ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
March 6

March 13
"Love is All You Need" [John 12:1-11]

Palm Sunday, March 20
8:45 and 11:15 Services: Come wave your palm branches in joyful anticipation of the arrival of Christ!

Good Friday, March 25
7:30 pm Tenebrae Service: The Service of Darkness
Join us for this quiet and reflective time of worship as we recognize the gravity and magnitude of Jesus’ suffering and sacrifice.

Easter Sunday, March 27
7 am Sunrise Service at Blossom Hill Pavilion
Gather with friends and neighbors at the Blossom Hill Pavilion on Oakes Road for worship, Scripture readings and a short message. Dress casually and in warm clothes. Bring a blanket, a lawn chair and a friend and join us to watch the sunrise as we celebrate the resurrected Lord.

8:45 and 11:15 Services at the Church
Join us for triumphant worship celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

There will be no education hour offerings on Easter Sunday.

Walk the Labyrinth in the Chapel
Sunday through Friday through March 25
Once upon a time there was a hard-working and generous farmer who had several idle and greedy sons. On his deathbed, he told them that they would find his treasure if they were to dig in a certain field. As soon as the old man was dead, the sons hurried to the field and proceeded to dig it up from one end to the other in search of the treasure. The longer they worked, the more desperate they became. Yet they did not find one single ounce of gold.

Surveying the field, they reasoned that in his generosity their father must have given his gold away during his lifetime. Just as they abandoned their search, it occurred to them that since the land had been prepared they might as well sow a crop. They planted wheat, which produced an abundant yield. When it matured they sold their crop and prospered.

After the harvest was in, the sons thought again about the rare possibility that they might have missed the buried gold. Once again they dug up their fields, with the same result.

After several years they became accustomed to labor and to the cycle of the seasons, something which they had not understood before. Finally they understood their father had been training them to become hard-working farmers. As time passed they became wealthy through the work of their hands and no longer wondered about the hidden hoard.

“You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he has gone ahead of you to Galilee. You’ll see him there, exactly as he said.”

Looking among the living…

You can help unlock a world of opportunity for the students at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. All you need is a pair of scissors. Our UMW collects Campbell’s Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education. Clip the symbols from products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. Learn more at www.labelsforeducation.com or www.boxtopsforeducation.info.
Open Umbrellas Against Human Trafficking

According to the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2015, the number of adults and children currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution is 20.9 million. Worldwide, 3 per 1,000 people are victims of human trafficking. To help raise awareness of this problem, our UMW took part in the effort to spell out “We are United Methodist Women opening umbrellas to intercept human trafficking” in pictures at this year’s Super Bowl in Santa Clara, California.

UMW Meeting, Thursday, March 3.

Come hear speaker Chuck Behrens, chaplain for Hospice of the Western Reserve, present “Spirituality: Tapping Into Your Inner Peace and Strength.” An accomplished speaker and advisor, Behrens received his Masters in Divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary and has worked in a spiritual care capacity with Hospice of the Western Reserve since 1994. Continental breakfast and fellowship in the Parlor at 9:30, program at 10. All are welcome!

Evening Circle Makes Jewelry to Cheer!

Come join the Circle in the Parlor on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 pm and learn to make jewelry. Creations will be donated to Ears to You, a local organization working to boost the self-esteem and lift the spirits of cancer victims of all ages. Want to learn more about the organization? Visit their website: www.earstoyou.org.

Helping Girls with a Basic Need

Through the end of April, UMW will be collecting donations of underwear, bras, and socks for the Westside Community House West Side Sisterhood, an after-school and summer arts program preparing girls from Cleveland’s west side for womanhood and their life beyond. The items are for girls age 10 to 18. Can you help? There will be a box in the coat room for your donations. Need more info? Contact Gretchen Mates: 440-526-6481.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Why slave over a hot oven? Shop the UMW Palm Sunday Bake Sale before or after church services on March 20. Your purchases support the UMW Mission Fund which benefits programs supporting women and children locally and around the world.

