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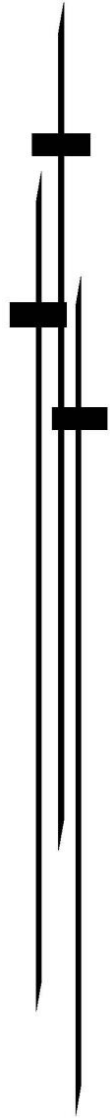
The

Brecksville United Church of Christ

AUGUST, 2017



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



Pastor's Ponderings

...on Hanging Tough When Life Gets Tough...

In recent months, some members of my family - and my Church Family - have experienced some particularly hard and trying times. I'm amazed at how some of these individuals have been able to remain brave and resilient in the face of such difficult and seemingly relentless problems. It's certainly not easy to do, and I know there are moments when they [like any of us] might feel like giving-up and surrendering to despair. I also know that there are particular things they do, and specific attitudes they maintain, that help them get through those waves of doubt and discouragement. These courageous and faithful people provide me with inspiration and insight for dealing with my own [relatively minor] times of trouble and hurt, and may help you as well. Here are some of the things I've learned from them:

Don't let the fear of hypothetical future problems fill your mind. You've got enough real issues to handle without speculating about things that may or may not happen.

Try to find something positive to focus on - even if it's something small. Think back on the good things you've experienced.

When you find that your thinking is falling into a dark place or on a downward spiral, reach-out and talk with someone you know who is optimistic and encouraging.

Consider doing something worthwhile and positive for someone else. This can help that your mind off of your own problems, even if only for a while

Listen to your healthcare providers and your caring friends - they are there to help you.

Remember that you are not alone in this. Your family and your Church Family will rally around you, if you allow them. And the Holy One who brought you and all there is into being, has promised to never abandon or forsake you.▶

At times, it may feel tempting to simply give-in to our despair. It is in these darkest of times, however, that the light of Divine love and grace shines most brightly.

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.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK! Sunday August 27th come join us in Richfield Woods Park for bagels at 10:00 and worship at 10:30 with our friends of the Richfield UCC. Maps to the park and the Richfield UCC [in the unlikely event of rain] are available in the church office.

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

THE FACILITIES MINISTRY is looking anyone wishing to help maintain the landscaping. Weeding is the primary need and anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Cliff Cribbs.



NEWS FROM OCWM



The donations of food and other items for the hunger centers continue to show up in the basket next to the office door. Right now there are just about 25 or so bags in the closet next to the parlor for delivery to Brookside or to Community Corner. Thanks go to all who have been providing the needed items, as well as to those persons who make the deliveries to the hunger centers.

The next hunger meal will be on Sunday, August 27th at Pearl United Methodist Church. ►

The menu has yet to be decided, and the usual sign-up board will appear in the narthex for BUCC members and friends to indicate their interest in participating.

The Brookside Cluster Community Meal Group meets once each year for member churches to indicate their choices for hunger meals to prepare and serve. By the time this reaches BUCC members and friends, the meeting will have taken place (the planned date is July 25th). It is planned to schedule three meals at Bethany and two meals at Pearl Road UMC, as we have done for the past few years. BUCC's choices will be made known after the meeting. Thanks go to all those who have participated in the hunger meals in the past.

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP is reading **EVERYONE BRAVE IS FORGIVEN** by Chris Cleve, which is set in 1939 London when most of the city's children are evacuated except the mentally impaired, disabled or black. A totally inexperienced teacher is assigned these children as her first teaching experience. The book has been praised for its "ability to stay small and quiet against the raging tableau of war." This discussion begins at 1:00 in the parlor, August 7. All are welcome



FOOD PANTRY

August

Dish, Hand, and Laundry Soap

A NOTE OF THANKS

A Huge "Thank You" to Doug & Marilyn Wrights for preparing communion for us the First Sunday of every month for the last 15+ years!





SEND A CARD

Betty Gifford is recovering very well as she is still in Rehab. She will be turning a young 98 on August 8! Please consider sending her a Birthday card to her home address (13428 Chippewa Rd. – Brecksville, OH 44141). Thank you!



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

August 1:	Shauna Bigelow
August 2:	Mike Corrado
August 4:	Morgan Constanzo
August 6:	Paul Nicholas Owen Rees
August 8:	Betty Gifford
August 9:	Rachel Brown Kathy Ford
August 11:	Beth Rehling
August 14:	Lee Sanderson
August 15:	Dave Bernard George Snider
August 18:	Bettina Ortiz
August 25:	Zachary Novak
August 29:	Shirley Duncan
August 30:	Claire Novak
Other August Birthdays	Courtnei Began

If you have an August Birthday or any other month and are not included above, please contact the church office so we can add you to the BUCC Birthday List!

BUCC CALENDAR
JULY, 2017

Tuesday, AUGUST 1

Wednesday, AUGUST 2

6 am Early Birds
Recorder/Dulcimer-
*OFF FOR
SUMMER*

Thursday, AUGUST 3

1 pm Bible Study
*CHOIRS OFF FOR
SUMMER*

Friday, AUGUST 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, AUGUST 5

Sunday, AUGUST 6

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, AUGUST 7

1:00 pm Book Discussion
7:30 pm Facilities

Tuesday, AUGUST 8

Wednesday, AUGUST 9

6 am Early Birds
7:00 PM Council

Thursday, AUGUST 10

1 pm Bible Study
*CHOIRS OFF FOR
SUMMER*

Friday, AUGUST 11

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, AUGUST 12

Sunday, AUGUST 13

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, AUGUST 14

Tuesday, AUGUST 15

PILLAR DEADLINE
7 pm Leadership Dev.

Wednesday, AUGUST 16

6 am Early Birds

Thursday, AUGUST 17

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, AUGUST 18

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, AUGUST 19

Sunday, AUGUST 20

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, AUGUST 21

Tuesday, AUGUST 22

Wednesday, AUGUST 23

6 am Early Birds

Thursday, AUGUST 24

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, AUGUST 25

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, AUGUST 26

Sunday, AUGUST 27

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
Hunger Meal PRUM

Monday, AUGUST 28

Tuesday, AUGUST, 29

Wednesday, AUGUST 30

6 am Early Birds

Thursday, AUGUST 31

1 pm Bible Study

***THE OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAYS.***

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

AUGUST 6, 2017

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard
Sam Koch, Fred Peseki
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Valerie Tyler
Counters: Carol Snider, Nancy Stella
Servers: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs

AUGUST 13, 2017

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Beth Rehling, Betty Kaul,
George & Carole Snider
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer - Westerberg
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Stu Bailey, David Pastor
Servers: Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up: David Pastor

AUGUST 20, 2017

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Tim & Kim Wallis
J Ed Lusk
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Chad Sproul
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Jim Duffy, Dave Bernard
Servers: Julie Bernard, Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul

AUGUST 27, 2017

WORSHIP IN THE PARK WITH RICHFIELD UCC

Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey

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