

The Pillar

Brecksville United Church of Christ

JANUARY, 2018



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

Pastor's Ponderings

...from Beginning to End...

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God said, 'Let there be light;' and there was light." [Genesis 1:1, 3]

The beginning of a New Year often stirs-up a wide range of memories and emotions for many of us. For those whose past year went smoothly, the memories can be pleasant; and the prospect of a positive year ahead seems well within the realm of possibilities. For those who have endured a difficult year of struggle or sadness, pain or loss, looking back can be agonizing; and the journey ahead can seem dark and daunting. The way we feel about beginning a New Year is understandably impacted by the events and quality of the year we've just experienced.

Nevertheless, there is something promising about a New Year. It can signal a new beginning and a fresh start. It can serve as a kind of personal "reset button" - as we evaluate what has worked well in our lives, and what behaviors or habits are counterproductive or downright destructive. And whether we've experienced one of the best years of our lives, or one of the worst, we can always use the start of a new calendar year to refocus on what truly matters in our lives. We can be grateful for the people who love us, and who stand with us in both the good times and the bad. We can remember that we are not alone in our struggles [or our successes] and that by opening our lives to others, our burdens [and our blessings] can be shared.

Most importantly, you and I can trust that the Divine Source from whom we all derive remains connected to our lives, and concerned about the way we live. We can take comfort in the knowledge that there is nothing that we have faced, or will ever face, that is beyond the redemptive and restorative power of the Holy One. And we can hold-fast to the promise that - whatever the New Year, or any year, might bring - there is nothing that can ever separate us from the love of God.

This is the message of Jesus.

This is the essence of our Faith.

This is the Good News that keeps us going! ►

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 MINISTRY

NJM landscaping has cleared our western boundary of weeds, small shrubs and trimmed the trees. We shall have to determine what type of



plant material to use in this area in the spring. The front eastern bed has been cleaned out and a hydrangea will be planted in the spring. The driveway side of the rental property has also been cleaned up.

We have contracted with Blue Sky Landscaping for 6 hours per month (March thru November) of landscaping maintenance of the various beds around the church. Kathy Pastor (owner) has given us a discounted rate of \$20 per hour – normal rate is \$36 per hour.

The twin furnaces (boiler room) will be replaced. One is no longer working and the other is ready to be replaced. Two high efficiency (95%) Rheem furnaces, including piping/wiring, will be installed by Broadview Heating for a cost of \$5445. This is scheduled to be done on 12/27-28.

A pressure relief valve on the dishwasher system has been leaking. It will be replaced by Hobart as soon as the part is received.

The natural gas contract has expired. The previous rate of \$2.90/mcf will rise to approximately \$3.20/mcf.

The Arlington property needs to have the gutters re-pitched on Unit B and new lattice placed on the front porch. A bathroom exhaust fan has been requested for Unit A.

MEMBERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE



The BUCC annual bowling outing will take place on Sunday January 21, 2018 at Northwoods Lanes in Macedonia at 2 pm. The cost is \$5 for 2 games including shoe rental, snacks and prizes. Any questions contact David Pastor.

NEWS FROM OCWM

Thanks go to all BUCC members and friends who supported the outreach effort of this church during 2017. Without the help of the many people who provided food items, toiletries and dental supplies, hats and mittens, and aluminum cans, our response to the community needs would have been much less than it was. Also, needless to say, the response to the designated offerings throughout the year was heartwarming, as the need for financial help is becoming ever greater. Thank you again to all you people who know who you are.

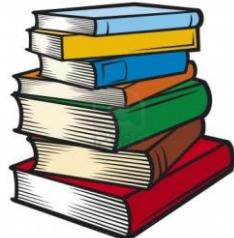


The next hunger meal will be on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Bethany UCC Church. As usual, the sign-up board will be in the narthex for interested persons to indicate their preference for helping on the first shift (2:30 PM to 4:00 PM), or the second shift (4:00 PM to 6:00 PM). It is expected that about 50 meals will be prepared and served, and the menu will be an easy one, so the meal should not be an ordeal. The hunger meal after that will be on Sunday, March 4, 2017, also at Bethany.

