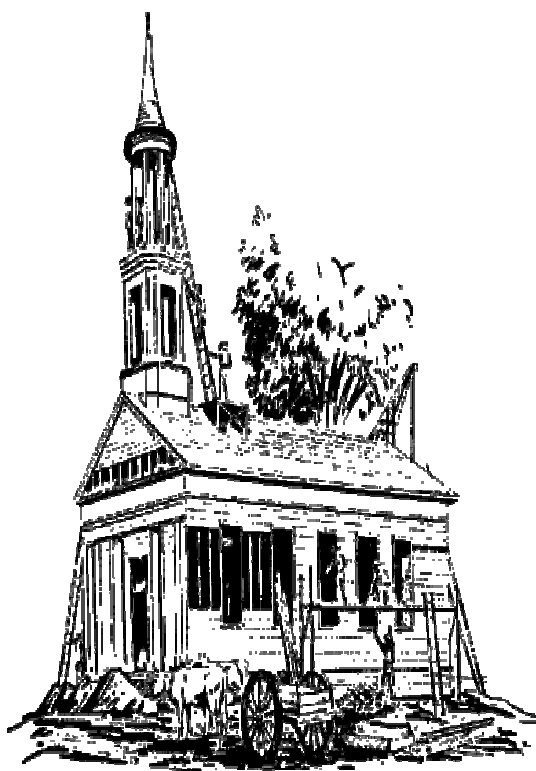


The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

JUNE, 2015



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



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

***...Past, Present, and
Future...***

At our May Church Council meeting our Moderator Betsey Wilson gave us an update on the recent gathering for our 2016 Bicentennial Celebration. There are already some wonderful ideas for activities, displays and events being discussed. There's also work being

done toward gathering and sorting pictures, articles and other memorabilia from the past, as well as getting a start on our Congregational Quilt. To properly celebrate 200 years of a community's life, will take a lot of work; and we're certainly grateful for all those who are putting forth the effort. Betsey said something that I think is pretty important to keep in mind throughout this entire process: "We want to do things well, but we also need to make sure that no one feels overwhelmed by this. We want it to be fun!"

I'm confident that we will find many fun and festive ways to remember and celebrate the 200 years of ministry that have taken place within our community. As we do so, we will still be engaged in our on-going work as well. Ideally, our celebration of the past, and our present-day ministries will dovetail quite nicely - opening-up a beautiful blend of energy, ideas, and inspiration to carry us forward into our future.

In my time here at BUCC, I have always been impressed with the way that our members appreciate and honor this congregation's rich history, yet remain open and willing to try new things. The story of this congregation contains a good deal of progressive thinking, social action, and a long list of members who have dedicated themselves to sharing and showing the Divine Love that is revealed to us in the person

of Jesus Christ. We are here because of their faithful work in the Past. We are committed to joyfully continue that work in the Present. And with Divine Grace, we will help pave the way for a bright and strong BUCC Future!

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

I ♥
VBS

We will be partnering again this year with the Independence Presbyterian Church to create an amazing and fun experience for our pre-school (3-5 years) and school-aged (K-5th grade) kids this summer. Save the date for the week of August 3rd - August 7th for "Camp Discovery" at the Independence Presbyterian Church. Details are being planned, but there's sure to be "s'more" fun to be had this summer at Vacation Bible School! Feel free to contact Kate Klonowski if you are interested in volunteering: keightykay@gmail.com or 216-534-3498.

FINANCE

In April a check was sent to the Western Reserve Association in the amount of \$1,057. Our gifts will help provide disaster relief and refugee aid, as well as help people whose lives are in turmoil.



Does your employer have matching grants? Perhaps you never asked. It is a way to double your contributions to charitable organizations like BUCC.

NEWS FROM OCWM

At the last hunger meal, on April 19th at the Pearl Road United Methodist Church in partnership with St. Peter UCC, about 80 meals were served, including seconds and takeout's. About 12 to 15 people set up and prepared, and about 10 to 12 people served and cleaned up. The budget for the meal was \$200.00, and the cost was \$186.00.



The food donations continue to come in. During April and May, 43 bags and one box of food items, 3 bags of dental supplies, 2 bags of toiletries, 4 bags of clothing, one bag of baby

food, 2 working electric shavers, one bag of miscellaneous and empty bags were delivered to Community Corner and Brookside. Thanks go to Dave Bernard for providing the transportation.

