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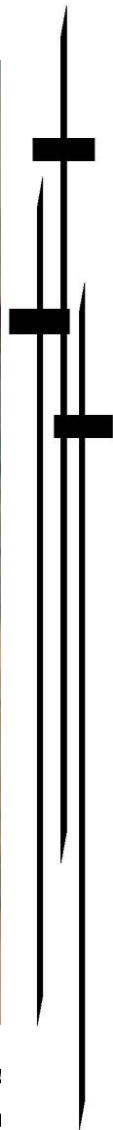
The

Brecksville United Church of Christ

AUGUST 2020



***To Be Loving, Serving, and Accepting Of All People
with God's Life-Changing Power and Grace***



Pastor's Ponderings.....

Ordinary Time

We have just come through the mountaintop seasons of Lent and Easter and Pentecost and now we are entering into ... wait for it ... Ordinary Time!

How great is Ordinary Time? It's so great that there are 26 Sundays of it in a row. Sometimes they are called "Sundays after Pentecost" to hide their greatness, but don't be fooled.

It's officially called Ordinary Time, not because it's plain, old vanilla time, but because the Sundays follow each other *in order*, with their numbers simply mounting ever higher, rather than counting down to something, like Advent and Lent.

It's the same way in life, isn't it? We have the great celebrations of our births, our marriages, our children's births. We have the recurring excitement of Christmas and Easter and birthdays and vacations, but most of the time, we live not at the high points, but just in the ordinary passing of week upon week. It's not just most Sundays that are in ordinary time; it's most of our lives!

But, to speak in Biblical terms, we should take our cue from the fields which surround the city. It's not always the excitement of seedtime, and it's not always the whirlwind of harvest, but the time between seedtime and harvest is the time when all the growth occurs.

Seedtime is pointless if the seeds never grow. Harvest will never happen if the plants don't mature. It's the ordinary time of summer, when not much seems to be happening from day to day, that makes or breaks the harvest. The crops reach for the sun, the fruit weighs low the branches, and the cicadas sing to the glory of God.

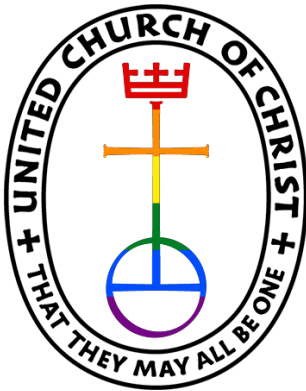
It's the same way in life. It's not at the high points that the growth occurs; it's not at the harvest that the maturing happens. It's during the ordinary time of our everyday lives that we grow and mature to become who we will be in God's new world forever.

It's in the everyday, when not much seems to be happening, that God is changing us into the people who will be able to see God face to face through Jesus Christ.

So, yes, it's hard to get excited about ordinary time, but that's where we live most of our lives. And that's where, Sunday after Sunday, in the Church's Ordinary Time, God gives the growth that will make for a rich harvest when Christ comes for us at last. Don't miss out on life, or Life, by neglecting to live fully even when the Time seems nothing but Ordinary.

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

FINANCE



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UCC Pension Board is asking churches for donations to the Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund in this out-of-season appeal. There have been unprecedented requests from authorized ministers and lay church workers for emergency grants.

If you are able, please send your checks or PayPal donations marked "Christmas Fund" so that BUCC can send a check now.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & OCWM

LITTLE FREE ANTI-RACIST LIBRARY- Brecksville resident Gina Thomas has reached out to BUCC to be the site of a Little Free Library to encourage the community to read books about anti-racism. Council recently unanimously approved to let her build, place, and be the steward of this community-building gesture. >



If you wish to donate books, the wish list can be found on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/36F1K25B50O1N?ref_=wl_share) and you can search the wish list for “Anti-racist Free Little Library of Brecksville” or at this link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/36F1K25B50O1N?ref_=wl_share and she is happy to answer any questions you may have for her! Feel free to reach out to her at ginamthomas@gmail.com.