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Book Discussion Ta-Nahisi wrote **BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME** to his teenage son in 2015. It is a searing meditation on what it means to be black in America today. The discussion will take place in the parlor at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 8th. All are welcome to participate.



FLOWER MINISTRY



Flowers are placed in the front of the church every Sunday to honor/celebrate your family/friends/events. A new sign up chart for 2018 has been hung on the west wall just inside the door to the narthex. Information from this chart goes to Jeannette, our office manager, so she may put the information in the Bulletin each week.

Put your name on the chart, fill out the information form found in the pocket below the chart and turn this information in to Joy Garapic. Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY
January - Canned Fruit & Vegetables

WOMEN UNITED

Will Meet Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in
the Parlor



MUSIC



MUSIC MINISTRY - Here is a list of starting dates and times for our musical ensembles at BUCC:

Joyful Noise Choir (K-5th grade) - First practice will be on Thursday Jan. 4 from 5:30-6:15. We learn fun songs, talk about God and the life and teachings of Jesus, and usually have time for an activity.

Adult Choir (high school students welcome) - First rehearsal is on Thursday Jan. 4 from 7:30-9:00. We present a diverse selection of anthems for Sunday services, and also lead the hymn-singing during services.

Seasonal Choir (high school students welcome) - The first practice to begin preparing music for Holy Week will be on Thursday Feb. 15 from 7:00-8:00. If you enjoy singing in a group but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for Christianity's annual observance of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter.

Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble (all ages welcome) - First practice is on Wed. Jan. 10 from 4:30-5:00. We present prelude music ~ once a month at Sunday services. Dave Debick offers free beginner's lessons on soprano recorder, dulcimer and guitar. Don't hesitate to contact him if you're interested.

Youth Percussion Group (6th-12th grade) - We provide drum and other percussion accompaniment as needed for incidental music (prelude, Offertory, Communion, postlude), and occasionally play for anthems and Joyful Noise songs.

Instrumentalists (all ages welcome) - If you play an instrument and would like to share your musical gifts with the congregation, please let Dave D. know so he can include you in his music planning. Opportunities for instrumentalists include incidental music during service, and/or accompanying choirs as needed. ►

Private piano lessons (all ages welcome) - Dave D. offers private piano lessons for a nominal fee on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact him if you're interested.



ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT

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

3pm, Sunday May, 6

Cicilia Yudha, piano

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2017 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Anonymous

In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.

Anonymous

In Memory of loved ones.

Julie Bernard &
Linda Kriynovich

In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.

Midge Cassidy

In Honor of Kirk & Lee Sanderson
In Memory of Robert Rhoton

Marla Corrado

In Memory of my father, William Zmich

<u>Marjorie Culver</u>	<i>In Memory of Richard & Carlton Culver, Ron Lang, and Nan Martin.</i>
<u>Dorothy Faust</u>	<i>In Memory of my parents, Clinton & Caroline Tallant</i>
<u>Dorie Gabor</u>	<i>In Memory of my husband Steve, my sister Ruth, and my brother, Richard.</i>
<u>Joy Garapic</u>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Dear Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<u>Diane Gressley</u>	<i>In Memory of Evan & Emma Gressley.</i>
<u>The Harris Family</u>	<i>In Loving Memory of Bill Harris, "We miss you papa."</i>
<u>Betty Kaul</u>	<i>In Memory of Jim and David Kaul</i>
<u>Dassie Matsuoka & Daughters</u>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<u>Carol Miller & Pat Rehm</u>	<i>In Honor of Miller & Rehm Families In Honor of Rehm & Miller Families</i>
<u>Fred Pesek</u>	<i>In Memory of Constance B. Pesek</i>
<u>Max Roha</u>	<i>In Loving Memory David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and Lois L. Wallin.</i>
<u>Mariam R. Rosewicz</u>	<i>Blessings for Family and Friends.</i>
<u>Kathy Smith</u>	<i>In Glory for my Grandchildren.</i>
<u>Carole Snider</u>	<i>In Memory of Lawrence Snider, brother of George.</i>
<u>Nancy Stella</u>	<i>In Memory of those in the Stella and Truex families who Have passed on but not forgotten; Our Husband, Parents, and Grandparents.</i>
<u>Chad Sproul</u>	<i>In Memory of Charlie & Pat Sproul In Honor of Lois and Rudy Lorenzo In Honor of Bridget Sproul</i>

