You’re invited!
CHRISTMAS EVE

3 pm - A Quiet Christmas
This meditative celebration of Christmas will be attentive to the needs of people in need of a sacred space, for reflection, healing & hope this Christmas.

5 pm - Family Service
The Christmas Story comes to life, as our players re-enact Mary and Joseph’s arrival in Bethlehem. This service is geared towards children and families to help remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The service closes with the singing of Silent Night as we pass candlelight (glow sticks are provided, too!)

8 pm - Service of Carols and Candles
Rejoice, for God is with us! In the darkness of our world shines God’s holy light. Join us for Silent Night, Joy to the World and the lighting of Candles.

10 pm - Carols, Candles & Communion
Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live. God is truly with us. We are not alone!

Childcare will be available at all services.
Three years ago, on the day before Christmas Eve, Rus and I stared at each other: we had no idea what to have for Christmas Eve supper. I had to be at 5 pm and 8 pm services, so whatever we ate needed to be quick and ready to go as soon as I got home. We asked Joseph for ideas, and he said, “Let’s have tacos!” “Tacos?” I replied, “On Christmas Eve?” “Yeah! Christmas tacos!” We laughed at the silliness, and a Christmas tradition was born. We even came up with a little jingle for our Christmas tacos—ask Joseph and he’ll sing it for you!

Our family traditions might involve the food we eat, the trees we put up, or the elves that sit on shelves. And while Jesus will always be the reason for the season, traditions are often what make it “feel” like the holidays; they connect family members and create memories. Sometimes, though, due to circumstances or life changes, these traditions change or are set aside. In the same way, new traditions can be added and soon we can’t remember what we did before. (What did we eat before Christmas tacos??)

This year, we’re changing up Christmas tacos a bit. Instead of going home to eat between services, we’re going to have our tacos at church—and everyone’s invited! If you find yourself wondering what to eat on Christmas Eve or wanting to start a new tradition, join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 5 pm service. It’ll be relaxed, low-key, and simply a time to eat and celebrate together as a church family. When I asked Rus about this idea, he said, “Of course! You know I love cooking for people. Whether we’re making tacos for 4 or 40—it’s the same to me!”

Rus and I have that in common—many of our favorite memories are sitting around a table, eating good food, laughing and sharing with friends and family. The best times are when people just keep coming and we have to add more chairs and more plates, everyone moving over a bit to make space for the newcomer. (What a great image for the church!) At any Welch holiday meal with Rus’ parents or grandparents, there’s always “extras”—people who aren’t related, but who feel like family and somehow make their way to the table. So 2019 is a year to combine this Welch tradition with our Christmas tacos. Make your way to the family table on Christmas Eve—we’ll set a place just for you!
Advent Labyrinth
Make a plan to slow it down and spend time with Jesus this season. The Fellowship Hall Labyrinth will be set up from Monday, December 23 through Sunday, December 29. Meditate, pray or just enjoy a moment of sacred peace. If they help you to center your thoughts, devotional books and prayer books will be available on the sign in table. Call the office if you have questions.

Christmas Extravaganza
December 22 at 10 am
Kids in preschool through seventh grade, bring mom and dad along and have some Christmas fun in the Fellowship Hall. Decorate cookies, make crafts, play games and celebrate the season. High schoolers and college kids—want to help run the activity tables? Come enjoy a wonderful family day to stop the rushing and have a great time together.

Christmas Offering
This year our Christmas offering will be shared with two organizations, one international and one domestic, each fighting against human trafficking. The International Justice Mission assists men, women and children who are victims of violence, forced labor, or sex trafficking. The organization works to protect people from violence by rescuing victims, bringing the criminals to justice, restoring survivors to safety and strength, and helping local law enforcement build a safe future that lasts. The Polaris Project, named for the North Star that guided many escaped slaves to freedom, operates the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline, conducts trainings and provides vital services to victims of trafficking. Polaris Project works to create long-term solutions that move our society closer to a world without slavery.

