

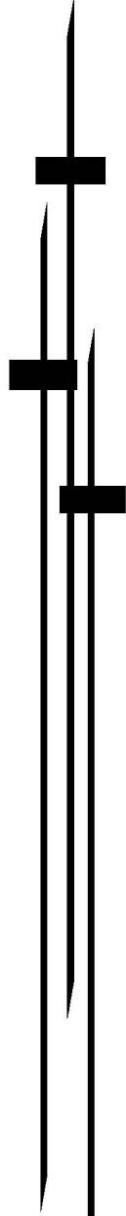
# The Pillar

Brecksville United Church of Christ

*November, 2016*

*It is not  
happy  
people who are  
thankful;*  
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*it is  
thankful  
people who are  
happy.*  
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***Loving, Serving, and Accepting All People  
With God's Life-Changing Power***

## *Pastor's Ponderings*

*...On 200 Years of Giving...*

My thoughts for this month's *Pillar* article were prompted by the creative title of our BUCC Bicentennial Cookbook: *200 Years of Serving*.

Throughout our congregation's long history, our members have faithfully served God and others in various and inspiring ways. This community has also been quite faithful and generous in its giving - both to God's work in this place, and beyond. In many ways, our giving and our serving go hand-in-hand. Like the Hunger Meals we offer through Our Church's Wider Ministry team, the food is provided through your generous giving, and then lovingly served by your willing hands. And our giving and serving not only blesses those who receive, but also those who contribute and participate

In his most memorable prayer, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us of that marvelous link between giving, serving, and receiving:

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive....*

In this Fall's Stewardship Drive, we also make that conscious connection between our giving, our serving, and our receiving. As each of us prayerfully considers the specific things we can do to support the ongoing ministries of BUCC in the coming year, we also remember the things - and the people - who help support and strengthen us.

On behalf of our Stewardship Ministry, I ask you to please consider what portion of your income you will pledge to help strengthen and further the ministry of Brecksville United Church of Christ in the coming year. I also ask that you think about other ways in which you can serve in the various ministries that this congregation undertakes. At our worship service on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will gather our pledge cards and present them at the altar, with our thanks to God for the many blessings we have received. ►

Then we will continue our celebration with our traditional Thanksgiving Feast in Pilgrim Hall - an event that you won't want to miss!

With your generous serving and giving, and the Holy One's abundant blessings, I'm confident that we will continue to faithfully spread the Good News of God's love for us all - for many, many years to come!

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.



## **FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC**

### **FACILITIES**



Please consider giving an hour or the morning to help with leaf clean up and the general tidying of the church property for the winter. There's a job for everyone. Children working with a parent are welcome. Work starts at 9:00am, but come when you can and leave when you must. Enjoy fresh air, exercise, fellowship and refreshments.

If blowing leaves is your thing, bring your blower. Someone is always needed to prune shrubs and trim the hedges. Please bring your favorite tools. See Jim Demko at coffee hour and add your name to his sign-up sheet.

### **FINANCE**

The Neighbors in Need Collection totaled \$1,158, of which \$16 was contributed by the children. With this special missions offering, the United Church of Christ helps its members "live out their beliefs via acts of service".



## NOTES AND ASIDES

### BLESSINGS JAR



Lee and I thank the church staff and many of the Congregation especially Marge Culver, for all the prayers and attention. We are truly blessed by a wonderful Church during out limited activity.

Kirk & Lee Sanderson

### BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NOTES ON RSVP'S

***Yell it from the Steeple: We're coming!"***

***~Jane & Cliff Cribbs~***

***"Sorry to miss this! Happy Birthday, BUCC!***

***~Erin Kriyovich~***

***"Dear Friends, Congratulations on this milestone! We moved to NC last year to be close to our son & his family (2 yr. old twin girls, 6 mo old baby girl). Our daughter & her family also moved down so we are all together for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 20 years!***

***I fondly remember my time spent as your Secretary for 5 years. I loved being there & working with such wonderful people! Have a great time & pass on our regards to everyone!"***

***~Russ & Ellen Martin~***

***"Dear Friends, we're so sorry we are unable to come for the big event. We tried to find a way clear to do it, but our schedule has just gotten way too complicated to fit it in. We'll be thinking of you all as you celebrate this milestone, and praying that the witness of BUCC will continue for many years into the future."***