On Sunday, June 14th, the Strengthen The Church offering will be received. The funds will be used to help establish new churches, revitalize existing churches, develop spiritual life in young people, and help fund the "Still Speaking" campaign (speaking out when appropriate). Interpretive literature will be included in the Sunday bulletins leading up to June 14th.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Of Ourselves Jon Thompson

I have a confession to make. I don't take very good care of myself. I don't get enough sleep. I eat all the wrong things. No exercise other than the two-block walk from the parking garage to my office in the morning and then reversing my steps in the evening. Sometimes I am in denial about physical issues because I really don't want to deal with things, or perhaps I don't care about myself as I should. I have pretty much failed at making the lovely place I'm living in into the home I'd like it to be. The list goes on and on. Of course, I'm also pretty good at beating myself up, as friends have pointed out when I start pointing out my failings.

I suspect we all have a list of ways we could live better and treat ourselves better. We owe to ourselves, not to beat ourselves up, but to do the very best we can to live triumphantly. We're told that's why Christ came into the world, so we can have life and have it abundantly.

So where to start? Where might I start? Get to bed at eleven instead of midnight. Put down the Little Debbie's and reach for... well, just about anything would be an improvement over Little Debbie's, though those marshmallow pies do taste good. At the Clinic, where I work,



membership in the excellent health club that is right on the main campus is covered by my health insurance. So what am I waiting for? Well, I've never joined a gym in my life. And my aching bones would hate me forever. Just maybe, with regular exercise, my aching bones,

along with the rest of me, would feel better and I'd be healthier overall. What a concept! The boxes sitting around in my home where I've lived since Labor Day weekend last fall aren't going to empty or organize themselves. One box a day until there are no more boxes. Sounds simple, right? It's not, of course, but if I make the effort, I will get results.

It's a huge challenge to stop doing things the way we've always done them and turn over a new leaf. The longest journey starts with a single step, as we've heard all our lives. I know what I need to do to make things better for myself. I've always been a work in progress, but I truly hope it's not too late. We're almost halfway through this year, but I didn't make any resolutions on January 1. I'm making a few now based on my issues and what I know to do about them. I hope I've inspired you to give it some thought. I'll cheer you on if you'll do the same for me. Looking forward to a better, brighter day!

NOTES AND ASIDES

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



All hands on deck! The Bicentennial Ministry has something for everyone! Please join us on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 pm to discuss our ongoing preparations for a spectacular 200th year celebration. Have ideas/suggestions and can't attend? Send emails to BetseyWilson10@gmail.com. Also, if you have any pertinent timeline/historical information, whether verbal or documented, please share with

Annie Demko at AnnieDemko26@gmail.com. ALL ARE WELCOME/ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!

BICENTENNIAL QUILT WORKSHOP

Bicentennial Quilt Is Coming Together

If you haven't received muslin square for your contribution to the BUCC bicentennial quilt, please speak to one of the persons listed below.



Your design does not need to be complicated or a masterpiece, but a symbol that holds meaning for you or something that represents you and your family. We have crayons and magic markers that can be used on fabric, if that will help. Embroidery or appliques are other options. A photograph that can be copied onto fabric is another idea. If you have an idea but are unsure how to picture this, contact one of the persons below, and we can help bring it to fruition. Joanne

Cook, Marla Corrado, Anne Demko, Carole Snider, Beth Rehling, or Caroline Chandler.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

June 2:	Bridget Sproul
June 4:	Lily Hunt
	Gail Moore
June 5:	Lauren Meyers
June 15:	Dot Bailey
June 19:	Marla Corrado
June 20:	Sam Koch
June 24:	Max VanDuyne
June 25:	Carole Snider
	Cameron Rose Ward-Rogers
June 26:	Maureen Stanley
	Kim Dessoffy
June 27:	Bruce McCain
June 29:	Jean Kukis
	David Wilson
Other June Birthdays:	Carli Began

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

COFFEE HOUR



If you notice in the Participants List there is no one signed up for Snacks. In the past years, we only have coffee and no snacks in the summer unless someone volunteers to bring in.

