look to the future.

The Heart Of Giving program starts on October 25. There is a very special **Leadership Summit** on October 28 at 7:30 PM, to which **everyone** is invited to attend.

In the coming weeks you will receive letters in your homes where you will participate by sharing why our church is important to you. Each letter will contain a “Heart Card”. And we will share a weekly devotional with you via email, the BUMC website, and Facebook.

With the Heart Cards, you and your family share what you love about our church; the names of people in our church family who have had a significant impact on your life; and things you would like to see happen in our church.

You and your family will fill in each “Heart Card” and bring it to church the following Sunday. Those Heart Cards will be proudly displayed throughout the church for everyone to see.

On each of the first four Sundays of November, a special message will be shared in each Service. We hope you won’t miss a single one.

The Heart Of Giving program culminates in Commitment Sunday, November 22, when we present our Estimates Of Giving (our Pledge Cards) for the upcoming year.

The gifts we have from God are beyond compare. We leave you with this question: How are you being a good steward to multiply those gifts, and to honor God by sharing those ever-growing gifts for HIS glory?

**To every thing there is a season,**
**and a time to every purpose under heaven.**

- *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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**MISSION**

**...IT’S NOT JUST A TRIP!**

As United Methodists, the understanding that "we are called" and "we are sent" is at the foundation of our faith. Scripture is full of stories of people who responded to a call and were sent on mission for God. As a volunteer in mission, you can make a difference in the lives of others, and your life and faith will be forever changed.

**2016 Russia Volunteer in Mission Trip**

**May 19th-May 31st**

Learn more at one of two information sessions: Monday, October 26 at 7:30 pm at Chagrin Falls UMC (20 S Franklin St in Chagrin Falls); or Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 pm at Northampton UMC (852 W Bath Rd in Cuyahoga Falls).

The trip is sponsored each year by the East Ohio Conference. We will travel to Moscow, and on to an orphanage in Oboyan, Russia that cares for and teaches children from the age of seven to 18 years old.

Registration will be open until January 15, 2016.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

Cleveland Convention Center

**9:30-11:30 am.**

All congregations in the North Coast District will gather on this day for worship, communion, and the required charge conference actions. The second hour will feature keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Heather Lear, Director of Evangelism Ministries for the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. Contact the church office for more info!
**Christmas is Coming!**

**Calling all Angels, Shepherds and Babes in Arms**

A wonderful part of the tradition followed at the Family Christmas Eve worship service (5:00 pm on December 24) is the retelling of Christ's birth story with real live people playing the parts (including a baby Jesus!). Would you, your family or your child like to be part of the experience this year? Please call (440.526.8938 ext. 230) or email Jenny (education@brecksvilleumc.com) to let her know. We will have one dress rehearsal earlier that week, date and time TBD as it usually depends on baby Jesus’ schedule!

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**Let Your Light Shine**

The lighting of the Advent Wreath is a very special and sacred part of this season of preparation. Would you like to light it this year? Individuals, couples, families or good friends are all welcome to be lighters. We need people for both the 8:45 and the 11:15 services. Please call or email Jenny, 440.526.8938, x 230 education@brecksvilleumc.com to sign up. Advent begins November 29!

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**The Hanging of the Greens**

**Sunday, November 22 After Second Service**

Church family, it’s time to gather together and prepare for the Christmas season! Join us on Sunday, November 22 just after our 11:15 worship to decorate the church! We will need adults and children (and those young at heart) as fun and festive decorations need to be made! **... and the eating of the pizza!**

After we transform our church into a Christmas wonderland we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for yummy pizza and cookies. Please RSVP so we’ll know how much pizza to order: education@brecksvilleumc.com or call 440.526.8938.

Could there be a better way to kick off the season? Be a part of reviving this wonderful holiday tradition! Hope to see you there!

**Questions? Want to help?**

Contact Jenny Gee or Jeff Hastings, 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com

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**BRECKSVILLE**

**Christmas Parade**

The holidays officially begin with Brecksville’s Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, November 29. Come to the band stand on the square for Yuletide songs, Christmas carols, and a special appearance by Santa Claus. The parade steps off at 4 pm.

Our church, with coordination from our Evangelism Committee, will host a festive reception following the parade in Fellowship Hall, and we need your help to create a welcoming experience for people who might not normally come to church. Help is needed with set up and clean up, with serving hot chocolate and cookies, and with smiling and hosting! Can you give an hour or two? Please contact Catherine Vastartis at 440.526.9406.
The Missions Committee has prepared a report of our church’s mission giving for our district charge conference. This is a condensed version of that report.

