

# The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

**OCTOBER, 2015**



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



*...I'm So Excited...And I  
Just Can't Hide It...*

I realize that BUCC's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday isn't until next year, but what can I say? I feel like a kid looking forward to Christmas! I've gotten a sneak-peek at the old pictures, articles and other memorabilia that will be displayed. I have an inkling of some of fantastic activities, programs and events being planned. I can hardly wait for the unveiling of our Congregational Quilt!

Having said that, I'm a little surprised that these future festivities seem to have taken such a strong hold on me. Usually, I'm not this excited about stuff from the past.

Perhaps what's helping stir my enthusiasm is the feeling that our upcoming celebration of 200 years of ministry is going to elevate our passion for our present-day work. With special events and guests, and a brighter spotlight on who we were and who we are, there will be opportunities to more fully articulate our mission as the BUCC Family of Faith. And oftentimes, when people or communities hit a significant age or anniversary, they tend to think more deeply about how they'd like to shape their future. To be completely honest, at my age and stage in life, finding a clearer vision of my role as a member and leader within this community of faith is important to me. I know we've done some good things, yet I hope that the best is yet to come!

The good news is - that whatever the future may hold - the Good News of Jesus Christ reassures us that Divine Love and Grace will ultimately triumph. And that's something that would excite just about anyone!

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.

### **Author Jan Linn to Speak at BUCC**

Author Jan Linn will be the keynote speaker for the WRA/EOA Fall Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. BUCC will host a lecture/discussion with Linn on Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 -3:30 pm.. The topic will be Linn's latest book, *A Different Jesus*, which is available at Amazon.com - for those who would like to prepare ahead.

Rev. Linn is co-pastor of Spirit of Joy Christian Church [Disciples of Christ] in Apple Valley, Minnesota. He is the author of several books, including:

*How to Be an Open-minded Christian without Losing Your Faith Rocking the Church Membership Boat*  
*The Jesus Connection*  
*Reclaiming Evangelism*  
*What's Wrong with the Christian Right*

### **IS IT TIME TO MOVE-ON DOWN THE ROAD?**

 For the past 15 years, BUCC members and friends have helped keep a little portion of our planet cleaner and greener through the "Adopt-a-Highway" program. During that time, we've had approximately ONE HUNDRED individuals participate! In the past couple of years, however, the number of participants has continued to dwindle, and no one has stepped forward to take over the recruiting, scheduling and facilitating duties that Jane Cribbs has faithfully done for many years. It appears that the time may have come to let-go of this particular project. We can do so with the knowledge that we have done a good thing, and that there are other new ministries and projects that have emerged, which may be a better fit for our congregation's current makeup and interests.

THEREFORE...if there are those who have a passion for keeping this project going, and are willing to step-up and take charge, let them speak now, or forever hold their peace. [Or speak-up fairly soon, before we pull the plug!] If your passion has been piqued, please call Jane Cribbs at home [440-526-4728] or speak to her at Coffee Hour some Sunday soon!

## FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

### FACILITIES



It looks as though our flood problem has been found and eliminated. We are grateful to Underground Connections and their amazing high pressure jetting equipment.

In the works: LED lights for the parking lot lights.

### FINANCE



At the annual outdoor service with Richfield UCC, money was collected for Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries (CUE). A check was sent to the Seminaries' P. O. Box in St. Paul, MN in the amount of \$350. CUE is dedicated to the work of strengthening churches by educating leaders who will serve congregations and communities around the world with compassion and justice.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This time of year is an opportunity for us all to take a look at where we can share our time and talents to support the Ministries of our church. Leadership Development is eager to help you find your niche or discover a new one. We are looking forward to having conversations with everyone about where the opportunities exist within each ministry. In the weeks to come you will also have a chance to speak with members of each ministry during Coffee Hour. If you have any questions please speak with Dot Bailey, Sue Stenzel or Carole Snider or the Chairperson of the ministry in which you are interested.



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**Leadership Development Ministry** is looking for you...catch us at Coffee Hour.

On 10/25...Today members of the Christian Education, Stewardship, Membership, Communications and Outreach Ministries will be available during Coffee Hour with an opportunity for you to learn about their ministry.

On 11/1....Spiritual Life, Facilities, Parish-Staff Relations/Personnel etc etc etc(see above)

On 11/8 ....OCWM, Leadership Development and Finance ditto,ditto

## OCWM

The aluminum cans continue to appear unabated in the collection barrel in the lower commons. Thanks go to all BUCC members and friends who continue to contribute cans. The funds go into the SARA fund.



