GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, March 30 • 7:30 pm
A service of darkness, shadows and preparation.

SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday, April 1 • 6:45 am
In the Gazebo on Brecksville Square
Greet the sunrise and celebrate the hope of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 1 • Services at 8:45 am and 11:15 am
Come together this Easter. For love. For peace. For all.
“You can see for yourselves the place is now empty. Now - on your way.”

A wise person once said, “The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening.” And then, “Silence sits immense upon my soul. Then comes hope with a smile and whispers.” –Helen Keller

I think that silence can be used in a few different ways. It has been known to nurture pouting, anger and hatred. Far better uses for silence are reflecting, meditating and listening. Perhaps it is only when we stand silent before the evidence of resurrection that surrounds us at this time of year, that we can begin to sense the still, small voice of God that whispers in our soul. You are never ever alone, even when you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I am with you. You are loved beyond your knowing and experience. So much so that this life you enjoy continues in incredible ways beyond your sense of “now”. You are a spiritual being in the middle of a human experience. When your physical being gives way, your spirit will soar. All of this is spoken to us in the middle of an empty space that we have termed a “tomb”.

Happy Easter! May you experience resurrection moments in empty spaces, both in creation that so poignantly surrounds you, and in the very depths of your hearts.

For this month’s Lunch Bunch, we meet at Creekside Restaurant, and dine for UMW Missions. See you at Creekside at noon? RSVP to reserve a seat with the staff!
March 9, Fellowship Hall: Do you remember how to do the Hustle? You might, if you attended this year’s Music with a Mission! After a delicious meal, served family style by students participating in the Youth Service Project, we enjoyed a memorable show with comedy, music, and dancing. The Music with a Mission Band lead performers through the decades, with dance hits from the 50s through the 2000’s. Happy feet filled the dance floor!

With the silent auction alone, we raised over $1,763 for the Youth Service Project Team. Your generous support will help our team travel to Pittsburgh this summer for a life changing week of service.

We extend a special thank you to all of our silent auction donors:

- Pastor Barbara Bartholomew, Spice It Up Basket
- The Brachna Family, Pie of the Month Club
- Brecksville Theater, Two Tickets
- Creekside Restaurant, Gift Certificate
- Courtney Drescher, Rodan & Fields Basket
- The Eberhardt Family, Dinner and Tickets to “Rent”
- Claire Hayes, Hand Embroidered William Sonoma Tea Towels
- Heavenly Ascensions, Hot Air Balloon Experience for Two
- Ruth Herman, Homemade Quick Breads
- Lynn Hobzek, Wine and Cork Basket
- The Jaszcak Family, Teddy Bear, Handmade “Go Tribe” Cross Body Bag, and Children’s Craft Basket
- The Kotnik Family, Pampered Chef Basket
- Faith McAllister & Melanie Smith, Kitchen Basket
- Fran McClean, Stress Less Salon Basket
- Judy McCrodden, Ice Cream Basket & Easter Fun Basket
- Joan Olszko & Melanie Smith, Paper Arts Box of Fun
- The Petro Family, A Bird Sanctuary
- The Petro Family, Health and Relaxation Kit
- Lori Rusterholtz, Coffee, Tea and Goody Basket & Italian Dinner Basket
- George Smith, Beautiful Baskets
- Melanie Smith, American Girl Banana Seat Bike
- Starbucks Coffee (Rockside Road), Starbucks Coffee Basket
- The Watkins Family, Tea Time Basket

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called repairer of broken walls, restorer of streets with dwellings.

—Isaiah 58:12

Join us at the
2018 Apostles Build
House Blessing
April 5 at 9:30 am
3478 W. 97th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

We are thrilled to be a part of Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity’s Apostles Build again this year. On the first day of construction, churches, volunteers, the future Habitat homeowner and the community are invited to the House Blessing. This is a moment for prayer and fellowship. There is an opportunity to tour the home and bear witness to where we are starting.

House Overview
Built in 1920
996 Square Feet
3 bedrooms. 1 bathroom.
Estimated Rehab Cost $79,560

Our Work Dates
Thursday, April 19
Saturday, July 28
Saturday, September 15

Want to get involved? E-mail office@brecksvilleumc.com
**Stories of Real People Immigration**
Thursday, April 5. Come learn about the current issues of immigration on the border of Texas and Mexico. Kevin Louise Schaner will presents. The morning starts at 9:30 with continental breakfast and fellowship, followed by the program at 10:00. Everyone is welcome. We hope you’ll plan to attend!

