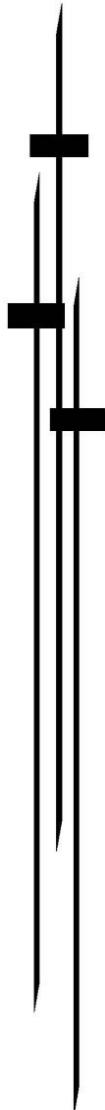


# The Pillar

Brecksville United Church of Christ

**OCTOBER, 2017**



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

## ***Pastor's Ponderings***

### ***...on Growing Together...***

When considering the subject of Church growth, there are three primary areas to consider. The first is *personal* growth: the ways in which an individual Church member's own faith and understanding, commitment and participation develops and increases. The second is *relational* growth; the ways that members within the Church strengthen their ties with each other, and their ability to work together in carrying-forward the Church's mission. The third is *collective* growth: the literal increase in Church membership, as the community of Faith draws others into its fold.

On Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - 4:00 pm, BUCC members and friends - adults and teens - will gather for our annual Retreat at the Hinckley Reservation. This year's theme will be "Growing in our Faith", which will touch on those three areas of church growth mentioned above, and which should dovetail nicely with the work of this year's Welcome & Growth Task-force. We will look at, and re-image, some classic Bible stories about growth and productivity, abundance and generosity. We'll also share some stories about times in our own lives when we've experienced personal growth, the generosity of others, or a sense of Divine Abundance and Blessing. And we'll spend some time talking about some of the ways we can grow together as a community of Faith.

As an added bonus, we will hear some stories about *literal* growth - as Anne Melfo shares some of the exciting things that are happening with the *Cleveland Roots* program. This is the West-side Cleveland project that she and Doug Fawcett and their children Victor and Mickey have launched.

Along with our planned activities, we will also share a noon meal together, and take some time to simply get to know one another a bit better. Spending a day together in a relaxed and beautiful setting presents a great opportunity for doing this! ►

I hope that you will all make a special effort to join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> - and as always, feel free to bring a friend!

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.

## **HURRICANE RELIEF**

Our UCC Disaster Ministries is already connecting with local congregations and agencies for long-term recovery work in the regions affected by the recent hurricanes. Your contributions help provide community support for holistic recovery for families and children, repairing houses and homes, and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of these catastrophic events. Gifts may be made to BUCC, marked for "Hurricane Relief" and they will be sent through our Ohio Conference office. Thank you!

## **FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC**

### **FINANCE**



The offering for Open and Affirming Coalition of UCC taken in the park on August 27 was \$240. A check was sent to ONA in that amount.

Regarding the article in last month's Pillar, Finance has been made aware that when members contribute their time to purchase items for church it is unfair not to reimburse for tax on items. If possible, shop where the Church receives tax-free benefits, such as OfficeMax, or ask the Office for a Tax Exempt form to set up the Church with tax free benefits at the stores you frequent.

## NEWS FROM OCWM

The last hunger meal served was on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Due to a PRUMC service that precluded us from using the kitchen until 4PM, and the hungry folks arrive at 5 PM, the menu was shortened to sandwiches to be taken out instead of being eaten at the church. So the BUCC troopers arrived at 4 and prepared about 150 sandwiches before 4:45 PM! The ham and cheese, turkey and cheese, salami, and especially the egg salad sandwiches were well received. The egg salad was donated, which was very much appreciated. About 80 to 100 people were served, and there were leftovers, which were taken to St. Herman's. The BUCC bakers did their usual good job, and we couldn't do without them. The next hunger meal is scheduled for Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. The usual sign-up board will be posted in the narthex for those interested in joining in preparing and serving nutrition to those in need.



The next designated offering will be received on Sunday, October 1, 2017. The funds will be used for the Neighbors In Need effort.

Elsewhere in this pillar, and in Sunday bulletins will be interpretive information as to the uses to which this offering will be put.

### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN) OFFERING, OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

The 2017 theme for the NIN offering is "Protect the Sacred: In a Just World, Clean Water is Life.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM) is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. CAIM provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians and to the wider church. Justice issues that affect American Indian life are communicated to the whole UCC by CAIM.

Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church.

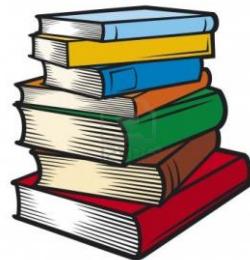
Two-thirds of the NIN offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

We will receive the NIN offering on **October 1, 2017** as part of World Communion Sunday observance. Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously. Thank you.

## **NOTES AND ASIDES**

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

The October 2nd discussion focuses on the novel **BE FRANK WITH ME** by Julia Claiborne Johnson. The book's focus is very different from September's **BEING MORTAL**. Frank is a 9 year old unusually bright and candid child with a somewhat flawed but talented mother, who greets the newly hired nanny by saying, "You need to meet Frank. He may like you. He likes young women with blond hair. He doesn't care if they aren't pretty." The discussion will focus on passages that create humor and why. The discussion is in the parlor at 1:00. To join the discussion and borrow a book, call Dot Bailey 440-526-4881.





## ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT

**3pm, Sunday October 1**

*Jinjoo Cho, violin*

*Hyun Soo Kim, piano*

*[Chamber music with friends]*

**3pm, Sunday November 19**

*Franklin Cohen, clarinet*

**7 pm, Thursday, Dec. 14**

**Burning River Brass**

**7pm, Friday, November 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 14<sup>TH</sup> ST.**  
**CLEVELAND, OH 44113**



## FOOD PANTRY

**October - Canned Soup, Baked Beans, Chili, etc.**

## MUSIC

On Sunday October 29 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring the Obertones from Oberlin College. The Obertones are a men's a cappella choral ensemble that performs a broad range of current musical styles, including pop, alternative, R & B, and classic rock. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the performance. Plan on joining us on October 29 to hear this highly recommended group.



Seasonal choir will begin preparing for this year's Christmas cantata on Thursday October 12 from 7-8 PM. The cantata is scheduled for Sunday December 10.

If you enjoy singing in a group setting, but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for Christmas. Listening CDs are provided to help make the learning process easier. High school students are welcome to participate. Contact Dave D. with any questions.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you very much for your continual support with gently used blankets, towels, and sheets that I collect for various animal shelters. It is always a joy to walk in on a Monday and find these items. Thank you all for your kindness.

Blessings, Jeannette

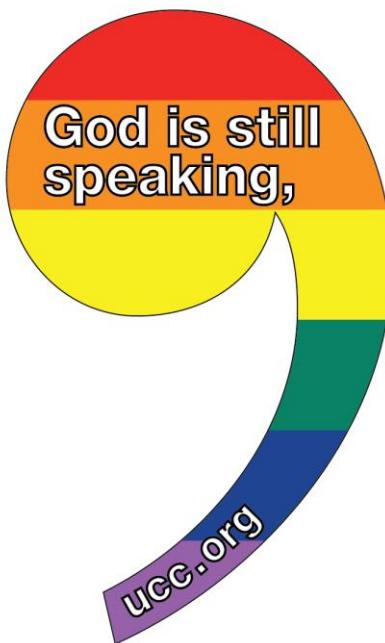




Happy, Happy October Birthdays to the following BUCC Members!  
Please share in their joy and wish them a Happy Birthday!

October 8:	Michelle Namitka
October 9:	Ashley Smith
October 15:	Indiria 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
	Leroy Ford
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!***



### **THE COMMA MEANS THAT**

#### **GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

God didn't stop talking to us at the end of the Bible. God has more to say...are you listening?

### **THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Balances religious tradition with new ideas. Our faith is more than 2000 years old. Our thinking is not.