Also, donated food, dental, toiletries, school supplies and other items continue to appear like magic on the table in the upper commons. Again, thanks go to BUCC members and friends who so generously reach out to those in need.

When about 25 or so bags of items (takes surprisingly little time) have been accumulated in the closet just outside the parlor, they are taken to either Brookside Hunger center or to

Community Corner Hunger Center.

By the time you read this, the hunger meal at Pearl Road United Methodist Church will have taken place. Thanks go to those BUCC members and friends who volunteered to help prepare and serve the meal. The next hunger meal is scheduled for Sunday, November first at Bethany UCC. As usual, the sign – up board will be in the narthex.

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Neighbors In Need offering will be received. The funds are used to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Further interpretive information will be found in the Sunday bulletins.

## **SPIRTUAL LIFE**

### **2015 Fall Retreat**

Please join us for our annual BUCC Fall Retreat on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. at Furnace Run Metro Park's Brushwood Pavilion located at 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield, OH 44286. We will have maps available in the Narthex on the Sunday



before the event. This year's theme is "Evangelism: Not Nearly as Scary as Halloween!" We will have some "getting-to-know-you" activities, a brief Bible study, and learn some great "Evangelism Tricks and Treats!" We'll also have time for enjoying music, nature, and one another's company.

Lunch will be a pot luck event. If you would like, we ask that you bring a dish, snack or beverage to share. We will wrap-up our day with a short worship service and Holy Communion. This day always promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship and enlightenment in a beautiful setting. We hope to see you there!



BUCC has recently upgraded our Williams Personal sound receiver equipment. This could help anyone - those bothered by noise in their pew or from the Rte. 82, those who are hard of hearing, and those with hearing aids. Please check with the head usher on Sunday to try one of the new units. You may be surprised how it will help you.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Trust in The Promise Praise Be To God

**Jim Kaul**

I have tried to live a good Christian life for all of my 86 years. We have lived in the very best of times, and those times have changed and the changes that have occurred are tremendous. The electronic age has come and will not stop. We have more leisure time now, but the basic things are still here, such as God, and Heaven, and the necessary act of living a good life as an example to others.

I have always been compassionate to others, and I have paid my way



thru life with hard work and thru my church and thru worthwhile causes and helping others in need. Religion is becoming less and less important to some people, but to me it is becoming more and more important. I support our church the best I can, because it is an important factor in my life.

Money is important to everyone, individuals, businesses, and organizations, because the bills must be paid. Being a farmer for all of my money making years, it is impossible to plant a little seed and see it grow into something so productive, and to see all the beautiful animals and the things they give us, without believing in something. You have to believe in God with this experience, I believe in God, and the promises he has made to us.

Belief in the future means giving to the present today. This world would not be a good place to live without the various religions there is only one God, and he/she is the one I believe in and support. You can believe in him/her in many different ways. As a Christian, I feel a great satisfaction in being a member of BUCC, and supporting our church, the community, and everything God stands for.

## **NOTES AND ASIDES**



### **BUCC BOOK DISCUSSION**

On Monday Oct. 5 the group will be discussing THE TIME KEEPER by Mitch Albom. The last book of 2015 series will be Regina Brett's GOD NEVER BLINKS. That's 1:00 in the parlor.



### **FOOD PANTRY**

Canned Soup, Baked Beans, Chili, etc.



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

October 8:	Michelle Namitka
October 9:	Ashley Smith
October 15:	Indira Bigelow
October 16:	Heather Hunt
October 21:	Joy Garapic
October 22:	Johnny Kolar
October 24:	Betsey Wilson
	Doris Schmid
October 25:	Jim Farwell
October 26:	Diane Lightbody
October 30:	Jesse Wade

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

## MUSIC

**SEASONAL CHOIR** will begin rehearsing on Thursday October 8 from 7-8 p.m. in preparation for this year's Christmas cantata, which is scheduled for Sunday December 13 at our regular morning service. If you enjoy choral singing, but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons. High school students are welcome.



On Sunday November 29 at 4:00, BUCC will host the Autana Trio, a highly recommended chamber ensemble from the Cleveland Institute of Music. More information about this event will be found in the November Pillar.

## WOMEN UNITED



Hi Ladies of the Church. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 10/21/2015 at 11:30AM. Bring a lunch and Friends are always welcome. Our Culinary Bee, Bettina Ortiz will lead us in some great baking/decorating ideas. As always Coffee and Tea will be provided.

Please note the slightly used items and antique sale announced previously for the month of October has been cancelled and another project will be taking its place. More on that later.