Calling all bakers! If you would like to donate to the sale, bring your treats to the church kitchen (wrapped for sale) on Saturday, March 19 between 3 - 5 pm. Questions? Contact Gretchen Mates: 440-526-6481. Thank you!
Happy Sweet Sixteen, Erin Gee!

On Sunday, February 28, we will celebrate the baptism of Matthew David Gardner, son of David and Emily. Join us in welcoming the Gardners as part of the worldwide Christian community and in promising to support them in bringing Matthew up in the faith.

The forty couples renewing their marriage vows on Valentine’s Day marked a collective milestone! Anniversaries of those participating ranged from one year to sixty-four years and together marked over 1000 years of marriage. It was a beautiful time of reflecting on the blessings of the past and looking forward to the future. What a wonderful celebration!

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. People like all of the chefs and volunteers who put together this year’s Chili Cook-Off. Such fun! Kelly Brown, who shared her gifts to help make Children’s Worship Sunday a special celebration of the unique talents God gives each of us. Julie Kubek, whose help with Sunday School is invaluable. Ruth Herman and all of the wonderful ladies of the United Methodist Women who helped make the Vow Renewal reception such a beautiful and meaningful event. Don Krolikowski, whose photography and web design help tell the story of our ministries. Bev Gooding, Lori Ann Rusterholtz, and Linda Schmidt who were such a big part of the Valentine Reception. You helped bring back a lot of beautiful memories for folks! Craig Czarnota, Shawanna Kerr, Linda and Megan Rohrer who got out the brooms and mops and dusters and made the stage shine for Music with a Mission. Michelle Shively who coordinated the event’s silent auction. Our fantastic MC’s and performers and all of the youth and volunteers who prepared and served a great meal. And of course, everyone who attended. Music with a Mission is a labor of love in so many ways. Thank you for being part of it!
PEARL ROAD UMC, CLEVELAND—What’s it like to serve 200 meals to people in need on a winter Sunday evening? Awesome! On January 31, twelve members of our church, working in partnership with volunteers from The United Church of Christ on Ridge Road, Parma served meals to over 150 people at Pearl Road Methodist Church in Old Brooklyn, and packed at least another 50 take home meals to go. Our super soup chef, Al Harper, prepared a highly praised kicked up chicken and rice soup, a la Emeril Lagasse. The crew prepared salads, cut cake and served meals and drink to the quests, which included both individuals and families.

Shelly Meek, Tim & Leslie Millar, Janine Telischak, Catherine Vastartis, Kathy Goebel, Bruce McCrodden and Doug & Gail Huth were all part of the team working together to get everyone fed. Overheard after the event, “We received much more than we gave.”

Pearl Road United Methodist Church, located near the corner of Pearl Road and Memphis Avenue, serves meals to anyone in need on the second Thursday and the last two Sundays of every month and our church sends a team to help about four times a year.

Consider joining us next time! Our next adventure will be a shift at The Greater Cleveland Food Bank on Saturday March 5, from 8 am to noon. Sign up in the Parlor after service on Sunday. Want to learn more? Contact any member of the Missions Committee.

Doug Huth, Missions Committee

Serving in Love

I did. I do. I always will.

On Valentine’s Day, our church celebrated love and marriage with a vow renewal service. Pastor Clark told the 40 couples participating that he wanted to celebrate with them the commitments that they had made to each other.

“There are over 1,000 years of marriage represented in this room,” he said. “I think it’s a wonderful testimony to the power of the word, both God’s Word and the vows that you’ve given to each other to stand by each other no matter what.”

Following the renewal of vows, the couples headed to Fellowship Hall, where the United Methodist Women held a good old fashioned church wedding reception, complete with cake, nuts and mints. Couples shared stories, had their pictures taken, and received a Certificate of Renewal of Vows. The punch served was a recipe enjoyed at Carol and Harry Wilson’s reception many years ago.

“The sweetest thing I saw was when two parents were together saying their vows and their child was in between them,” Kathy Stein said. “It was so touching.” A collection of photos from the event is posted on our church website: www.brecksvilleumc.com (click the photo galleries link under the “About Us” tab.)

