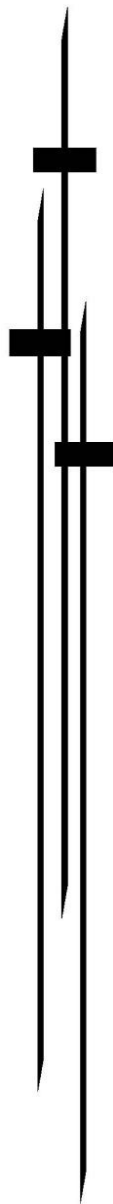


The *Pillar*
Brecksville United Church of Christ

June, 2018



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



Pastor's Ponderings

...on the Struggles of Change...

Barbara Holmes is president and professor of ethics and African American Religious Studies at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. In her book *Joy Unspeakable*, she writes about how important it is that today's Church leaders find new and creative ways to envision and express the message and mission of Jesus Christ. I completely agree! This notion is one of the reasons I've been excited about our Welcome & Growth Task-force. I recognize that the up-and-coming generation communicates, relates, and experiences Life in ways that are different than what I myself have known. And I'd like to think that I am perfectly O.K. with change, especially for the sake of conveying Christ's message to others. However, Holmes raises a point in her book that makes me realize that I probably have some work to do, if I am truly going to be an instrument of change and growth in the Church. She writes:

"To reconsider your circumstances using the perspectives of a new generation is a difficult and contemplative act. It is contemplative because it requires the recognition that the world as we know it is not of our own making. Another generation has its hands to the plow: they will not engage the world as we did; they are singing a new song."

It is difficult to contemplate the possibility that I may be more resistant to change than I'd like to think I am. Yet, like it or not, I'm kind of becoming my dad! There are emerging styles of music and fashion, entertainment and art that I just don't get. It bothers me in social settings to see people play with their phones, while they ignore those around them. And just when I seem to be getting a handle on some new technology, the manufacturer "updates" it, requiring me to acquire a new set of skills or an entirely new device. And don't get me started on the neighborhood kids playing on the church grounds....[actually, I'm fine with that!]

Approximately 3,000 years ago, the Psalmist wrote "Sing to the Holy One a new song, for God has done marvelous things." [Psalm 98:1]

Apparently, the call for God's people to embrace new ways to praise and serve, worship and witness is actually quite old! ►

The challenge for me, and I imagine for others, is being open to the new, while at the same time trying to figure out which practices and traditions remain relevant, meaningful, and perhaps even essential. If Christianity is to survive and thrive, we must be willing to sing a new song, welcome new expressions and experiences of the Sacred, and take-on the challenging task of contemplating ways to engage people wherever we find them - on social media, at a Hunger Meal, in a community garden, or at the Gay Pride Parade.

Fortunately, this Faith Community has historically embraced, and continues to welcome, new challenges and changes. And I trust that as long as we hang-on to our long-standing tradition and commitment of caring for “the least of these, our sisters and brothers” then our future will always remain bright and blessed.

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.

BUCC PRESENCE AT PRIDE - This year we will again be participating in the Cleveland Pride March, on Saturday June 2nd. The Parade steps-off at noon from the staging area located at E. 17th and Lakeside, and concludes at Public Square where the Pride Festival is being held. [approx. 1 mile]. Those interested in walking are invited to meet at the church at 10:30 to car-pool, or you can join us at the Parade starting point. And, as with all our events, please feel free to invite a friend!



FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

FACILITIES MINISTRY



The last stained glass window project by Art Glass is nearing completion. On Saturday May 12, the window will be picked up and framing will be constructed. The window will be installed in the upper Commons Area by Memorial Day weekend.

The project to document all building systems, including hvac, water, sewer and electrical is continuing. The end goal is to have comprehensive documentation available and on file in the office.

The standardization of custodial supplies and their purchasing, from LOGIX located in Richfield, is proceeding. This includes all products Sam uses to maintain the church. New dispensers will be installed for hand soap, paper towels and toilet paper. Sam will have an online account and can order items as necessary that will be drop-shipped or hand delivered. The standardization and wholesale pricing is expected to lower costs after an initial outlay of approximately \$500 for the new dispensers.

The Spring Clean-up of the church property was conducted on May 5. Winter debris was removed, mulch was spread and the old raised be garden was removed on the rental property. Four new raised beds were installed in open area between the rental property and school property. One of the beds will be used by our tenant Laife and the others by the Sunday School classes.

Several minor repairs have been completed: damaged wood door into the education wing, front door security light and two door closers

Two future capital expense projects are being discussed. The first is the frequent flooding of Pilgrim Hall. ►

A free consultation with a civil engineering firm is being pursued to see what possible remedies there may be. No time has been set and no costs will be available until the consultations are completed and studied. Secondly, the sanctuary roof is nearing the end of its life. Temporary repairs for some missing shingles will be done immediately. Cost estimates will be determined for a complete replacement and the new roof would not be installed until 2019 at the earliest.

MEMBERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE

June 24, 2018

BUCC Day with the Akron Rubber Ducks

Canal Park, Akron, OH

\$7 per seat. First pitch 2 pm.