***~Blessings, Earl & Pat Miller ~***

***"I will truly miss celebrating with BUCC! The two years I joined you as your Interim were some of the most fulfilling Parish Ministry experiences of my Ministry life. Nan's, "Were you there?" and "Oh***

*Holy Night", sharing communion, wine after the Maundy Thursday service, Choir parties, playing trumpet for Easter are among the highlights for me. Of course people stand out as near and dear, (too numerous to name). Science experiment, Children's Sermons, and of my Skydiving "Leap of Faith" Sermon have stayed with me – including the banner to that effect made by BUCC folk. Love to you, and gratitude for being faithful people of God."*  
~Blessings, Elizabeth Price~

*Dear Friends, Congratulations on your Bicentennial Year representing 200 years of ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. You have been a blessing to so many through your caring service. You have answered the needs of others and welcomed all to your church family. This night is both a sad one and a joyful one for me; sad because I cannot be there with you, and joyful because of the memories I treasure of the eight plus years we were together which are among the most wonderful years of my life. I have lived in anticipation of this celebration all year as all my friends would tell you. I am truly with you in spirit...*

*God Bless you all as you continue God's work in the world. Jesus said "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give Glory to God who is in Heaven." Words to live by as you begin the next 200 years! Until we meet again, hopefully, next Spring. ~With Love Always, Edie O'Donnell~*

## BOOK DISCUSSION

The November book discussion meets Monday, Nov. 7th, at 1:00 in the parlor. The book being discussed is SALT TO THE SEA by Ruta Sepetys.



## FOOD PANTRY

Small Canned Hams, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Pie Crust Mix, Canned Pumpkin, etc.

## PLEASE HELP SHELTER DOGS & CATS, AND SMALL ANIMALS

If you are looking for somewhere to donate new (*I found Full sized comforters for \$5.99 at Marc's*) or gently used comforters, blankets, bed spreads, and towels, please consider bringing them to Jeannette at the Church Office.



I take them to the local (some not so local) animal shelters to provide comfort to the animals. I want them to be cozy while they're at the shelter!

This is ongoing; the shelters are always in need of these items. Jeannette, BUCC Office **\*thank you to those who have given me blankets!\***



## THE MITTEN TREE IS RETURNING

It's time to get out your knitting needles or to use your sharp eyes for good buys on mittens, hats, scarves, etc. The cold weather will be coming soon and it will be time to decorate the mitten tree that will be appearing in the Narthex.

## MUSIC

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA:** On Sunday December 11 at our 10 AM service, the adult choir will present *Gift of Heaven*, this year's Christmas cantata. The work was created by Chris and Diane Machen with Camp Kirkland. It features vibrant original tunes as well as traditional seasonal music. The choir will be supported by an instrumental ensemble and narrators. Please plan on joining us for this BUCC Christmas tradition!



## A NOTE OF THANKS



We are sending our sincere thanks to Dorie Gabor for designing and arranging the beautiful bouquet on the Church Alter August 7<sup>th</sup> for our 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Happily the bouquet also celebrated Betty Gifford's birthday. Thank You, Dorie. Bill & Ann Toneff

Dear Friends,

Thank you. I am truly blessed by your care and concern for me during my illness. Your prayers, visits, cards, delicious food, and calls are so much appreciated.

The visits, calls, and prayers of Pastor Dave and many of you are truly a blessing. I thank God for all of you!

I am hoping to rejoin you soon. May God Bless You All, Love, Ann Toneff

Dear BUCC Family:

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for your outpouring of love and prayers following the death of my brother, Larry. He was a close member of our immediate family. Your many cards of sympathy have brought warmth and calmness to us as well as a reminder to celebrate his life. George & Carole Snider



I wish to sincerely thank Betty Kaul & Marge Culver for helping me get the Stewardship mailing ready to go! Jeannette

## WOMEN UNITED

There will be no meeting in November -  
However, please take note that we will meet on  
Tuesday, November 29, at 7:30 PM at Christ the  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville  
Road in Brecksville for their Annual Advent Tea.  
For directions call Dorie at 440-552-4029.



Several of us attended last year and left with many good memories.  
Have a great Thanksgiving Day and a glorious Christmas and New  
Year.



