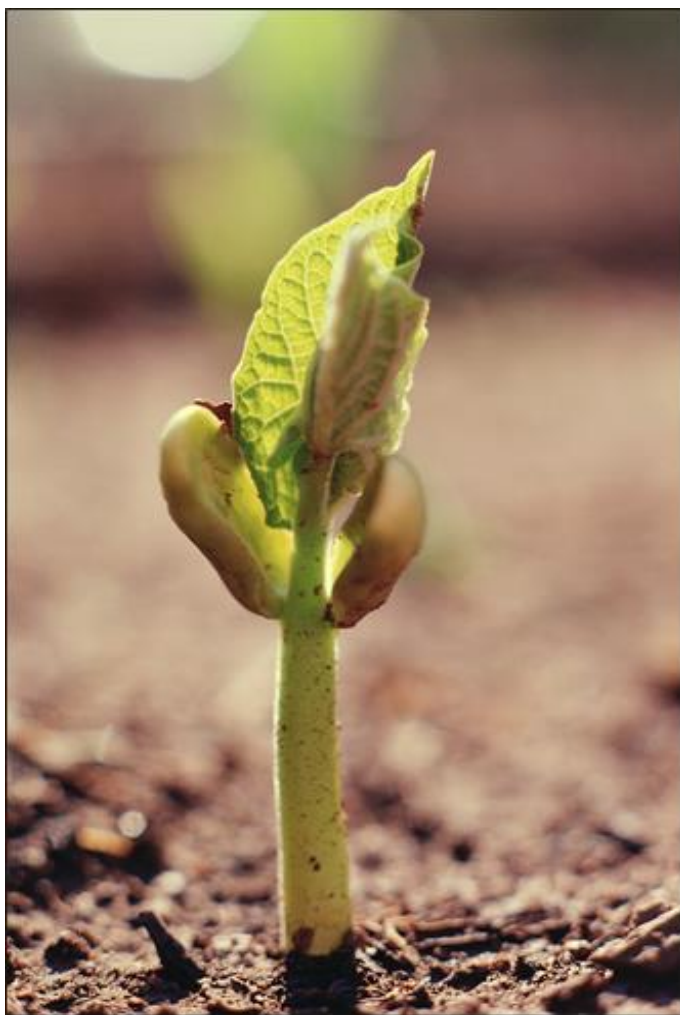


# The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

***March, 2018***



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

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

### ***...Beneath it all...***

Even though the icy grip of winter seems to be holding-on quite tightly this year, our life experience tells us that it won't last forever. Buried beneath the snow and the earth's frozen surface, new life is already preparing to spring-forth. In the month of March, we will soon see increasing signs of this new life rising-up all around us. And with the rising of the sun [and the Son] on April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will once again celebrate the message of rebirth that Easter brings to us and to the entire world.

As you and I celebrate the Easter Event, we remember that Easter isn't simply one day of the year, or a seven-week season on the Church's calendar. Easter is an on-going, never-ending way of seeing and understanding Life. Easter signals a rising from death to life, and a transformation of the way we view them both. Easter helps free us from our fears and from the ultimate fear of death itself, and empowers us to see ourselves and those around us in a new light. Easter reminds us that the Good News Christ is for *everyone*, and that through our sharing it with others, that Good News deepens and grows.

The on-going power of Easter is found in the realization that Jesus being raised from death to life is just the beginning. Easter continues to break-forth *whenever* the strength of love and life overcomes the forces of hatred, fear, and death. Easter rises-up anew when people are willing to stand-up for what is fair and compassionate, even in the face of cruel criticism or severe persecution. The power of Easter shines brightly when people look for the best in one another, and thereby help bring-out the best in others and in themselves. That being said, Easter isn't about looking at the world through rose colored glasses - it's about seeing the world with all its problems and pain, yet trusting that there is no pain or problem that can ever separate us from Divine Love and Grace.

