

The *Pillar*
Brecksville United Church of Christ

NOVEMBER, 2017



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

Pastor's Ponderings

...On Giving and Growing...

The theme of our 2017 Stewardship Drive is *Journey to Generosity*, based on some of Jesus' teachings recorded by the Gospel writer Matthew. In some ways, this "Journey" is rather simple - requiring only 3 steps! *Taking* those 3 steps, however, can be a Life-long process. The first step on the Journey to Generosity, is that we *Realize* our own blessings. The second, is that we *Recognize* the Divine Abundance that surrounds us. The third, is that we *Rejoice* in sharing those blessings with others.

Those of us, who are blessed with material goods and comforts, have remarkable opportunities to make a beneficial impact on the world around us. Our ability to be generous, however, doesn't rely solely on material wealth. Our time and energy, skills and ability to engage in charitable works can also effect positive changes in the lives of others. The fact is that each of us have blessings to share. And when we *do* share, those blessings are not diminished - they are actually increased! One of Jesus' notable parables is about a sower who freely scatters seed across a field. And although some of that seed doesn't land on the best of soil, the vast majority of it does - and it ends-up bringing-forth a tremendous harvest.

The aim of our Fall Stewardship Drive is to help each of us prayerfully consider the specific things that we can do to support the ongoing ministry of BUCC in the coming year. This support involves our financial contributions, as well as our working together in the various ministries that this congregation undertakes. As a Family of Faith, it's important to make sure that each member [and friend] of this family be given the opportunity to participate in assisting and supporting the important work of this church. That way, we can all realize our blessings, recognize the Divine Abundance around us, and rejoice in the sharing! ►

On behalf of our Stewardship Ministry, I ask you all to please consider what portion of your income you will give to help strengthen and further the ministry of Brecksville United Church of Christ in the coming year. At our worship service on Sunday, November 12th, we will gather our pledge cards and present them at the altar, with our thanks to Holy One who continues to bless us in so many ways. Then we will wrap-up our celebration with our traditional Thanksgiving Feast in Pilgrim Hall - an event that you won't want to miss!

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

There will be a Fall Cleanup of the church grounds on Saturday, November 4 at 9:00am. An alternate date of November 11 has been selected in the event of inclement weather. Please come and help us this yearly project.

The alarm system for the building needs to be repaired or replaced. We are in the process of negotiating that with our current contractor, Guardian Alarm.

Flood prevention is a special priority. As many of you know this has been an ongoing problem over the years. A variety of possibilities and solutions are being discussed.

A new renter, Creative Drumming, is now located in the lower level of the education wing. He will be teaching percussion.

The driveway to the garage on the Arlington property is scheduled to be seal coated in October. ►



The kitchen stove has been serviced and new batteries have been placed in the igniters.

Our landscaper was requested to submit a bid to: (1) remove all vegetation in the front right-hand bed and plant a tree; (2) remove vegetation and small trees on the property line with the school; (3) remove vegetation and clean-up the driveway side of our Arlington rental property. The total cost for the entire project is \$2060. The team has decided to move forward on this project to be completed by the end of October.

FINANCE



September was a busy giving month. Checks went to the Western Reserve Association for: NIN \$502; Hurricane Relief \$2,426; and the third quarter OCWM pledge. A check for school supplies was sent to the International Newcomers Academy where several of our members volunteer.

The Neighbors in Need collection supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry, while two-thirds is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

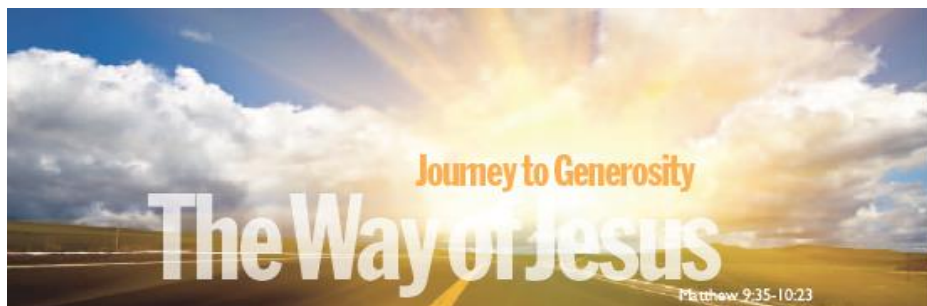
Thank you for your generosity.

NEWS FROM OCWM

The next Hunger Meal will be on Sunday, November 26th at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. The menu is undecided at this writing. The usual sign-up board will be in the Narthex for people to indicate their interest in participating.



STEWARDSHIP



Our annual **Stewardship 2018** is underway. Stewardship Sunday will be November 12. This year our theme is **Journey to Generosity: The Way of Jesus** and the scripture from Matthew 9:25 to 10:23 is the focus of reflection. Please take a few moments to carefully consider what stewardship means to you and to our broader church family. We are all stewards, which means that you help manage resources. As stewards of God, we try to manage our resources so that they serve God's purposes to make the church and the world more like the communities God wants them to be.

