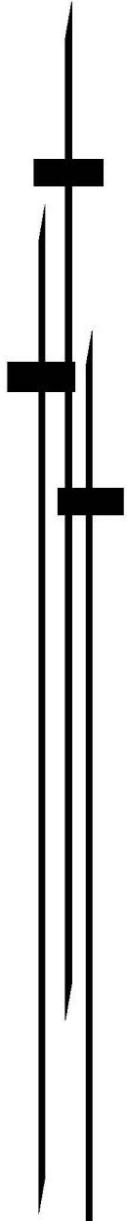


The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

January, 2017



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

Pastor's Ponderings

...It's a Family Thing...

The beginning of a New Year is a good time for making resolutions. Sometimes these resolutions involve giving-up bad habits - like swearing, smoking, over-eating, or expecting the Browns to win a football game. Other times, our resolutions are to take-on something positive - like exercise, meditation, or performing charitable works. And while some people keep their resolutions to themselves due to self-consciousness or modesty, others find that sharing them with friends or family helps strengthen their resolve to see them through. Having other who encourage us in our good decisions, can give us the boost we need when the going gets tough.

There's a similar advantage when it comes to Church Membership. By connecting to a local Community of Faith, you and I can be there for one another to provide encouragement in times of trouble, and to celebrate together in the good times. At Brecksville United Church of Christ, we understand Church membership in terms of a *Covenant*. Whenever we receive new members here, we all proclaim [and claim] together our BUCC Covenant of Membership. The following line expresses the essence of what we promise in that proclamation:

“....we covenant with God and with one another to worship, work, and serve together, that we may express through our Church and our lives, the love and faith of Jesus Christ.”

This past month, I have felt “the love and faith of Jesus Christ” expressed in and through the prayers, concern, and encouragement of this Church Family. I know that others have also felt this love, support and care in their times of loss and grief. Standing with one another in our times of sorrow and darkness - as well as in our times of joy and light - is what makes us a family. And knowing that the Holy One who Jesus reveals is with us in all these times, gives us tremendous hope. Expressing “the love and faith of Jesus Christ” is a marvelous New Year's resolution for any congregation, or for any individual Christian. And recognizing that this is something that we are called to do *together*, can certainly help us keep our resolve.

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.

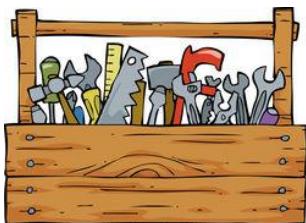


FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

FACILITIES

A new exterior door for the furnace room has been ordered and due to be delivered in January. It will be installed sometime after delivery.

The lower Christian Education wing is being advertised for rent. At this time there have been no inquires.



The updating of the Arlington rental property has proceeded as planned. The remaining items to be completed are the kitchen flooring and the painting of the kitchen cabinets. The ductwork will be cleaned and cold air return connected. The property should be available for rent after the New Year.

If any member has a set of church keys that they are no longer using, please turn them into the office. There is a scarcity of keys available and they are expensive to have made.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lenore Harris for the many years she has served on the Facilities Ministry. Her knowledge and dedication will be missed. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members - Marge Culver and Joe Began.

MEMBERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE!



Our annual BUCC Bowling event will be held on Sunday January 29, 2017 at Cloverleaf Lanes 5619 Brecksville Road in Independence. \$5 per bowler which includes 2 games and shoe rental. There will be food and prizes. There will be a sign-up sheet in early January. If you have questions, please contact David Pastor at 440.552.4403 or at ridave@hotmail.com.

“SAVE THE DATE!”

Sunday, May 7, 2017 is BUCC Day at the Akron Rubber Ducks game at Canal Park in Akron. First pitch is 2:05 pm. Details to follow!



PARISH/STAFF RELATIONS - PERSONNEL



Periodically it is beneficial to take a step back and look at how we are doing as a church and obtain feedback from the congregation on how we might improve here at BUCC. The Pastor Parish and Leadership Development ministries have been working on a questionnaire to be sent out to all at the end of January 2017.

The questionnaire will be sent out via email on Monday, January 30, 2017 to those who receive email and can download and print it. Those members who do not have a computer or prefer a hard copy will have it mailed to them. A copy may also be picked up during coffee hour on January 29th.

We ask that you read it, follow directions on how to answer it, and turn it into the office no later than Sunday, February 12th. ►

The questionnaire does not require a signature. The results will give us an opportunity to follow up and work with the staff and ministries to better serve our church life. This report will also be available to those who wish to read it. Thank you.

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting Monday, January 2, 2017, at 1 p.m. in the parlor. There was not an assigned book for January. We will be hearing from individual members talking about a favorite author and a book by that author.



*While Dot Bailey is in Florida for the winter, I volunteer to select the first book for the monthly book club which will meet on Monday, February 6. The title is "Still Life with Bread Crumbs" by Anna Quindlen. Ms. Quindlen is an American author, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and opinion columnist.

