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Spiritual TRAIL GUIDE FALL 2024



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MISSION

Creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another.

VALUES

Honest Worship

We invite everyone to participate in worship authentically and holistically; heart, mind, soul and body.

Joyful Gathering

We gather in an atmosphere of joy and laughter as we share in the life God offers us.

Lifelong Learning

We are unabashedly authentic in our lifelong quest to grow with God and learn with one another.

Courageous Inclusion

We whole-heartedly welcome all people to come as their perfectly imperfect selves.

Determined Service

We show God's love for others by meeting the needs of the whole person.

MEASURES

I will create safe space to grow with God and one another by...

... sowing love and compassion.

- Am I seeing myself and others through God's eyes?
- Am I seeking and giving forgiveness?
- Am I recognizing the presence of God's kingdom around me?

... cultivating sanctuary.

- Am I listening for the voice of the marginalized?
- Am I nurturing someone else's healing?
- Am I accepting of those different than me?

... tending to life-long learning.

- Am I engaged in exploring my faith with others?
- Am I actively seeking to grow my personal relationship with God?
- Am I reflecting my spiritual growth in my daily life?

... bearing God's fruit in service.

- Am I giving back to God?
- Am I sharing God's blessings with others?
- Am I demonstrating God's love beyond the church doors?

STRATEGY

Rooted in worship.
Nourished in groups.
Branching out in service.





The mission of The United Methodist Church is “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

At Brecksville United Methodist Church, we live that out by creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another. But what does that mean? How do we put that into action? As our leadership Board prayed about this, we realized that we needed to start with the basics.

Our current #1 Long-term goal is to develop a discipleship pathway and help 50 people take their next step in discipleship.

So our church staff set to work—how do we create a “discipleship pathway” to describe a spiritual journey that’s not a journey? There’s not always a clear starting point and it certainly has no end this side of heaven! And it looks different for each of us. Sometimes we may climb a spiritual mountaintop. At other times, we find ourselves in the valley.

LONG TERM GOAL#1:
Develop a
discipleship
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It’s not a pathway. It’s not a road map. What is it?

Being so close to the Cuyahoga National Park and its wonderful trails, the imagery of a trail guide quickly came to mind. Sometimes, you need a beginner trail, other times you’re looking for a challenge.

Sometimes you have a clear plan, and sometimes you just need to wander with God.

And it’s always about the journey -- who you travel with and what you encounter along the way -- and not the destination.

So here you have it: Brecksville UMC’s Spiritual Trail Guide. In this guide, you will find all the ways that you can grow with God, grow with others, and grow yourself. Each are integral parts to our spiritual journeys!

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey, there is something here for you! I pray that as you read through this Guide, God will nudge you to grow in some way—whether that’s by trying out a new class or using your gifts to volunteer in some way! Use the next page as a place to take notes about where God is calling you to grow, and how BUMC can help you with that. Questions? Just ask!

Grateful to be walking alongside you!

Pastor Heidi

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

Spiritual Exploration Planner



Month: _____

My focus this month:

SCRIPTURE

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

SERVING OTHERS

INWARD INVENTORY

How am I...

Growing with God

Growing with Others

Growing Myself



PRAYERS

PRESENCE

- 1st Sunday 3rd Sunday
- 2nd Sunday 4th Sunday
- 5th Sunday/Other:

HOW WILL I SHARE GIFTS OF:

Time: _____

Talents: _____

Treasure: _____

GROWING WITH GOD

HONEST WORSHIP:

We invite everyone to participate in worship authentically and holistically; heart, mind, soul and body.



HONEST WORSHIP: Sundays at 8:30

Worship on the Lawn: This contemplative service includes hymns, affirmations of faith, and communion each week. As the weather allows, we worship on the lawn - camp chairs and blankets welcome! Last service of the season will be October 6.

Meditative Worship: October 13 through late spring, we move indoors for a worship service focusing on the word of God. Come experience this unique opportunity to “be still and know...”