ALSO, Christian Education and OCWM will be co-hosting a virtual book discussion group on *White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. This book is the first of four books we plan to read throughout the year that address social issues. Future books will address climate change, poverty, and LGBTQ+ issues. **Stay tuned** for the reading/meeting schedule, but make sure you secure a copy of the book soon since they keep selling out!

HUNGER MEALS



On Sunday, August 30, the next hunger meal will be served at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Due to the coronavirus situation, the meal will probably be in the form of a “take away” meal, with sandwiches, fruit, and cookies provided. The last time we did this type of meal at this

church, we made about 180 sandwiches and served about 70 meals. This will probably be the same this time. After consultation with resource person for this church, we will know more about the number of persons needed to prepare everything. The church will probably be closed, so everything will be outdoors. Distancing and masks will be observed. More information will be provided as we get it.

COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Worshiping Together in a Virtual Way

Here are some further instructions for our current approach to online/dial-in worship, using the ZOOM conference service. There are two ways to join:

1. PHONE:

If you want to call in:

Dial-in Worship Service:

(our new phone number) 1-929-205-6099

then enter meeting ID (followed by the # sign):

478 070 5901 #

During the call, you can unmute yourself by pressing *6, to say something that all will hear. Then press *6 to mute yourself again. Hang up at the end of the service.

2. COMPUTER / SMARTPHONE / IPAD:

If you want to connect with your computer, follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/4780705901>

Or you can go to our upcoming services page:

<https://brecksvilleucc.org/services/upcoming-and-past-services/> and




*Join us
with Zoom*

press the button.

If you have not used Zoom before, you may have to download the app the first time you click on the link with your computer.

If you have a smart phone or iPad, you can go to the app store and search for Zoom Cloud Meetings:



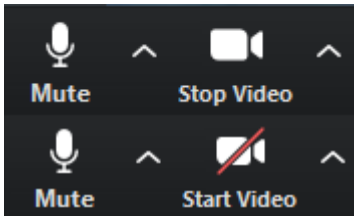
When you click or the link from the email or start the Zoom app on your phone, you may not automatically go into our meeting. If so, press the  button, then you get a screen that asks you for the Meeting ID. Enter: 478 070 5901.

In general, you should use your computer/smartphone/iPad's audio. If you have turned on your video camera, it gives you a chance to see what others will see when you join the meeting.

In general, to ensure the best listening experience for everyone, you should be "on mute" most of the time, unless you have something specific to say to everyone.

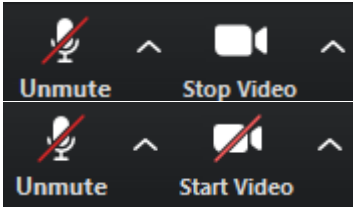
During the service, you should see these controls:

- on the lower left of your computer screen
- on the lower left of your smart phone
- on the upper right of your iPad



People can see and hear you

People cannot see you, but they can hear you

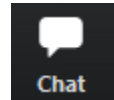


People can see you, but cannot hear you. *(Best for everyone else on the call)*

No one can see or hear you
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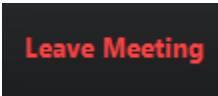
The icons show you the current status. The words underneath says what will happen when you click on them. You toggle between “on” and “off” settings. On your smartphone & iPad, these controls also alternate between red and green.

You can type a note that anyone can see by Chat icon:



Clicking the

At the end of the meeting, or if you need to leave, you click on the Leave Meeting control, or exit the app.



We will be improving our Virtual Worship techniques as time progresses.

