

The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

November 2018



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

Pastor's Ponderings

...What We Bring to the Table...

Sometimes when a person is being interviewed for a job, after the reviewing of his or her application, the individual is asked, "What else do you bring to the table?" This question is intended to encourage that individual to share any of those "intangible" qualities she or he may possess - those personal characteristics, gifts or attributes that can't be easily categorized or listed on a resume.

The theme of our 2018 Stewardship Drive is *What Shall We Bring?* This year, as usual, we will be thinking about the gifts and resources each of us can commit to support the work of our congregation in 2019. Naturally, this includes our financial contributions, as well as our participating in the various ministries that we undertakes. But beyond that, there are other things we each "bring to the table." Some bring a special talent for encouraging others when they are struggling or down. Others possess a natural ability to make people feel welcome and included. There are those who are good at music, teaching, leadership, organization, working with finances or fixing things around our building.

There is, however, one other thing that we all "bring to the table." We bring our genuine selves! Each time we celebrate Holy Communion, we come together as One Family, united by the love and grace of our One Sacred Source. We come as equals in the sight of the Holy One, and we make sure that all who are present know that they, too, are honored guests at Christ's Table. And in grateful response to the abundant blessings that our Communion Meal represents, we "take from the Table" a spirit of joy and thanksgiving. Being fed and nurtured together, we are inspired and empowered to work together to serve the Holy One, by serving the people around us.

At our worship service on Sunday, November 11th, we will gather our pledge cards for this coming year, and present them before the Communion Table. Then we will continue our celebration at tables downstairs, with our traditional Thanksgiving Feast in Pilgrim Hall - an event that you won't want to miss! ►

With your generous sharing and the Holy One's abundant blessing, I am confident that we will continue to faithfully spread the Good News of Divine love for us, and for all people!

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

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

It's the time of year when this ministry needs to staff all the other various ministries with sufficient volunteers to accomplish all the good things we do at Brecksville United Church of Christ. We take this



assignment very seriously. It is important to find the right fit for each person and that each volunteer is happy and effective. Our plea to each of you is to contemplate and consider in what ways you can help a ministry and utilize your talents. There is a core of members who do the majority of the tasks in our church. We hope to involve many of you who are newer or haven't had the opportunity yet to participate on

a ministry. Please talk with one of the Leadership Development members to discuss where you are needed. We ask that you respond positively when we reach out to include and involve you. An information table will be set up during Coffee Hour in Pilgrim Hall after service on November 4. Stop by and visit.

Thank you for your serious consideration, Kathy Smith, Cliff Cribbs, Carole Snider, Julie Bernard, Bridget Sproul, and Linda Kriynovich

MEMBERSHIP

Save
the
Date

.....November 11, Thanksgiving Dinner

NEWS FROM OCWM

Last month, a hunger meal was served at Iglesia Emmanuel. The entrée was mostaccioli, followed by salad. Also bread and spread, and assorted beverages were served. Lastly, but certainly not lastly, many cookies were served as dessert. BUCC members and friends turned out in adequate numbers to help (seven on the first shift, who also stayed for the entire day, and an additional four on the second shift). Meals for about 40 persons were served, and seconds and takeaways were provided. Thanks go to all who participated, especially the cookie bakers, who provided an amazing amount of cookies.



The next hunger meal will be served at Pearl Road United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 18th, 2018. Independence United Methodist Church will be partnering with us for that meal. An expected 125 to 150 meals will be served. The sign-up board will be in the narthex for interested persons to indicate their desire to help. The meal will be one week after BUCC's stewardship meal and on the weekend before thanksgiving.

Other than that, the aluminum vans continue to fill the barrel in the lower commons, and the food donations continue to appear in the basket by the church office door.

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends,

It has been a pleasure to be your moderator this year. Our family is grateful to be members, here, for the last five years.

The theme of our 2018-2019 stewardship drive is: "What Shall We Bring?" Indeed, how can we return to God the correct portion of all the blessings God has given to each of us?



When we give our funds to our local church community, it is effective and efficient.

It is all about people: people who serve us and people we serve. A significant portion of our operating budget directly provides for our Church Staff. Your Stewardship allows them to continue to serve us.

The other part of our spending is for programs that directly benefit our congregation, our community and the larger world. Without your generosity, these programs would be impossible.

Our ministries do not just need money to operate, but also require our time and talent. At our council meetings, I am touched by all the good work done by this small congregation. We need help from everyone to keep this work going.

In the coming weeks, we will hear from two members of our congregation, please listen to their stories. We will conclude our stewardship campaign on November 11 with a thanksgiving celebration after we make our pledges during our worship service.

So this year, as you consider your stewardship pledge of time talent and treasure, please remember that "you are the light of the world" and that the God's work in this world must truly be our own.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Peace be with you,

Jim Duffy, Moderator

NOTES AND ASIDES

ADVENT BOOK



If you have not done so yet, please submit your Advent Book entry for inclusion in the 2018-2019 Brecksville United Church of Christ Advent book.

