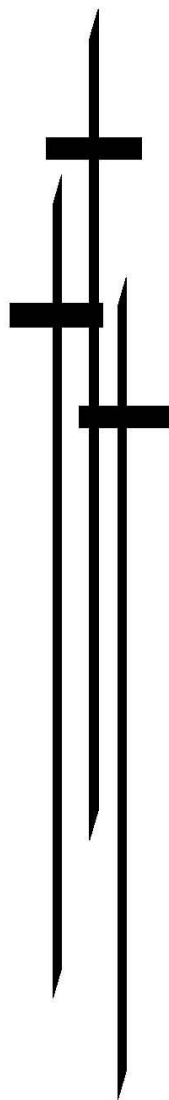
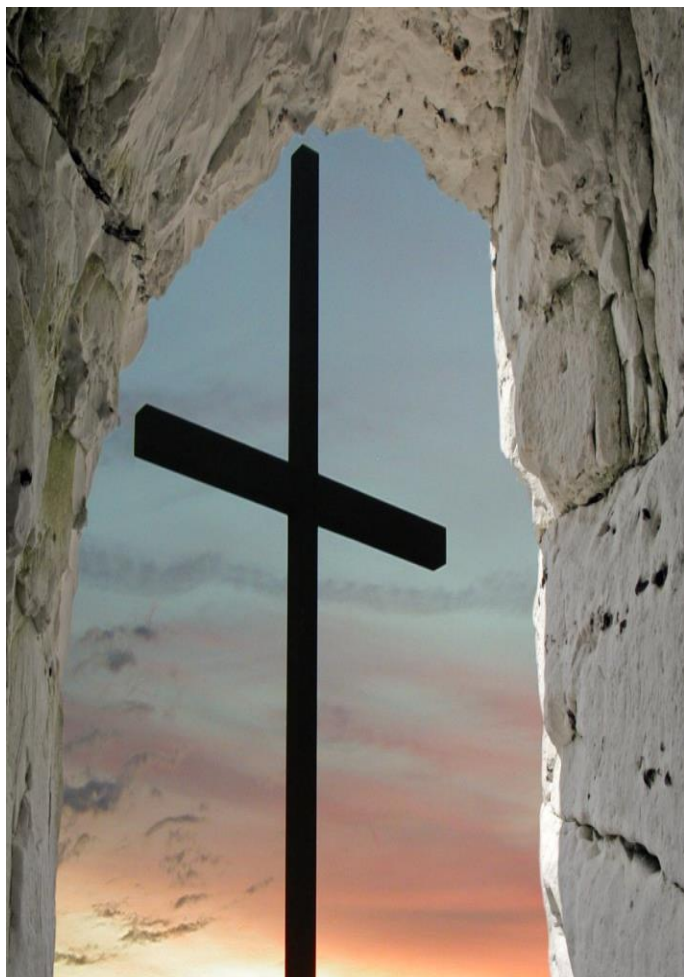


The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

MARCH, 2016



*Loving, Serving, and Accepting All People
With God's Life-Changing Power*



...We're Just Getting
Warmed-Up...

Weather-wise, we've definitely had a weird winter. I'm certainly not complaining; nor am I trying to predict what kind of wacky weather we might yet face [though I did see my shadow on February 3rd!] Regardless of what comes, we know that as we move through the month of March our daylight hours will slowly yet steadily increase,

temperatures [for the most part] will continue to rise, and signs of renewed life will begin to appear. Similarly, this month carries us through our Lenten Season of shadow, contemplation, and growth - bringing us to the celebration of Good News of Easter.

The Easter Message proclaims Christ's rising from Death, to Life; and it can radically change the way in which you and I understand them both. Trusting in the Easter Message can help free us from our fears, and from the ultimate fear of Death itself. It can help us see ourselves and others in a whole light: as people on a journey that has continuing purpose, and everlasting value. The Good News of Easter can help us face the cold and dark seasons of our lives with renewed hope, and a steadfast confidence.

Throughout this month, we have a variety of opportunities that can help raise our hopes and strengthen our faith. Our Adult Study "*Looking Backward, to Move Forward*" continues for the first three Tuesday evenings in March, from 7:15-8:30. Holy Week then begins with our festive "Procession of Palms" at our March 20th Sunday morning worship service. On March 24th, Maunday Thursday, we will gather in Pilgrim Hall for our Soup Supper at 6:30, and celebrate Christ's Last Supper with a service at 7:00.

This year, we will also have a 7:00 pm. Good Friday Service, along with members of the Community of Saint Bridget. [This is the group that holds Mass here on Saturdays, led by Ann Klonowski and Mary Collingwood.] Then on Easter morning, we will have our Sunrise Service at 7:00 at Highland Cemetery, and our jubilant Easter Celebration Service at 10:00.

I hope you all will make an effort to join us in these upcoming events, and that you'll invite others to join us as well. I also pray that the continuing Joy of Easter, and the Presence of the Risen Christ, will touch and bless each of you today, and in all the days to come.