If you would like to support these ministries, please designate your gift “Christmas Offering”. Special Christmas Offering envelopes will be included in bulletins, or choose the Christmas Offering fund code with your electronic gift.

Christmas Parade
December 1
You’re Invited to the Annual Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting complete with Fireworks and the Bee’s Brass Ensemble on the square Sunday, December 1 at 4 pm. After the fireworks, the community will gather in our Fellowship Hall for cookies, hot chocolate and music from the Brecksville Community Chorus. Hope to see you there!

Photo by Bill Rittman, 2018

Volunteer at the Food Bank
December 21
Be a part of our church volunteer team at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank on Saturday, December 21. Together, we’ll help feed our hungry brothers and sisters! Sign up in the lobby, or call the office. All volunteers must also register online—we’ll walk you through it!

Christmas Carol Sunday—Fifth Sunday Music
December 29—One Service at 10 o’clock!
Our guest musician is Machala Comenschek, a double major in Music Education and Vocal Performance at Cleveland State University. A section leader at Solon Community Church, Machala previously worked at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. She has performed as a soloist and choir member with various community choirs in our area. Machala is very excited to partake in a new experience making music at Brecksville United Methodist Church.

Let’s go Caroling!
Wednesday, December 18
5 pm—Meet in Fellowship Hall
At the time of this printing, 95 commitment cards have been returned to the church. If you were one of the people making this commitment, thank you!

By completing and returning a card, you are expressing your intent and affirming your desire to honor God in 2020. Returning a card makes it possible for our church to plan and implement important ministries. Knowing your plans allows wise management of resources throughout the year. All the ministries implemented at our church are dependent on the generosity and participation of God’s people—people like you!

If you haven’t taken this step yet, please pick up a card at church (or on our website www.brecksvilleumc.com) and return it as soon as you can.

**Habitat Home Dedications!**

The houses we worked on and supported this summer are becoming homes!

**Saturday, December 21 at 11 am**
St. Rocco’s Gym
3205 Fulton Road, Cleveland
Open Houses 11:45 – 12:45 pm

---

**Feed those Feathered Friends**

We have our first snow storm under our belt and are looking ahead to a few more months of cold and blustery weather. If you don’t already feed the birds, consider taking up this fun and satisfying hobby this winter.

If you have the space to put up just one feeder, consider a tube feeder that you can fill with black oil or safflower seed. The black oil seeds are super high in nutrition compared to the striped seeds and there is minimal waste. You likely will see nuthatches, chickadees, titmice, juncos and chipping sparrows enjoying sunflower seed.

Safflower seed is a great option because the birds love it but the squirrels don’t care for it as much! I fill my “squirrel proof” tube feeder with black oil sunflower seeds and place a platform feeder filled with safflower seed right on my deck railing. The larger birds (mourning doves, cardinals and blue jays) congregate here.

Nyjer or thistle seed attracts finches, but they will also enjoy both the sunflower and safflower seeds as well.

A suet feeder is also a great purchase. Mine has a cedar fin at the bottom that helps the larger woodpeckers rest their tail while they munch away on all that energy filled fat mixed with dried fruits, nuts and seeds. The woodpeckers and blue jays also love the small amount of peanuts that I sprinkle on the deck railing each morning.

My favorite feeder is my enclosed dried mealworm feeder. I have been working to train my beautiful backyard bluebirds to be brave enough to venture inside the cage. It has taken two full years of sprinkling them on the outside of the feeder to get them to know that all that deliciousness is inside the cage. This year I decided that if they weren’t going to go in they weren’t going to get fed. (I probably would have relented eventually as I love to see them.) It worked! The other day I had four bluebirds in the feeder at once! I also get nuthatches, chickadees and titmice inside the feeder, but the grackles don’t fit!