Our church supports missions on local, national and international levels, and the church has a budget line item committed to missions. Special offerings collected on Christmas and Easter also support missions. Groups within the church, such as the United Methodist Women, Christian Education, Youth Fellowship, and the Music Department support various mission causes throughout the year. There are a variety of hands on, in-kind giving to projects totaling thousand of hours worked annually for food, hunger and crisis centers. Our annual apportionments to the United Methodist Church are directed in part to various missions.

Our missions budget is focused on meeting the needs of hunger, shelter and poverty. Members of our church family have traveled to Russia for the past fifteen years, supporting orphanages there. We support Camphor Mission in Liberia, and have raised money for our Bishop’s 3C’s (Churches, Clinics, and Classrooms) Initiative. Our Youth Service Project team travels each summer to provide essential home repairs to those in need.

Perhaps unique to our church is this year’s Bike Round Up (see side bar.) Our paper recycling program promotes care of God’s creation and has raised about $1000 annually for our hunger ministry. Our new “12 Dozen Envelopes” initiative is raising money for the European refugee crisis, and hopes to raise $10,000 for UMCOR’s International Disaster Relief Fund.

The following chart depicts the year to date monetary mission giving for the collective effort of the Brecksville United Methodist family. It is intended to provide the congregation with a broader picture of the breadth of mission support the church does collectively. It does not attempt to place a value on the hundreds of hours of in kind giving that is also an important part of the mission picture within the church.

We thought we might keep a few bikes out of the landfill and get them into the hands of children in Cleveland who did not have a bicycle to ride. We hoped we might get 15 bikes donated to the cause. You exceeded our wildest expectations! Over 80 bikes were collected (and the calls continue to come in to see if we are still collecting!)

**What did we do with all those bikes?**
- 20 went to Nehemiah Mission and were given to people in the nearby community.
- 5 went to First Hispanic UMC.
- 8 went to Pearl Road UMC.
- 9 will be sent to Ganta Mission in Liberia to be used by pastors traveling between their congregations.
- 12 youth bikes will be sent to Ohio Guidestone.
- 6 adult road bikes will be offered to both Nehemiah and Guidestone – for adults who need to get around the city.

The remaining bikes were not able to be fixed and their parts were used for repairs here, or delivered to the Ohio City Bike Co-op and Akron Bike Kitchen for use for parts.

This project became a wonderful partnership with our Missions Committee as they offered funds to be used for much needed new parts.

A giant debt of thanks is extended to Wally Kudlaty, Jinho Lee and Ben McNair for the time, energy and dedication they have given to this enormous project!
Weekly Youth Group

High School – Join us for our weekly youth group time, Sunday nights from 7-9 pm. This time is open to all high school students and their friends!

Middle School – Sixth through eighth graders, come hang out in the Youth Room on Wednesday afternoons, from 3-4:30 pm! This year, we’re looking at some of the scariest, grossest, and straight-out weirdest stories in the Bible.

Special Events

First Sunday Youth Dinner – Join us for our second all-youth dinner, November 1 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall! The Hastings family will be providing our meal, so you can expect something delicious! All sixth through twelfth graders and their friends are more than welcome. Help the Hastings know how much food to prepare! RSVP to Courtney at youth@brecksvilleumc.com or by texting 440-537-5508.

Confirmation Church Visit – Eighth grade students, don’t forget about our first church visit on November 15! We’ll be attending St. Joseph’s Byzantine Catholic Church for their 10:30 am service. Parents, please contact Courtney if you’re willing to help drive or chaperone.

High School Winter Retreat – Ninth through twelfth graders, mark your calendars for December 4-6! We’ll be traveling down to a large cabin in Hocking Hills, where we’ll enjoy hiking, bonfires, Bible study and worship opportunities, and even a hot tub! The cost is $100 per student, and all payments must be in by November 22 to reserve your spot.

Youth Service Project 2016 – Are you in Ninth grade or higher this year? Then you’re invited to join us on our annual YSP trip! We’ll be traveling to Somerville, Tennessee from June 25-July 2, 2016. For more information, contact Courtney at youth@brecksvilleumc.com, or check out the camp website at www.groupworkcamps.com. Commitments and first payments are due by February 15, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Middle School Youth Group on November 25, and NO High School Youth Group on November 29. Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday with family!
It's craft time for UMW November 5 meeting. We'll make two items for the 60 Christmas bags we're sending to The Maple Heights Head Start program, an affiliate of Ohio Guidestone. Please bring scissors (and double faced tape and fabric glue if you have any!) An enjoyable and relaxing morning begins at 9:30. Everyone is welcome!