The last week of this month, you and I will have a variety of opportunities to share the Good News of Easter, celebrate new Life, and to grow together in our faith. Holy Week begins with our 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship and our Procession of Palms, leading us into the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather in Pilgrim Hall for a soup supper at 6:30, and celebrate Christ's Last Supper at 7:00. Good Friday we will have a 7:00 pm. service in our Sanctuary, hosted by members of the Community of Saint Bridget. [This is the group that holds Mass here on Saturdays, led by Ann Klonowski and Mary Collingwood.] Then on Easter morning, we will have our annual Sunrise Communion Service at 7:00 in Highland Cemetery, and our festive Easter Celebration Service at 10:00.

On that first Easter morning, in spite of the confusion, fear, and doubt that surrounds them, the early Easter witnesses hurry from the tomb to share the Good News with their friends. Apparently, it's hard to keep Good News quiet; and there's really no reason to do so! I hope that each of us will take advantage of these opportunities to celebrate of gift of Divine Love which is revealed in Christ's life, death, and resurrection; and that we will invite others to join us in the celebration.

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.

**OUR LENTEN STUDY**, *How on Earth Can We be Spiritual?* continues on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm in Pilgrim Hall. The remaining topics are:

March 6 - Blessed are the pure in heart

March 13 - Blessed are the peacemakers

March 20 - Blessed are those who are persecuted

These are teachings from the "Beatitudes" which are found in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in *Matthew*, and in Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" in *Luke*. In addition to comparing both Gospel accounts, we are using some fascinating insights from daily devotional readings by Franciscan priest Richard Rohr. Plus, we discuss the issues, questions, and ideas that all who attend want to bring to the table.

## **FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC**

### **FINANCE**

A check was sent to the Western Reserve Association of the UCC in the amount of \$762 representing monies collected for the annual Christmas Fund.

Another check was sent to the LGBT Coalition in the amount of \$953.



### **MEMBERSHIP**

*Save  
the  
Date*

**SAVE THE DATE** for Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage luncheon/pot luck.

### **NEWS FROM OCWM**

Thanks to the generosity of BUCC members and friends, the mitten tree, food pantry donations, and aluminum can donations continue unabated.

The next hunger meal will be on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Bethany UCC. (the church has been sold to Emmanuel Hispanic Church, so parking on west 41<sup>st</sup> street is tricky). The menu as well the opportunities to participate in the meal will be posted on a sign-up board in the narthex as usual. ►



As usual, the supply of cookies for dessert by BUCC members and friends will be appreciated.

The next designated offering will be received on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of One Great Hour of Sharing. This is one of the 4 special missions offerings the UCC participates in yearly. OGHS provides funds to those in places lacking health and educational resources and/or where disaster has struck. More information will be provided leading up to the offering on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Interpretive material can be found elsewhere, including in the Sunday bulletins.

## **NOTES AND ASIDES**

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Our book for this month is *Underground Airlines* by Ben H. Winters. It is a novel that imagines a modern U.S. where slavery is still legal. Our discussion will take place in the Parlor on March 5th at 1 p.m. Betty Gifford will be our leader for this discussion.



**March**

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

## ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT

**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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## A NOTE OF THANKS

*Thank You*

To the Members of Brecksville United Church of Christ,

My thanks to all the many Members of our Church who sent their best wishes to me, and to Pastor Dave Shackle who made a special trip to see me.

Sincerely, Jeanne Cowden





**First and Third Wednesdays - 7:00pm**  
**Fellowship Hall, BUCC**  
**March Meetings: 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

Fair Districts (End Gerrymandering)

- Update on progress
- How to Collect Signatures Training Review
- Sign Up for Collecting (so no one has to go alone!)

Voter Registration

2018 Elections - What Do These Mean to Us?

Eco-Updates – How we can protect the Earth?

# HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!



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
March 12:	Benjamin Rehling
March 14:	Kate Klonowski
March 16:	Olivia Klonowski
	Spencer Whyte
March 18:	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!***



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## **CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY**



*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, MARCH 20, 2018**

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***I Enclose \$12.00\_\_\_\_\_ for an Easter Plant***

***In Memory of\_\_\_\_\_***

***In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Other\_\_\_\_\_***

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***Your Name***

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***I will keep the Flowers\_\_\_\_\_***

***I will NOT keep Flowers\_\_\_\_\_***

***I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter\_\_\_\_\_***

## CALENDAR

### MARCH, 2018

#### Thursday, MARCH 1

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

#### Friday, MARCH 2

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Saturday, MARCH 3

#### Sunday, MARCH 4

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour  
**\*Hunger Meal – Bethany\***

#### Monday, MARCH 5

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

#### Tuesday, MARCH 6

7 pm Lenten Study PH

#### Wednesday, MARCH 7

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

#### Thursday, MARCH 8

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

#### Friday, MARCH 9

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Saturday, MARCH 10

#### Sunday, MARCH 11

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

#### Monday, MARCH 12

7 pm Welcome & Growth  
Task force

#### Tuesday, MARCH, 13

7 pm Lenten Study PH

#### Wednesday, MARCH 14

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer  
Guitar  
7 pm Council

#### Thursday, MARCH 15

##### **PILLAR DEADLINE**

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

#### Friday, MARCH 16

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Saturday, MARCH 17

#### Sunday, MARCH 18

10 am Worship/OGHS  
Offering  
11 am Corned Beef &  
Cabbage Potluck

#### Monday, MARCH 19

#### Tuesday, MARCH 20

7 pm Lenten Study  
PH

#### Wednesday, MARCH 21

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

#### Thursday, MARCH 22

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

#### Friday, MARCH 23

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Saturday, MARCH 24

#### Sunday, MARCH 25

##### **Palm Sunday**

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

#### Monday, MARCH 26

#### Tuesday, MARCH 27

#### Wednesday, MARCH 28

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer  
Guitar

#### Thursday, MARCH 29

##### **Maundy Thursday**

1 pm Bible Study  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise  
6:30 pm Soup Supper  
7 pm Maundy Thursday  
Service

#### Friday, MARCH 30

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

7 pm Good Friday  
Service/Sanctuary

#### Saturday, March 31

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for  
Easter

## **PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

### **MARCH 4, 2018**

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Bridget & Chad Sproul  
Kim & Tim Wallis  
Acolyte: Carli Began  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comns Grtr: Kathy Pastor  
Flowers: Sue Stenzel  
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson  
C.E Teacher: Matt Wolbert  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Kate Klonowski  
Servers: Betty Kaul, Marge Culver  
Clean-up: Lynne Struck  
Caroline Chandler  
Snacks: Susan Snyder  
Snow Herder: Dave Bernard

### **MARCH 11, 2018**

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Beth Rehling, Cliff Cribbs, Diane Gressley, Jim Pay  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler  
Flowers: Julie Bernard  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
C.E Teacher: Kathleen Stewart  
Counters: Marge Culver, Carole Snider  
Servers: Julie Bernard, Carole Snider  
Clean-Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs  
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Diane Gressley  
Snow Herder: Matt Wolbert

### **MARCH 18, 2018**

Lay Reader: Sam Koch  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: David Ritchey, Ben Tomlinson, Matt Wolbert, Jess Barnes  
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Drew Demko  
Sound: Max Roha  
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul  
Flowers: Jan Renovetz  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
C.E Teacher: Beth Rehling  
Counters: David Pastor, Jim Duffy  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: CORNED BEEF &  
Snacks: CABBAGE POTLUCK  
Snow Herder: Chad Sproul

### **MARCH 25, 2018**

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan  
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard  
Carole & George Snider  
Acolyte: Jillian Davis  
Peace Candle: Ben Davis  
Sound: Ben Tomlinson  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Flowers: PALMS  
Nursery: Courtni Began  
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski  
Counters: Bruce McCain, Matt Wolbert  
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford  
Clean Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Snacks: Gina Cook & Chad Sproul  
Snow Herder: Wes Novak

### **MARCH 28, 2018**

Snow Herder: Cliff Cribbs

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