My deck also has a heated bird bath which offers both beverage service and a place to wash those feathers before a meal.

A Healthy Bird is a Happy Bird

Keep these tips in mind if you want to feed the birds this winter:

- Give your feeder a good cleaning occasionally throughout the winter and even more often if you continue to feed in the summer.
- Do not feed birds bread, crackers, cereal or any other processed treats. Foods like this fill their bellies with lots of mass but little nutrition. Birds have a difficult time processing salt out of their systems too, so salted seeds and nuts are a big no-no. If you make popcorn garland, enjoy it on your tree or mantle, but don’t hang it outdoors.

At this year’s Hanging of the Greens we will set up a little homemade bird feeding station. The edible decorations we make will be hung on our small evergreen on the east side of the church building.
Last June I was elected as an alternate delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. I’m sure many of you know about General Conference, but may not be familiar with Jurisdictional Conference. So, here it goes…

The United Methodist Church’s governing structure gathers local churches into Districts, Districts into Annual Conferences, and Annual Conferences into Jurisdictional Conferences (see map below). Jurisdictional Conferences are within the United States, and outside the US they’re called Central Conferences. General Conference is where all Jurisdictional Conferences and Central Conferences gather together every four years to discuss issues related to the worldwide church. After General Conference meets, each Jurisdiction meets to discuss issues related to that area; this is primarily the electing and placing of Bishops, and discerning how decisions made at General Conference will impact the Jurisdiction. (Well. Wasn’t that fun?)

As a Jurisdictional delegate, I gathered with other delegates from our Jurisdiction in Chicago Nov. 8 & 9 for training and discussion over what’s “coming down the pike” at General Conference 2020 (GC2020). We discussed budgets, number of bishops, and apportionments. We also learned about the many plans and petitions being put forth for GC2020 that could impact the structure of The UMC and what we claim to believe as a denomination. Some plans and petitions call for a dissolving of the current structure and creation of several new Churches based on theological beliefs. Other plans keep the current structure while giving churches who disagree with theological statements of the Church an option to “bow out” and create new denominations.* And still other plans have nothing to do with theology and are only concerned with restructuring in order to make better sense in our current global context.

Discussions of division or dissolving the Church have been happening for decades. Although it seems to be stemming from the concern over the Church’s response to human sexuality, it is much more than that—it is about how we understand biblical interpretation, how we feel called to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ, and whether we can continue to be united despite our differences.

This all might sound a little overwhelming, but don’t worry—in the New Year we will provide several opportunities to learn and discuss these possibilities together. We will also focus on naming a clear vision for Brecksville UMC, which will help us remain true to God’s calling in the months and years to come. Know this: no matter what happens in the greater Church, what we do at Brecksville UMC will not change. We will continue to live out our mission of loving God and loving others in this time and in this place.

I’m trying my best to remain aware of what is going on in the greater Church while remaining focused on our local ministry. As always, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me. We’re in this together!

A statement from the Jurisdiction meeting is including on the next page.

- Pastor Heidi

**Want to learn more?**

- Take part in our Basic Beliefs Class, where we’ll learn about the structure of the United Methodist Church and what we Methodists believe.

- Save the dates: Sundays January 12, 19 and 26

*[Note, “churches” refers to local churches, and “Churches” refers to the greater Church/denomination.]

---

*Loving God and Loving Others in This Time & Place*

Brecksville United Methodist Church is in the North Coast District of the East Ohio Conference, which is part of the North Central Jurisdiction.
Gathering on November 8 and 9, 2019, in a crucial moment in the life of The United Methodist Church, we, 140 members present and voting from the North Central Jurisdiction’s Annual Conference delegations and the North Central Jurisdiction’s Mission Council, through honest, prayerful dialogue, discerned the following:

- We as NCJ delegations acknowledge and apologize for the harm that is being done and the escalation of potential harm that will begin January 1, 2020. We repent of the ways we have abused our privilege and the ways that it has harmed the marginalized.