Interfaith Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 5

Would you like to learn more about the Passover story? Hundreds of people from many faith traditions will gather to experience the Seder at Fairmount Temple, enjoying the evening’s rituals, music and a small sampling of food. A group from our church attends each year. Can we reserve a seat for you? Contact the office: 440-526-8938 or office@brecksvilleumc.com

Christian congregations worldwide mark the start of Holy Week with Palm Sunday, which we celebrate with the jubilant waving of palms. Unfortunately for the communities where the palms are harvested, palm fronds do not always represent the same jubilation they do for us. We’re helping to change that.

We purchase our palms from The University of Minnesota’s Eco-Palms program, ensuring that the leaves were harvested in an environmentally sensitive manner by workers getting paid a fair price.

As you celebrate Palm Sunday, please say a prayer of thanks for those who harvested our palms, for their families, for their communities, and for those who minister to them.
A weekend of worship, education and music.
Spiritual renewal and growth for pastors, worship leaders, music directors and volunteers.
Helpful ideas for enlivening and deepening progressive worship in your church.

LENTEN RETREAT
MARCH 18, 19 AND 20
BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
65 PUBLIC SQUARE, BRECKSVILLE, OH
BRECKSVILLEUMC.COM/RETREAT

WITH RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN

March 18: Friday evening worship at 7:30pm (free!)
March 19: Saturday workshop with registration beginning at 9:00am ($25, includes lunch). Saturday evening concert at 7:30pm (free!)
March 20: Sunday morning worship services at 8:45am and 11:15am (free, of course!)
High School Youth Group – All ninth through twelfth grade students are invited to join us each Sunday night for a time of study and fellowship! This month, we’ll be continuing to work through our video series on why reading the Bible can be so impactful in our lives. Please note, we will NOT meet on Easter Sunday. See you there!

Middle School Youth Group – Sixth through eighth graders meet each Wednesday after school from 3-4:30 pm. This spring, we’ll be taking a closer look at each of the parables Jesus tells, and figuring out what they’re supposed to mean for us today! All are welcome! Please note, we will NOT meet on March 30 while students are on Spring Break.

YSP Plant Sale – Our annual plant sale, benefitting the Youth Service Project, kicks off on March 20! You will be able to purchase all of your flowers, herbs, and hanging baskets while simultaneously supporting our youth ministry program. Be on the lookout for details and order forms later this month.

Important Dates:
- March 6 – All Youth Dinner, 6 pm in Fellowship Hall
- March 13 – Confirmation church visit (during Sunday school hour)
- April 9 – Confirmation volunteer morning at Twice Blessed Free Store
- April 17 – Final YSP payment due

Music with a Mission 2016 – On the Silver Screen!

Thank you for your amazing support of this year’s Music with a Mission fundraiser! Our youth ministry program was able to raise over $3,000 for our trip to Somerville, TN, this coming June. While in this small town on the outskirts of Memphis, we will help paint homes, build decks and wheelchair ramps, hang gutters and repair roofs, and bring the message and love of Jesus into the lives of countless residents. This trip truly is an invaluable experience for our young people as they continue to grow in their faith, and your generous and delightful involvement in our Music with a Mission fundraiser helps to make it all possible! A special thanks to Joy Parker for her countless hours spent preparing, rehearsing, and directing the show; to Mary Kotnik and Ruth Herman for their constant leadership in planning, organizing, and leading the cooking team; and to Michelle Shively for continually doing such a fantastic job creating baskets and supervising the silent auction. The success of our event would have never been possible without them!
# Brecksville United Methodist Church

