

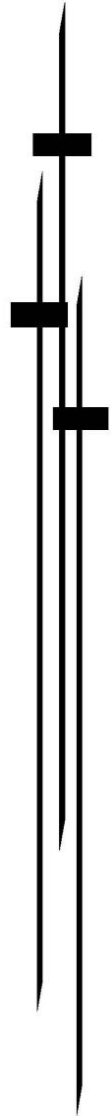
The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

MAY, 2017



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



Pastor's Ponderings

...Where Do We Go from Here..?.

It seems that when the tech-savvy members of our Communications and Outreach Ministry told me we needed a “heightened electronic presence” to increase our visibility in the community, they weren’t talking about the re-lighting of our steeple. [It also seems that my Morse Code skills aren’t quite as valuable as they once were!] The up-and-coming generations are communicating and connecting in ways that were unheard of a mere 10 years ago - ways which continue to change and evolve. On one hand, this reality can raise some concerns for a 200-year-old Community that proclaims a 2,000-year-old Faith. On the other hand, it also raises some tremendous opportunities for us to explore and utilize.

Our Faith may be 2,000 years old, but our thinking definitely isn’t! Our Congregation’s 200 year history includes radically progressive positions - and actions - on behalf of the eradication of slavery, racial equality, the advancement of women’s rights, and the extravagant welcome of LGBTQ people. The kind of social-justice issues that this Faith Community has embraced, and continues to embrace, are both relevant and important to many of the people around us today - including those in the up-and-coming generations. And the better we can inform these people of our on-going commitment to “the least of these, our sisters and brothers” the better the odds of their joining our efforts - and potentially joining our Church.

Perhaps one reason many of today’s young adults engage so intensely in and through social media, is that they feel powerless to do anything [in the real world] about the profound social problems that are presented on their screens 24 hours a day. I believe that this Faith Community can offer a genuine solution to that feeling of powerlessness. There is strength - and encouragement - in numbers! There is far more that we can do together, than individually. And as people who seek to follow the way of Jesus Christ, you and I are blessed with a tremendous example and an infusion of power that is truly phenomenal.

We once again have a beautifully lighted steeple - reminding others, and ourselves, that we are a Community of Light and Power, Hope and Welcome. Together, we can keep working to find new and creative ways to assure that our Light and Message shine-forth!

With you on the Journey,
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 MINISTRY REPORT

- Spring cleanup was April 22
- Three additional handicapped parking spaces will be added
- The new exterior door to the furnace room will be installed on April 17
- Rental property – Unit A has been rented and open house was held on March 26
- NJM Landscaping has been contracted for mowing of grass at \$75 per cut
- A new renter has been found for classroom space in the lower portion of the CE wing



FINANCE

The One Great Hour of Sharing collection totaled \$812. Thanks to your generous giving, UCC ministry is able to help the most vulnerable families.

MEMBERSHIP



REMINDER: Sunday May 7th is BUCC Day at the Akron Rubber Ducks game at Canal Park. \$6 per seat. First pitch is at 2:05 pm. Tickets will be available beginning Sunday April 23rd. Please see or contact David Pastor for details.

SAVE THE DATES!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL *Sunday, June 11*
after Service. Please get on sing-up sheet so we know what is needed.

CHURCH PICNIC *Sunday, July 9 at 2:00pm.* Swim, fish, games, fun! Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided. Watch for Sign-up sheet for side dishes!



NEWS FROM OCWM



The last hunger meal was served at Bethany UCC on April 2nd. A surprisingly low number of meals were served, and the reason is unclear. Only about 30 meals, including seconds and takeaways, were served, when about 50 meals were planned. However, the remaining food was taken to St. Herman's, so there was food thrown away. Thanks go to all BUCC members and friends who provided cookies for dessert and helped set up, prepare,

serve and clean up. The next hunger meal is scheduled, again at Bethany, for Sunday, June 4th. More details will appear later, as well as the usual sign-up board in the narthex. ►

The next designated offering will be received on Sunday, May 14th, and will benefit Edna House, which is a safe house for women struggling to overcome addiction to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Look elsewhere in this issue for more information, and in Sunday bulletins for more interpretative information.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks go to those BUCC members and friends, who have so generously been donating food and other items to the hunger centers at Brookside and Community Corner. These gifts make such a positive impact on the lives of those who are short of these items. Items not covered by food stamps (toiletries, etc.) are appreciated. Last month, another 40 to 50 bags of food were delivered to Brookside.



NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN! This year, OCWM's Mother's Day collection (May 14th) will support **Edna House for Women**, a residential community that assists "women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction by providing a safe, sober place to live and to teach life skills to maintain sobriety throughout their lifetime." You can learn all about them at ednahouse.org. Of course, monetary donations are ALWAYS appreciated! (If you would

like to donate via check through BUCC, please write "Edna House" in the memo line). They are currently in need of the following specific items:

- Clean, gently worn women's clothing, professional attire, shoes, pocketbooks, briefcases, scarves and accessories for Spring and Summer wear, new socks and new packaged underwear
- Clean, gently worn children's clothing, for Spring and Summer wear, crib sheet sets, blankets, toys with ALL pieces.
- Unbroken housewares preferably complete sets, small kitchen appliances in good working order, table top fans. ►

- Notebooks, pencils, highlighters, pens, paints, canvases, brushes, Big Books and 12 x 12 Books, Spiritual Books, and journals
- Unopened toiletries that do not contain alcohol
- Cleaning products such as Murphy's Oil Soap, floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner, bleach, sponges, spray bottles, mops
- Canned food, condiments, and nonperishable snacks
- Paper towels, toilet paper, personal hygiene products
- Clean twin sized bedding, blankets and bath towel sets
- Prayers are ALWAYS welcome!

If you have any comments or questions or would like to request an at-home pick up, please contact Kate Klonowski at keightykay@gmail.com or (216) 534-3498 (text ok). Thanks!

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet Monday, May 1st, at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. Betty Gifford will be leading the group as they discuss "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi. This a book written by a young physician who is just about to start out on his career as a neurosurgeon when he realizes that he has stage 4 lung cancer. He is facing his own mortality. It is a story of courage. If you need a book call Caroline Chandler (440-526-9714). Please feel free to join us.



FOOD PANTRY

May - Infant Formula, Baby Food, and Diapers.



Movie Night

MOVIE NIGHT

We are going to have a movie night co-sponsored by the Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence and Summit County Progressive Democrats Gun Violence Prevention Issue Team. This movie night will be on

Monday, May 15 at 7:00 pm The Movie is Under the Gun by Katie Couric and we will also have Sandy Philips as a speaker. Her daughter Jessie was killed in the Aurora theater shooting. Rob Grow

MUSIC

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM -

During the second part of May, Dave Debick will be recruiting volunteers to sing or play their musical instruments from June 11 through Labor Day, when the choir is on break for the summer. If you're interested in volunteering for a musical offering but have not sung or played in the past, please let Dave know so he can sign you up for a Sunday. High school students and other youth are encouraged to participate.



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OFFICE



Office Summer Hours will start May 26; the office will be closed every Friday through Labor Day.

If you are in need of office supplies, there is a running list on my desk, please write down what you need. I place the order once a month as needed. Additionally, please know that everything that you may need to use is located in the cupboards and drawers behind my desk. Please take

supplies from there and not my desk, if you use the last of something, please write it on the list. Thank You!

I am so happy to include anything you want in the Bulletin or Pillar – please know I do not have the gift of writing! ☺ Please let me know exactly what points you want covered, or perhaps just email me what you would like to be covered in your announcement. **Thank You!**
buccoh@sbcglobal.net

Happy Spring & **soon Summer** to all! Please feel free to call me anytime with questions or concerns at 440-526-4364. Blessings,
Jeannette

WOMEN UNITED

Time for making sandwiches for St Herman's House. On Wednesday May 17th at 11:30AM we will gather for lunch. Afterwards we will have our annual production sandwich line which is always a fun time for all! Come and help! Dorie Gabor





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

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| May 5: | Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Gina Cook |
| May 7: | Lindsey Maier |
| May 9: | Michele Marcus |
| May 10: | Fred Pesek |
| May 18: | Terry Heiman |
| May 21: | Danyel Esser
James Tyler |
| May 26: | David Ritchey |
| May 30: | Lenore Harris
Peg Duffy |

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



2017 Easter Flower Dedications

<u>Anonymous</u>	<i>In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.</i>
<u>Julie Bernard & Linda Kriynovich</u>	<i>In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.</i>
<u>Community of St. Bridget</u>	<i>With Gratitude from the Community of St. Bridget.</i>
<u>Jeanne Cowden</u>	<i>In Memory of James W. Cowden</i>
<u>Jane & Cliff Cribbs</u>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<u>Anna Mary Fisher</u>	<i>In Memory of Lance & Mandy.</i>
<u>Dorie Gabor</u>	<i>In Memory of her Husband, Steven E. Gabor.</i>
<u>Joy Garapic</u>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<u>Barb Gray</u>	<i>In Memory of Truman Fisher, Amanda Fisher- Burgbacher, And Lance Fisher.</i>
<u>Diane Gressley</u>	<i>In Memory of my Parents, Evan & Emma.</i>
<u>The Harris- Wade Family</u>	<i>In Memory of Papa Bill Harris. In Loving Honor of Nana Lenore Harris</i>
<u>Betty Kaul</u>	<i>In Memory of Jim Kaul.</i>

Dassie Matsuoka
& Family

In Memory of James Matsuoka.

Phyllis Molnar

In Memory of Edward Molnar, and Parents Bertha & George Ulsenheimer.

Bettina Ortiz

*In Memory of Betty, Timothy & Joseph Ortiz; and
In Memory of David King.*

*In Honor of Daniel King; Rachel, Grace, Juli, and
Jenna Kubic; Stephanie, Lyndsey & Bradley Hough.*

Eric Rahnenfuehner

In Memory of Jan Rahnenfuehner.

Max Roha

*In Loving Memory David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and
Lois L. Wallin.*

Mariam R.
Rosewicz

In Memory of Loved Ones, and many family members.