Bishop Tracy Smith Malone is the featured speaker

**North Coast District Spring Meeting**
Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9 am - 12 noon
Fellowship Hall
Cost is $7 for continental breakfast and materials

We are delighted to welcome the spring meeting of the North Coast District United Methodist Women. All are welcome! We hope you’ll be there. If you’d like to help our hospitality team, please contact Ruth Herman 216-780-1828.

**It was a FUNdraiser!**
Our chili cook off raised $300 for Brookside Food Center. Thanks to all the cooks and workers that stepped up to help make this year’s event successful. Ruth Herman says, “Pastor Clark’s outstanding annual Trivia Game makes us laugh and makes us aware we need to pay better attention to his Bible lessons to get those questions right. You have to laugh!”

**Canned Fruit Drive.**
Last month our Brookside focus was “Soap for Hope”. This month, it’s canned fruit! This is an item in big demand at the food pantry. This and donations of other non-perishable foods, toiletries, and household cleaners will be delivered to our brothers and sisters in need in Cleveland on April 21. Are you moved to help? Bring your donations to the bin in the first floor coat room.

**Underwear Drive for West Side Sisterhood**
During the month of April, the United Methodist Women will be collecting donations of underwear, bras, and socks for the Westside Community House West Side Sisterhood. The items are for girls age 10 to 18. All sizes are needed. If you are moved to give, please bring your donations to the collection box in the coat room. Need more info? Contact Gretchen Matos: 440-526-6481.

West Side Sisterhood is a program preparing girls from Cleveland’s west side for womanhood. Sisterhood fosters a belief in girls’ self-worth based on their skills, talents, and spirituality rather than on appearance, popularity, sexuality or negative gender and racial stereotypes. Young women are encouraged to be strong and independent, to exercise self-discipline, to respect themselves and one another, to value education, and to know when and how to give help and receive it.

**Clip this coupon!**
Take it to Creekside Restaurant on Tues. April 10 and a portion of your check will be donated to the UMW Mission Fund!
All Youth Dinner // April 8 // 5 to 7 pm
(Note date change due to Easter Sunday) // We will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for fun, food, and fellowship! Students in grades six through twelve are invited to join us. Weather permitting, we will play some outside games after dinner. There will NOT be high school youth group after All Youth Dinners. Hope to see you there! On the menu: On the grill - hot dogs and hamburgers! Thanks to our Thursday Evening Men's Prayer Group for sponsoring our meal this month!

High School Main Event: Dinner and a Show! // April 20 // 5:30-9 pm // Come with us to support all our awesome students who are part of this year’s BBHHS musical, Into the Woods. Before we see the show we will meet for dinner (location TBT) and then head over to the high school. Tickets will need to be purchased ahead of time, so RSVP is required. Let Dana know you’re coming before April 10. Friends are always welcome!

Let’s Talk About It: Mental Health Movie Night // April 29 // Starts at 6:30 pm, movie viewing is 1h 37min // discussion will follow // Our April discussion will be a little different as we will be engaging in conversation as it relates to a featured movie. We will be watching The Breakfast Club and discussing mental health as it relates to themes presented in the film. Due to the nature of some of these themes, students under the age of 18 must have permission from their parents to watch. This discussion is recommended for students in grades 9-12. We hope this timeless teen classic will help us to have open conversation about mental health and the ways in which students can support one another through difficult times. Mental health is one of the most important topics our students are talking about today and we want to make sure we are giving them an inviting and entertaining opportunity to explore it. Please join us as we engage in this important conversation!

2018 Music Ministry Scholarship
Attention High School Seniors: The 2018 Music and Worship Scholarship application process starts now! If you are a high school senior who has participated in the music and worship program at Brecksville UMC, and you intend to continue to be active in worship as you pursue additional education, we encourage you to apply. Please email Adrienne Leska music@brecksvilleumc.com for a copy of the application form and complete and submit the document via email to Adrienne by 5 pm on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Questions? Call Adrienne at 440-526-8938 ext. 231.

Save the date for this year’s Golf Outing, which raises money for our scholarship fund! Saturday, June 16 at Briarwood Country Club

Geraniums for Pentecost
Let’s fill the sanctuary with Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Watch your bulletin, and the next issue of the Good Word, for an order form. Orders will be due May 5.

Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwindeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com
A Legacy of Love and Learning

Our church has a long history, with no shortage of stories that lament dire financial challenges and dwindling attendance. But there are just as many that highlight a congregation that works hard to create a place where neighbors find a place of welcome—a place to learn about and worship God.

