

Pillar

The

Brecksville United Church of Christ

June 2019



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

Pastor's Ponderings

...on How We Got Here...

Most of you reading this are familiar with the form our BUCC Mission Statement that is found on the cover page of each Pillar and Sunday bulletin: *Loving, Serving, and Accepting All People with God's Life-Changing Power!* I thought it might be interesting to remind you [or inform those of you who weren't here] of how this statement came to be. On Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2006, we had a "Mission Statement Workshop" here at BUCC, followed by a pot-luck supper. [We do like our potlucks!] This gathering was well attended by Church Council and Ministry Team members, and many other interested individuals. After a preliminary presentation, we divided into small groups to share what kind of things we as individuals and as a family of faith truly value and desire to advance. We then heard from each group, and blended those results into these six *BUCC Core Values*:

1. Inclusiveness in all things
2. A community of love, acceptance, and forgiveness
3. Unleashing people's gifts of ministry to help them grow through serving others
4. An environment of learning and spiritual growth
5. Creative and dynamic worship
6. Reaching out to, and welcoming the community

From those Core Values, we then came-up with our proposed Mission Statement: *To Love, Serve, and Accept All People with God's Life-Changing Power!* At a Congregational Meeting that Fall - on Rally Day, September 10th - we unanimously affirmed those Core Values, and adopted our Mission Statement. I think it's important to remember that this Mission Statement wasn't developed in a void, or handed-down from on-high. It was crafted through the faithful efforts and prayerful consideration of many of our members, in a methodical and open process. And perhaps, best of all, it is infused with the generous and loving Spirit that has been a hallmark of this faith community throughout the generations.

Now that the congregation is moving into a new phase of pastoral leadership, it might be a good time to take some time to reflect on that Mission Statement and those Core Values. They remind us of the things that truly matter to this community of faith, and that help make BUCC a unique and important presence within our larger community. I would also encourage you to think about what other values, hopes, and dreams you might raise-up for this church; share your ideas with others; and consider new ways in which you can continue to let your light shine throughout this community.

I am so fortunate to serve in a church that, throughout the years, has embraced such noble, compassionate, and Christ-like values as these. And I'm happy for the many new opportunities you will have to carry them forward.

Peace & Joy!
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

SAVE THESE DATES!



There are going to be 2 gatherings in Celebration of Pastor Dave's Retirement.

Saturday, June 22 - Mid Afternoon thru Dinner (times to follow) here in Pilgrim Hall.

Also:

Sunday, June 30 – Will Be Pastor Dave's Final Service with us, and we will be having a Light Reception following Worship Service

****We are hoping you can join us for either, or both!***

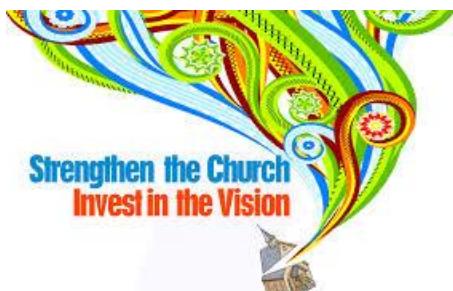
Please watch the Bulletin, and your email for more details.*

NEWS FROM OCWM

By the time you read this, the hunger meal at Pearl Road on May 19th will have been served. The next hunger meal is scheduled for August 4th at Iglesia Emmanuel. The usual menu will be prepared and served, and the usual sign-up board will appear in the narthex for people to indicate their interest in participating. The first shift will arrive about 2:30 PM to set up and prepare, and the second shift will arrive about 4:00 PM to serve and clean up. About 30 to 40 persons are expected to show up for the meal.



Also as you read this, the offering for the benefit of Edna House will have been received. The next offering will be received on June 9th, for the benefit of Strengthen The Church. This offering helps new churches, revitalizes existing churches, and aids in developing new programs for older churches. Interpretative material will appear in Sunday bulletins and in this Pillar.



Pentecost Sunday (this year on June 9th) is traditionally known as the birthday of the church. On June 9th we will again be given the opportunity to celebrate the church by contributing to our **Strengthen the Church** special mission offering .

As God calls our congregations to **be the Church** in new ways, your generosity will help fulfill our commitment to new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and help visions and dreams become reality as we invest in ministries and practices that work toward meeting the ever growing needs of our communities both locally and nationally

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to **Strengthen the Church** special offering and, as always, thank you for your continued support .

OPEN & AFFIRMING MINISTRY (ONA)

June

Pulse Night of Remembrance

On June 12, 2016, Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old security guard, killed 49 people and wounded 53 others in a mass shooting inside Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. He was shot and killed by police officers after a three-hour standoff.

In a 911 call shortly after the shooting began, Mateen swore allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and said the U.S. killing of Abu Waheeb in Iraq the previous month "triggered" the shooting. He later told a negotiator he was "out here right now" because of the American-led interventions in Iraq and in Syria and that the negotiator should tell the United States to stop the bombing. The incident was deemed to be a terrorist attack by investigators.

Pulse was hosting a "Latin Night," and most of the victims were Hispanic. It is the deadliest incident of violence against LGBT people in U.S. history and the deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. since the September 11 attacks in 2001.

The Stonewall Riots Anniversary

The Stonewall riots (also referred to as the Stonewall uprising or the Stonewall rebellion) were a series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations by members of the gay (LGBT) community in protest against a police raid that took place in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City. They are widely considered to constitute the most important event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBT rights in the United States.