Books will be available on Thursday, January 5, in my office. Please sign your name and library number from the bar code on the book.*

Joy Garapic



FOOD PANTRY

Canned Fruit & Vegetables



FELLOWSHIP

We wish to acknowledge Dottie Farwell and the wonderful job she has done for many years scheduling participants for our weekly Fellowship Hour. She's kept our supplies stocked and the kitchen running smoothly.►

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You could see Dottie and Jim cheerfully serving coffee monthly. Dottie has decided to hang up her apron and move on. We are saddened but grateful.

Future scheduling will be done by Sue Stenzel. Feel free to contact me with questions, concerns. It is always helpful to know when folks are unavailable in advance. Again Dottie, Jim...thanks a bunch

MUSIC

Adult choir rehearsals will resume after the holidays on Thursday Jan. 5 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.



Joyful Noise Choir practices will start again on Thursday Jan. 5 from 5:30-6:15.

Youth Percussion Group will practice on Sunday Jan. 8 and Sunday Jan. 22 at 5:30 before Youth Ministry at 6:00.

Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble will be on hiatus during Jan. We'll resume practices during February.

A NOTE OF THANKS



Dear BUCC Friends,

Thank you very much. You were so kind and thoughtful to send the delicious Thanksgiving dinner to us when we could not be there.

Everything was so good. We thank everyone who prepared such good turkey, side dishes, salads, and desserts.

I'm sure that Sue and Cliff and the many other helpers were working hard as usual. I thank them sincerely, too.

Thanks, too, for the many prayers and visits and many beautiful cards, cookies, and pies. You are all so kind. I Love you all.

I hope I will soon recover from this condition and return to church, and Bill's class. I miss you all. Thanks again. Love, Ann Toneff



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

January 5:	Cassy Martinez
January 7:	Alex Albenze
	Maxwell Hunt
January 9:	Dylan Rees
January 12:	Zachary Kolar
January 18:	Jan Renovetz
January 22:	Dorothy Cook
January 24:	Jim Pay
January 30:	Jonathan Cook
January 31:	Cliff Cribbs

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

2016 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Anonymous

In Memory of the Lost but not Forgotten.



Julie Bernard &
Linda Kriynovich

In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.

Community of
St. Bridget

*In Thanks to Pastor Dave Shackle, and the Members of
BUCC for their kindness and support over the last year.*

Joanne Cook

*In Memory of my dear husband, and much loved
Deeter Family*

Jeanne Cowden

In Memory of James W. Cowden.

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<u>Jane & Cliff Cribbs</u>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<u>Marjorie Culver</u>	<i>In Memory of Richard & Carlton Culver, Ron Lang, and Nan Martin.</i>
<u>Jim & Peg Duffy</u>	<i>In Honor of Aunt Jill's 90th Birthday.</i>
<u>Dorothy Faust</u>	<i>In Memory of my Husband, John Faust.</i>
<u>Dorothy Faust & Daughter</u>	<i>In Memory of Mother and Father; Clinton & Caroline Tallant.</i>
<u>Anna Mary Fisher</u>	<i>In Memory of Rhoda & Albert Orr, and Erma & Oliver Hartman.</i>
<u>Joy Garapic</u>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Dear Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<u>Barb Fisher Gray</u>	<i>In Memory of Truman Fisher.</i>
<u>Diane Gressley</u>	<i>In Memory of Evan & Emma Gressley.</i>
<u>Phyllis Hassler</u>	<i>In Memory of Frank Hassler.</i>
<u>Betty Kaul</u>	<i>In Memory of Jim Kaul.</i>
<u>Mark Lehman</u>	<i>In Memory of Ralph Lehman.</i>
<u>Dassie Matsuoka & Daughters</u>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<u>Phyllis Molnar</u>	<i>In Memory of Edward Molnar & Parents, and George & Bertha Ulsenheimer.</i>
<u>Wes & Evie Novak</u>	<i>In Memory of Nancy Karras.</i>
<u>Bettina Ortiz</u>	<i>In Memory of Betty, Joseph & Timothy Ortiz. Also, in Memory of David S. King (my children's father).</i>
	(continued)

*In Honor of Daniel King; Rachel, Grace, Julianne, Jenna Kubic; Stephanie, Steven, Lyndsey & Bradley Hough.
With love from Bettina Ortiz.*

Fred & Connie
Pesk

In Honor of our Parents.

Eric Rahnenfuehner

*In Memory of Jan Rahnenfuehner, in Honor
of Marjorie Rahnenfuehner.*

Max Roha

*In Loving Memory David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and
Lois L. Wallin.*

Mariam R.
Rosewicz

In Memory of Family Members, and Loved Ones.

Janet M. Roth

In Memory and Honor of Donald E. Hornung.

Kathy Smith

*For the Gladness of my Grandchildren,
Gabriella Grace, Giuliana Gem, and Evan Sawyer.*

Carole & George
Snider

*In Joy of our 2 great grandsons Emilio William
and Evan Gardiner.*

The Stewart Family

In Memory of Chuck Stewart.