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

November 2:	Miriam Rosewicz
	Mike Westerberg
November 3:	Marietta Davis
	Eliza Jane Kolar
	Dassie Matsuoka
	Kara Rees
	Evelyn Duffy
November 4:	Melissa Lund
November 9:	Susan Stenzel
	Amelia Tyler
November 13:	Dan Maier
November 14:	Joe Gagliano
November 17:	Caroline Chandler
	Andrew Wilson
November 19:	Travis Anderson
November 22:	Tim Wallis
November 23:	Wes Novak

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## **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY**



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Christmas with those who are ill or shut-in, or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

**DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**



**I Enclose \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ or other \_\_\_\_\_ for Poinsettias**

**In Memory \_\_\_\_\_ or Honor \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_**

**Of \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I WILL HELP DELIVER PLANTS TO SHUT-INS \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOUR POINSETTIA OR LEAVE IT HERE FOR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS\*\***

**WILL KEEP \_\_\_\_\_**  
**WILL NOT KEEP \_\_\_\_\_**

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## **BUCC CALENDAR** NOVEMBER, 2016

### **Tuesday, NOV. 1**

10-11:30 CWRU

### **Wednesday, NOV. 2**

6 am Early Birds  
4:30 pm Recorder/Dul.  
7 pm Spiritual Life

### **Thursday, NOV. 3**

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

### **Friday, NOV. 4**

### **Saturday, NOV. 5**

9 am Fall Clean-Up

### **Sunday, NOV. 6**

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

### **Monday, NOV. 7**

1 pm Book Discussion  
7:30 pm Facilities

### **Tuesday, NOV. 8**

10-11:30 CWRU

### **Wednesday, NOV. 9**

**\*Advent Book Deadline\***  
6 am Early Birds  
4:30 pm Recorder/Dul.  
7 pm Council

### **Thursday, NOV. 10**

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

### **Friday, NOV. 11**

### **Saturday, NOV. 12**

9am Thanksgiving Meal  
Set-up

### **Sunday, NOV. 13**

10 am Worship/Dedication  
Sunday  
11 am Thanksgiving  
Banquet

### **Monday, NOV. 14**

### **Tuesday, NOV. 15** **PILLAR DEADLINE**

10-11:30 CWRU

### **Wednesday, NOV. 16**

6 am Early Birds  
4:30 pm Recorder/Dul.

### **Thursday, NOV. 17**

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

### **Friday, NOV. 18**

### **Saturday, NOV. 19**

### **Sunday, NOV. 20**

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

### **Monday, NOV. 21**

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour

### **Tuesday, NOV. 22**

### **Wednesday, NOV. 23**

6 am Early Birds  
4:30 pm Recorder/Dul.

### **Thursday, NOV. 24** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** **\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

### **Friday, NOV. 25** **\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

### **Saturday, NOV. 26**

### **Sunday, NOV. 27** 10 am Worship 11 am Coffee Hour

### **Monday, NOV. 28**

### **Tuesday, NOV. 29**

### **Wednesday, NOV. 30** 6 am Early Birds 4:30 pm Recorder/Dul.

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## **PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

### NOV. 6, 2016

Lay Reader: Darlene Kelly  
Head Usher: Jill Zedan  
Ushers: Kathy Smith, David Ritchey,  
Wes & Evie Novak  
Acolyte: Grace Hunt  
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt  
Sound: Kevin Smith  
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul  
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek  
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz  
Nursery: Valerie Tyler  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Donn Whyte  
Servers: Marge Culver, Joy Garapic  
Clean Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs  
Snacks: Vicki Szabo, Marla Corrado

### NOV. 20, 2016

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan  
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler  
Ushers: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
George & Carole Snider  
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Max Roha  
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley  
Narthex Grtr: Linda Kriyovich  
Flowers: Harvest - Miriam  
Nursery: Courtney Began  
Counters: Sue Stenzel  
Servers: Joanne Cook, Betty Kaul  
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey  
Snacks: Kate Klonowski, Susan Snyder

### NOV. 13, 2016

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard  
Joe Wilson, Drew Wilson  
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart  
Peace Candle: Drew Demko  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Narthex Grtr: Jon Thompson  
Flowers: Harvest - Miriam  
Nursery: Gina Cook  
Counters: Bruce McCain, Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell  
Clean-Up: Thanksgiving Dinner & Committees

### NOV. 27, 2016

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Beth Rehling, Fred Pesek  
Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Mike Westerberg  
Comns Grtr: Sue Stenzel  
Narthex Grtr: Max Roha  
Flowers: Betty Gifford  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
Counters: Jan Renovetz, David Pastor  
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Carole Snider  
Clean Up: Peg & Jim Duffy  
Snacks: Sue Maier, Jon Thompson

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