## 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 OCTOBER, 2015****Thursday, Oct. 1**

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

**Friday, Oct. 2****Saturday, Oct. 3****Sunday, Oct. 4**

10 am Worship and  
Church School  
11 am Coffee Hour  
**\*Neighbors in Need  
Offering\***  
5:30pm Youth  
Percussion  
6 pm Youth Ministry

**Monday, Oct. 5**

1 pm Book Discussion  
7 pm Spiritual Life

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**

10:30 am CWRU

**Wednesday, Oct. 7**

6 am Early Birds  
4:30-5 Recorder/Dulc.  
7 pm Council

**Thursday, Oct. 8**

1 pm Bible Study  
5:30 Joyful Noise  
7:00 Seasonal  
Choir  
8:00 Choir

**Friday, Oct. 9****Saturday, Oct. 10****Sunday, Oct. 11**

10 am Worship  
Church School  
**Confirmation**  
11 am Coffee Hour

**Monday, Oct. 12****Tuesday, Oct. 13**

10:30 am CWRU

**Wednesday, Oct. 14**

6 am Early Birds  
4:30-5 Recorder/Dulc.  
7 pm Council

**Thursday, Oct. 15****PILLAR DEADLINE**

1 pm Bible Study  
5:30 Joyful Noise  
7:00 Seasonal  
Choir  
8:00 Choir

**Friday, Oct. 16****Saturday, Oct. 17****Sunday, Oct. 18**

10 am Worship and  
Church School  
11 am Coffee Hour  
5:30pm Youth  
Percussion  
6 pm Youth Ministry

**Monday, Oct. 19****Tuesday, Oct. 20**

10:30 am CWRU

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**

6 am Early Birds  
11:30 am Women United  
4:30-5 Recorder/Dulc.

**Thursday, Oct. 22**

1 pm Bible Study  
5:30 Joyful Noise  
7:00 Seasonal  
Choir  
8:00 Choir

**Friday, Oct. 23****Halloween Party****Saturday, Oct. 24**

10-4 Retreat / Furnace  
Run Park

**Sunday, Oct. 25**

10 am Worship and  
Church School  
11 am Coffee Hour

**Monday, Oct. 26****Tuesday, Oct. 27**

10:30 am CWRU

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**

6 am Early Birds  
4:30-5 Recorder/Dulc.

**Thursday, Oct. 29**

2-3:30 Jan Linn, Author  
5:30 Joyful Noise  
7:00 Seasonal  
Choir  
8:00 Choir

**Friday, October 30****Saturday, Oct. 31**

## Participants in Worship

### OCTOBER 4, 2015

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson  
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler  
Ushers: Matt Wolbert, Jill Zedan  
Darlene Kelly, Dan Stewart  
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Indira Bigelow  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley  
Narthex Grtr: Dot Bailey  
Flowers: Jan Renovetz  
Nursery: Peg Duffy  
Counters: Jim Kaul, Nancy Stella  
Servers: Joy Garapic, Marge Culver  
Clean Up: Peg & Jim Duffy  
Snacks: Diane Gressley, Beth Rehling

### OCTOBER 18, 2015

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Head Usher: Kathy Smith  
Ushers: Fred Pesek, Beth Rehling  
David Ritchey, Heidi Spangler  
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Tim Wallis, Max Roha  
Comns Grtr: Carole Snider  
Narthex Grtr: Dorie Gabor  
Flowers: Sue Stenzel  
Nursery: Gina Cook  
Counters: Betty Kaul, Jim McCain  
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell  
Clean-Up: Jon Thompson, Jill Zedan  
Snacks: Kate Klonowski, Marge Culver

### OCTOBER 11, 2015

Lay Reader: Dot Bailey  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Jim Duffy, Linda Kriyovich  
Tim Wallis, Kim Dessooffy  
Acolyte: Grace Hunt  
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Narthex Grtr: Lenore Harris  
Flowers: Carole Snider  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
Counters: Carole Snider, Stu Bailey  
Servers: Dorie Gabor, Joanne Cook  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snacks: Susan Snyder, Max Roha

### OCTOBER 25, 2015

Lay Reader: Kathy Smith  
Head Usher: Evie Novak  
Ushers: Joe & Betsey Wilson  
Bob Chandler, Jane Cribbs  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Mike Westerberg  
Comns Grtr: George Snider  
Narthex Grtr: Joanne Cook  
Flowers: Kathy Pastor  
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow  
Counters: Donn Whyte, Jim Duffy  
Servers: Robin Coyer-Westerberg  
Caroline Chandler  
Clean Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul  
Snacks: Gina Cook, Marilyn Wrights

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