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Dear Brecksville UMC Family,

Our annual church directory is a tool to keep us connected and supported as a community of faith. Inside you'll find contact information for all our members so you can support and encourage one another, as well as ask others for help when you need it.

Also inside is information about living as a disciple through Brecksville UMC. Questions about worshipping, gathering together, and serving together are all answered here.

I pray that you use this resource to pray for one another, mobilize for ministry, and love God more fully in 2021. May the Spirit of God lead us to incredible things we haven't even imagined yet!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Heidi". The script is cursive and fluid.

Rev. Heidi Welch
Senior Pastor

OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT

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.

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Visit us in the church office Monday mornings or by appointment!

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A prayer for the year ahead:

Almighty God,

There are so many unknowns right now. The one thing I know I can count on is your presence.

When it seems the whole world is going sideways, I can trust that you are with me. "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Help me to trust you with my whole self, and assure me that even in the midst of this holy disturbance, you are leading me to the incredible things I haven't even imagined yet.

Amen.

WORSHIP

Brecksville United Methodist Church strives to be an inclusive church. We intentionally make space for everyone to encounter a loving God - no matter your age, gender, race, income level, sexual orientation or ability. No matter if you're an atheist, someone struggling with faith, you live with constant faith in your heart, or you're somewhere in between. You are welcome here and you are invited to participate in the life of our church! As one of our members said, "we honor and celebrate our differences, with Jesus as the great uniter."

What time are worship services?

As we go to print, we are in the middle of a historic disruption in our lives - the Covid-19 Pandemic. At this time, most of our worship services are taking place on line. There are a number of ways you can be part of them!

We stream services online Sunday mornings at 9 am.

- Watch on our website: www.brecksvilleumc.com/streaming
- Watch - and interact - on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/BrecksvilleUMC/LIVE
- Watch anytime at either of the addresses above or on YouTube: www.YouTube.com/c/BrecksvilleUnitedMethodistChurch
- Listen anytime by telephone: 440-526-0653. New sermon uploaded every Sunday by 11 am.
- Listen to our podcast on SoundCloud - or wherever you get your podcasts - @brecksvilleumc

As we move through the coming months, please look for information on our website about new opportunities to worship together! For now, remember that it is a joy to be worshipping together as we can, even though we are physically apart. We are reminded that wherever we are worshipping God, we are on holy ground!

How can I be part of a worship service?

We love to include many faces and many voices in our streaming services. If you would like to read scripture, say a prayer, or share the benediction, we will help you! If you would like to share your gift of music by recording a song, or if your kids would like to be part of Children's Moment by singing "Jesus Loves Me" we would love to have you. Please reach out to Pastor Heidi if you're willing to help with our worship services!

I'd like to get involved in Music Ministry. How can I do that?

We have many ways you can participate! The Praise Band welcomes new and substitute musicians. Contact Jamie Schwendeman to learn more: Jamie@brecksvilleumc.com. Our choirs are always welcoming new voices. We also encourage musicians and vocalists to join us at various times of the year – to share an offertory piece, to play the organ, or to share a fun number for our annual fundraiser, Music with a Mission. If music is your gift, contact our Music Director, Malik Khalfani, to learn how you can get involved: music@brecksvilleumc.com.

How can I arrange a baptism?

Call the church office to arrange a meeting with our pastor and set a date. What do Methodists believe about baptism? Visit this link: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/faqs-baptism>

We would like to get married at the church. What do we do?

Contact the church office to see if your wedding date is available and to arrange a time to meet with Pastor Heidi. Wedding information is available on the church website, too, under the Worship tab!

How do we arrange a funeral or memorial service?

Consult with Pastor Heidi and the funeral home making the arrangements about the best location for the service. If you would like to arrange a reception or meal after the service, we have a church ministry who will help. Contact the church office to make arrangements.

What about Sunday School?

While traditional Sunday school classes were suspended when the pandemic began, we have been getting creative to find new ways to connect kids to God and to their friends and church family. We've been delivering kits to families filled with fun faith building activities. On Sunday morning we offer Zoom meetups for all our kids. Allie Kenney, our crib and toddler room manager, hosts the meetings. She has been talking to the children about the lessons included in their kits, as well as using it for a time to touch base and let them know we care deeply for them during this time apart.

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Can I join a class or small group for adults?

Absolutely! Online classes and Bible studies allow anyone to join from anywhere. We also have small groups for prayer, study and special interests. We're finding new ways to learn and grow together.

Does the church have an active Youth Ministry?

We sure do! Turns out, youth really like Virtual Youth Group. Our Sunday evenings are full of faith and fun and an opportunity for pre-teens and teens to regroup and recharge for the week ahead. Want to know more? Contact Youth Director, Dana Schwendeman at youth@brecksvilleumc.com.

Tell me about the bike ministry.

Our volunteers take used bikes and make them like new. After they're repaired, refurbished and safety checked, the bikes are given to people in need. In December, families are invited to select bikes for Christmas. Year round, bikes are donated to foster children, community programs, and other churches. Since 2015, our church has donated hundreds of bicycles! You don't need to be an expert to work on our bike repair team. Contact Jenny Gee at education@brecksvilleumc.com to volunteer!

I've heard the church has a strong commitment to creation care and recycling. Tell us about that.

We recycle paper (of all kinds) to earn money for hunger ministry. On average, we recycle about 77,000 pounds of paper each year! It's picked up from the green bins in the parking lot every week. We also recycle cell phones for missions. We're a Styrofoam free zone, and encourage everyone to use reusable dishware in place of single use plastics at church events. The building uses LED lights wherever possible to reduce energy use.