- We witness the Holy Spirit moving in our midst. We witness God’s seeking, saving, healing and liberating grace at work in our communities. We renew our commitment to follow the Spirit’s leading and joining in God’s gracious work.

- We believe that God is not finished with the people called United Methodist. We renew our commitment to lead our conferences, congregations and ministry settings in “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” in just, compassionate, creative, equitable and innovative ways.

- We call NCJ laity, clergy, Annual Conferences and bishops to covenant to a moratorium on complaints, charges and trials related to officiating same gendered weddings and LGBTQIA+ identity and credentialing.

- We call laity, clergy, Annual Conferences, Boards of Ordained Ministry and bishops to covenant for greater freedom and diversity for ministry with LGBTQIA+ people.

- We will hold accountable and support laity, clergy, Annual Conferences and bishops in these commitments and calls.

- When we gather for the 2020 NCJ Conference, we desire to elect bishops who will join us in these commitments and calls.

ADOPTED November 9, 2019

80% support, 18% does not support, 2% abstain
This year our Advent service will be a bit different—we’ll be joining together in a Love Feast! A Love Feast (or Agape Meal) is a meal focused on Christian fellowship, recalling the meals Jesus shared with the disciples and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) of the family of Christ. The Love Feast has been woven throughout the Christian and Methodist history, and will be a great way to connect with God and one another as we begin to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. We will sit around tables in the Fellowship Hall and share food, prayer, song, and conversation around various topics.

**What’s a Love Feast?** The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. His diary notes: "After evening prayers, we joined with the Germans in one of their love–feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have allowed to be worthy of Christ."

It quickly became a feature of the Evangelical Revival and a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English–speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America they made Love Feasts an important part of early American Methodism.

While Love Feasts became less frequent in the years that followed, they continued to be held in some places; and in recent years the Love Feast has been revived.

Congregational participation and leadership are usually extensive and important, especially involving children.

Testimonies and praise are the focal point in most Love Feasts. Testimonies may include personal witness to God’s grace or accounts of what God has been doing in the lives of others. Praise may take the form of hymns, songs, choruses, or spoken exclamations and may vary from the relative formality of an opening and closing hymn to spontaneous calling out of requests and singing as the Spirit moves. Sometimes the leader guides those present alternating spontaneous singing and sharing in free and familiar conversation for as long as the Spirit moves. Wesley counseled that all the above be done decently and in order.

Prayer is vital to a Love Feast. A fixed form of prayer may be used, especially something like the Lord’s Prayer or Be present at our table, Lord, that is familiar to the people. Spontaneous prayer requests and prayers may come from the people.

Scripture is also important. There may be scripture readings, or persons may quote Scripture spontaneously as the Spirit moves. There may be a sermon, an exhortation, or an address; but it should be informal and consist of the leader’s adding personal witness to what spontaneously comes from the congregation.

The Love Feast may also be followed by a full meal, in which case persons or families may bring dishes of food for all to share. During the meal there may be informal conversation in Christian fellowship, or the leader may direct the conversation by suggesting matters of mutual concern, or there may be spontaneous witnessing and praise. If there is food left over, it may be taken as an expression of love to persons not present. - *Pastor Heidi*
Seasons Greetings
from BUMC Youth Ministry

During the month of December we know that our students are busy with finishing up the school semester, spending time with their families, and, hopefully, getting some well deserved rest. With that in mind, we will not be meeting for youth group in December but, we will be having some fun and festive opportunities for students to celebrate the season together. We pray for you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2020!

Annual Youth Ugly Christmas Sweater Party & Dinner
December 15 from 5 to 7 pm
Hey middle & high school students, it's that time again! Don your ugliest sweater and come hang out with us for a night of fun, food, and festivities. What will this year’s party have? Win a year of FREE FROSTYS at bingo! Try your hand at our Christmas Minute to Win It Extravaganza! Decorate cookies and watch a classic Christmas movie on the big screen in Fellowship Hall! Plus, a special thank you to The Louttit Family for sponsoring our dinner this month. Don’t miss out on any of this fun, RSVP to Dana by December 11!