BUCC BOOK DISCUSSION

Members of the Book Discussion Group that began last summer have requested that we do another series beginning in June, more or less on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.



Attending is flexible and all are welcome – for one book or all. All the choices are from the Cuyahoga County Public Library’s “bookable” lending service; therefore, there is no cost and no searching – just read the book and join us!

June 1 – THE WIVES OF LOS ALAMOS, Tarashea Nesbit

July 6 – CAN’T WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING MORE PLEASANT?
Roz Chast

August 3 – ORPHAN TRAIN, Christina Baker Kline

August 31 – MY BELOVED WORLD, Sonia Sotomayor

October 5 – TIME KEEPER, Mitch Albom

November 2 – GOD NEVER BLINKS, Regina Britt



FOOD PANTRY

Powdered and Canned Milk

MUSIC

SUMMER MUSIC: The schedule for summer music for worship will be emailed to everyone who signed up. The list will also be posted at the foot of the choir loft stairs in the narthex. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to share their musical gifts for worship over the summer months.



A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear BUCC Friends,



Thank you sincerely for your prayers, beautiful cards, food, visits, and flowers. I am so blessed to be a member of such a loving, caring church community. I also appreciate your phone calls. You make me feel so much a part of the circle of faith.

May God bless all of you. I am getting stronger every day with Bill's good care and good cooking. I hope to be at church with you soon.

With Love and Thanks,
Ann Toneff

WOMEN UNITED



The next meeting will be on June 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Edie Rasell, Ph.D., Minister of Economic Justice for the UCC Headquarters in Cleveland will be our speaker. She will talk to us about what we can do as an organization, to help those less fortunate than we are, and what we

might be able to do to help at-risk youth. Bring a bag lunch and a friend - coffee and tea provided.

ENCORE

In the interest of space/resource conservation, we will no longer be printing an Encore Sermon.



All of Pastor Dave's Sermons are online at our Church Website and also available in the office on audio CDs for listening at home or in your car. **Thank you.**



BUCC CALENDAR JUNE, 2015

Monday, June 1

1 pm Book
Discussion
Parlor
7pm Spiritual Life

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

6 am Early Birds

Thursday, June 4

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

Sunday, June 7

10 am Worship and
Church School
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, June 8

Tuesday, June 9

Wednesday, June 10

6 am Early Birds
7 pm Council

Thursday, June 11

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13

Sunday, June 14

10 am Worship and
Church School

Strengthen the Church Offering

11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, June 15

PILLAR DEADLINE

Tuesday, June 16

7 pm Bicentennial
Ministry

Wednesday, June 17

6 am Early Birds
11:30 Women United
Parlor

Thursday, June 18

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, June 19

Saturday, June 20

Sunday, June 21

10 am Worship
Church School
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, June 22

Tuesday, June 23

Wednesday, June 24

6 am Early Birds
7 pm Bicentennial
Ministry

Thursday, June 25

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, June 26

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28

10 am Worship
Church School
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

Participants in Worship

JUNE 7, 2015

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Dorie Gabor, Sam Koch
Linda Kriynovich, Ed
Lusk
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candi: Carli Began
Sound: Val Duffy
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr: Joanne Cook
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Nancy Stella, Stu Bailey
Servers: Dottie and Jim Farwell
Clean Up: Anne Melfo and Doug
Faucett

JUNE 14, 2015

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey
Tina Ortiz, Beth Rehling
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candi: Drew Demko
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Jim & Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr: Ann Kelley
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Bruce McCain, Sue
Stenzel
Servers: Dorie Gabor and Joanne
Cooke
Clean-Up: Peg and Jim Duffy

JUNE 21, 2015

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Jill Zedan, Jim Duffy
Fred Pesek, Ian Stewart
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candi: Garrett Demko
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr: Sue Stenzel
Flowers: Tina Ortiz
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Donn Whyte, Betty Kaul
Servers: Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz and Pat
Bailey

JUNE 28, 2015

Lay Reader: Dot Bailey
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard
Kathy & David Pastor
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Evan Merritt
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Stu Bailey
Narthex Grtr: Dorie Gabor
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Jim Duffy, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Joy Garapic
Clean-Up: Jane and Cliff Cribbs

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