A special thank you to everyone who took part in our Fill-the-Truck fundraiser. Thanks to those who took the time to clean out their closets and drawers and who served as "truck sitters." Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 175 and their families. Our UMW mission fund earned $850 on 4,218 lbs of donations!

Do you want to make a difference in the world but feel like there’s nothing you can really accomplish by yourself? Do you dream about making an impact in your community and church family, but just don’t have the time? We have an awesome opportunity for you to do all this and more! Join like-minded women who will put their hands, hearts and heads together to accomplish some wonderful projects that will spread Christ’s love both inside and outside the walls of our church. This month we will begin working on “finals week care packages” for our church’s college kids. Please join us!

"Cash Back" from Acme. Support the UMW Missions Fund by saving your receipts from ACME. Receipts dated August 20 through January 6 will earn 5% cash back for the fund. Start collecting now and bring your receipts to the bin in the first floor coat room. Such a simple way to make a difference! Thank you!

Brookside Thanksgiving Food Drive

The United Methodist Women’s year round support of the Brookside Food Center depends on the kindness and generosity of people like you! Your donations are greatly appreciated. In November, Brookside will be distributing Thanksgiving meals to local families in need. On Friday, November 20, our volunteers will be delivering your donations to Brookside. Please help us fill the bin in the coat room with food like:

- Canned green beans
- Apple sauce
- Boxed stuffing
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned gravy
- Pumpkin or apple pie filling
- Pie crusts

Other items always in demand:
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Personal hygiene items
- Paper products

Hold the cranberry sauce. The food center has more than enough!

Your contributions make a world of difference to families in need.

Together, we educate students so they can make a difference in the world.

United Methodist Student Day is November 29

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus’ name. We’re doing it at home, but so often we’d like to do more. We want to serve those in other places who are suffering. We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life. And we want to be well-equipped to do both! But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don’t allow us to engage with every need we’d like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who’ve been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we’re doing together.

Our faith, lives and ministries take on new life when they are shared. Help us tell God’s story as it unfolds in our church and community. Send news items and story ideas to the church office!

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| *1st Sunday in Advent*  
8:45 Worship  
10 Education  
11:15 Worship  
4 Brecksville Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting | 4:15 Cantus  
5 Choraliers  
7:30 Scouts | | | | | |
When we join The United Methodist Church, we vow to support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. But sometimes, our good intentions get lost in the day-to-day hustle and bustle of life. As a church, how are we doing with our promises? Can you help fill in the blanks?

PRAYERS

Our 12 Dozen Envelopes Campaign for the European Refugee Crisis asked donors to leave a prayer when they chose an envelope. Some of the prayers we offer:

- Prayers for peace.
- Prayers for unity.
- Prayers for safety.
- Prayers for hope.
- Prayers for generosity.
- Prayers that the refugees know they are loved.

Do you know that Brecksville United Methodist Church has an active e-mail Prayer Chain? To be added to the e-mail list, or to submit a prayer request, please contact Elrowan33@aol.com.

GIFTS

If you have made a pledge or a contribution, you will receive a giving statement (either electronically or on the other side of this page with your mailed Good Word) which outlines your gifts to date this year. If you need additional information, or if you have not received your statement, please contact the church office.

This table outlines the offering received each Sunday since the publication of the last Good Word.

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SERVICE

Some ways you can be of service to others this month (look for details in this issue of The Good Word!)

- Help honor veterans! Come help prepare soups on Saturday, November 7 from 10 am - 1 pm in the church kitchen, or come help serve the luncheon on Sunday, November 8.
- Contribute to the UMW’s Winter Clothing or Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Come help decorate the church for the Christmas season and enjoy some pizza with your church family! Hanging of the Greens after second service on Sunday, November 22.
- Help our Evangelism Committee welcome the community at the Brecksville Christmas Parade reception on Sunday, November 29.

Thank you! Other opportunities are listed on the church website!

The people of The United Methodist Church are putting our faith in action by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, which is our church’s mission. Through the power of our connection, we are making a positive difference in more than 125 countries.
United Methodist

Special Sunday
November 29

Please give generously.

Student Day

Your gift

Enriches ministry and connects students to their faith.

“We try to plan ample opportunities for our students to stay plugged in to their faith.”

—The Rev. Sunny Brown Farley

Scholarship recipient and campus minister,
Tyler (Texas) Junior College

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