Bill & Toneff

In Loving Memory of Ann Toneff

Sherrill Witt

*In Honor of Shirley and Arch Duncan
In Honor of the Witt Family.*

*In Honor of the Bishop & Peart Legacy
In Honor of our BUCC Church Family*

Jill Zedan

In Memory of my Mother, Father, Sister, and Husband.



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!

CALENDAR

JANUARY, 2018

Monday, JANUARY 1 Happy New Year!	Saturday, JANUARY 13	Wednesday, JANUARY 24 4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
Tuesday, JANUARY 2	Sunday, JANUARY 14 10 am Worship 11 am Coffee Hour 5:30 pm Youth Percussion 6 pm Youth Ministry	Thursday, JANUARY 25 1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Choir
Wednesday, JANUARY 3	Monday, JANUARY 15 PILLAR DEADLINE 7 pm Welcome & Growth Task force	Friday, JANUARY 26 *Office Closed*
Thursday, JANUARY 4 1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Choir	Tuesday, JANUARY 16	Saturday, JANUARY 27
Friday, JANUARY 5 *OFFICE CLOSED*	Wednesday, JANUARY 17 11:30 am Women United 4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer	Sunday, JANUARY 28 10 am Worship 11am Congregational Mtg. 11 am Coffee Hour 5:30 pm Youth Percussion 6 pm Youth Ministry
Saturday, JANUARY 6	Thursday, JANUARY 18 1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Choir	Monday, January 29
Sunday, JANUARY 7 10 am Worship 11 am Coffee Hour 4 pm Hunger Meal Bethany UCC	Friday, JANUARY 19 *OFFICE CLOSED*	Tuesday, January 30
Monday, JANUARY 8 1 pm Book Discussion 7 pm Facilities -Library 7pm Spiritual Life	Saturday, JANUARY 20	Wednesday, January 31 4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
Tuesday, JANUARY 9	Sunday, JANUARY 21 10 am Worship 11 am Coffee Hour 2 pm Bowling	
Wednesday, JANUARY 10 4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer 7:00 pm Council	Monday, JANUARY 22	*THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.*
Thursday, JANUARY 11 1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Choir	Tuesday, JANUARY 23	
Friday, JANUARY 12 *OFFICE CLOSED*		

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JANUARY 7, 2018

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Beth Rehling, Jim Pay
David Ritchey, Sue
Stenzel
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Kathy Pastor
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Valerie Tyler
Counters: Nancy Stella, Donn Whyte
Servers: Betty Kaul, Marge Culver
Clean Up: Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan
Snacks: Julie Bernard, Marla
Corrado
Snow Herder: Matt Wolbert

JANUARY 14, 2018

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Kim & Tim Wallis,
George & Carole Snider
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
Counters: Dave Bernard, David
Pastor
Servers: Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Diane
Gressley
Snow Herder: Chad Sproul

JANUARY 21, 2018

Lay Reader: Sue Stenzel
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Jill Zedan, Matt Wolbert
Katy & David Pastor
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Jon Thompson, Kate
Klonowski
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Joy
Garapic
Clean-Up: Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel
Snacks: Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Snow Herder: Wes Novak

JANUARY 28, 2018

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Ben Tomlinson, Jess
Barnes, Dave & Julie
Bernard
Acolyte: Carli Began
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Marge Culver, Jim Duffy
Servers: Carole Snider, Joan Cook
Clean Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Susan
Snyder
Snow Herder: Cliff Cribbs

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