HONEST WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:30

This energetic service, led by the Worship Band, includes an inspiring message and has additional options for kids - a Children's Moment during the service, and a special program for faith filled learning & fun (Sprouts) after the Children's Moment.



HONEST WORSHIP: Online

Worship live or later! Our services are streamed live to our website, Facebook, YouTube, and Boxcast - with real time chat on our Facebook page. Worship on your own schedule with our video archives. Prefer to take the message with you? We post a podcast every week of the scripture, sermon and prayer time. Listen on SoundCloud or wherever you get your podcasts.



We know that wherever we're worshipping from,
the Spirit unites us and we are on holy ground!

HONEST WORSHIP: Special Worship Services this year.



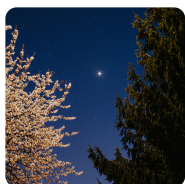
All Saints Sunday *First Sunday in November*

This solemn service honors the impact each life has on another. The church bell tolls and a candle is lit as we read the names of each person who has gone on to the church triumphant in the past year.



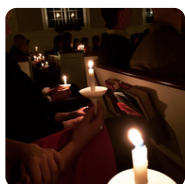
Advent Dinner Church *First Wednesday in Advent, December 4*

We make space to pause and center ourselves with a special worship service centered around a shared meal. As the season of waiting begins, we make space for joy.



Longest Night Service *December 21*

On the longest night of the year, we pause to honor the grief and anxiety around endings and beginnings. If you have experienced loss, this prayer service can be a balm for the soul.



Christmas Eve Services *10:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm*

At Christmas, the God of creation takes on flesh: “To you . . . a savior is born.” On this night, God is born, and this God of love knows your name. Each service celebrates the same message in a different way. Our 10:30 am service welcomes the day with carols and a skit by our kids, our 3 service celebrates with carols played on the organ, our 5 service highlights a telling of the Christmas story by our kids, and our 8 service rejoices with a string quintet and our choir.

Baptism

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. We receive God’s grace in a unique and special way, no matter how old we are or how long we’ve been worshiping God. Interested in baptism? Please reach out to Pastor Heidi!

Communion

Communion nourishes and sustains us on the journey. In The United Methodist Church, we observe an open table, which means that all are welcome to participate. Holy Communion is celebrated each week at the 8:30 service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:30 service.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

When you're ready to step out of the pew and experience worship in the service of others.

Welcome Team

A spirit of joyful hospitality fills the church on Sunday mornings, and your gifts of warmth and relationship can help create welcome for all who enter Brecksville UMC! As a welcome team member, you also answer questions, pass out bulletins, count attendance, collect prayer cards and the offering, and assist with special needs. Serve once a quarter, once a month or once a week as you're able.

Liturgists

Add your voice to a worship service as a liturgist, reading prepared passages of scripture and prayers, and leading the congregation in responsive readings.

Communion Stewards

Communion stewards are integral to celebrating this sacrament. From cutting the bread and pouring the juice to washing communion glasses after the service, preparation of communion elements can be done as a family or with a friend. We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at the 8:30 service, and on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:30 service.

Music

Has God graced you with the gift of music? Consider sharing that gift in worship. Vocalists and instrumentalists are always needed in the choir, the worship band, and to share special music during worship services and special seasonal services.

Audio & Visual Technology

If you have an interest in sound or visual production, these are exciting times for you! Come help produce worship services for people in the building and those joining us online. Run the cameras, mix the sound, or operate the worship slides with the team in the balcony. It's a special way to create space to grow with God!

Acolytes

Children entering third grade or older are invited to help create a worshipful space by bringing the light of Christ into the Sanctuary as the 10:30 Worship Service begins. Join a training September 22 or 29, or schedule with Jenny Gee.



SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

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Adult Faith Formation Groups

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Lectio Divina *Mondays at 10:30 am in the Chapel*

A time of slow, meditative reading of a scripture passage. There is no homework. Drop in anytime. The Chapel is on the main floor of the church - on the east end. Walk past the water fountain and you're almost there.



