**Children Lead Worship**

**When?** Sunday, February 3 at both services.

**Where?** Right here at beautiful Brecksville UMC

**Who?** Our super Sunday school kids will lead all of us in a beautiful time of worship.

**Why?** Because this awesome church doesn’t look at our kids as the ‘church of the future’, they know they are the church of ‘right now’. Plus our kids have so many gifts and graces to share with you to help you see God and Jesus through their eyes. We are blessed to be a community that recognizes the gifts that people of all ages bring and we support, encourage and love each other. Plus it is a really fun morning of praise!

The theme of this year’s service is the food of the Bible.

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**THINK SUMMER**

**East Ohio Camps!** Explore an adventure of Faith, Fun, and Friendship through East Ohio Camps. For information about all of the Methodist Summer Camps, contact Jenny Gee (440-526-8938 x 230), visit [www.EOCSummercamps.org](http://www.EOCSummercamps.org) or call the East Ohio Camps Office at 330-499-3972 ext. 108.

**Vacation Bible School.** Save the date! We’re blasting off to Mars—and beyond! Join us July 8-12. Registration opens soon.

**YSP Junior.** Early June. New this year, a five day camp for Middle School Kids at Nehemiah Mission. Interested? Want the details? E-mail Dana Schwendeman: youth@brecksvilleumc.com

**Classroom Antics.** Here June 17-21. Brecksville UMC will be the site of a weeklong full or half-day camp in LEGO Robotics, Minecraft Coding, Computer Programming, Video Game Design, Video Production or Stop-Motion Animation. Camps are for kids ages 7-13. Learn more: [www.classroomantics.com](http://www.classroomantics.com)
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Sunday Morning Worship
8:45 Contemporary Worship
10:00 Classes for All Ages
11:15 Traditional Worship

Be Doers of The Word
Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. - James 1:22-25

Be doers of the word. It is easy to say and easier to just think. Sometimes, it is much more difficult to act. As I write this, I look out of my window at snow gently falling. I know that February brings some of the coldest and snowiest days of winter. I am not a winter person. So, as I contemplate enduring yet another cold and snowy February, I was feeling sorry for myself and thinking about having “bad days”. Then I ran across these little gems...

The average cost of rehabilitating one seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was $80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were released back into the wild, amid cheers and applause from onlookers. One minute later, in full view of everyone, a killer whale ate them both!

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen, shaking frantically with what looked like a wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current she whacked him with a handy plank of wood by the back door, breaking his arm in two places. Until that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman and dancing.

An Iraqi terrorist, Khay Rahnajet, didn’t pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with “return to sender” stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it up and was blown to bits.

Come to think of it, a few snowy and cold days don’t seem quite so bad after all. And…mid-week Bible Study starts up again this month, Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the Parlor. We will be studying the Books of Ezekiel and Daniel. They are two books from a time when Israel was having bad days in exile and captivity. Like to see you there…or in church.

Chin up!

Become an Acolyte
Children 8 years old and up are encouraged to join this ministry. If you would like to assist in this important part of worship, contact Bev Huber at 216-280-9611 or e-mail beverly4ruth@yahoo.com

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour
In the Parlor at 10 am
February Hosts
Youth Board
The Caring Committee Needs Our Help!

Rev. Barbara Bartholomew, our Pastor of Visitation, is literally off her feet this month as she recovers from foot surgery. She is thankful for your prayers! Keep those cards and letters coming! The Caring Committee is stepping in to make visits to those who are unable to get to church. Would you be willing to be there for those in need? Would you be available to visit those who may be lonely and looking for support or someone to lend an ear? Contact the church office to learn how you can help! 440-526-8938

Scout Sunday is February 17

Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 175 invite the congregation to enjoy a Pancake Breakfast of Appreciation between worship services in Fellowship Hall on Scout Sunday, February 17. Scouts will prepare and serve breakfast for which there is no charge (but donations will be accepted.) Scout Sunday recognizes all of the ways that Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to youth in our community. Scouting emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, community service, and respect. Their year-round program affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. We congratulate all the kids and volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout Northeast Ohio and want to offer a special prayer of thanks to the leaders and members of Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 175, which is 94 years old and chartered to Brecksville United Methodist Church since 1942.