Christmas Caroling
December 18 at 5 pm
A wise elf once said, “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!” and we agree. That’s why we are going as a church family to carol all around our community. Do you know someone who needs a bit of cheer this holiday season? Maybe your favorite teacher, coach, or a friend? Let us know and we will add them to the location list. RSVP to Dana or Malik and join us for a fun night!

All Youth Dinner on January 5
Save the Date! Let’s celebrate the start of 2020 together!

[Image]

EVERY PROJECT HAS A STORY
WHAT WILL YOURS BE?

START YOUR STORY ON
December 8th 12:30pm

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT INTEREST MEETING
Open to students in 9th grade- College and Adults
The Peace Light from Bethlehem

Each year, a child from Upper Austria fetches the peace light from the grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The light is carried in two blast proof miners lamps on an Austrian Airlines jet from Tel Aviv Israel to Vienna Austria where it is distributed at a Service of Dedication to delegations from across the globe who take it back, with a message of Peace, to their home countries. Rev. Ash Welch explains the history of the Peace Light below.

In 1986, there was turmoil in Austria. A group of Scouts (“Pfadfinder”) petitioned the Austrian broadcasting service, O.R.F. (Linz) to mount a campaign for peace. A child from a poor family in Upper Austria (the hill country) was chosen for a pilgrimage. It was a child who showed compassion and a community spirit; along with his family, accompanied by a mayor, city officials and others from Linz flew via Austrian Airlines to Tel Aviv; from there they traveled to Jerusalem to view Christian historic sites. Their journey took them to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. There, the child lit two miners lamps (designed to operate in a flammable atmosphere) from the Grotto of the Nativity. The eternal flame in the Grotto has been burning continuously about 1000 years through war, famine, fire. When one flame has gone out, it’s been re-lit from another. The pilgrims returned to Linz, where they were met by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from 22 nations. The Peace Light was shared throughout Europe that year, and it has spread to more communities each year since.

Fast-forward to September 11, 2001. Our nation experienced the worst turmoil in decades. Following the tragedies of that day, there was an increase of fear, prejudice and anger. A group of Canadian Scouts petitioned Austrian Airlines and the Austrian Scouts to send the flame across the Atlantic. The Peace Light arrived at J.F.K. International Airport in New York (named for the only President with an eternal flame at his grave) that December. From New York, it was transported by land continuously across North America. Each year, the flame travels the route from Bethlehem to Austria to the U.S. Each year, churches welcome the Peace Light from Bethlehem to remind us that the Light of Christ shines in our darkness, which can’t overcome it. The Peace Light will arrive at J.F.K. International Airport again this year, on Friday, December 6th. It will be shared in a ceremony at the chapel in Terminal 4.—Pastor Ash Welch, St. Paul UMC, Galion, OH.

Learn more here: www.peacelight.org  https://www.facebook.com/groups/PeaceLightNorthAmerica/

We’re bringing the Peace Light to Brecksville United Methodist Church!

We’re working out the details now. Watch for details in the bulletin in December!

We will use The Peace Light this year to light the Christmas candles. Each Sunday, the Peace Light from Bethlehem can remind us in worship about the love of
Joy and Will Fenton-Jones welcomed a baby boy in November. Welcome to the world, Xander James!

Our church staff celebrated some major milestones on November 9. As of that date, Jeff & Scott Hastings and Melanie Smith have been in ministry here for ten years!

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, January 18 at 7 pm
Brecksville UMC Sanctuary

In honor of Bill Long’s 90th birthday
Bill and Sue Ellenberger Present a pipe organ extravaganza.
Come join the fun!