****SUNDAY AUGUST 5 BUCC PICNIC. Details in the bulletin and in church in July. ****



NEWS FROM OCWM



The last hunger meal was served on Sunday, April 22nd at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. This meal was a little different, because the church dining area was being used by another church activity, this meal was a “take-out” meal of sandwiches, fruit, and cookies. About 180 thick sandwiches were prepared on site (fat egg salad sandwiches, and fat meat and cheese sandwiches were prepared.

The meat and cheese sandwiches had three slices of ham or turkey and three slices of provolone or swiss. About 180 sandwiches were prepared. The fruit was bananas, and the cookies were prepared by BUCC members. Also bottled water was donated. It was estimated that 70 or 80 persons were served, which means that ample seconds were available. The egg salad was donated. Some meat and cookies were “left over”, and they were taken to St. Hermans as usual.

As far as upcoming hunger meals, BUCC representatives will meet with the Brookside Cluster Community Meal Organization in June or July to select dates and sites for hunger meals during late 2018 and early 2019. It is anticipated that three meals at Bethany and two meals at PRUMC will be served during the coming year, as has been done in the last few years.

FROM OCWM: Sunday June 24 we will have the opportunity to support the **Strengthen the Church** special mission offering. This offering supports the expansion and vitality of the United Church of Christ both locally and nationally and is asking for your continued support to fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in ministries and practices that help meet the ever growing needs of local communities.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift on June 24th. Thank you for your support.

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our book for this month is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. It is a horrifying story based on the Tennessee Children's Home which was used as a means for child trafficking from the Depression to 1950. Our discussion will take place in the Parlor on Monday June 4th at 1 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY



June - Powdered and Canned Milk

MUSIC

Summer Music Schedule: Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to provide music at services over the summer months. The schedule will be emailed to all volunteers; it will also be posted at the bottom of choir loft stairs. Dave D will be in touch with each volunteer a couple weeks before scheduled Sunday to talk about choice of music and rehearsing.



SUMMER SCHEDULING FOR COFFEE HOUR.....



Snacks for Coffee Hour will not be scheduled for June, July . If you have anything you would like to share please just leave in the kitchen and we will see that it is served. Hoping to be able to recruit some new volunteers. Questions let me know. Sue

WOMEN UNITED

The next meeting will be Wednesday June 20th at 11:30am. We will meet in the Parlor. Bring a light lunch. Coffee will be provided. BUCC's Peg Duffy will speak on the benefits and merits of Physical Massage and Meditation. Peg may possibly demonstrate on some of our many volunteers. Women United includes all women of the church and friends.



DIRECTORY



We will be publishing a new up-to-date BUCC Member Directory in the very near future. If you have any change of address, phone number, email address, or to add birthday, please contact Jeannette at 440-526-4364, or buccoh@sbcglobal.net



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

June 2:	Bridget Sproul
June 6:	Don Seager
June 15:	Dot Bailey
	Giuliana Gagliano
June 19:	Marla Corrado
June 20:	Sam Koch
June 24:	Max VanDuyne
June 25:	Carole Snider
	Cameron Rose Ward-
	Rogers
	Steve Albenze
June 26:	Maureen Stanley
	Kim Wallis
June 27:	Bruce McCain
	Evelyn Seager
June 29:	Jean Kukis
	David Wilson
Other June	Carli Began
Birthdays:	

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

CALENDAR

JUNE, 2018

Friday, June 1

Saturday, JUNE 2

Sunday, JUNE 3

10 am Worship Service

11 am Coffee Hour

Hunger Meal – Bethany

Monday, JUNE 4

1 pm Book Discussion

7 pm Facilities/Lib.

Tuesday, JUNE, 5

Wednesday, JUNE 6

Thursday, JUNE 7

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JUNE 8

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JUNE 9

Sunday, JUNE 10

10 am Worship

11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JUNE 11

Tuesday, JUNE 12

Wednesday, JUNE 13

7 pm Council

Thursday, JUNE 14

PILLAR DEADLINE

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JUNE 15

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JUNE 16

Sunday, JUNE 17

10 am Worship

11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JUNE 18

Tuesday, JUNE 19

Wednesday, JUNE 20

11:30 am Women United

Thursday, JUNE 21

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JUNE 22

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JUNE 23

Sunday, JUNE 24

10 am Worship Service/

*Strengthen the
Church Offering*

11 am Coffee Hour

2 pm Akron Rubber Ducks

Monday, JUNE 25

Tuesday, JUNE 26

Wednesday, JUNE 27

Thursday, JUNE 28

1 pm Bible Study

Friday, JUNE 29

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JUNE 30

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JUNE 3, 2018

Lay Reader: Kate Klonowski
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: Bob Chandler, Diane Gressly, Beth Rehling, David Ritchey
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher: Heidi Spangler
Counters: Nancy Stella, Matt Wolbert
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Joy Garapic
Clean-up: Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan

JUNE 10, 2018

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Dan & Ian Stewart, Matt Wolbert, Jess Barnes
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Kathy Pastor
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher: Tia Began
Counters: Jim Duffy, Dave Bernard
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett

JUNE 17, 2018

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler, Kate Klonowski, Cliff Cribbs
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: Beth Rehling
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Bruce McCain
Servers: Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up: Peg & Jim Duffy

JUNE 24, 2018

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Stu & Dot Bailey, Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Valerie Tyler
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Jonathon Cook
C.E Teacher: Kathleen Stewart
Counters: David Pastor, Jon Thompson
Servers: Julie Bernard, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: David & Kathy Pastor

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