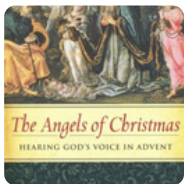
Pastor's Online Bible Study *Mondays at 7 pm - via Zoom*

Join Pastor Heidi and friends as we use Amy Jill Levine's study, "Short Stories by Jesus" to explore the parables in their original context and learn how they continue to challenge and provoke today.



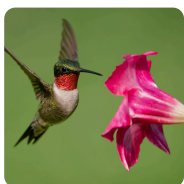
Podcast Class *Sundays at 9:30 beginning September 15*

Podcasts can educate, entertain, and enrich our thinking. Join this class as we listen to a selected podcast during the week, then come together for group discussion about it on Sunday morning. What can we learn for our faith journey?



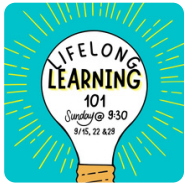
Asbury Bremeth Circle - *Second Thursday of the Month.*

Women of faith gather for conversation (BYO coffee or tea!) at 9:30 then begin our study with Jenny Gee at 10. Through December, we are exploring the four angels in the Christmas stories of the Bible.



God In Nature on Facebook Live

Why do cicadas make so much noise? Why do salamanders migrate? Why do fireflies light? On Wednesdays, our Education Director, Jenny Gee, answers questions like these and shares some incredible facts about God's amazing creation on Facebook Live.



Lifelong Learning 101 *Sundays at 9:30 September 15 - 29*

What does Lifelong Learning, the deeply held value that we are “unabashedly authentic in our lifelong quest to grow with God and learn with one another” mean to you as an individual? Spend three weeks with your church friends to dig into your own personal pathway. How can you move toward a deeper, richer relationship with God?



Discipleship Pathways *Sundays at 9:30 beginning October 6*

Schedule a time to meet with Jenny one-on-one to talk about where you feel the Spirit leading you as you take that next step in your faith journey.



The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics

Sundays at 9 October 6 to November 10

It's time to re-frame our political identity as we take the lead in healing what's broken. Jesus' call is clear: We are to be salt and light in this world. Join Jim Slagle and friends for this important study.

SELF GUIDED STUDY



Devotionals

Pick up a copy of “The Upper Room” or one of our seasonal Advent or Lenten Devotionals for daily readings and prompts for spiritual reflection.



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Amplify Media - Videos for Self Guided Learning

This streaming service delivers high quality videos with an emphasis on Wesleyan perspectives for digital discipleship - that you can enjoy anytime, anywhere. Our congregation has a subscription. Please email Jenny@BrecksvilleUMC.com for the details!

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

For children and youth.



The Wiggle Room

Kids are always welcome in our worship spaces, but The Wiggle Room is available as another option! Staffed from 8 am until noon on Sundays, it's a safe space for our little ones, infants and up. Each adult is background checked and mindful of allergies and other needs.



Sprouts

Kids in preschool through 6th grade can meet with their teachers on the 4th floor after the Children's Moment at the 10:30 service. It's a time of learning age appropriate Bible stories through craft, cooking, science, games and lots of sensory fun!



Third Grade Bibles - Sunday, September 15 at the 10:30 Service

Each year, we present our third graders with their very own Bibles - a rite of passage, and a gift of love from the congregation. It is our prayer that this gift will be a starting point for each third grader to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus through the study of God's word.



Confirmation - 7th grade and up. Begins 9/15 at 9:30

What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to #BeUMC? On the confirmation journey, students will learn about scripture, church history, prayer, spiritual development, theology, mission, and the structural connections of the UMC.

Confirmation Bibles will be presented on Sunday, September 15



Youth Group - Weekly on Sundays from 5-6 pm. Begins Sept. 15

Faith, food and fun is on the agenda for students in grades 6 through 12 on Sunday's during the school year. We typically enjoy a time of checking-in, a quick devotional, and a group game. Each week is a little different, so come and check it out. Friends are always welcome! We meet on the front lawn or in the Youth Room. Sign up for the weekly youth news for updates and details!