With you in Christ's Service
Pastor Dave

If you would like to have a pastoral visit in your home, or simply need to talk, please call Pastor Dave at the church office [440-526-4364] or at home [440-546-1193]. He will be glad to meet with you.

OUR LENTEN STUDY continues on Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 pm in the Parlor. Each week's session highlights a significant era of the Church's development, and we also explore how that historical period might correspond to a particular stage of our own lives and faith. Each session "stands alone" - so feel free to participate whenever your schedule permits.

Our remaining sessions are:

March 1st - "Breaking-Up Is Hard to Do - Revisiting the Reformation"

March 8th - "God Is Dead - Long Live God!"

March 15th - "Back to the Future - from Doubts, to Dreams"

BLANKET DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!

Maya MacKeigan-Moore, former BUCC member and daughter of Pastor John King, invited us to join her and the Richfield UCC Youth Group in a blanket and pillow drive for residents at University Manor Health Care Center in Cleveland. Maya came up with the idea for this project while visiting that facility, when she noticed that the single blanket and pillow that many of the residents had, seemed very thin and shabby.

We at BUCC expanded our own “Mitten Tree” Project, as a way to assist in Maya’s efforts. And as is often the case, your generosity was outstanding! Maya sent me the following note:

*Dear Pastor Dave,
I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and Brecksville UCC for the generous donations of pillows, blankets, and money. I am so excited and happy that you all were able to collect so much. Please extend my gratitude to the congregation for participating in the project!*

*Wishing you all the best,
Maya MacKeigan-Moore*



FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

NEWS FROM OCWM

Last month, donated food and other items were delivered to Brookside Hunger Center. There were 35 bags of food, plus bags of toiletries, dental supplies, cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies, and empty bags. Also there were three small shopping bags of hats and mittens from the mitten tree. This makes the third time the mitten tree had filled up. Thanks to all who so generously provided these items, and to Dave Bernard for donating his van and time to make the delivery.



Also, last month, a 35 pound box of medical supplies and clothing donated by BUCC members and friends was sent to the Good Shepherd Orphanage in the Ukraine. The cost of shipping is now \$1.00 per pound plus service fee and delivery fee, so the aluminum cans BUCC members and friends have been generously donated have been transformed into payment for the shipment

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OGHS

The collection for One Great Hour of Sharing will be taken on March 13th. This collection goes toward disaster relief efforts in countries throughout the world, including the United States. It is also used for improving the quality of health and education in struggling communities. The UCC administers these funds through local, national and global partners. Every donation adds to the positive influence of this work. Please mark your calendar for March 13th.



Stewardship

*is the grateful response of a Christian disciple
who recognizes and receives God's gifts
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*

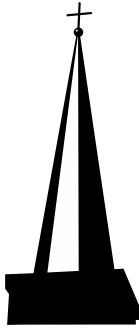
NOTES AND ASIDES

BICENTENNIAL MINISTRY



PHOTOS WANTED! Please take photos of ALL events this year so we might add them to the new pictorial directory this fall, ie. Ministry meetings, event set-up/tear down, donation delivery, hospital visits (with permission), choir practices, Sunday School classes, you get the idea! Post them on

our Facebook page, email to BetseyWilson10@gmail.com or leave hard copies in the office Attn: Bicentennial Ministry. Thank you!



Brecksville United Church of Christ

CELEBRATING

200
YEARS

Enter, Rejoice & Come In!

We are now taking orders for the BUCC polo shirts and t-shirts with our 200 year anniversary logo. These high quality polo shirts are gray with an embroidered red, white and black BUCC logo. Sizes s-xl are \$25.00. 2xl and larger are \$27.00.

Gray, logo screened t-shirts sizes s-xl are \$15.00 with an additional \$2.00 for larger sizes. Children's t-shirts are also available.

Samples will be available for you to see and try on during coffee hour. A representative of the bicentennial committee will be available during coffee hour to take your order.

EARLY BIRDS STARTING NEW BOOK

In a few weeks, the Early Bird discussion group will begin reading and discussing "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi. This recently published book has received a lot of media attention. Paul details the various steps and decisions he had to make in his new career as a neurosurgeon, approaching the end of his intensive training period and now, as a patient with his own lung cancer diagnosis. Informative and gripping.



We invite any one to join us in the parlor at 6:00 am on Wednesdays for this discussion over juice, muffins, and coffee. We disband promptly at 7:00 am to let our participants get their day moving. Come, try us out - it may just be the way you want to start your day.



Happy, Happy March Birthdays to the following BUCC Members!
Please share in their joy and wish them a Happy Birthday!