Note that by the end of October, you should receive a letter from our moderator that includes a pledge card. On Sunday November 12, prior to our annual Thanksgiving dinner, we will collect the pledge cards during the worship service. What is stewardship? Loving God and loving neighbor. We have an opportunity to make commitments — both material and symbolic — to help this congregation love God and love neighbor in the days, weeks, months, and year ahead.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – THANKSGIVING DINNER

BUCC is having the annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 12. Once again we provide the turkey, gravy and mashed potatoes. Please bring a side dish to share and don't forget to get your name on the signup list. Any questions call Kathy Smith 440 343 6354 or David Pastor 440 552 4403.

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

November 6th book discussion considers a science fiction classic FAHRENHEIT 451--the temperature at which book paper catches fire and burns. There is already lots of discussion from those reading this uncanny picture, copyrighted in 1951. Group meets in parlor at 1:00 pm. New readers are always welcome.



WOMEN UNITED

We will not be meeting for the months of November & December. There will be more information to follow about the Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church Advent Tea.



FOOD PANTRY

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



ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT

3pm, Sunday November 19

Franklin Cohen, *clarinet*

7 pm, Thursday, Dec. 14

Burning River Brass

7pm, Friday, Dec.15

Burning River Brass

3pm, Sunday Feb. 18 –

ALL BEETHOVEN

Amici String Quartet

*Members of The Cleveland
Orchestra*

2pm concert preview with

Donald Rosenberg –

Sponsored anonymously

3pm, Sunday, March 18

BACH Birthday Tribute: Mark
Kosower, *cello*

3pm, Sunday, April 15

Jaime Laredo, *violin*
Sharon Robinson, *cello*

3pm, Sunday May, 6

Cicilia Yudha, *piano*

**PRESENTED AT PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
2592 WEST 14TH ST.
CLEVELAND, OH 44113**



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

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



OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON....

**Watch for Dates & Times in Your Pillar and
Bulletin**

~Stewardship Sunday - Turkey Dinner

~Hunger Meal at PRUMC

~Poinsettia Orders

~Cantata

~Christmas Pageant

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER, 2017

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 1

6 am Early Bird
4:30 Recorder/Dul.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 2

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

Friday, NOVEMBER 3

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOVEMBER 4

9 am Fall Clean Up

Sunday, NOVEMBER 5

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

Monday, NOVEMBER 6

1 pm Book Discussion
7 pm Facilities

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 7

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 8

6 am Early Birds
4:30 Recorder/Dul.
7:00 PM Council

Thursday, NOVEMBER 9

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

Friday, NOVEMBER 10

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOVEMBER 11

9 am ALT Fall Clean-Up

Sunday, NOVEMBER 12

10 am Worship
11 am Turkey Dinner-Stewardship
Sunday

Monday, NOVEMBER 13

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 14

Wednesday, November 15 PILLAR DEADLINE

6 am Early Birds
4:30 Recorder/Dul.
NO WOMEN UNITED THIS MONTH

Thursday, NOVEMBER 16

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

Friday, NOVEMBER 17

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOVEMBER 18

Sunday, NOVEMBER 19

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

Monday, NOVEMBER 20

Tuesday, NOVEMBER, 21

Wednesday, SEPT. 22

6 am Early Birds
4:30 Recorder/Dul.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 23

Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed

Friday, NOVEMBER 24

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOVEMBER 25

Sunday, NOVEMBER 26

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
2 pm Hunger Meal – PRUMC

Monday, NOVEMBER 27

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 28

Wednesday, November 29

Thursday, November 30

***THE OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAYS.***

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Lay Reader: Dot Bailey
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
George & Carole Snider
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Jess Barnes
Counters: Matt Wolbert, Nancy Stella
Servers: Betty Kaul, Joanne Cook
Clean Up: Jill Zedan, Lynne Struck
Snacks: Dot Bailey, Julie Bernard

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Joe Wilson, Drew Wilson
Linda Kriynovich, Sam Koch
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Jill Zedan
Flowers: HARVEST
Nursery: Jonathan Cook
Counters: Bruce McCain, Carole Snider
Servers: Membership Ministry
Clean-Up: Stewardship Ministry
Snacks: Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Ed Lusk, Bridget Sproul
Chad Sproul, Jim Pay
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: HARVEST
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Jim Duffy
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Gina Cook, Dorie Gabor

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Lay Reader: Kate Klonowski
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Dan & Ian Stewart
Jess Barnes, Ben Tomlinson
Acolyte: Carli Began
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Jon Thompson, Donn Whyte
Servers: Michele Namitka, Darlene Kelly
Clean Up: David & Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Dian Gressley, Beth Rehling

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