The Szabo Family

In Loving Memory of Vic Szabo.

Jon K. Thompson

In Memory of Loved Ones.

Bill & Ann Toneff

*In Memory of Elizabeth & C.C. Thorton, and Vera &
Milan Toneff.*

Tim & Kim
Wallis

In Celebration of our First Wedding Anniversary!

The Wilson
Family

*In Memory of Norinne & John Brownlow, and Randy
Trefzger.*

Jill Zedan

*In Memory of Mom, Dad, Sister, Brother, and many
Friends.*

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BUCC CALENDAR JANUARY, 2017

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JAN. 2

1 pm Book Discussion
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, JAN. 3

Wednesday, JAN. 4
6 am Early Birds
7 pm Spiritual Life

Thursday, JAN. 5

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

Friday, JAN. 6

Saturday, JAN. 7

Sunday, JAN.8
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
11 am Membership
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, JAN. 9

Tuesday, JAN. 10

Wednesday, JAN. 11
6 am Early Birds
7 pm Council

Thursday, JAN. 12

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

Friday, JAN. 13

Saturday, JAN. 14

Sunday, JAN. 15 PILLAR DEADLINE

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
11am OCWM

Monday, JAN. 16

MLK Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, JAN. 17

Wednesday, JAN. 18 6 am Early Birds

Thursday, JAN. 19

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

Friday, JAN. 20

Saturday, JAN. 21

Sunday, JAN. 22

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, JAN. 23

Tuesday, JAN. 24

Wednesday, JAN. 25
6 am Early Birds

Thursday, JAN. 26
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise

7:30 pm Choir

Friday, JAN. 27

Saturday, JAN. 28

Sunday, JAN. 29

10 am Worship/
Congregational Meeting
11 am Coffee Hour
***Bowling – Cloverleaf Lanes**
Time TBA*

Monday, JAN. 30

Tuesday, JAN. 31

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JAN. 1, 2017

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
 Head Usher: Jon Thompson
 Ushers: Andrew Wilson, Kathy Smith
 Linda Kriyovich, David
 Ritchey
 Acolyte: Grace Hunt
 Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
 Sound: Max Roha
 Comns Grtr: Claire Novak
 Narthex Grtr: Kathy Pastor
 Flowers: Sue Stenzel
 Nursery: Marla Corrado
 Counters: Nancy Stella, David Pastor
 Servers: Marge Culver, Caroline
 Chandler
 Clean Up: Sue Stenzel, Jill Zedan
 Snacks: Jim Pay, Susan Snyder
 Snow Herder: Matt Wolbert

JAN. 8, 2017

Lay Reader: Kathy Smith
 Head Usher: Jill Zedan
 Ushers: Sue Stenzel, Betty Kaul
 Julie & Dave Bernard
 Acolyte: Jillian Davis
 Peace Candle: Ben Davis
 Sound: Doug Fawcett
 Comns Grtr: Max Roha
 Narthex Grtr: Linda Kriyovich
 Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
 Nursery: Gina Cook
 Counters: Marge Culver, Jan Renovetz
 Servers: Carole Snider, Joanne Cook
 Clean-Up: Peg & Jim Duffy
 Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Marilyn
 Wrights
 Snow Herder: Wes Novak

JAN. 15, 2017

Lay Reader: Kate Klonowski
 Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
 Ushers: Jill Zedan, Matt Wolbert,
 Dan & Ian Stewart
 Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett
 Peace Candle: Lucy Brown
 Sound: Kevin Smith
 Comns Grtr: Lenore Harris
 Narthex Grtr: Marge Culver
 Flowers: Carole Snider

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Nursery:

Valerie Tyler

Counters:

Carole Snider, Bruce

McCain

Servers:

Dottie & Jim Farwell

Clean-Up:

Jane & Cliff Cribbs

Snacks:

Gina Cook, Marla Corrado

Snow Herder:

Jim Farwell

JAN. 22, 2017

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
 Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
 Ushers: Beth Rehling, Ed Lusk
 Lindsay Maier, Joe Wilson
 Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
 Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
 Sound: Tim Wallis
 Comns Grtr: George Snider
 Narthex Grtr: Ann Kelley
 Flowers: Kathy Pastor
 Nursery: Kate Klonowski
 Counters: Sue Stenzel, Kathy Pastor
 Servers: Joy Garapic, Betty Kaul
 Clean-Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul
 Snacks: Anne Melfo, Bettina Ortiz
 Snow Herder: Chad Sproul

JAN. 29, 2017

Lay Reader: Evie Novak
 Head Usher: Anne Melfo
 Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Vicki
 Szabo, Caroline Caroline
 Chandler, Cliff Cribbs
 Naomi Klonowski
 Olivia Klonowski
 Max Roha
 Betty Kaul
 Chad Sproul
 Betty Gifford
 Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
 Counters: Donn Whyte, Jim Duffy
 Servers: Sue Stenzel
 Clean Up: Kathy & Davud Pastor
 Snacks: Kate Klonowski, Vicki Szabo
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