Bike Ministry News

Join us for a BIKE FIX IT DAY on Saturday, February 2 from 9 until 11 am in Fellowship Hall. No experience necessary! Hope to see you there. We’re also making plans for NATIONAL BIKE MONTH in May and brainstorming ways to tell folks about our bike patio. Want to help? Have ideas? Contact Jenny! 440-526-8938 x 230.

Empty Bowls Fights Hunger

February 5 from 5 - 7:30 at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. This annual event organized by the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, raises money for the Brecksville Food Bank and South Hills Lend a Hand. See Kathy Sopka (440-821-5203) or Bill Rittman (440-526-5618) for tickets for the event. They’re going fast!

Save the Date! PROJECT: BIRDHOUSE

On Sunday, March 3 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own hammer and build a house for a feathered friend—to give away to a friend! Sign-up is required. Look for the sign-up sheet starting February 3.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join Pastor Clark and Friends on Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm in the Parlor for an insightful study of the books of Ezekiel and Daniel, books which provide some of the most memorable stories and images of the Old Testament. The twelve week study begins February 20. Sign up on Sunday in the lobby, call the office, or just drop in!

We are delighted to host a recital by members of the Greater Cleveland Flute Society

Sunday, February 24
at 2:00 pm

All are welcome to hear flutists of all ages share their talents.

Over the past 15 years, the Greater Cleveland Flute Society has held member recitals affectionately called “Just Us”. These outreach recitals have been performed in locations such as the Hospice of the Western Reserve, Ahuja Medical Center Atrium, Shaker Lakes, Cleveland Heights skating rink, and numerous neighborhood churches.
**Brookside Canned Soup Drive.** Through February 14, we’ll be collecting canned soup for our hungry brothers and sisters in Cleveland. Your donations will be taken to the Brookside Food Center 3784 Pearl Road in Cleveland. If you’re moved to help, bring your donations to the bin in the first floor coat room.

**Pastor Clark’s Sermon Series continues through March 3**

**Interfaith Fellowship Day,** Monday, February 4. People of all faiths will gather, learn and share a meal together at Executive Caterers of Landerhaven. The theme is Life Cycle Events Related to Church and Religion. $35. Register before Jan 23 by calling Nancy Knowlton 440-838-4341.

**UMW Meeting,** Thursday, February 7. Come hear about Bill and Ann Rittman’s trip to the Rose Bowl Parade! Everyone is welcome! 9:30 am Continental breakfast and fellowship. After the 10 am program, we will install 2019 board officers. Program Directories will be available, too! Join us!

**Cookies!** Help fill the USO canteen in Cleveland Hopkins Airport (near baggage claim) with cookies for service men and women! Bake or buy cookies and divide into packages of six. Deliver them to the church kitchen (marked USO) by February 14.

**Special Session of General Conference Feb 23—26**

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward. The Commission was appointed to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and to explore options to strengthen the unity of the church. “We need to trust in God’s grace and God’s wisdom. Not our will, but God’s will be done. The day after the Special Session of General Conference the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world will still be yet alive. We must stay focused on the mission.” Bishop Tracy Malone. Information and resources are available online at www.umc.org (call the office for printed resources).

*Consider setting the alarm on your phone for 2:23 pm each day as a reminder to say a prayer for the United Methodist Church.*
No Youth Group Super Bowl  
*Sunday February 3*
Many of our families have their own Super Bowl Sunday gatherings and celebrations. We will not be meeting for youth group that evening, we hope our students enjoy a night of fun and food with their loved ones!

All Youth Dinner  
*Sunday February 10 from 5-7 pm*
Join your friends for a meal together and a service project where we will be helping animals in need. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome and bringing friends is encouraged! A special thank you to The Miller Family for sponsoring our meal this month!

High School Lock-In  
*February 17-18*
Hey, high schoolers! Are you ready to have some winter fun? You’re going to want to join us for an awesome night of snow tubing, snowman building contests, a hot cocoa bar, board games, classic video games, and more! RSVP is required to attend this event. Let Dana know you are all in before Feb. 11!

Stay Connected!  
Contact Dana Schwendeman  
440-526-8938 ext. 237 or youth@brecksvilleumc.com

Our Missions Committee is excited about a partnership among suburban and urban churches in our district. **Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World** is a 16 week workshop designed to give people the tools and resources they need to move out of poverty and is being held weekly at Saint Matthew UMC, 8601 Wade Park Ave in Cleveland.

“The most important things Getting Ahead has helped me with are recognizing the different causes of poverty and ways to build resources so that I could get out of poverty and help others get out of poverty.”

