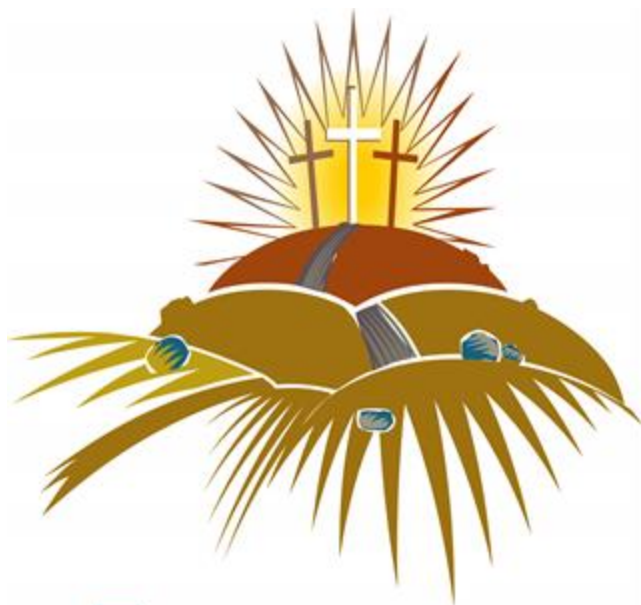


The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

March, 2017



LENT

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

Pastor's Ponderings

...On How Our Faith Helps Us...

Lent is a time when Christians traditionally reflect on Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem, where he fulfills his mission as the Messiah - God's Anointed One. While many expected the Messiah to forcefully triumph over Israel's Roman oppressors, Jesus humbly surrenders to the powers that be - trusting that the power of Divine Life and Love will have the ultimate say. His resurrection on Easter morning shows us that Jesus' trust in the Holy One was well-founded. Lent is also an good time for us to consider our own journey of faith, and to deliberate where we place our trust. On Tuesday March 7th at 7:15 pm, we will begin a five week study on "How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with...."

Each week, we will share some of our personal experiences and insights concerning the different ways our Faith informs and inspires us as we face specific, demanding pressing issues and concerns. BUCC member Leroy Ford will share with me in leading these sessions, drawing on his 40+ years of experience as a Presbyterian minister. As always, the real heart of our time together will be the sharing and support of all those who gather and participate each week..

Here's the schedule of some of the events taking place at BUCC throughout this Lenten Season:

March 1 - 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
7:00 - Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

March 7 - 7:15 pm - How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with Doubt and Uncertain Times

March 14 - How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with Unfairness and Injustice, Anger and Despair

March 21 - How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with Illness, Death, and Dying

March 28 - How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with Difficult Life-Changes and Disappointments

April 4 - How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with Disagreements and Divisions in Church and Society

April 13 - 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

7:00 - Holy Communion

7:30 - Tenebrae Service of Shadow

April 16 - 6:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service and Holy Communion at the Brecksville/Highland Cemetery [Highland Drive, just South of Rte. 82 - park at the water tower]

10:00 a.m. - Easter Festival Celebration

I hope you will join us for some, or all, of these events and gatherings, and that you'll invite others to join us as well! With you on the journey,
Pastor Dave

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

FACILITIES MINISTRY REPORT

A new entry light fixture (LED) will be installed at the ramp door next to the parlor at a cost of \$370.

The roof of the south entry is unvented which causes overheating during warm weather resulting in roof deterioration. Ridge vent installation, gutter repair and painting has been scheduled when weather permits. The total cost of this project will be \$1475.



During December, the heating system has required the following service: 1) re-plumbing the boiler pressure relief valves (to meet inspection requirements) and correcting the wiring for the narthex blower – cost \$583.25 and 2) water pump repair for line to the narthex radiator – cost \$1331.85

The Arlington lower unit renovation is nearing completion (by end of January). When finished and before renting we will try to have a showing for the congregation.

There is one large stained glass window remaining from the old church building. The ministry is recommending its restoration and installation in the upper commons. It would be framed with back lighting and mounted on the north wall and would be dedicated to Lenore Harris for her years of service to the church and especially the Facilities Ministry.



