

Pillar

The

Brecksville United Church of Christ

JULY, 2016



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



...on "Political Correctness"...

In the midst of the brashness of our country's current presidential campaign, there is a growing backlash against the idea of being "Politically Correct." This backlash is based on the premise that "Political Correctness" is simply an unnecessary attack on traditional values and viewpoints. In reality, however, it's really about heightening people's

awareness to the fact that some of our traditional values, viewpoints, expressions, attitudes and actions can be insulting and even injurious to other people. For example, it's no longer "Politically Correct" to call people of color by the derogatory terms of old, or deny a woman a job because you don't think she's attractive enough. Making fun of people with disabilities or declaring that they don't deserve reasonable access to public buildings isn't just a breach of "political" correctness; it's a violation of moral correctness and basic human decency.

I find it bewildering when people say that they "don't have time for political correctness" - as if choosing a kinder, more considerate word or action over a harsh or mean-spirited one is extremely time consuming! Words do matter! Words are powerful! Referring to individuals or groups in derogatory terms, opens the pathway to treating people in demeaning and damaging ways. Hateful, meanspirited rhetoric leads to hateful, meanspirited actions. And using abusive language or names that stereotype people of different races, religions, or social groups makes it easier for people to perpetrate violence against those individuals.

That being said, I also recognize that the words "Political Correctness" themselves can evoke negative feelings and emotions, especially when they are used to try to make good-hearted, well-meaning people feel unkind or out-of-touch.

So rather than worrying about one's own - or another person's - "Political Correctness" perhaps it's better to simply strive to follow the so-called "Golden Rule". In the Sermon on the Mount, as Jesus is wrapping-up his many teachings about faith, life, and ethical behavior, he sums it all up with this simple yet powerful statement:

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." [Matthew 7:12]

Keeping this honorable teaching as a moral guide will certainly help us correct any incorrect words, behaviors, or attitudes we may be tempted to employ - political or otherwise!

With you in Christ's Service,
Pastor Dave

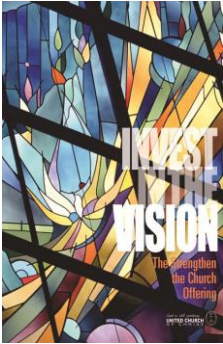
If you would like to have a pastoral visit in your home, or simply need to talk, please call Pastor Dave at the church office [440-526-4364] or at home [440-546-1193]. He will be glad to meet with you.

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

FACILITIES

KEY SHORTAGE Since our exterior locks were changed to more secure ones about 10 years ago, we have signed out 70 keys and have run out of keys again. The price from our locksmith is now \$10 each. The Facilities Ministry has decided to try a "recycle your unused key" campaign rather than purchasing more keys. If you have two keys in your family, or are no longer involved with a ministry, or just don't use that key anymore for whatever reason, place it in an envelope with Jeanette's name on it and place it on her desk. She will see that your key is properly signed in and that you receive our copy of your driver's license. If you have lost a key, we will be pleased to accept payment for it. **FYI** these keys are for all exterior doors except the South Entry and have a number stamped on them. (1 to 60 and 1A to 10A) Usually they are with an unnumbered interior key. We would like to have these also, but feel free to retain yours if you need it. Your Facilities Ministry





FINANCE

A check in the amount of \$674 was sent to the Western Reserve Association for Strengthen The Church. The insert in a recent bulletin stated, "your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and help develop the spiritual lives of our youth and young adults."

NEWS FROM OCWM

Deliveries to hunger centers continue to help to address the needs of people less fortunate than ourselves. Dave Bernard continues to make one or two deliveries per month to Brookside or to Community Corner. Each delivery totals at least 25 bags of food and other items not covered by food stamps. Thanks go to all who participate in this effort.



The magic barrel in the lower commons continues to fill up with aluminum cans. The total redeemed to date is over 2280 pounds of cans, yielding over \$1900.00 for SARA since can collection started.

Because of the uncertainty in the organization of hunger centers recently, we have not received notification of the schedule of hunger meals in the last half of 2016 and the first half of 2017. Just as soon as our dates for serving have been selected, the information will be provided to members and friends of BUCC.

