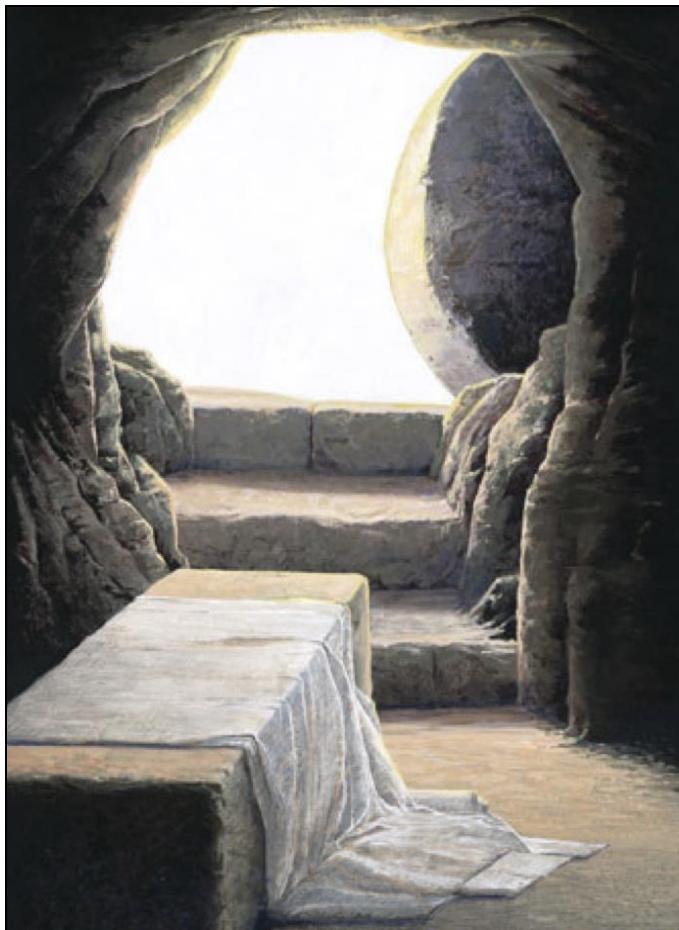


# The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

***April, 2018***



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

## *Pastor's Ponderings*

### ***...On Reasonable Doubt...***

Thomas Merton [1915-1968] was an influential Roman Catholic theologian, monk, poet, and social activist. At a time when the Catholic Church was far less ecumenical than it is today, Merton was nonetheless a strong advocate for interdenominational and inter-religious cooperation. Though highly intelligent and deeply spiritual, Merton displayed a genuine humility, which is reflected in the beginning of one of his notable prayers:

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your Will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing....”

In this day when so many people are so rigidly insistent about the absolute rightness of their position - be it political, religious, or personal - it is truly refreshing to hear a voice of reasonable self-doubt. When it comes to discussing or declaring the mind and purpose of the Divine Mystery, such a spirit of humility is particularly important. For any of us mere mortals to believe that we have the exclusive insight concerning what the Divine Source of All intends for us and this world, is both foolish and dangerous. And unless we are willing to dial-down the revved-up rhetoric of self-proclaimed rightness and righteousness, we will have a hard time hearing that “still, small voice of the Holy One” that whispers to us amid the chaos and confusion of Life’s complexities.

“The fact that I think I am following your Will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing....”

Having the *desire* to please the Holy One, along with the recognition that you or I can never fully understand - let alone follow - the Perfect, Divine Will, is actually a pretty good place to be. It helps us let-go of our need to always be right, and allows us to let God be God.

Merton's understanding of the difference between trusting in God's grace to guide us, versus our desire to impose our own will and values on others in the name of God, is an important distinction to keep in mind. For when we truly trust in the ultimate goodness and dependability of Divine grace and guidance for *our* lives, we may then discover the genuine joy of humbly sharing our faith with others.

With you in Christ's Service,  
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**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

This year's Christian Education Lenten project is going to support the Cleveland Roots! Cleveland Roots creates opportunities for urban agriculture, and educational programs that empower people to grow their own produce. Their goals are to provide affordable access to fresh produce, promote healthy living, nurture the environment, and cultivate community. The C.E. students have been hard at work making decorative magnets to help raise funds for the building of a protective fence around the farm to protect the crops from animal nibblers! If you have any questions about Cleveland Roots, feel free to ask Anne Melfo or

Doug Fawcett at church, or [email: info@clevelandroots.org](mailto:info@clevelandroots.org). Magnets will go on sale Palm Sunday, March 25th with a suggested minimum of one share (\$5) but can go up to as many shares as you'd like! Sales will continue through Easter. Thanks for your support!



## FACILITIES

The last stained glass window project being worked-on by Art 5 Glass. The estimated completion timeline is 4-6 weeks. Upon completion the balance of \$2000 will be due.

The electronic alarm panel was replaced by ABCO on 11/2/17. The completed inspection papers were sent to the city.



Preliminary effort will be started on digitizing a scaled building map showing the location of major water, electrical & heat/AC control points. Additionally, a large 3-ring binder will be created to centralize & maintain all ministry activities & responsibilities.