We will be distributing them as soon as all the information is gathered. Thank you!!!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Nov. 5th at 1:00, Parlor, the group will be discussing MY DEAR HAMILTON, a novel recounting the story of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton and supplementing the popular musical version of her husband. This book is good reading and well documented.



FOOD PANTRY



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER Small Canned Hams, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Pie Crust Mix, Canned Pumpkin, etc.

MUSIC

KLEZMER BAND

Greetings from Brecksville United Church of Christ.

On Sunday November 4 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring Yiddishe Cup Klezmer Band, (also known as Funk A Deli!)

Klezmer music is a hybrid of Eastern European Jewish folk music, American swing, Yiddish theater tunes and Israeli horas.

The ensemble has broadened its musical palette with some rock 'n' roll, Motown, and R&B. Jazz critic Harvey Pekar said, "Yiddishe Cup plays cleanly and enthusiastically. Clearly its members are enjoying themselves." Yiddishe Cup's appearances have included the Chamizal National Memorial, El Paso, Tex.; Chautauqua (NY) Institution; Beloit (Wis.) College; Boca Raton (Fla.) JCC; and the Kent State (Ohio) Folk Festival.



Formed in 1988, Yiddishe Cup is one of the top Klezmer Bands in America.

The ensemble features Bert Stratton, clarinet/saxophone/harmonica; Steve Ostrow, trumpet/trombone/violin; Alan Douglass, keyboards & vocals; Ivan George, drums; Tamar Gray, vocals; and Alice Stratton, dance leader.

A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the performance. Plan to join us on November 4 for an eclectic program of dance music. Bring a friend, and your dancing shoes!



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

November 2:	Miriam Rosewicz Mike Westerberg
November 3:	Eliza Jane Kolar Dassie Matsuoka Kara Rees Evelyn Duffy
November 9:	Susan Stenzel Amelia Tyler
November 13:	Dan Maier
November 14:	Joe Gagliano
November 17:	Caroline Chandler Andrew Wilson
November 19:	Travis Anderson
November 22:	Tim Wallis
November 23:	Wes Novak

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



OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON....

**Watch for Dates & Times in Your Pillar and
Bulletin**

*~Stewardship Sunday - Thanksgiving
Banquet*

~Hunger Meal at PRUMC

~Poinsettia Orders

~Cantata

~Christmas Pageant

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday, NOV 1

1 pm Bible Study
4:30 pm Recorder/Dul/Guitar
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7pm Seasonal Choir
8pm Choir

Friday, NOV. 2

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOV. 3

Sunday, NOV. 4

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
4pm Yiddishe Cup
Klezmer Band
Free Concert

Monday, NOV.5

1 pm Book Discussion
7 pm Facilities/Library

Tuesday, NOV.6

Wednesday, NOV. 7

Thursday, NOV. 8

1 pm Bible Study
4:30 pm Recorder/Dul/Guitar
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7pm Seasonal Choir
8pm Choir

Friday, NOV. 9

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOV.10

Sunday, NOV. 11

10 am Worship/ Stewardship
Sunday
11 am Thanksgiving
Banquet

Monday, NOV.12

Tuesday, NOV. 13

Wednesday, NOV. 14

7pm Council

Thursday, NOV. 15

PILLAR DEADLINE

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

Friday, NOV. 16

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOV. 17

Sunday, NOV. 18

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
Hunger Meal PRUMC

Monday, NOV.19

Tuesday, NOV. 20

Wednesday, NOV., 21

Thursday, NOV., 22

Happy Thanksgiving!
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, NOV. 23

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, NOV. 24

Sunday, NOV. 25

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, NOV. 26

Tuesday, NOV. 27

Wednesday, NOV. 28

Thursday, NOV. 29

1 pm Bible Study
4:30 pm Recorder/Dul/Guitar
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7pm Seasonal Choir
8pm Choir

Friday, NOV. 30

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: Diane Gressley, Jill Zedan, David & Kathy Pastor
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Max Roha
Comms Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher: Tia Began (Pageant Practice)
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jon Thompson
Servers: Betty Kaul, Joanne Cook
Clean-up: Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel
Snacks: Dot Bailey, Julie Bernard

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Lay Reader: David Pastor
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Kim Wallis, Dan Stewart, Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comms Grtr: Valerie Tyler
Flowers: Harvest
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher: Anne Melfo (Pageant Practice)
Counters: Carole Snider, Jim Duffy
Servers: Stewardship Ministry
Clean-Up: Membership Ministry
Snacks: Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Darlene Kelly, Sam Koch, Beth Rehling, David Ritchey
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Harvest
Nursery: Jonathan Cook
C.E Teacher: Heidi Spangler (Pageant Practice)
Counters: David Pastor, Matt Wolbert
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks: Diane Gressley, Heidi Spangler

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Matt Wolbert
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E. Teacher: TBD (Pageant Practice)
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks: Susan Snyder, Pat Rehm
Snow Hrdr: Chad Sproul

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