March 3:	Lucy Brown
March 5:	Dorothy Faust
March 8:	Mindy Harris-Wade
March 9:	Celia Kelly Chris Fas
March 12:	Benjamin Rehling
March 14:	Kate Klonowski
March 16:	Olivia Klonowski Spencer Whyte Matthew Walters Vonda Ward
March 18:	Philip Fas Barbara Gartland
March 20:	Emma Novak
March 22:	Ann Kelley
March 23:	Emily Kelly
March 24:	Kathleen Stewart
March 25:	Joe Wilson
March 28:	Pat Bailey Kathy Pastor
March 29:	Mark Rehling Bill Witt
March 30:	Susan Snyder
Other March Birthdays:	Tia Began

If you have a March Birthday and are not included above, please contact the church office so we can add you to the BUCC Birthday List!

FACEBOOK



If You Are New to BUCC? Find out all about us at BrecksvilleUCC.org or join our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/groups/47415019263/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/47415019263/) (or type in Brecksville United Church of Christ in the top search bar on your FB page). On our website you'll find current announcements, details of our 200 year history, photos and our Affirmation of Welcome. Our Facebook page is just plain fun!

FOOD PANTRY



MARCH - Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

MUSIC

The **Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus**, directed by Joy Parker, will help us celebrate our bicentennial year with a free program of choral music here at Brecksville UCC on Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. Sacred and secular works will be presented, including settings of early American songs and spirituals. Our BUCC choir will join the BBHCC to form a larger ensemble for a few of the pieces. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the program. Mark your calendars and join us on April 10 as we continue to celebrate our congregation's 200th anniversary.



WOMEN UNITED

Women United will meet Wednesday, Mach 16 at 11:30 a.m. We will be doing a repeat of the sandwich making for St. Herman's that we did in 2015. There will be lots of fellowship as we put together sandwiches with a bit of chatter in between.



CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Easter with those who are ill or shut-in, or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

DEADLINE – SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

I Enclose \$10.00 _____ or other _____ for Easter Plants

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____ or Other _____

Your Name

I will keep the Flowers _____

I will NOT keep Flowers _____

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter _____

BUCC CALENDAR
MARCH, 2016

Tuesday, March 1
10-11:30 C.W.R.U
7:15pm Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 2
6 am Early Birds
7 pm Spiritual Life

Thursday, March 3
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Seasonal Choir
8 pm Choir

Friday, March 4

Saturday, March 5
9 am Facilities

Sunday, March 6
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, March 7

Tuesday, March 8
10-11:30 C.W.R.U
7:15pm Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 9
6 am Early Birds
7 pm Council

Thursday, March 10
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Seasonal Choir
8 pm Choir

Friday, March 11

Saturday, March 12

Sunday, March 13
10 am Worship – One
Great Hour of Sharing
11 am Coffee Hour/
Corned Beef Luncheon
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, March 14

Tuesday, March 15
PILLAR DEADLINE
10-11:30 C.W.R.U
7:15pm Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 16
6 am Early Birds
11:30 am Women United
7pm Bicentennial Min.

Thursday, March 17
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Seasonal Choir
8 pm Choir

Friday, March 18

Saturday, March 19

Sunday, March 20
Palm Sunday
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, March 21

Tuesday, March 22
10-11:30 C.W.R.U
Wednesday, March 23
6 am Early Birds

Thursday, March 24
1 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Soup Supper
7 pm Communion

Friday, March 25

Saturday, March 26
TBA AM Choir Practice

Sunday, March 27
Easter Sunday
7 am Sunrise Service
Highland Cem.
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29

Wednesday, March 30

Thursday, March 31

Participants in Worship

MARCH 6, 2016

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Evie Novak
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard
Darlene Kelly, Michele Namitka
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr: Bob Chandler
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Jon Cook
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jon Thompson
Servers: Vicki Szabo, Joanne Cook
Clean Up: Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks: Tina Ortiz, Diane Gressley
Snow Herder: Cliff Cribbs

MARCH 13, 2016

Lay Reader: Sue Stenzel
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Ed Lusk, Tina Ortiz
Dan Stewart, Diane Gressley
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Jon Thompson
Flowers: Tina Ortiz
Nursery: Gina Cook
Counters: Donn Whyte, Marge Culver
Servers: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Clean-Up: Dave & Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Jill Zedan, David Ritchey
Snow Herder: Billy Harris

MARCH 20, 2016

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: George & Carole Snider
Joe & Betsey Wilson
Acolyte: Carli Began
Peace Candle: Lucy Brown
Sound: David Pastor
Comms Grtr: Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr: Sue Stenzel
Flowers: **PALMS**
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Jon Thompson
Servers: Darlene Kelly, Michele Namitka
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Sue Maier
Snow Herder: Chad Sproul

MARCH 27, 2016

Lay Reader: Tia Began
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Tim & Kim Wallis
Ed Lusk, Joanne Cook
Acolyte: Drew Demko
Peace Candle: Garrett Demko
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: George Snider
Narthex Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers: **EASTER LILIES**
Nursery: Courtni Began
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Bruce McCain
Servers: Julie Bernard, Jill Zedan
Clean-Up: Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks: Jim Pay, Anne Melfo
Snow Herder: Wes Novak

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