We are exploring a plan to standardize dispensers and paper products throughout the church. The plan includes on-line purchase of all janitorial supplies and will permit the custodian to order those as necessary. Standardization of supplies and their ordering is expected to have a substantial cost savings. This plan will be ready by next month.

The Ministry is still reviewing options for correcting water run-off that sometimes floods Pilgrim Hall. Potential corrections and costs are being investigated. At least one of the drainage grate foundation is in need of rebuilding.

A spring cleaning of the grounds is being planned but the date has not yet been decided upon.

## NEWS FROM OCWM



You have probably noticed that the small tree in the narthex that had been “decorated” with hats, mittens and scarves is no longer there. That is because the fourth clearing of the tree was taken to Brookside hunger center last month. As people come to the center to receive food items, they can select needed items to warm them in the cold months.

A huge “thank you” goes to all those who provided “decorations” this last winter season. ►

The next hunger meal will be at Pearl Road United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This meal will be a little different, because the host church will be using the dining room for other church activities. Therefore, the meal will be a “takeout” meal of sandwiches, fruit and cookies that will not be eaten in the dining room as usual. BUCC members and friends will prepare sandwiches on site and attendees will select meal items as they arrive and will eat elsewhere. The sign-up board will be in the narthex as usual.

## **NOTES AND ASIDES**

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Our book for this month is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. It is a multilevel novel after the Civil War in which an aging news reader agrees to transport a young captive back to her Kiowa people. Peg Duffy will be our leader for this discussion in the Parlor on April 2nd at 1 p.m.



### **FOOD PANTRY**

Rice and Tuna

### **ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT**

**3pm, Sunday, April 15**  
Jaime Laredo, violin

**3pm, Sunday May, 6**  
Cicilia Yudha, piano

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

## A NOTE OF THANKS



Thank you for all your prayers and support. My surgery was a success. I am feeling much better.

Love, Jim Petras (My wife Richele works in the Nursery)



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

April 5:	Phyllis Molnar
April 6:	G Wardlaw
April 9:	Arthur Cook
April 10:	Jan Wardlaw
April 12:	Sandra Rooney
April 14:	Max Roha
April 17:	Lynne Struck
April 18:	Brian Esser
April 21:	Vickie Szabo
April 22:	Nate Hunt
	Evan Smith
April 25:	Sebastian Albenze
April 27:	Rob Grow
April 29:	Sherrill Witt
	Claire Esser
April 30:	Jeannette Kroeger
	<b><i>The Big 50!!!</i></b>

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



**First and Third Wednesdays - 7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall, BUCC**

Wed (4/4, 7pm): Small meeting, if any, at The Coffee Club 500 E Royalton Rd. This is during Spring Break, so we may cancel.

Wed (4/18, 7pm): Regular meeting at BUCC, Agenda TBD.

**MUSIC**



On Sunday April 29 at 4:00 PM, BUCC will host a free concert featuring South Korean violinist Kyung Ah Oh, accompanied by pianist Christine Hill. The eclectic program will include works by Beethoven, Ysaye, Prokofiev, and Kreisler. Ms. Oh was the winner of the 2017 Lewisville Lake Symphony International Competition for Strings and Harp. Praised for her “water-like, smooth, deliciously crafted phrases” and her “rich, dark lower range” (Classical Voice of North Carolina), Ms. Oh is quickly establishing herself as a young artist not to be missed. She won first prize in the New York Artists International Competition in 2016, resulting in her Carnegie Hall debut recital. Ms. Oh received her Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music; she is currently studying for her Master's degree with Syoko Aki at the Yale University School of Music. Plan to join us on April 29 to hear this young virtuoso perform. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Bring a friend!



## **2018 Easter Flower Dedications**

Anonymous

*In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.*

Jillian Baird

*Happy Easter!*

Julie Bernard &  
Linda Kriynovich

*In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.*

Marge Culver

*In Memory of Friends and Family members lost during the past year.*

Anna Mary Fisher

*In Memory of Anne Toneff.*

Joy Garapic

*In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather.*

Barb Fisher-Gray

*In Honor of my Mom, Anna Mary Fisher, and Aunt Ruth.*

Diane Gressley

*In Memory of my Parents, Evan & Emma.*

Betty Kaul

*In Memory of Jim and David Kaul.*

Mark Lehman

*In Memory of my Parents, Ralph Lehman, and Lois Kostenbader.*

Sue, Dan &  
Lindsey Maier

*In Memory of Walter & Tillie Andres.*

*In Memory of Maryann & Bessie Seager.*

Dassie Matsuoka  
& Daughters

*In Memory of James Matsuoka.*

Carol Miller &  
Pat Rehm

*In Memory of the Rehm & Miller Families.*

Bettina Ortiz

*"In Loving Memory of Betty, Joseph & Timothy Ortiz;  
David S. King & Dennis M. Rini."*

*"In Honor of My Family, Rachel, Grace, Julianne &  
Jenna Kubic; Daniel King; Stephanie, Steven, Lyndsey &  
Bradley Joseph Hough."*

