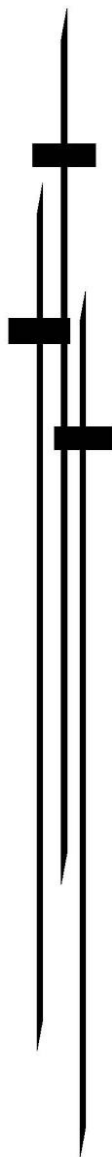


The *Pillar*
Brecksville United Church of Christ

January 2019



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



Pastor's Ponderings

...on a New Year, and New Opportunities...

Throughout this past year, I have once again been reminded of the remarkable compassion and dedication, talent and energy which is found - and displayed - throughout this community of faith. Time-after-time, so many you put-forth exceptional effort to ensure that our message and ministries of Welcome and Love are carried forward. To all of you who have worked on Church Council, our various Ministry Teams, or individually to enhance the life and mission of BUCC, I offer a grateful "Thank You!" And to those of you who are new to this church, or have not recently taken an active role, I want to encourage you to consider joining-in on the action in this New Year.

For many of us, the start of a New Year is a time of fresh beginnings and positive resolutions. Working together, we can build upon our church's past, and resolutely carry-forward our stated Mission of *Loving, Serving, and Accepting All People with God's Life-Changing Power!* This month, our Church Council and various Ministries Teams will be regrouping to gear-up for another year of activities and opportunities. These meeting are open to anyone who is interested, so please feel free to attend, participate, and find out more about the work of our congregation, and how you can be an active part of it.

Like Jesus, [and *because* of Jesus] you and I definitely have Good News to share! And there are certainly people around us who are waiting to hear and experience some Good News in their lives today. So perhaps one mutual New Year's resolution we all might consider, is that we each put-forth a renewed effort to invite a friend or family member, neighbor or acquaintance to join us on our journey of faith; that we make it a personal goal to welcome others to worship and service the Holy One with us here at BUCC. Spreading Good News to our wider community takes the combined efforts of us all; and I believe that this coming year presents us an ideal time to do so. For while our world and society seem to be growing increasingly hostile and divisive, the stability, encouragement, and love that we find - and offer - within this Church Family can provide a welcome sanctuary. ►

Once again, I offer a heartfelt “Thank You!” to all of you who dedicate so much of your time and talents, resources and energy in carrying forward the important work of our Church’s mission and ministry!

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.

Two Great Opportunities for Practical Learning:

What are ADVANCE DIRECTIVES?

All adults admitted to any hospital will be asked if they have Advance Directives. Mark Lehman, LISW (retired Hospital Social Worker) will present an overview of the 4 documents that make up Advance Directives. The documents are the Living Will/ Health Care Power of Attorney/Guardianship and Organ Donation.

The presentation will be on Tuesday January 15th from 7p-8p in Pilgrim Hall.

UNDERSTANDING CARE AFTER A HOSPITAL ADMISSION

Patients and families are provided an overwhelming amount of information on care in the community after a hospital stay. Mark Lehman, LISW (retired Hospital Social Worker) will present an overview of the various care options in the community, what is fitting for the patient and the how it is paid for.

The presentation will be on Tuesday January 29th from 7p-8p in Pilgrim Hall.

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

NEWS FROM OCWM

The birth of Jesus may have been recently celebrated, but the needs of the community at large are still ongoing. To this end, BUCC members and friends have an opportunity to help alleviate hunger needs of less fortunate people. To this end, our next hunger meal will be served on



January 6, 2019 at Iglesia Emmanuel. The menu will be familiar to those of us who have served in the past (mostaccioli, meatballs, salad, etc.). The usual sign-up board will be in the narthex for those who wish to participate to sign for the early shift (2:30 to 4 PM) or the late shift (4 to 6 PM). We plan on serving 30 to 40 meals.

There is a need at the Jefferson School for students recently arrived in the U. S. The need is a simple one. English-arabic/arabic-english dictionaries are needed for students in the fourth grade to help them learn what to them is a new language. About four or five dictionaries would be sufficient. If people would be kind enough to provide one of these dictionaries (leave them in the church office), Bob Chandler will see that they reach these students.

Thanks go to those among us who have been providing hats, mittens, scarves, etc. for children in the cold months. Our resident elf will make sure that these items get to the hunger centers for distribution when families receive donated food items.

NOTES AND ASIDES

AN E-MAIL WAS RECEIVED from Sandra Rooney, asking us to wish BUCC members and friends best wishes and Merry Christmas. Sandra, for those who did not have the pleasure and privilege of knowing her, is a former longtime member, choir member and Council Moderator who moved to Arizona upon retiring from her duties with the National United Church of Christ office. She is still hiking, singing in her choir, assisting with her local church's food bank, and participating in a group addressing border issues. Her new E-mail address is:

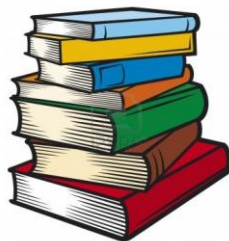


srooney1935@gmail.com and she can be reached at her new cell phone number

520-312-5204. We also send along our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our book discussion this month will be about *The Last Mrs. Parrish*, written by Liv Constantine. It's an intriguing story about a manipulative "Amber" who is tired of being a "nobody" and sets her sights on obtaining money and power by edging her way into a wealthy family's heart, getting their compassion by being deceitful and lying about her past. We will meet in the Parlor at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 7th. All are welcome to attend. It should be a lively discussion.