If you have further questions, please contact me or anyone else in the Communication & Outreach Ministry

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OPEN & AFFIRMING MINISTRY (ONA)

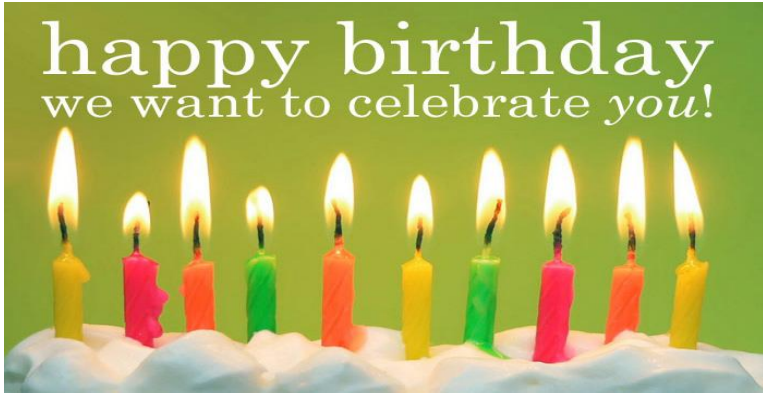
PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a local and national organization that has been in the Cleveland Area for 35 years. One of the services provided is a Monthly Support Group Meeting. The group is led by a licensed Psychologist and Social Workers. The purpose is to provide support and education to family and friends of people coming out Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual or Questioning.



For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

NOTES AND ASIDES

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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 8:	Betty Gifford
August 9:	Rachel Brown Kathy Ford
August 11:	Beth Rehling
August 14:	Lee Sanderson
August 15:	Dave Bernard George Snider
August 16:	Carol Miller
August 18:	Bettina Ortiz
August 21:	Noah & Emily Lane
August 25:	Zachary Novak
August 30:	Claire Novak
Other August Birthdays	Courtni Began

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

CALENDAR
AUGUST 2020

Due to Social Distancing that we are practicing - there are no Meetings, or events planned for the month of AUGUST. If anything changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Sat., AUGUST 1

Sunday, AUGUST 2
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, AUGUST 3

Tuesday, AUGUST 4

Wed., AUGUST 5

Thurs., AUGUST 6

Friday, AUGUST 7
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., AUGUST 8

Sunday, AUGUST 9
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, AUGUST 10

Tuesday, AUGUST 11

Wed., AUGUST 12
7 pm Council

Thurs., AUGUST 13

Friday, AUGUST 14
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., AUGUST 15
PILLAR DEADLINE

Sunday, AUGUST 16
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, AUGUST 17

Tuesday, AUGUST 18

Wednesday, AUGUST 19

Thursday, AUGUST 20

Friday, AUGUST 21
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, AUGUST 22

Sunday, AUGUST 23
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, AUGUST 24

Tuesday, AUGUST 25

Wednesday, AUGUST 26

Thurs., AUGUST 27

Friday, AUGUST 28
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat. AUGUST 29

Sun. AUGUST 30

Mon., AUGUST 31

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

AUGUST 2, 2020

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Responder: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
Kathy Smith, Kim Wallis

Acolyte: Emily Lane
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr: Valerie Tyler
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: Nancy Stella, Matt
Counters: Wolbert

AUGUST 9, 2020

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Responder: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Sue Maier
Ushers: Wes & Evie Novak
Kathleen & Dan Stewart

Acolyte: Ian Stewart
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher: Erin Tomlinson
Counters: Dave Bernard,
Jon Thompson

AUGUST 16, 2020

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson
Responder: Sherrill Witt
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Ben Davis, Michelina
Fawcett, Carrie Coyer-
Westerberg, Nora
Gagliano

Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Gabriella Gagliano
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: Kathy Smith >

Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Marge Culver, Jan
Renovetz

AUGUST 23, 2020

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Responder:
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard,
James & Valerie Tyler
Acolyte: Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle: Amelia Tyler
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comms Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E. Teacher: Leroy Ford
Counters: Jim Duffy, Kathy Pastor

AUGUST 30, 2020

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Responder: Sue Stenzel
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Cliff Cribbs, Jan Renovetz,
Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte: Dorothy Cook
Peace Candle: Arthur Cook
Sound: David Pastor
Comms Grtr: Kathy Pastor
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Bruce McCain

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