In 1932, attendance had dropped to only 5 people when new family of five—the Kleins—moved into town and doubled the attendance of our church on their first Sunday! They made it their priority to increase church numbers. Mr. Klein drove around town to pick up children and bring them to Sunday school which was taught by his own 11 year old daughter, Virginia, and Pastor Nichol's wife.

Sunday school has remained a high priority. By the end of the 1930’s the congregation had grown enough that there was the need for some more classroom space. The Trustees decided to create a 1st and 2nd floor out of a two-story tall fellowship space that sat right behind the old church.

As the congregation grew larger, the old church was just too small to accommodate the needs. The Trustees and congregation voted to begin a large scale building project that would be completed in three phases. The first phase? The Education wing! They knew that the very roots of Methodism included faith building in small group settings. It was only after what is now our preschool hallway was completed that they moved to phase 2 (Fellowship Hall) and phase 3 (the sanctuary and rest of our building).

Sunday school had a strong presence in our church through the years but the schedule did not allow for Sunday morning adult study. In 2007 our church adjusted the worship schedule and launched a dedicated education hour at 10:00. This allowed our adults to attend classes between the two services and gave our children’s Sunday School teachers the chance to be part of worship with their church family. It also allowed our kids to experience worship services.

Sunday school lessons today don’t look much like they did back when Virginia Klein and Harriet Nichols first began teaching in our church. Curriculum is found online, has video components and tries to reach children with varied approaches to their particular learning style. But one thing remains the same: this church family takes our promise at baptism very seriously; when we vow to walk alongside our children on their faith journey.*

As United Methodists, it is our mission to make and mature disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. When you offer your time and talent to help staff to work with kids in our Crib and Toddler Room, at VBS or in the Sunday School Classroom, you are joining with God to love and nurture them, expressing God’s grace to them and helping them to grow and mature in their faith. If you want to be a part in our disciple making, talk to Jenny. She will share some new and exciting ways you can help! Call her at 440.526.8938 ext. 230 or email education@brecksvilleumc.com.

*Will you nurture this child in Christ’s holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God’s grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? To which our responsive answer is: “we will!”

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:19

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year’s AWESOME Sunday School teachers
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John and Carole Brachna
Chris and Leanne Davis
Heather Dean
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Erin Gee and George Gee
Bev Huber
Sydney Hudacek
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Future UMVIM Leader Training date is Saturday, April 28 at Brecksville UMC for anyone not yet UMVIM leader trained. Learn more about East Ohio best practices, ways to be connectional and build the partnership in healthy ways that empower local folks and create principled Christian leaders who help to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

This training is targeting youth leaders who lead teams and are not yet UMVIM leader trained. We are hoping that you will bring your best practices and teach and learn more from each other on this day! Come and be a part of helping others lead in this Kingdom work! Let Kathy Dickriede Kdickriede@gmail know if you would like more information on how to sign up!

The Bike Ministry had a great season last year. We took in 86 bikes from the city of Parma that needed fixing or scrapping. Twenty two bikes were distributed at the Yuletide Hunger Bike Give-away, 10 were delivered to Westside Community House and 16 to Pearl Road United Methodist. Eleven more bikes were brought to “ride-ready status” and the remaining bicycles were transported to the Cleveland Bike Co-op before the band took the stage for Music with a Mission. To date, this ministry has kept well over 400 bikes out of the landfill and, more importantly, has provided transportation or a fun means of exercise to almost 300 people.

We are one step closer to installing a bike pad with bike racks, a bike repair station and a unique sculptural element on our east lawn (facing Route 21). The concept was met with unanimous approval from the Brecksville Planning Committee on February 8 and received final approval from City Council! We are currently soliciting bids for landscaping, with hopes of completing the work before Home Days.

Want to get involved in this wonderful ministry? Contact Jenny Gee at 440-526-8938 ext. 230 or education@brecksvilleumc.com

Church Leader Meeting
Saturday, April 21
9 am

Church committee chairs and youth board members will be participating in a leadership meeting to discuss information obtained from our recent focus groups. We will report the discussion items at the next Church council meeting (date tbd).

Spring Yard Clean Up
Saturday, April 21
8 am

Let’s get the church yard ready for spring! We will be cleaning the beds, tidying the yard, planting any leftover Easter Flowers and weeding as necessary. Rain dates are the following Saturdays. As always, trustees appreciate everyone’s help to get our grounds ready for summer worship! THANK YOU!
Dear ones, let us love one another by sharing in any way we can an encouraging word.