- Miyonna Jones, Getting Ahead Graduate

The energy has been awesome, with people coming together from different cultures and communities to tackle this problem together. Our church has made a commitment to support this workshop on **January 29, February 26, March 26, and April 23.**

Would you be willing to come be a part of this exciting initiative? Are you willing to be an agent of change? Sign up today in the lobby or call our Church Office 440-526-8938.

**Have questions? Contact Janet Kleckner 216-280-5511.**
“To whomever gifted me with the wonderful Yankee Candle at Christmas, thank you ever so much. I truly appreciate your kind gift. Unfortunately, the card got separated from the gift and I haven’t been able to personally thank you for your gracious gift. Know that it’s appreciated! - Pastor Barbara”

The second week of February is the Great American Pizza Bake! So, we’ll be firing up the ovens and baking some pizza. Won’t you join us?

TUESDAY, February 12
Join us at noon in Fellowship Hall.
FREE IF YOU RSVP!
440-526-8938

Paper Recycling in 2018
We recycled 76,228 pounds of paper at Brecksville UMC earning $926 for hunger ministry!

Thank you for bringing it to the bin!

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 weeks, we lifted prayers of thanks to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. For our Caring Committee, folks who already do so much to share the love of Jesus. They’re stepping in and helping out while Pastor Barbara recovers from foot surgery this month. And Emma Piorkowski who served as a liturgist at a moments’ notice. George Gee, pancake chef extraordinaire, who whipped up delightful flap jacks in celebration of volunteer appreciation Sunday. And Megan Louttit who helped lead singing at the 8:45 worship service, in spite of the fact that she wasn’t feeling well. Her voice was loud, strong and beautiful and helped us all sing praises to God. We are thankful for each and every one of you in this community of faith. The spirit is working through you in some powerful ways!
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Sunday March 3  
At 10 am Fellowship Hall |
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.
Each year, Brecksville United Methodists Church impacts the lives of families and individuals in our community and across the globe through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures. Your support makes open doors, honest worship and determined service a reality! Do you know that there are a number of different ways you can financially support the ministries of our church?

Online Giving
This convenient service simplifies the giving process, allows you to give anytime, encourages consistency, and increases our administrative effectiveness. It’s easy to start, change, or stop. To make transactions safely online from your credit card or checking/savings account visit www.brecksvilleumc.com/giving

Cash and Checks
Make checks payable to "BUMC" or “Brecksville United Methodist Church.” If you would like your cash gifts to be reflected on your giving statement, use an offering envelope and be sure to write your name and address clearly. Unless you designate a specific fund or ministry, all gifts are directed to the General Fund.

Envelopes
For those interested, the church provides giving envelopes in either weekly or monthly sets. If you would like a set of giving envelopes, please check the box on the envelope located in one of the pew racks in the Sanctuary or call the church office.

Text Giving
Text “GiveBUMC” to 73256 to access our secure online portal.

Memorial Gifts
Brecksville United Methodist Church’s Gifts and Memorials program accepts gifts of any size. These gifts provide a unique opportunity for you and your family to make a gift to the church that will promote the ministry of the church today and for generations to come. To make a gift or establish a living memorial, please contact the church office.

Employer Matching Gifts
To find out if your company has a gift matching program, contact your HR Department or visit www.matchinggifts.com/search/rit. Brecksville UMC qualifies for matching gifts under the federal tax exempt group ruling of the United Methodist Church. We may not be on the list of your company’s approved charities, but our church office has the information needed to get on these lists.

Stock Gifts
To make donations of stocks and mutual funds, please contact the church office.

Shop and Help Brecksville UMC
Purchases made through Amazon’s charitable arm automatically credit the church 3—8% of your purchase. Visit smile.amazon.com and select Brecksville United Methodist Church as your charity.
BUY A MEAL, GIVE A MEAL

Spaghetti Dinner

FOR HUNGER

Saturday, February 16

6—9 pm

Brecksville United Methodist Church
65 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio

In Fellowship Hall (on the ground floor)
Ample parking off Route 21-Brecksville Road

YOUR $10 DONATION

buys one meal for you
and provides meals for our
hungry brothers and sisters
through church missions and ministry.

THE MENU

Tossed Salad
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Dessert
Beverages

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!

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Email Office@brecksvilleumc.com
RSVP to our Facebook Event @BrecksvilleUMC