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### March Calendar

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| **Walk the Labyrinth during Lent**  
Sunday through Friday in the Chapel.
Stop in anytime to experience this self-guided meditative tool. | 6 | 7:30 Lifeline Screening  
Brecksville Community Chorus (adults only)  
7:30 Boy Scouts | 8 | 9:30 UMW  
7:30 Chancel Choir | 9 | 10 Staff Mtg  
7 Evangelism  
6:30 D awnbrk  
3 MS Youth  
7 Evening Circle | 11 Staff Mtg  
5 Children’s Choir  
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8 COE  
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3 MS Youth | 10 | 9:30 Asbury Bremeth  
6:15 Bells  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
11 | 5 Friday’s@5  
6 Western Reserve Emmaus | 12 | **Commemoration of Light**  
Ends  
5th Sunday in Lent  
8:45 Worship  
10 Coffee & Classes  
11:15 Worship  
& Baptism  
12:15 Music & Worship Board  
7 HS Youth Group  
6:15 Bells  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
13 | 10 Staff Mtg  
5 Children’s Choir  
7 Missions  
Gifts & Memorials  
7:30 Trustees | 14 | 8:45 Worship  
10 Coffee & Classes  
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7 HS Youth Group  
6:30 Dawnbrk  
3 MS Youth | 15 | 6:30 D awnbrk  
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3 MS Youth | 18 | 8:45 Worship  
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19 | 7:30 Richard Bruxvoort Colligan Concert | 20 | 9:30 ASBURY BREMETH  
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3 MS Youth | 22 | 10 Staff Mtg  
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3 MS Youth | 23 | 6:15 Bells  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
5th Sunday in Lent  
8:45 Worship  
10 Coffee & Classes  
11:15 Worship  
7 HS Youth Group | 24 | 9:30 UMW Board Meeting  
7:30 Tenebrae Worship Service | 25 | **Communion Stewards**  
Kristi Eberhardt & Diane Pidwell | 26 |

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*March 24—April 1: Brecksville Broadview Heights School District Spring Break*
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

Consider adding the following to your prayer list during the Advent season:

- Prayers for peace! Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
- Prayers of joy! Where there is sadness, let me sow joy.
- Prayers of hope! Where there is despair, let me sow hope.
- Prayers of love! Grant that I may not so much seek to console, but to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
- For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life. A men - St. Francis

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 last publication of the 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!)

- Spend the evening of March 2 making jewelry with the Evening Circle.
- Donate your old glasses to the UMW collection. They’ll be refurbished and given to someone in need!
- When you’re at the grocery store, add some canned food to your cart for the folks at Brookside.
- Join the Mission team on an upcoming trip to the Cleveland Food Bank or Pearl Road UMC.
- Donate undergarments for the West Side Sisterhood.
- Bake for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale—or purchase a treat. Proceeds benefit the UMW mission fund!

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.

PRESENCE

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We’ve set a goal of bringing 300 people together for worship on Sunday mornings. Think we can hit that goal before Christmas? We can, if you are making meaningful worship a priority in your life!
March 6, 2016

UNIVERSAL UNITED METHODIST

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

your GENEROUS GIFT TODAY

HELPS FAMILIES RECOVER, COMMUNITIES REBUILD AND HOPE TO BE RESTORED AFTER DISASTER STRIKES

“They ... learn to socialize, to get along with other children, to share and engage with those around them. Their time at preschool can give them some sense of normalcy.”

—ZEINAT FARHOUD, educator at the Ein El Helweh facility

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that ... you may share abundantly in every good work.”

—2 CORINTHIANS 9:8, NRSV
Easter Flowers 2016

Help beautify our Easter Service, March 27, with flowers! Get your order form in soon, as no orders can be accepted after Sunday, March 13. Plants can be ordered to remember or honor someone you love, or to share with someone who cannot be with us in worship. Attach payment to this form (checks payable BUMC.)

__ Lily ($8)  __ Tulip ($8)  __ Daffodil ($8)
__ Azalea ($12)  __ Hydrangea ($12)  TOTAL ATTACHED: ____________

Given by: _________________________________________ Phone ____________

☐ in honor of: __________________________________________

☐ in memory of: _________________________________________

☐ to the Glory of God. Questions? Call the office! 440-526-8938

Check one: ______ I will take my flowers home after 11:15 worship.

______ Give my flowers to someone who could not worship with us.