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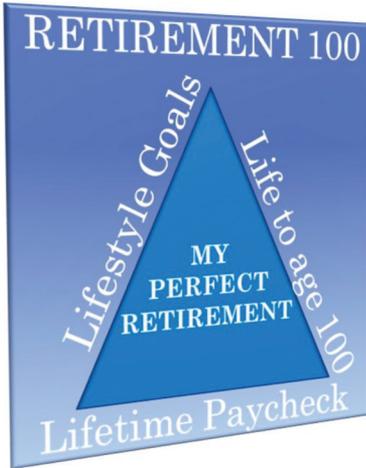
As disciples, we recognize the abundance God has given us and give a portion back to God as a way of cultivating gratitude and trust in God.

Can I get my own offering envelopes?

Simply contact the church office and we'll provide you with weekly or monthly giving envelopes.

Does the church have online and text giving?

We do! Our secure online giving portal can be accessed from this link: <https://onrealm.org/BrecksvilleMethodist/Give> To give by text, type "GiveBUMC" to 73256.



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Members of our church serve as the stewards of church finances. The Finance Committee proposes a budget, then manages, and distributes the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation. They also communicate regular financial updates to the congregation throughout the year. They would be happy to tell you about other ways to give to the church: through stock, appreciated assets or through a will or trust. They can also tell you about a planned giving program. For more information, contact our Becky Paroda, our Business Manager, at finance@brecksvilleumc.com.

Gifts and Memorials

Brecksville United Methodist Church's Gifts and Memorials and the Living Memorial Trust Fund provide unique opportunities for you and your family to make a gift to the church that will promote the work and ministry of the church today, and for generations to come.

Can I add a memorial brick to the celebration garden?

Yes, you can memorialize a wedding, a birth, a special anniversary, or the life of a loved one with a commemorative brick in our celebration garden. Order forms are available in the church office and on the website.

INCLUSION

How do I become a member of Brecksville United Methodist Church?

Membership classes are offered at various times throughout the year, and we would love to know that you're interested. Contact Pastor Heidi with questions and for more information. The United Methodist Church has resources explaining what church membership means. Visit www.umc.org to learn more about what being a United Methodist is all about.

I've heard Brecksville United Methodist Church called a "reconciling church." What does that mean?

Brecksville United Methodist Church strives to be an inclusive church. We intentionally make space for everyone to encounter a loving God - no matter your age, gender, race, income level, sexual orientation, or ability. No matter if you are an atheist, someone struggling with faith, you live with constant faith in your heart, or you're somewhere in between. You are welcome here and you are invited to participate in the life of our church! As one of our members said, "We honor and celebrate our differences, with Jesus as the great uniter." Since 2014, we have been part of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) whose mission statement is: "Living into our shared baptismal covenant, Reconciling Ministries Network equips and mobilizes United Methodists to resist evil, injustice, and oppression as we seek justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities."

Does the church have a role to play in ending racism?

One resolution was submitted for this year's Annual Conference for East Ohio. Resolution 2020-21: *"A Call for East Ohio United Methodists to Address Racism in our Churches and Communities."* This resolution prayerfully calls on clergy, lay leaders and individual members of the United Methodist churches in East Ohio to Commit to addressing racism so as to build The United Methodist Church as an authentically inclusive Christian community and to prayerfully reflect individually to discern our roles and individual responsibilities in having contributed to racism and commit to dismantling racism in our churches and wider communities.

I've heard the church has been certified sensory inclusive. What does that mean?

Some people with PTSD, autism, stroke, early onset dementia and others can have trouble processing sound, light, touch, and smell. With the help of a non-profit organization, KultureCity, our staff and volunteers learned about sensory processing disorder, how it affects some people's experience of the world, and how we can help. The church is now equipped with sensory bags for people to use while they're at church. They include noise cancelling headphones, fidget toys, and weighted lap pads. We also have designated quiet zones where people can go for relief from sensory overload. If you're interested in becoming sensory inclusive certified, contact the church office: office@brecksvilleumc.com.

COMMUNITY

How can I reserve a room for an event?

Contact the church office. Facilities are available for church related ministries as well as personal and community events. A rental fee is requested for non-church events. Visit the church website (www.brecksvilleumc.com) and click the "BUMC Online Tab/Forms" for an application for facilities use form with more details. During the pandemic, there are limits to group size as well as guidelines for meeting safely, which can be found on the website.

Scouts

Scout Troop 175 has been chartered to Brecksville United Methodist Church since 1942. If you would like to get involved as a Scout, a leader, or supporter, please contact Jim Fredrick. We are also host to Girl Scouts. To learn more about that, contact the church office.

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Do recovery groups meet at the church?

Yes, there are several groups that meet at the church, with meetings scheduled six days a week:

Sunday, 7:00 pm.....	NA, Courage to Change
Monday, 10:00 am.....	Al Anon
Tuesday, 11:00 am.....	AA (Women)
Tuesday, 7:30 pm.....	NA, Halfway Home
Wednesday, 7:00 pm.....	Al-Anon and AA
Friday, 11:00 am.....	AA (Women)
Friday, 8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

CONNECTION

What’s going on at the church today?

There are lots of ways to find out. For up to the minute information, check the calendar on the church website: www.brecksvilleumc.com. We also feature information about upcoming events in church bulletins and in our monthly newsletter, “The Good Word.” Subscribe to our weekly e-mail, “The Sunday Blast” and this information will be delivered right to you by e-mail every Thursday.

What’s the deadline to submit information for the monthly newsletter *The Good Word*?

All submissions must be given to the office by 12:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month. The *Good Word* is mailed and e-mailed on the following Friday.

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