NEWS FROM OCWM

In February, another 41 pounds of aluminum cans were redeemed. Since BUCC began recycling, over 2400 pounds of cans have been redeemed, yielding \$1978 for SARA. Can you believe it?

In February, about 50 bags of food and other items donated by BUCC members and friends were delivered to Community Corner food bank, who estimated the value to be about \$250.00.

However, the real value is the impact these items have on the lives of those in need.

This ministry has met and selected the following dates for the designated offerings in 2017:

Open and Affirming – February 26

One Great Hour Of Sharing – March 26

Edna House – May 14

Strengthen The Church – June 25

Neighbors In Need – October 1

Christmas Offering – December 24.

Interpretive material about One Great Hour Of Sharing can be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Pillar*.

Also, Edna House is a new outreach, replacing Womankind of past years. Edna House is a sanctuary home for women struggling to overcome alcohol and substance addiction. More information about Edna House will be provided later.

The dates and locations for hunger meals through August of this year is as follows:

April 3 – Bethany UCC

June 4 - Bethany UCC

August 27 –Pearl Road UMC

Assistance of BUCC members and friends in preparing and serving the hunger meals is greatly appreciated.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

OGHS is one of several Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ. This mission is administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources to support partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response.



As citizens of a developed country, we are fortunate that we do not have to worry about whether we have water to drink, wash our hands, prepare our food, flush our toilet or to take a shower. We have hospitals and clinics on just about every street corner. We have grocery stores galore. We all know that there are many parts of the world that do not have these luxuries.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we have the ability to make a difference in the lives of those that do not have these simple necessities. Please be generous and give to this worthy cause.

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group will meet Monday, March 6th, at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. The book, "And After the Fire" by Lauren Belfer, is a combination of fact and fiction revolving around a piece of music that was lost for a long time.

If you would like to join us, several copies of the book are available. Just Contact Caroline Chandler at chandler9143@roadrunner.com or call 440-526-9714.

MUSIC

Seasonal Choir - Seasonal choir will begin preparing music for Holy Week on Thursday March 2 from 7:00-8:00. Holy Week this year is scheduled for April 9 (Palm/Passion Sunday) through April 16 (Easter.) Seasonal choir provides an excellent opportunity to prepare spiritually during the Lenten season for our annual commemoration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; the Last Supper and institution of Holy Communion; Christ's crucifixion and burial; and his glorious resurrection on Easter morning. CDs will be distributed to help choir members learn their vocal parts. High school students are welcome to participate.



On Sunday March 26 at 4:00 PM, BUCC will host the **Mosa String Quartet** from the Cleveland Institute of Music. The free program will feature works by Schubert, Beethoven and Ravel. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan on joining us for an outstanding program of chamber music on March 26.

A NOTE OF THANKS



It was a big surprise and great honor to learn that the planned installation of the last of our historic windows was to be done in my honor. ►

The first time I visited BUCC in Jan. 1980, the first person I ran in to gave me a big hug. Yes, it was that super greater Max Roha. The second surprise was that women were acting as ushers.

At coffee hour I learned that the present moderator was a woman. I was hooked; this was going to be MY church. So, I also thank YOU for being a church where there are no barriers to serving where you are needed or the spirit calls you. Thank you all. Love, Lenore

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the very beautiful Poinsettias brought to me by Jan Renovetz. Jan and I enjoyed our visit.

I continue to be blessed by your visits, prayers, cards, goodies, and calls, and I am so grateful to you all.

I hope to be able to get to church soon, I miss you. Thank you again for your loving concern. Love, Ann Toneff

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictorial directory is complete and ready for pick-up! For those of you that are in the Directory please find your copy on the counter in the Office, and please sign your name that you have received your copy. It is really beautiful – enjoy!



WOMEN UNITED

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 15 at 11:30 am. Please bring your lunch, coffee & tea provided. Topic to be announced.