Fred A. Pesek

*In Memory of my Wife Connie, and my Mother Helen.*

Eric Rahnenfuehner  
& Johanna Sliva

*In Memory of Jan Rahnenfuehner.*

Max Roha

*In Memory of my friend, Bill Wright, who died in the  
invasion of Okinawa on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945.*

Mariam R.  
Rosewicz

*In Celebration of the LOVE of my Children  
and Grandchildren.*

Kathy Smith

*With Prayers for my Niece, Suzanne Patrick.*

Chreryl Spieth

*In Memory of Tim Spieth.*

Sherrill & Bill  
Witt

*In Memory of the Peart Family.  
In Memory of the Bishop Family.  
In Memory of the Witt Family.  
In Honor of Shirley & Arch Duncan.*

Doug & Marilyn  
Wrights

*In Memory of our Parents, Gilbert & Julianna Wrights.*

Jill Zedan

*In Honor of the Nurturing Family at BUCC.*

## CALENDAR

### APRIL, 2018

#### **Sunday, APRIL 1**

7 am Sunrise Service –  
Highland Cemetery  
10 am Worship/Easter  
Sunday  
11 am Coffee Hour

#### **Monday, APRIL 2**

1 pm Book Discussion  
7 pm Facilities –Library  
7pm Spiritual Life

#### **Tuesday, APRIL 3**

#### **Wednesday, APRIL 4**

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer  
Guitar  
7-9 pm Shine a Light  
\*The Coffee Club\*

#### **Thursday, APRIL 5**

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

#### **Friday, APRIL 6**

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### **Saturday, APRIL 7**

11am Donn Whyte  
Memorial Service

#### **Sunday, APRIL 8**

10 am Worship Service  
11 am Coffee Hour  
11 am CE Mtg. Library  
5:30 pm Youth Percussion  
6 pm Youth Ministry

#### **Monday, APRIL 9**

#### **Tuesday, APRIL, 10**

#### **Wednesday, APRIL 11**

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer  
7 pm Council

#### **Thursday, APRIL 12**

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

#### **Friday, APRIL 13**

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### **Saturday, APRIL 14**

#### **Sunday, APRIL 15**

**PILLAR DEADLINE**

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour

#### **Monday, APRIL 16**

7 pm Welcome &  
Growth Task  
Force

#### **Tuesday, APRIL 17**

#### **Wednesday, APRIL 18**

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer  
Guitar  
7-9 pm Shine a Light

#### **Thursday, APRIL 19**

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

#### **Friday, APRIL 20**

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### **Saturday, APRIL 21**

#### **Sunday, APRIL 22**

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour

**\*\*Hunger Meal – Pearl Road  
United Methodist Church\***

#### **Monday, APRIL 23**

#### **Tuesday, APRIL 24**

#### **Wednesday, APRIL 25**

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer  
Guitar

#### **Thursday, APRIL 26**

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

#### **Friday, APRIL 27**

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### **Saturday, APRIL 28**

#### **Sunday, APRIL 29**

10 am Worship Service  
11 am Coffee Hour  
4pm Kyung Ah Oh  
Violin, Free  
Concert – Light  
Reception

#### **Monday, APRIL 30**

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

**APRIL 1, 2018**

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs	Comns Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan	Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Ushers:	Kathy Smith, Kate Klonowski, Betsey & Joe Wilson	Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett	C.E Teacher:	Tia Began
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko	Counters:	Kate Klonowski, Marge Culver
Sound:	Max Roha	Servers:	Carole Snider, Joy Garapic
Comns Grtr:	Dave Bernard	Clean-Up:	Dave & Kathy Pastor
Flowers:	Easter Lilies	Snacks:	Gina Cook, Marla Corrado
Nursery:	Jess Barnes		
C.E Teacher:	No CE Class		
Counters:	Matt Wolbert, Nancy Stella Caroline Chandler, Julie Bernard		
Servers:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs		
Clean-up:	Beth Rehling, Sue Stenzel		
Snacks:	Doug Fawcett		
Snow Herder:			

**APRIL 8, 2018**

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert	Comns Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler	Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Ushers:	Dan & Ian Stewart, Cliff Cribbs, Betty Kaul	Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart	C.E Teacher:	Tia Began
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski	Counters:	Dave & Julie Bernard
Sound:	Tim Wallis	Servers:	Kate Klonowski, Marge Culver
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Smith	Clean Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz	Snacks:	Doug & Marilyn Wrights
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler		
C.E Teacher:	Heidi Spangler		
Counters	Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard		
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel		
Clean-Up:	Kathy & Dave Pastor		
Snacks:	No Bakers		
Snow Herder:	Joe Wilson		

**APRIL 15, 2018**

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley	Comns Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo	Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Ushers:	Jill Zedan, David Ritchey, Sam Koch, Ed Lusk	Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt	C.E Teacher:	Tia Began
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt	Counters:	Kate Klonowski, Marge Culver
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson	Servers:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
		Clean-up:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
		Snacks:	David Pastor

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