

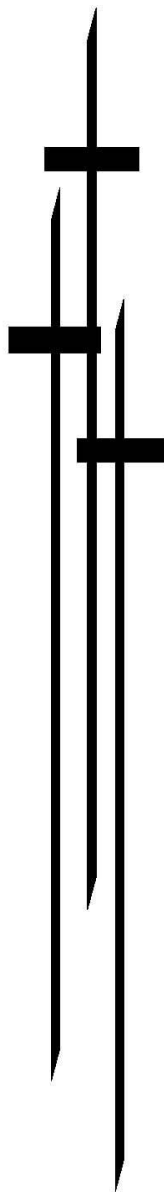
The *Pillar*

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 200th 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. 31st. BUCC will host a lecture/discussion with Linn on Thursday, Oct. 29th, 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?

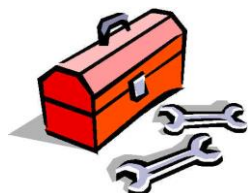


For the past 15 years, BUCC members and friends have helped keep a little portion of our planet cleaner and greener through the "Adopt-a-Highway" program. During that time, we've had approximately ONE HUNDRED individuals participate! In the past couple of years, however, the number of participants has 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.

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 11/8OCWM, 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 4th, 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.

SPIRITUAL 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 11, 2015

Lay Reader: Dot Bailey
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Jim Duffy, Linda Kriynovich
Tim Wallis, Kim Dessoffy
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 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 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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