Baptism

ANNIVERSARIES

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. - Galatians 3:27

Beryl Burkle 1  Dale Beaver 12  John Brachna 25
Doug Holmes 1  Stacy Parker 12  Tate Fowler 25
Lauren Brinkmann 2  Carri Kenney 13  Ruth Holmes 25
Leanne Davis 2  Kathy Louttit 13  Clay Kesling 25
Sherry Klodnick 3  Alex McMaster 13  Katie Kiss 25
Julie Kubek 3  Payton Schneider 13  John Prominski 25
Eli Mitchell 3  Andrew Fredrick 14  Chase Boldt 26
Matthew Agnew 4  Ed Jones 14  Lilliani BonTempo 26
Jessica Agostine 4  Addie Magee 14  Sara Louttit 26
Brad Holmok 4  Vince Marotto 14  Alison Donze 27
James Fredrick 5  Maddie Miller 14  Becky Juniper 27
Lianna Meyer 5  Mark Pace 14  Nancy Kroenke 28
Bryan Daugherty 6  Matt Nelson 15  Matt Salsbury 28
Stella McCrodden 6  Jim Neidinger 16  Barb Toman 28
Claire Palmer 7  Janine Telischak 16  Bud Engelhardt 29
Lily Seifert 7  Gail Huth 18  Nell Taylor 29
Derek Brinkmann 8  Ken Wise 18  Sheri Zakarowsky 29
Morgan Parker 8  Stephanie Roberts 19  Lynn Dorman 30
Dorothy Pliske 8  Zachary Brachna 20  Barbara Harper 30
Donna Eilbeck 10  Judy Burroughs 21  Bob Wuerth 30
Alan Harper 10  Caitlin Dieringer 21
Avery Petznick 10  Maryanne Salsbury 21
Hannah Johnson 11  Marilyn Sewell 21
Andrew Kubrek 12  Ralph Slifcak 22
Sara Louttit 12
Julianna Tait 12

As people of faith, we find God’s presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings over the last four weeks, the following people were lifted in prayer with thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. People like Harry Koberna, whose skills and talents help sharpen and brighten things up around here; Ben Magistro and Chuck Gezze, whose parking lot ministry gives everyone a warm welcome on Sunday mornings; and Ann Rittman, who serves in so many ways, including coordinating Sunday counters and serving on the Gifts and Memorials Committee; Mark Hobzek and Jason Bell shared part of a Sunday afternoon helping move furniture so the Parlor could be painted; and Doug & Gail Huth gave a weekend to leading our teams helping feed hungry folks at the Cleveland Food Bank and Pearl Road UMC. We’re so thankful for each and every one of you and all of your servant hearts!
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Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace diversity as a gift. We celebrate our human family’s diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God’s love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Brecksville United Methodist Church as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.
April 18, 2018 @ 7:00PM
Preventing Teen Suicide: One Conversation at a Time

Presented by Cleveland Clinic Expert Dr. Ellen Rome, MD, MPH

In the United States, 157,000 teens are taken to an emergency department each year for an attempted suicide; 30 percent of teens will try it again and 78 percent never talk to a doc about it.

Teen suicide is the second leading cause of death for teenagers.

Dr. Rome, Head of the Center for Adolescent Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic will discuss adolescent mental health, and strategies for parents and the community to use to talk about depression and suicide to young people.

6:30 PM — Community Resource Tables
Come early to engage with community mental health specialists who will provide information and resources.
All participants will be entered into a raffle to win the book, Raising Kids to Thrive, by Author Ken Ginsburg.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School
6376 Mill Road
Broadview Heights, Ohio, 44147

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Join us for an
Open House

Want a chance to tour the sites, talk to the staff, and see what is being offered for 2018? Join us on the following dates or contact the site.

- **Camp Aldersgate**
  - Saturday, April 14th - Open House and Summer Preview from 2 - 6 p.m.

- **Camp Asbury**
  - Sunday, April 15th - Open House and Summer Preview from 2 - 5 p.m.

- **Wanake Camp & Retreat Center**
  - Saturday, April 7th - Resurrection Egg Hunt & Summer Preview - 2 - 6 p.m.

Go to [www.EOCSummerCamps.org](http://www.EOCSummerCamps.org) for more information.
The Festival of God's Creation is a time on The Official United Methodist Program Calendar to celebrate God's gift of creation and to commit to stewardship of the environment. It is designated for the Sunday nearest Earth Day. It’s April 22 this year. What do you do to show appreciation of our created world?

Enjoy this coloring page in celebration of the day.