**S’Winter (Summer in Winter)**

Corn Hole Tournament
*For the Music & Worship Scholarship*

**Saturday, January 25**

Summer Attire Required
2:00pm - Food & 3:00pm - Tournament
Cost of Tournament: $15 individual or $40/family
2-3 People per Team
Register on Sundays:
January 5, January 12, January 19

As people of faith, we find God’s presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly staff meetings recently, prayers of thanks were lifted to God for the way lives are touched when we reach out to one another in service. Folks like Carole & Anastasia Brachna and Julianna Tate who passed out treats from our church at Broadview Heights’ Halloween on the Heights. Thank you for reaching out to the community in love! Elinor Rowan, who makes our prayer chain possible. Thank you, Elinor, for helping us hold one another up with prayer. Rev. Kathy Dickriede, who joined us in worship and helped sign folks up for the Advent Study. Sydney Hazelton, Michelle & Eliza Botzman and all of the members of the Fellowship Committee who made this year’s recognition of the veterans in our church family extra special. We lifted up a prayer of thanks for each of you, one and all, named and unnamed! Amen!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Allen McCrodden</th>
<th>Scott Schneider</th>
<th>Hudson Schneider</th>
<th>20</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jack Burrows</td>
<td>David Schroedel</td>
<td>Carol Dambaugh</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dave Dobos</td>
<td>Joseph Welch</td>
<td>Megan Louttit</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sue Ellenberger</td>
<td>Thomas Aldridge</td>
<td>Amanda Bianchi</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marisol Wylie</td>
<td>Barb Berry</td>
<td>Logan Hricko</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ronnie Rajkovich</td>
<td>Amy Piorkowski</td>
<td>Erin Kapaigorodsky</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Malik Khalfani</td>
<td>Greg Urso</td>
<td>Kayla Kosla</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas Mihalich</td>
<td>Mitchell Bell</td>
<td>Elliott Thorson</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carter Barnum</td>
<td>Penny Burns</td>
<td>Anastasia Brachna</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Diane Ellis</td>
<td>Steve Piorkowski</td>
<td>David Brown</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kate Krause</td>
<td>Doug Ritterbusch</td>
<td>Christine Drescher</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bruce McCrodden</td>
<td>Trinity Crouch</td>
<td>Sylvia Fowler</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katie Pasek</td>
<td>Kiira Olszko</td>
<td>Brandon Schroedel</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joyce Rossborough</td>
<td>Shirley Harper</td>
<td>Mary Lou Bennett</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Karen Schroedel</td>
<td>Sydney Hazleton</td>
<td>Darell Fisher</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel Dubin</td>
<td>Ruth Moorhead</td>
<td>Todd Fowler</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steve Harper</td>
<td>Dale Meyer</td>
<td>Bob Jaite</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vivian Bielinski</td>
<td>John Jatsek</td>
<td>Connor Hulten</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel Biggs</td>
<td>Elinor Rowan</td>
<td>John Scott</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dick Gordon</td>
<td>Carol Wilson</td>
<td>Hadley Spencer</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charles Helm</td>
<td>Jeff Fesler</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joyce Johnson</td>
<td>J. Donald Moorhead</td>
<td></td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel Soltis</td>
<td>Nathan Petznick</td>
<td></td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>Wed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----</td>
<td>-----</td>
<td>-----</td>
<td>-----</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1st Sun of Advent</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Communion Sunday</strong></td>
<td>Staff Mtg</td>
<td>Staff Mtg</td>
<td>6:30 Brkfast</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:45 Worship</td>
<td>10 Classes for All</td>
<td>Advent Study with Pastor Heidi</td>
<td>6 Advent Dinner &amp; Worship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 2nd Sun of Advent</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Staff Mtg</td>
<td>Stitch’n’TIme</td>
<td>Advent Study with Pastor Heidi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Classes for All</td>
<td>Advent Study</td>
<td>6 Advent Dinner</td>
<td>Advent Study</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:15 Worship</td>
<td>12:30 YSP Info Mtg</td>
<td>6 Advent Study</td>
<td>7 Advent Study</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 Yuletide Bikes</td>
<td>Yuletide Bikes</td>
<td>Yuletide Bikes</td>
<td>Yuletide Bikes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 3rd Sun of Advent</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Christmas Eve Rehearsal</td>
<td>Staff Mtg</td>
<td>6:30 Brkfast</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Classes for All</td>
<td>Deadline early this month!</td>
<td>Staff Mtg</td>
<td>Advent Study with Pastor Heidi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:15 Worship</td>
<td>6 Christmas Eve Rehearsal</td>
<td>6 Yuletide Bikes</td>
<td>Advent Study with Pastor Heidi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Youth Christmas Party</td>
<td>Staff Mtg</td>
<td>5 Caroling</td>
<td>5 Caroling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Advent Study</td>
<td>Staff Mtg</td>
<td>7 Advent Study</td>
<td>7 Advent Study</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 4th Sun of Advent</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Lifeblood</td>
<td>24 Christmas Eve Services</td>
<td>Merry Christmas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:45 Worship</td>
<td>Blood Drive</td>
<td>A Quiet Christmas</td>
<td>ONE SERVICE with special music!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:45 Blood Drive</td>
<td>10 Classes for All</td>
<td>Family Service</td>
<td>Christmas Eve with special music!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:15 Worship</td>
<td>11:15 Worship</td>
<td>8 Cars &amp; Candles</td>
<td>One Service with special music!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Advent Study</td>
<td>10 Classes for All</td>
<td>10 Cars, Candles and Communion</td>
<td>One Service with special music!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Advent Study</td>
<td>10 Classes for All</td>
<td>10 Cars, Candles and Communion</td>
<td>One Service with special music!</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For details and more information visit www.brecksvilleumc.com
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.
POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Be part of this beloved Christmas tradition of Brecksville United Methodist Church. Dedicate a poinsettia to help beautify the sanctuary for worship and help feed the hungry! Large pots of flowers will fill the Sanctuary for Christmas. We will order only enough small plants to deliver to the home bound. Funds from this sale benefit Brookside Food Center in Cleveland, an organization feeding our hungry neighbors.