The Stella Family

*In Memory of Frank Stella, husband, father, son.
In Memory of parents, Frank & Rose Stella, John &
Virginia Truex.
In Memory of Family.*

Vicki Szabo

In Memory of Victor Szabo.

Jon K. Thompson

*In Memory of my Father Ralph Thompson who left me
with a good name.*

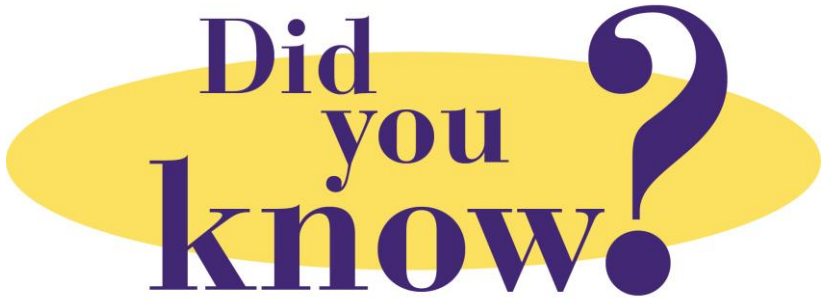
The Wilson Family

In Memory of Norinne F. & John M. Brownslow, Sr.

Sherrill & Bill Witt

*In Honor of Shirley Duncan
In Memory of Arch Duncan
In Memory of Edna Bishop
In Honor of our Church Family*

Did you know that the three historic stained glass windows in our South Entrance were recovered from our 1800's building destroyed by the 1965 fire? They are three of four such windows that were on the west side of the old sanctuary. The windows were still on the ground after removal from the ruins when some boys started throwing stones at them. Mr. Martini, a building contractor who was not a member of BUCC, saw the problem and quickly got trucks and men to remove them to safety at his facility. They were subsequently returned to our own facility and planning begun on their restoration and incorporation into our building. The fourth window is most badly damaged and restoration will be difficult.



Did you know that in the early to mid-1900's there existed in BUCC an organization of women's groups, mostly established by age? These included the Mary Martha's, the Abigail's, the Priscilla's, and the Penny's. They met as individual groups and also together monthly as the Women's Fellowship.

IN SEARCH OF historical information or cool facts to include in the Pillar. Please email Jeannette at buccoh@sbcglobal.net



Did you miss one of Pastor Dave's sermons, or perhaps just want to review them again? Pastor Dave's most recent sermons are available on CD. Please, help yourself to borrow – they are on the counter in the office for your use, or to take to a shut-in.

BUCC CALENDAR
MAY, 2017

Monday, May 1

1 pm Book Club/Parlor
7:30 pm Facilities

Tuesday, MAY 2

Wednesday, MAY 3

6 am Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer

Thursday, MAY 4

1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 Choir

Friday, MAY 5

Saturday, MAY 6

8 am Spring Clean-Up

Sunday, MAY 7

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
2 pm Akron Rubber
Ducks Baseball

Monday, MAY 8

7 pm Spiritual Life

Tuesday, MAY 9

Wednesday, MAY 10

6 am Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer
7 pm Council

Thursday, MAY 11

1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 Choir

Friday, MAY 12

Saturday, MAY 13

Sunday, MAY 14

Happy Mother's Day!

10 am Worship/
***Edna House
Offering***
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, MAY 15

PILLAR DEADLINE

6:30 Set-up Movie (PH)
7pm Rob Grow Movie –
Against Gun
Violence

Tuesday, MAY 16

Wednesday, MAY 17

6 am Early Birds
11:30 am Women United
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer

Thursday, MAY 18

1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Choir

Friday, MAY 19

Saturday, MAY 20

Sunday, MAY 21

10 am Worship/
**Teachers, Music
Volunteers
Appreciation
Sunday**
11 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, MAY 22

Tuesday, MAY 23

7 pm Leadership
Development

Wednesday, MAY 24

Thursday, MAY 25

5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Choir

Friday, MAY 26

Saturday, MAY 27

Sunday, May 28

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 29

***MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE
CLOSED***

Tuesday, May 30

Wednesday, May 31

6 am Early Birds

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

MAY 7, 2017

Lay Reader: David Pastor
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Ed Lusk, Kathy Smith
Jill Zedan, Jess Barnes
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Maureen Stanley
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Nancy Stella, Carole Snider
Servers: Betty Kaul, Joy Garapic
Clean Up: Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Max Roha

MAY 14, 2017

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard,
Jim Duffy, Vicki Szabo
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Kate Klonowski
Counters: Bruce McCain, Donn Whyte
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snacks: Jon Thompson, Jane Cribbs

MAY 21, 2017

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Lindsey Maier, Chad Sproul
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: George Snider
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Gina Cook
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard
Servers: Julie Bernard, Vicki Szabo
Clean-Up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Gina Cook

MAY 28 2017

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Stu & Dot Bailey,
Betty Kaul, Diane Gressley
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Chad Sproul
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Jim Duffy, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Joanne Cook, Carole Snider
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Peg Duffy, Jim Pay

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