FLOWER MINISTRY



Flowers are placed in the front of the church each Sunday to honor/celebrate your family/friends/events. We need your help to have this information to Jeannette, our office manager, before she prepares the Bulletin on Wednesdays. Easy as 1, 2, 3, 4.

1. Put your name on the 2019 flower chart hanging on the west wall just inside the door to the narthex.

2. Fill out the information form found in the pocket below the chart (now would be a good time). This information is very helpful to assure the right message is put into the Bulletin and to prevent any mix-ups on Sunday morning.

3. If you are making a dedication and providing your own flowers, please mark this on the form so the flower ministry knows.

4. This information form may be turned in to Joy Garapic.

The flower ministry does not want to miss sharing your joy by not having the correct information. Thank you, Janet Renovetz

FOOD PANTRY



January - Canned Fruit & Vegetables



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
	Sue Maier
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!

2018 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

<u>Anonymous</u>	<i>In Honor of the Lost but Not Forgotten.</i>
<u>Julie Bernard & Linda Kriynovich</u>	<i>In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.</i>
<u>Jane & Cliff Cribbs</u>	<i>In Memory of Barbara Convey.</i>
<u>Marjorie Culver</u>	<i>In Memory of Richard & Carlton Culver, Ron Lang, Audrey Boughman, and Nan Martin.</i>
<u>Dorothy Faust</u>	<i>In Memory of my Husband, John Faust.</i>
<u>Dorothy Faust</u>	<i>In Memory of my parents, Clinton & Caroline Tallant.</i>
<u>Anna Mary Fisher</u>	<i>In Memory of Friends & Family no longer with us.</i>
<u>Dorie Gabor</u>	<i>In Memory of Those Gone but not Forgotten.</i>
<u>Joy Garapic</u>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Dear Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<u>Barb Gray</u>	<i>In Honor of all the elderly members of our church who are in their 90's, and still bring Joy to the world.</i>
<u>Diane Gressley</u>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<u>Betty & Karen Kaul</u>	<i>In Memory of Jim and David Kaul.</i>
<u>Lois Lorenzo</u>	<i>In Memory of Donn Whyte.</i>
<u>Carol Miller & Pat Rehm</u>	<i>In Memory of John & Lorraine Urban In Honor of the Unetic Family In Honor of the Robert & Margaret Miller Family.</i>
<u>Fred Pesek</u>	<i>In Memory of my Beloved Wife, Constance B. Pesek.</i>
<u>Max Roha</u>	<i>In Loving Memory of Mary C. Roha, and Lois L. Wallin.</i>

Nancy Stella

*In Memory of those in the Stella and Truex families who
Have passed on but not forgotten.*

Jon Thompson

*In Memory of my Brother, Ralph Kim Thompson,
And all that have been lost to Aids.*

Tim & Kim
Wallis

In Honor of our 3 years of Marriage.

Sherrill & Bill Witt

*In Honor of Shirley and Arch Duncan.
In Honor of the Witt Family.
In Honor of the Bishop Family.
In Honor of the Joy that comes from BUCC.
In Honor of Anelia Wright & Sheri Jensen.*

Jill Zedan

*In deep gratitude for my life on this planet, and for
Amazing family and friends.*



CALENDAR

January, 2019

Tuesday, JAN. 1
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wednesday, JAN 2

Thursday, JAN. 3
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Choir

Friday, JAN.4
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JAN.5

Sunday, JAN. 6
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JAN. 7
1 pm Book Discussion
7 pm Facilities

Tuesday, JAN. 8

Wednesday, JAN. 9
7pm Council

Thursday, JAN. 10
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Choir

Friday, JAN. 11
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JAN. 12

Sunday, JAN. 13
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, JAN.14

Tuesday, JAN.15
PILLAR DEADLINE
7-8pm Advance Directives
Presentation PH

Wednesday, JAN.,16

Thursday, JAN. 17
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Choir

Friday, JAN.18
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JAN.19

Sunday, JAN. 20
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, JAN. 21

Tuesday, JAN. 22

Wednesday, JAN. 23

Thursday, JAN. 24
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Choir

Friday, JAN. 25
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JAN. 26

Sunday, JAN. 27
10am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, JAN. 28

Tuesday, JAN. 29
7-9 pm Hospital After-Care
Presentation - PH

Wednesday, JAN.30

Thursday, JAN.31
1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7 pm Choir

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JANUARY 6, 2019

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Ben Tomlinson, Kim
Wallis, Bob & Caroline
Chandler
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers:
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jon
Thompson
Servers: Betty Kaul, Joanne Cook
Clean-up: Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Heidi
Spangler
Snow Hrdr: Joe Wilson

JANUARY 13, 2019

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard
Beth Rehling, Sue Stenzel
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Amelia Tyler
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers:
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
CE Teacher:
Counters: Marge Culver, Kathy
Pastor
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz, Sue
Stenzel
Snacks: Marla Corrado, Kate
Klonowski
Snow Hrdr: Matt Wolbert

JANUARY 20, 2019

Lay Reader: Kate Klonowski
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Dan Stewart, Betty Kaul
George & Carole Snider
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers:
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Jim Duffy, David Pastor
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snacks: Kathleen Stewart, Jill
Zedan
Snow Hrdr: Tim Wallis

JANUARY 27, 2019

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
Betsey & Joe Wilson
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers:
Nursery: Jonathon Cook
C.E. Teacher:
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Matt
Wolbert
Servers: Marge Culver, Carole
Snider
Clean-Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Anne
Melfo
Snow Hrdr: Wes Novak

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