**Graduation Sunday, June 3**

Are you graduating from high school, trade school, college, graduate or professional school? Graduation Sunday is June 3, and we would like to share your accomplishment with your church family! To be included in the Graduation Bulletin, please e-mail or call the church office **before May 29.**

office@brecksvilleumc.com

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**Summer is here!**

*Let’s have a Church Family Picnic!*

Come gather with your church family and friends for food, company and fun on the church lawn.

Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Help fill the menu by bringing a side (if your last name starts with the letters A through M) or a dessert (if your last name starts with N through Z.)

Please sign up on Sunday or contact the office so we’ll know how many hot dogs and drinks to prepare. *Thank you!*

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**Introducing our 2018 Confirmation Class:** *Left to right, Hudson Schneider, Sam Eberhardt, Taylor Kwiatkowski, Emily Shijo, Emma Piorkowski, and Lauren Scott.* View a gallery of photos from Sunday, May 20 at

www.brecksvilleumc.com/root/aboutus/galleries
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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!

SUMMER SUNDAY
WORSHIP TIMES
8:30 Worship on the Lawn
10 Worship in the Sanctuary
Nursery care available at both services!

More Than Talk
Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor
“All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads to poverty.” - Proverbs 14:23 NIV

Many people remember President Theodore Roosevelt as an avid hunter and sportsman. Few, however, know of his efforts for conservation, which is a far greater legacy.

After a hunting trip to the Dakota region in 1887, years before he became president, Roosevelt returned to his East Coast home reporting that trees were being cut down carelessly, animals were slaughtered by “swinish” game-butchers, and that the wilderness was in danger. He expressed great shock at how quickly this region that he loved was being stripped of its glory - the big game gone, the ponds drying up, the beavers disappearing, the grasslands becoming desert.

But Roosevelt did more than talk. He founded the Boone & Crockett Club, dedicated to the preservation of wilderness in America. Largely through that club’s influence, legislation was passed to care for Yellowstone National Park, to protect Sequoia trees in California, to set aside nature reserves for bird and sea life, and to limit the shooting of big game. Laws were also passed to regulate hunting practices.

Hoping for change rarely brings about change. Work, however, generally does! Just thought you might want to keep all of this in mind as you are out and about enjoying the outdoors this summer. Much of what we now enjoy is here because folks before us thought they ought to preserve it. Same goes for us. Same goes for our faith. Enjoy your summer, and see you in church!

Peace,

Memorial Service for Phil Hines
Saturday, June 2 at 11 am
We are thankful for Phil and the many ways that he served the church since joining Brecksville UMC in 1976. Phil’s family invites his church family to join them in a celebration of this life. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

We’re taking a break in June. Mark your calendar for our next lunch
TUESDAY, JULY 17
at noon in Fellowship Hall.
It’s FREE if you RSVP!
The 17th Annual Habitat 5K Walk/Run/Mosey is a great way for individuals, families, organizations, and businesses to support Cleveland Habitat! It’s a pet friendly, yoga friendly, donut friendly event! Interested in joining us? Visit www.clevelandhabitat.org/habitat5k/

Reconciling Ministries Network

JOYFUL PARADE
Wednesday June 13 – 5:45 pm
The parade steps off from Lakeside UMC and travels to the Banquet Tent next to Lakeside Hotel for the Open Table Service.

OPEN TABLE WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday June 13 - approx. 6 pm
All are invited for this service with Rev. Vicki Flippin, Pastor of New Communities at St. Paul and St. Andrew UMC, where she works with young people and is starting new multi-racial and LGBTQ-affirming faith communities. Rev. Flippin is both a sought-after preacher and a blogger for the Huffington Post. Born and baptized in Taiwan to an American missionary and a Chinese war veteran, she maintains close church and family ties to both Taipei and the American Midwest. She lives in New York City with her husband and daughter.

Be the rainbow after the storm!
Help build 10 cleaning kits for UMCOR disaster relief! Stop by the display in the Parlor to see what items are still needed. We’ll be assembling the kits before the All Church Meeting on Thursday, June 7 (assembly at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30) and will take them to the collection site at Annual Conference.

Vacation Bible School Help Needed
VBS is often named as one of our greatest outreach ministries—but it can’t happen without your help! There are plenty of ways to become involved this year and help make this program a reality! We need both teachers and crew leaders. You don’t need your Masters in Education to make a difference, just a love for children and a desire to help them know Jesus better! Contact Jenny Gee on Sunday morning or email education@brecksvilleumc.com.