NOTES AND ASIDES

OUR BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK “200 YEARS OF SERVING”

Many of the bicentennial cookbooks have been sold. Thanks very much for your support. We are putting some in the church office for people to purchase during the week and on Sundays any one of the cookbook committee can get you as many cookbooks as you would like to purchase. We will also have them available for the church open house during Brecksville Home Days, June 25 – 26. They are also available for purchase on the website [www. Cookbookshoppe.com](http://www.Cookbookshoppe.com)!



BICENTENNIAL QUILT

The next time you are in the upper commons at church, take a few minutes to admire the bicentennial quilt mounted on the wall. This commemorative quilt is the result of months of planning, preparing squares by individuals and families of the church, and the unique quilting by Beth Rehling (note that each square has its own quilting pattern). The beautiful calico centerpiece was created by Phyllis Hassler with the assistance of Joanne Cook. This quilt is the result of the work of many people in the congregation. Who knew of the talent residing in our church family (talk about hiding your light under a bushel). The efforts of Marla Corrado, Ann Demko, and Joanne Cook should not go unrecognized (they made sample squares to show the congregation what types of work could be included in the quilt). Carole Snider provided the markers and crayons that are fabric friendly. Ann Demko kept the squares organized as they were turned in. The lovely quilting by Beth Rehling was noted above. Once the squares were laid out and placed, they needed to be bound, so Joanne Cook, Ann Melfo, Carole Snider and Beth Rehling turned the binding. An art quilt such as this should be displayed and admired, and Doug Fawcett and Jim Demko figured out how to do that and hung this beautiful quilt. This quilt will be a lasting and meaningful way to commemorate BUCC's 200 years of worship and service.



BOOK DISCUSSION



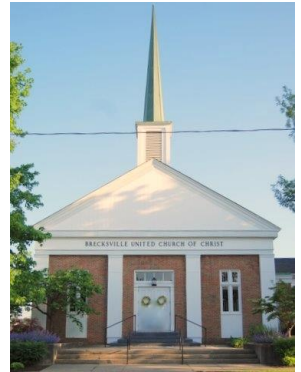
Bucc Book Discussion will meet July 11th (a week later because of July 4th) in the parlor at 1:00. The focus is on **THE THREE YEAR SWIM CLUB** by Julie Checkoway. This non-fiction narrative is well documented but also sketchy which is the result of the author's inquiry into an almost

forgotten Olympic effort by an unlikely coach and even more unlikely swimmers.

IN THE BEGINNING - - -200 YEARS AGO Max Roha

The religious sentiment of Brecksville from its earliest history has found expression through two churches, the Congregational and the Methodist Episcopal. The Congregational Church has been, however, Presbyterian during a portion of its history. On the **13th of July, 1816**, Rev. William Hanford, a Congregational missionary from Hudson, Ohio, formed an organization at the home of Esquire Bradford. A church was organized with thirteen members, John Adams, Lemuel Hoadley, Chloe, his wife, John Waite, Bolter Colson, Harriet, his wife, Hannah Payne, Lyman J. Rost [Rust?], Oriana Payne, Zilpha Waite, Lucy Wilcox, James Dixon, and Mary, his wife. "The church was formed under that peculiar ecclesiastical system known on the Reserve as the Plan of Union. This was a measure originated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and adopted by the General Association of Connecticut, for the purpose of promoting unity and harmony among the churches in new settlements."

Thus this embryonic Congregational Church on January 4, 1817 placed itself under the care of the Grand River Presbytery. But in 1854 it voted to become an independent Congregational Church. However, in 1874, under the pastorate of Rev. I. McK. Pittenger and the urgent solicitation of Rev. H. H. Wells, evangelist, it again became Presbyterian, joining the Cleveland Presbytery. Reverend Pittenger was shortly after chosen presiding elder of said organization.



Yet, in 1889, the church again decided to become and finally remain Congregational as it joined the Cleveland Congregational Conference. Since this time it has been identified with that organization as a Congregational Church.

In 1841 it installed its first regular pastor, Rev. Newton Barrett. During his ministry the present (1924) church edifice was built. The money was raised by the sale of pews, the bell being given by the Brecks in compliance with a promise made when the town was named. Among the early ministers have been Rev. Joseph Breck, Rev. Chester Chapin, Rev. Newton Barrett, Rev. Thomas Towler and Rev. G. C. Reed. And on the other side of the square, the first meeting, that finally developed into the 'organization of the Brecksville Methodist Episcopal Church, was held at the residence of Lemuel Bourne prior to 1823.