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Resources for the journey:



- Our Sunday Bulletin announcements and updates for the week ahead. Pick up a copy at church or download at BUMCLinks.com
- On Thursdays, we email “The Sunday Blast” with links to Sunday’s scripture, Bulletins and action Steps. Email office@brecksvilleumc.com to subscribe!
- On the Fourth Friday of each month, we publish a long-form newsletter. Subscribe for a mailed or emailed version (or both) or pick up a copy at church. office@brecksvilleumc.com
- Explore our church website to view the church calendar and learn more about ALL THE THINGS: www.brecksvilleumc.com
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube @BrecksvilleUMC

Visit BUMCLinks.com for all of our links in one place!



Brecksville United Methodist Church

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Coffee Hour
Welcome Team
Funerals

Communication and Connection

Newsletter Team
Congregational Care:
Meal Train
Visitation
Gophers

Education Director

Wiggle Room
Education
VBS

Youth Director

Youth Team
Confirmation
Youth Missions

Finance Manager

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AV Team

Music Director

Choirs
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Accompanist

Facilities Manager

Grounds
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GROWING WITH OTHERS: DETERMINED SERVICE

We show God's love for others by meeting the needs of the whole person. We create safe space to grow with God and one another by bearing God's fruit in service.



Bike Ministry - Giving Spokes to Folks since 2015

We accept donations of bicycles year round, and are always in need of helping hands to clean, repair, and make them road ready. Hundreds of bikes have been distributed to kids and adults in need because of this church's support. Join us on Bike Fix It Days, one Saturday a month, to help make it happen!



Pumpkin Patch - October 15 (tentative) to 31 from 11 am - 7 pm

New this year! We're inviting the community to the church yard for some fall fun. Pumpkin sales will help us close our budget gap. Photo opportunities, simple games and weekend activities will help make our little pumpkin patch in the center of town a joyful gathering for all! Sign up to serve a shift at BUMCLinks.com



Trick or Trot - Saturday, October 19, 8:30 am - Blossom Hill

This Brecksville Kiwanis sponsored 5K Race/1 Mile Family Fun Walk is celebrating its 11th year in the community and benefits "A Special Wish" a Brecksville non-profit helping those with serious illnesses. Wear your costumes! Prizes awarded for both costumes and race time. Come be part of it - in the race/walk, at our church table, or by donating candy!



Creation Care

We have a strong commitment to caring for God's creation. Some of the ways we do that include:

- A community bike patio for parking & repairs.
- A commitment to reusable mugs, cups, plates, and utensils. We are a "no Styrofoam" zone.
- Paper recycling in the green bins in the parking lot.
- Recycling receptacles throughout the building.
- Recycling old cell phones and eye glasses.
- Energy efficient choices in the building (LED light bulbs, etc.)
- Education through Weekly "God In Nature" Video spots with Jenny Gee! (See write up on a page ahead!)

BEARING GOD'S FRUIT IN SERVICE

Am I giving back to God?

Am I sharing God's blessings with others?

Am I demonstrating God's love beyond the church doors?

Ministries of Caring



Congregational Care Team

Pastor Heidi leads this team in making regular visits to those in need of prayer and encouragement. If you would like help make calls, send cards, or visit people, your gift of caring would be a gift well received!



Stitch'n'Time - third Tuesday of the month at 10 am

This group of talented people who knit and crochet meet monthly to make prayer shawls, prayer blankets, hats, mittens and gloves for people in need. All abilities welcome!



Sewing Group - third Tuesday of each month from 5 - 9 pm

This group of crafters dreams up ways to serve others through their creative talents. If you are a sewist of any level, or can iron or use a pair of scissors, you are encouraged to be part of it!



Funeral Reception Team

Being there for one another in times of grief is one of the greatest gifts we can share. Serve as a funeral service greeter/welcome team, or by helping set up, serve, or clean up after funeral receptions.



Deeds of Mercy

We maintain a fund to assist people in our community who have fallen on hard times. Support this ministry with your monetary donations and prayers.