Nourish your Child’s Faith with Some Super Summer Reading.
Just in time for summer break! Shop our faith-filled book fair June 1-10 and choose from a wide variety of books that will help your family keep Jesus at the center this summer. Books range in interest level from toddlers to preteens.

There are 17 items in each kit (including the bucket!)
1. Choose items.
2. Go shopping.
3. Return donations here!

Thank You!
The Lolly the Trolley Cleveland Tour is filling up fast! If you’d like a seat on this fun and informative tour of Cleveland on Thursday, June 7 call Kathy Sopka today: 440-821-5203. We have 38 seats. Let’s fill them!

Garden Luncheon. June 23 at 12 pm. Lori Rusterholz and Beverly Gooding have invited the women of the church to their home for a luncheon again this year to enjoy their beautiful garden, which should be in bloom. Please RSVP to Ruth Herman at 216-780-1828.

Evening Circle will be taking a break until September when we look forward to starting our evening meetings up again. We'll continue to have service projects on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 or 7 pm and invite everyone to join us. Some of our projects will support the RAHAB drop-in Center in Akron and their safe houses, USO, Ears to You, and our own college students. If you’d like more information please call Lynn Hobzek 440-526-6037.

Grandma's Pies is a major fundraiser for the United Methodist Women’s mission fund and a beloved Brecksville community tradition. Make sure you pre-order your pies and cobblers with the order form in this issue. We’re always looking for help at the Home Days Booth and in the kitchen. Home Days is June 29, 30 and July 1. Call Ruth Herman to learn how you can be a part of it! 216-780-1828.

Building on Faith
Want to help make a house a home? Our next work dates are July 28 and September 15. We need 8 volunteers each day or you can sign up to provide lunch or take photographs. Sign up in the Parlor on Sunday or contact the office!
The Caring Committee is here for you and available to visit those who may be lonely and looking for support or someone to lend an ear. Contact Pastor Barbara, 440-799-3126, to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one—or to volunteer with the team!
GOLF SCRAMBLE and Steak Roast
A benefit for the Music/Worship Scholarship Fund
Saturday, June 16, 2018
BRIARWOOD GOLF CLUB
2737 Edgerton Road, Broadview Hts, OH 44147
12 pm Shotgun Start / Arrive by 11:30 am
$75.00 Person
$60.00 Youth 21 and Under
$25 Dinner Only
Steak Dinner after 18 holes.
Foursomes and Individuals welcome!

Come enjoy a great day on the links with friends new and old!

The love of the game and outdoors is only part of the reason to join us, as you’ll be golfing to support our church’s music scholarship fund! It’s sure to be a day of fun. Join us for all or part of it!

Short of a foursome?
Contact us and we’ll help you find additional team members.
office@brecksvilleumc.com

Register by May 31. Visit: brecksvilleumc.com/golf

Or complete the form below and send to BUMC Music Department, 65 Public Square, Brecksville OH 44141
Call 440-526-8938 with any questions or E-mail music@brecksvilleumc.com

GOLF TEAM REGISTRATION

Golfer 1) ________________________________ $75/$60
Golfer 2) ________________________________ $75/$60
Golfer 3) ________________________________ $75/$60
Golfer 4) ________________________________ $75/$60
Dinner Only ________________________________ $25

Checks Payable to BUMC ~ “Golf Outing” in memo line. Total Enclosed: __________

Contact Person: __________________________ Phone: __________________________
E-mail: ________________________________

$200 Dinner Sponsors
☐ YES, I’ll help sponsor the meal! (4 needed)

$100 Hole Recognitions
☐ YES, I’ll sponsor a hole! (18 available)
YOGA RETURNS TO BRECKSVILLE UMC
Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

This class is open to ALL levels - from never-beens to seasoned yogis. It will be a blend of yang (heat/effort) and yin (cool/surrender) appropriately adjusted for each individual. 8-week session from June 7-July 26. Try a free “preview” session on May 31. Come ask questions, try a few sample poses, and talk with instructor, Jen Speith. Cost for the class is $40 for the eight week session — with 80% going back to the church! Can’t make the whole 8 weeks? A $7 drop in rate is available.