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in: *A History of Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland*
By: William R. Coates
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COMPUTER HELP



Mary D'Agostino is looking for help in learning a new computer program that uses voice activated capabilities. The program name is "Dragon Naturally Speaking". If anyone is willing to try to help her, please contact the office at 440-526-4364



FOOD PANTRY

JULY - Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Toilet Paper

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear BUCC,

I would like to thank all of you who came to see my show. It meant a lot that you came.

I also would like to thank David Pastor for putting it all together.

I hope you enjoyed the show. Ian Stewart



PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

At Donn Whyte's house on Sunday, July 3. Come by at 8:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share (if you want to). Show starts at 10:00 pm!



WOMEN UNITED



July Activity- On July 10 after Service and Dedication on the Memorial Tree we are hosting an Ice Cream Social in Pilgrim Hall. If you would like to donate a jar of your favorite Topping flavor we will gladly accept it. Strawberry, Butterscotch and Marshmallow, etc.... Your Choice.

ATTENTION- We will need some Strong male or female help for Dipping and Serving. If you do not volunteer you may be drafted! Watch out for Caroline and Dorie!



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

July 1:	Donn Whyte
July 3:	Andrew Lightbody
July 9:	Jim Kaul
July 11:	Dottie Farwell
July 12:	Ryan Stewart
July 13:	Mary D'Agostino
July 14:	Jim Demko Evie Novak
July 15:	Dorie Gabor
July 21:	Joshua Tyler Anderson Bill Harris Nora Smith-Gagliano
July 22:	Mira Corrado
July 25:	Cindy Burton
July 26:	Carol VanDuyne
July 27:	Anne Melfo
July 28:	Mac Hoppel
July 29:	George Constanzo Ann Toneff
Other July Birthdays	Joe Began

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

BUCC CALENDAR
JULY, 2016

Friday, JULY 1

Saturday, JULY 2

Sunday, JULY 3
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JULY 4
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, JULY 5

Wednesday, JULY 6
6 am Early Birds
7 pm Spiritual Life

Thursday, JULY 7
1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JULY 8

Saturday, JULY 9

Sunday, JULY 10
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
Ice Cream Social

Monday, JULY 11
1 pm Book Discussion

Tuesday, JULY 12

Wednesday, JULY 13

6 am Early Birds
6 pm Pinwheels Planting
7 pm Bicentennial

Thursday, JULY 14
1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JULY 15
PILLAR DEADLINE

Saturday, JULY 16

Sunday, JULY 17
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JULY 18

Tuesday, JULY 19

Wednesday, JULY 20
6 am Early Birds

Thursday, JULY 21
1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JULY 22

Saturday, JULY 23

Sunday, JULY 24
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JULY 25

Tuesday, JULY 26

Wednesday, JULY 27
6 am Early Birds

Thursday, JULY 28
1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JULY 29

Saturday, JULY 30

Sunday, JULY 31

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JULY 3, 2016

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Evie Novak
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey
Darlene Kelly, Michelle Namitka
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: Kathy Smith
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Valerie Tyler
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Jill Zedan
Clean Up: Bridget Sproul

JULY 10, 2016

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Linda Kriynovich, Matt Wolbert, Diane Gressley, Sam Koch
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Lucy Brown
Sound: Max Roha
Comms Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Gina Cook
Counters: Marge Culver, Donn Whyte
Servers: Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs

JULY 17, 2016

Lay Reader: Sue Stenzel
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard
Jim Duffy, Beth Rehling
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr: Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr: Dorie Gabor
Flowers: Tina Ortiz

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Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Bruce McCain, Stu Bailey
Servers: Joanne Cook
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz

JULY 24, 2016

Lay Reader: Tia Began
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Wes Novak, Fred Pesek
Tim & Kim Wallis
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Garrett Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Comms Grtr: Jane Cribbs
Narthex Grtr: Joanne Cook
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Jon Cook
Counters: Jim Duffy, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Dottie Farwell
Clean-Up: Anne Melfo

JULY 31, 2016

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Dan Stewart, Ian Stewart
Vicki Szabo, Chad Sproul
Acolyte: Carli Began
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: Stu Bailey
Narthex Grtr: Lenore Harris
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Courtni Began
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Jon Thompson
Servers: Marge Culver
Clean Up: Jim & Peg Duffy

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