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,**  
or where you are on life's journey,  
**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

## BUCC CALENDAR

### OCTOBER, 2017

#### **Sunday, OCTOBER 1**

10 am Worship/NIN  
11 am Coffee Hour  
12:30pm – 3:00 pm  
Luther Farms

#### **Monday, OCTOBER 2**

1pm Book Discussion

#### **Tuesday, OCTOBER 3**

7:00 pm Facilities ►  
**\*CHANGE OF DAY FOR  
THIS MEETING ONLY\***

#### **Wednesday, OCTOBER 4**

6 am Early Bird  
**\*NO**  
**RECORDER/DULCIMER\***  
7:00 PM Council

#### **Thursday, OCTOBER 5**

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

#### **Friday, OCTOBER 6**

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### **Saturday, OCTOBER 7**

**Sunday, OCTOBER 8**  
10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour  
5:30pm Youth Percussion  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

#### **Monday, OCTOBER 9**

#### **Tuesday, OCTOBER 10**

**Wednesday, SEPT. 11**  
6 am Early Birds  
4:30 Recorder/Dul.  
7:00 PM Council

#### **Thursday, OCTOBER 12**

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

#### **Friday, OCTOBER 13**

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### **Saturday, OCTOBER 14**

10:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Church Retreat at Ledge Lake

#### **Sunday, OCTOBER 15**

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour  
**PILLAR DEADLINE**

#### **Monday, OCTOBER 16**

#### **Tuesday, OCTOBER 17**

**Wednesday, SEPT.18**  
6 am Early Birds  
11:30 am Women United  
4:30 Recorder/Dul.

#### **Thursday, OCTOBER 19**

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

#### **Friday, OCTOBER 20**

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### **Saturday, OCTOBER 21**

**Sunday, OCTOBER 22**  
10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour  
5:30pm Youth Percussion  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

#### **Monday, OCTOBER 23**

#### **Tuesday, OCTOBER, 24**

#### **Wednesday, SEPT. 25**

6 am Early Birds  
4:30 Recorder/Dul.

#### **Thursday, OCTOBER 26**

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

#### **Friday, OCTOBER 27**

#### **Saturday, OCTOBER 28**

#### **Sunday, OCTOBER 29**

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour  
4 pm **\*Free Concert**  
“Obertones” from Oberlin  
College. Light Reception to  
follow.

#### **Monday, OCTOBER 30**

#### **Tuesday, OCTOBER 31** **\*Happy Halloween\***

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

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

**OCTOBER 1, 2017**

Lay Reader: David Ritchey  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Darlene Kelly, Fred Pesek  
Matt Wolbert, Diane  
Gressley  
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Kevin Smith  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Flowers: Dorie Gabor  
Nursery: Courtni Began  
Counters: Jim Duffy, Carole Snider  
Servers: Betty Kaul, Sue Stenzel  
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snacks: Max Roha, Jon  
Thompson

Flowers: Dottie Faust  
Nursery: Valerie Taylor  
Counters: Marge Culver, Stu Bailey  
Servers: Joanne Cook, Carole  
Snider  
Clean-Up: David & Kathy Pastor  
Snacks: Sue Stenzel, Marla  
Corrado

**OCTOBER 22, 2017**

Lay Reader: Sam Koch  
Head Usher: Jill Zedan  
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Dave & Julie Bernard  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Carole Snider  
Flowers: Carole Snider  
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg  
Counters: Donn Whyte, Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Clean Up: Jim & Peg Duffy  
Snacks: Bettina Ortiz, Gina Cook

**OCTOBER 8, 2017**

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul  
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey  
Betty Kaul, Sam Koch  
Acolyte: Grace Hunt  
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt  
Sound: Chad Sproul  
Comns Grtr: Jane Cribbs  
Flowers: Betty Gifford  
Nursery: Kate Klonowski  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Dave  
Bernard  
Servers: Marge Culver, Julie  
Bernard  
Clean-Up: Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan  
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Beth  
Rehling

**OCTOBER 29, 2017**

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul  
Head Usher: Jon Thompson  
Ushers: Cliff & Jane Cribbs  
Lindsey Maier, David  
Ritchey  
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart  
Peace Candle: Drew Demko  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comms Grtr: Dave Bernard  
Flowers: Dot Bailey  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Jan Renovetz  
Servers: Darlene Kelly, Michelle  
Namatka  
Clean-up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett  
Snacks: Sue Stenzel, Dorie Gabor

**OCTOBER 15, 2017**

Lay Reader: Darlene Kelly  
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel  
Ushers: Ed Lusk, Beth Rehling  
Jim Pay, Jess Barnes  
Acolyte: Jillian Davis  
Peace Candle: Ben Davis  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul►

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