Evening Circle

Usually The Second Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

This service-oriented group of women meets in September, October, November, January, March and May for hands-on projects. We'd love for you to be part of it and are always open to new ideas and activities! Contact Lynn Hobzek at kezboh@aol.com

GROWING WITH OTHERS THROUGH DETERMINED SERVICE



Pearl Road Dinners

We help prepare and serve meals at the Pearl Road Kitchen at Pearl Road UMC each year. Our next dates are November 17 and February 16. Sign up at BUMCLinks.com



Trials for Hope - Harbor and Bridge

On the third Saturday of every other month, we support this United Methodist Urban Mission Project serving the people in the Ohio City neighborhood of Cleveland by volunteering on-site.



Frozen Food Distribution Ministry

In partnership with Strongsville UMC, we take surplus frozen food from area restaurants and deliver it to feeding ministries. Volunteer for a shift to help a hungry neighbor and keep delicious food out of the landfill!



Christmas Collections

At Christmas time, we host collections for people in need - hats & mittens, non-perishable foods, toiletries, household cleaning items, and a "Giving Tree" with wish lists for organizations who serve those in need.



Monthly Donation Drives

We partner with a different non-profit each month of the year, collecting items to fill their most immediate needs. Learn about this month's organization and bring your donations to the first floor bin.



Nehemiah Mission - Bread on Bridge

This United Methodist Mission located at W 65th and Bridge Avenue, serves all corners of Cleveland. We prepare a community meal there on the third Tuesday of every other month. Come be part of it.



Pull Together for the House!

Saving your aluminum pull tabs is an easy way to support families being served by Ronald McDonald House NEO. Bring them to the donation bin in the coat room and the Harpers will deliver to RMH!

Want to get involved? Have ideas? See the calendar for the next Missions & Community Engagement Team Meeting!

BEARING GOD'S FRUIT IN SERVICE



Counters

Teams of two or more serve on a rotating basis, Sunday mornings, to count, record, and deposit the weekly offering. (To serve as a counter, you must be a member of the church.)



Newsletter Team

It's a production party! We get together once a month to stuff, fold, stick, and sort about 300 printed newsletters (or seasonal program guides like this one) - and mail them out into the world.



Gophers!

Born of the pandemic, the gopher team is at the ready to make home deliveries to people in need when the need arises. Have a car and a willing heart? You can be a gopher!



Meal Train

A new baby is born, an accident knocks you off your feet, a surgery is scheduled - sometimes help with a meal is a tremendous gift! Sign up to be part of the team delivering meals for people in need.



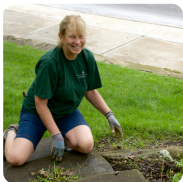
Church Closers

Our church is busy, with evening meetings six days a week. Closers commit to closing up the church after the last meeting each night for one week, on a five to eight week rotation.



Fall Clean Up Day - Saturday, November 9 (Rain date 11/16)

Grab your gloves and a rake and join us in cleaning up the church grounds. Many hands make light work! (And there will be donuts!)



Adopt-A-Bed & Mowing Teams

During the growing season, wonderful folks volunteer their time to care for a garden bed or to serve on a weekly rotation of mowers and trimmers. Sign up for 2025: Trustees@BrecksvilleUMC.com



PERSONAL GROWTH

We are each given unique spiritual gifts that allow us to find our place in God's community of faith. As we employ these gifts in daily living, we find fulfillment and purpose in our relationship with God and with others. Reach out to Director of Education, Jenny Gee, to learn more - education@brecksvilleumc.com.



Strengths Finder

Many people have little sense of the talents and strengths given to them by God. What would happen if, instead of spending time trying to fix our weaknesses, we nurtured our gifts? In discovering our strengths, we can live into the whole person, known and loved by God?



Spiritual Gifts Inventory

God has created us to be unique and has called us in Christ to be part of one body, each with a purpose. Our hope is that in exploring the spiritual gifts that God has given to you, you will find a place in that body that blesses you and fills you with a sense of purpose and satisfaction. Take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory.