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

March 3:	Lucy Brown
March 5:	Dorothy Faust
March 8:	Mindy Harris-Wade
March 9:	Celia Kelly
	Chris Fas
March 12:	Benjamin Rehling
March 14:	Kate Klonowski
March 16:	Olivia Klonowski
	Spencer Whyte
	Matthew Walters
	Vonda Ward
March 18:	Philip Fas
	Barbara Gartland
March 20:	Emma Novak
March 22:	Ann Kelley
March 23:	Emily Kelly
March 24:	Kathleen Stewart
March 25:	Joe Wilson
March 28:	Pat Bailey
	Kathy Pastor
March 29:	Mark Rehling
	Bill Witt
March 30:	Susan Snyder
Other March Birthdays:	Tia Began

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

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Easter 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, APRIL 2, 2017

I Enclose \$12.00_____ or other_____ for Easter Plants

In Memory of_____

In Honor of_____ Other_____

Your Name

I will keep the Flowers_____

I will NOT keep Flowers_____

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter_____

BUCC CALENDAR

MARCH, 2017

Wednesday, MARCH 1

6 am Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer
6:30 pm Soup/Supper
7 pm Ash Wed. Service

Thursday, MARCH 2

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

Friday, MARCH 3

Saturday, MARCH 4

Sunday, MARCH 5

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

Monday, MARCH 6

1 pm Book Club/Parlor
6 pm Facilities

Tuesday, MARCH 7

7:15 pm Lenten Study

Wednesday, MARCH 8

6 am Early Birds
7 pm Council

Thursday, MARCH 9

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

Friday, MARCH 10

Saturday, MARCH 11

Sunday, MARCH 12

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, MARCH 13

Tuesday, MARCH 14

7:15 pm Lenten Study

Wednesday, MARCH 15

PILLAR DEADLINE

6 am Early Birds
11:30 am Women United
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer

Thursday, MARCH 16

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

Friday, MARCH 17

Saturday, MARCH 18

9 am Potluck Set-Up

Sunday, MARCH 19

10 am Worship
11 am St. Patricks
Pot Luck
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, MARCH 20

10 am Leadership Dev.

Tuesday, MARCH 21

7:15 pm Lenten Study

Wednesday, MARCH 22

6 am Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer

Thursday, MARCH 23

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

Friday, MARCH 24

Saturday, MARCH 25

9 am Potluck Set Up

Sunday, MARCH 26

10 am Worship/OGHS
Offering
11 am Coffee Hour
4 pm **Mosa String
Quartet Concert**

Monday, MARCH 27

Tuesday, MARCH 28

7:15 pm Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 29

Thursday, March 30

5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Seasonal Choir
8 pm Choir

Friday, March 31

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

MARCH 5, 2017

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Joanne Cook, Ed Lusk,
Kathy Smith, Dan Stewart
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: David Pastor
Comms Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jim Duffy
Servers: Marge Culver, Caroline
Chandler
Clean Up: Lynne Struck
Snacks: Jim Pay, Susan Snyder
Snow Herder: Dave Bernard

MARCH 12, 2017

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Beth
Rehling, Ian Stewart, Cliff
Cribbs
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lilly Hunt
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Joanne Cook, Vicki Szabo
Clean-Up: Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks: Kathleen Stewart, Marilyn
Wrights
Snow Herder: Matt Wolbert

MARCH 19, 2017

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler
Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Max Roha
Comms Grtr: Chad Sproul
Flowers: Kathy Pastor
Nursery: Kate Klonowski
Counters: David Pastor, Dave Bernard
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Carole Snider
Clean-Up: CORNED BEEF POTLUCK
Snacks: MEMBERSHIP
Snow Herder: Wes Novak

MARCH 26, 2017

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor,
Vicki Szabo, Jon Thompson
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Courtnei Began
Counters: Marge Culver, Bruce McCain
Servers: Darlene Kelly, Michelle
Namitka
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks: Marla Corrado, Dorie Gabor
Snow Herder: Chad Sproul

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