ReachOut Student-Led, Mission-Based East Ohio Camps, Lakeside, OH
July 15-21, $335 per student for the week. Camperships may be available! Do you love building community, awesome worship, and making new friends? If you do, Reach Out is the perfect place for you! This East Ohio Camp is a week full of fun, faith, and fellowship. Planned by a peer-elected group of students, Reach Out includes daily devotionals, an overnight mission project, free time around Lakeside, creative and sports activities, and even a talent show! Dana and Jamie are on staff this year and would love for you to join them, registration is open now! Contact Dana to learn more.

Middle School Mission Experience, Early August
At this church we value missions and community, believing that everyone and anyone should be invited to participate in sharing the love of Christ. In this mindset, we are creating a 3-day overnight mission experience for students going into grades 6-8. We hope this experience sparks a passion in students and empowers them to make a difference in the lives of others. Plans are still in the works for this opportunity, but save the first week of August on your calendars and check back in with Dana for upcoming information!

Stay Connected! Contact Dana Schwendeman 440-526-8938 ext. 237 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com
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 Michelle Shively, who lent her considerable talent to the design of logos for our bike ministry. You’re wonderful, Michelle! Fran McClean and Linda Rollins stepped in to cover the office when Melanie and Leslie’s vacation schedules overlapped. Thank you for your support, Fran and Linda! The Brachna Family hosted a wonderful end of the school year bash for the Middle School Youth Group. Thank you for opening your home, Brachnas! And we’re thankful for YOU for reading this list of “thank yous” and for being a part of this community of faith!
**BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Open Doors.

Welcoming all of God’s children.

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.
Don’t miss out. Get the best price - order early!

Grandma’s Cherry Pies
At Brecksville Home Days
June 29, 30 and July 1

A Brecksville Home Days Tradition. Pre-order your sweet treats today! Compete this form and return to the church office. PRE-ORDERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. Last year, we sold out! If not pre-ordered, pies will be $15 if any are available!

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For Pickup: _____ Friday, June 29 after 12 pm
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Make check payable to BUMW and return your pre-paid order to the church office.
A TOP SEVEN LIST FOR FAMILIES
June Edition

1. **THE BRECKSVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** on Monday, May 28 is a tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and an opportunity to share our bike ministry with our community. Grab your bike (and your helmet) or your walking shoes and join us in the parade. Call Jenny for details: 440-526-8938.

2. **SHOP THE BOOK FAIR!** June 1 through 10 in the Parlor. Stock up on your summer reading with Christian titles for kids from pre-school to pre-teen.

3. **COME TO CHURCH!** Sunday worship on the lawn at 8:30 is relaxed and wonderful. Worship in the Sanctuary at 10 am is full of joy. Nursery care all morning. Sprouts at 10 am!

4. **SAY “CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!”** during worship services on Sunday, June 3. Let’s share in their joy and celebrate what God has done in each graduate’s life.

5. **YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE** is an opportunity for young people to come together, lift their voices and be in community with one another. June 8—10. Register by June 1.

6. **ENJOY THE CHURCH PICNIC!** The church lawn is the place to be on Sunday, June 10 after the 10 o’clock service. Come enjoy food, fun and company!

7. **BRECKSVILLE HOME DAYS** take place on the square Friday, June 29 through Sunday, July 1. Stop by Grandma’s to say hello to volunteers from our church and enjoy some sweet treats and sandwiches.
It's time to start thinking about VBS!

We are so excited to be offering Vacation Bible School again this year! This year's Rolling River Rapids adventure includes music that makes you want to get up and dance, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and more.

**Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13**

9 am - 12 pm each day

For kids in Pre-school through Fifth Grade

Childcare available for little ones under 3 if you volunteer!

$25 for the whole week.

Maximum cost is $50 per family.

Parents who volunteer all week can sign their children up for $10 each!

Register Online:

rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/brecksvilleumc.com

Volunteers are needed to help make this awesome week a reality. We are expecting 100 children to participate again this year—we already have 74 registered! What a wonderful sight it is to see them all up and dancing and praising God! Want to help make it happen?

- Help decorate
- Help with crafts
- Help with snacks
- Help shepherd the kids during VBS
- Teach during VBS

If you can help a little or a lot, we need you!

Contact Jenny Gee to learn more: 440-526-8938 or education@brecksvilleumc.com