Spiritual Direction

Are you looking for someone to walk alongside you as you explore your life with God? A spiritual director is a trained listener who accompanies you on your spiritual journey, helping you to notice God's presence and activity along the way, as well as your personal reactions and responses. Spiritual direction is a ministry that helps you grow in prayer and live into your calling as a follower of Jesus.



Lay Servant Ministries

“Laity” means all the people of God. If you are feeling called to witness, lead, and have your service inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship, reach out to Pastor Heidi to learn about Lay Servant training in our conference.

The Membership Journey



Have you been asking yourself “What can I do for God through this church?” or “How can I help this church reach more people with the Good News of Jesus?” Then it may be time to prayerfully consider if you’re ready to become a member of the church. Brecksville UMC’s Membership Journey can help you discern if we are a good “fit” for you and if becoming a member is the next step in your faith journey.



Basic Beliefs - Sundays at 9:30 - 9/15 through 10/20

What is a United Methodist? This 5-week class is focused on learning the history of our denomination and the basics of faith through a United Methodist lens. Before you become a member of a United Methodist Church, it’s important to know whether you’re “our kind of crazy.” Come learn more about the rich theological heritage of our denomination in Basic Beliefs.



The Membership Class - 10/27 through 11/17

The final step in the Membership Journey focuses on what it means to be a discipling, active member of Brecksville UMC: using your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to love God and love others. In this 4-week class, you will learn about your God-given gifts and strengths, and discover the ways you can use them to glorify God through BUMC. New members will be received during services on Sunday, November 24

ALL are welcome to participate in these classes!

You may be new to the church, a long time member, or somewhere in between! The Membership Journey classes are offered once or twice a year, allowing you to make your way through them at your own pace. If you feel led to begin the membership journey with our church, contact Pastor Heidi to start the conversation! 440-526-8938 ext. 224 or Pastor@brecksvilleumc.com

JOYFUL GATHERING opportunities for connection



Fall Kick Off- *The Second Sunday of September*

We celebrate Brecksville UMC's birthday and the start of a new program year with a joyful gathering. Join us for good food, a bounce house, lawn games, friendship, and fun!



Good Grub Social Club

Groups of 8 adults gather quarterly to share a meal

If you're looking for the opportunity to grow in friendship & faith, the GGSC is for you! Get to know others over a shared meal at home, at a restaurant or in the park. Sign up at BUMCLinks.com



Dawnbreakers Breakfast Group - *Wednesday Mornings*

This group gets up with the dawn to enjoy breakfast, a devotional and conversation. They meet in Fellowship Hall or at the Brecksville Panera Bread. Doug & Gail Huth help keep things organized. Reach out to the church office for contact information!



Sunday Morning Joyful Gathering

The Parlor is a space for connection and friendship, a casual gathering space between services on Sunday mornings. Stop by before or after class or worship, or spend the whole hour there with friends.



United Women in Faith

Brecksville United Women in Faith

The First Thursday of the Month in the Parlor

9:30 Refreshments & Community. 10 am Program & Meeting

Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Get connected with one of our circles!

A Community Gathering Place

Our church is a vibrant place throughout the week. Here are a few of the activities you may find happening within our doors (or on our grounds), helping to make our community a better place for all people - heart, mind, body and soul.

Cardio Kickboxing Classes, Cleveland Federation of Dance Clubs, Dog training, Fundraising Car Washes for school groups, Horizons Preschool - serving kids aged 3 - 5, Insight Meditation Group, PEO - a philanthropic organization of women who raise money for scholarships, Recovery groups (including Al Anon, AA, and NA), Scout Groups....



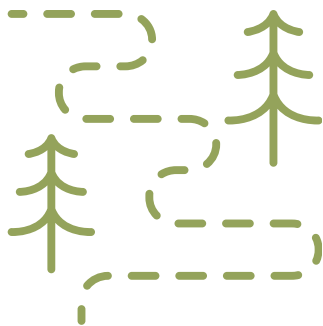
Our Welcoming Statement

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.



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