New this year—send a card to your loved ones to let them know about their dedication. Cards are in a basket in the Parlor today. Pick up as many as you need and mail them to those you honor.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a poinsettia and a visit? Someone who can’t make it to church, or who is alone for the holiday? Maybe an organization working on Christmas Eve? Please list them here:

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Can you deliver a plant to a fire department, hospital, nursing home, etc.? Circle a date: 12/24  12/25  12/26  12/27

Return to the office by Dec. 15!

Poinsettia Deductions Fight Hunger

Dedication deadline is Sunday, December 15. Names will be in the bulletin on Sunday December 22 and on Christmas Eve. Please include cash or check (made payable to BUMC) with this form. Return in the offering plate, deliver to the church office, or mail to Brecksville United Methodist Church, 65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141.

Your Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Enclosed is my donation of $_________ (Suggested donation of $10 for each dedication.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IN MEMORY</th>
<th>IN HONOR</th>
<th>FOR</th>
<th>FROM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

New this year—send a card to your loved ones to let them know about their dedication. Cards are in a basket in the Parlor and are available in the church office. Pick up as many as you need and mail them to those you honor.
Brecksville Broadview Hts. Community Chorus presents the annual free
Christmas Holiday Concert
December 8, 2019: 4:00pm
65 Public Square • Brecksville, Ohio
(in the Brecksville United Methodist Church)
www.bbhcommchorus.org

Stay after for Cookie and Cocoa Social to meet Director Isaac Becker-Howell and discover how to join this no-audition Chorus

directed by Isaac Becker-Howell

The Joy of Christmas and the Magic of the Holidays