Very few establishments welcomed openly gay people in the 1950s and 1960s. Those that did were often bars, although bar owners and managers were rarely gay. At the time, the Stonewall Inn was owned by the Mafia. It catered to an assortment of patrons and was known to be popular among the poorest and most marginalized people in the gay community: drag queens, transgender people, effeminate young men, butch lesbians, male prostitutes, and homeless youth. ►

Police raids on gay bars were routine in the 1960s, but officers quickly lost control of the situation at the Stonewall Inn. Tensions between NYC police and gay residents of Greenwich Village erupted into more protests the next evening, and again several nights later. Within weeks, Village residents quickly organized into activist groups to concentrate efforts on establishing places for gays and lesbians to be open about their sexual orientation without fear of being arrested.

After the Stonewall riots, gays and lesbians in New York City faced gender, race, class, and generational obstacles to becoming a cohesive community. Within six months, two gay activist organizations were formed in New York, concentrating on confrontational tactics, and three newspapers were established to promote rights for gays and lesbians. Within a few years, gay rights organizations were founded across the U.S. and the world. On June 28, 1970, the first gay pride marches took place in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago commemorating the anniversary of the riots. Similar marches were organized in other cities. Today, Gay Pride events are held annually throughout the world toward the end of June to mark the Stonewall riots. The Stonewall National Monument was established at the site in 2016.

NOTES AND ASIDES

FOOD PANTRY

June Powdered and Canned Milk



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Our book for June is "The Bridge Ladies" a memoir by Betsy Lerner. It is a narrative of two generations - mother and daughter - in a suburban Connecticut town. It is a true story of a bond between a mother and daughter. We will meet in the Parlor at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 3rd. All are welcome!

MESSAGES FROM BUCC OFFICE Kindly let the Office know if you are leaving/donating items to the Church. Please call either Pastor Dave, or Jeannette. We appreciate your thinking of the Church, but we will let you know if there is a need for your items. **Please call us at 440-526-4364.** Thank you!



Please take a moment to tidy up your area in the Sanctuary – return books back to holders, straighten the flyers, etc. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SCHEDULING FOR PARTICIPANTS LIST



With life being so busy, and Summer quickly approaching, if you know dates that you will be unable to help with Worship Service – on a certain Sunday, or if you will be out of town please get in touch with either:

**Betty Kaul – Lay Reader – thru Counters
440-526-1244**

Sue Stenzel – Servers, Clean-up, Snacks – 440-526-4098

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.



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 4:	Lily Hunt
June 6:	Gail Moore
June 15:	Don Seager
June 19:	Dot Bailey
June 20:	Giuliana Gagliano
June 25:	Marla Corrado
June 26:	Sam Koch
June 27:	Carole Snider
Other June Birthdays:	Cameron Rose Ward-Rogers
	Steve Albenze
	Maureen Stanley
	Kim Wallis
	Bruce McCain
	Evelyn Seager
	Carli Began

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 2019

Saturday, JUNE 1	Friday, JUNE 14 *OFFICE CLOSED*	Friday, JUNE 28 *OFFICE CLOSED*
Sunday, JUNE 2 10 am Worship 11 am Coffee Hour 11am Stewardship – Parlor	Saturday, JUNE 15 *PILLAR DEADLINE*	Saturday, JUNE 29
Monday, JUNE 3 1 pm Book Discussion 7 pm Facilities/Lib.	Sunday, JUNE 16 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hour	Sunday, JUNE 30 10am Worship Service *Pastor Dave's Last Day* 11 am Light Reception
Tuesday, JUNE 4	Monday, JUNE 17	
Wednesday, JUNE 5 7pm Council	Tuesday, JUNE 18	
Thursday, JUNE 6 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	Wednesday, JUNE 19	
Friday, JUNE 7 *OFFICE CLOSED*	Thursday, JUNE 20 1 pm Bible Study	
Saturday, JUNE 8	Friday, JUNE 21 *OFFICE CLOSED*	
Sunday, JUNE 9 10 am Worship/ Pentecost Sunday *Strengthen the Church Offering* 11 am Coffee Hour	Saturday, JUNE 22 2:00 - ? Pastor Dave's Retirement Party – Pilgrim Hall – details to follow*	
Monday, JUNE 10	Sunday, JUNE 23 10 am Worship 11 am Coffee Hour	
Tuesday, JUNE 11	Monday, JUNE 24	
Wednesday, JUNE 12 7pm Council	Tuesday, JUNE 25	
Thursday, JUNE 13 1 pm Bible Study	Wednesday, JUNE 26	
	Thursday, JUNE 27 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JUNE 2, 2019

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Kathy Smith
Ushers: Michel Fawcett, Diane Gressley, Sam Koch, Kim Wallis
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski & Mickey Fawcett
Counters: Carole Snider, David Pastor
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up: Jill Zedan, Jan Renovetz

JUNE 9, 2019

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Ben Davis, Betty Kaul, Bridget & Chad Sproul
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Lenore Harris
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher: Mindy Wade
Counters: Dave Bernard, Nancy Stella
Servers: Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler

JUNE 16, 2019

Lay Reader: Ben Tomlinson
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey, Kate Klonowski, Carole Snider
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Amelia Tyler
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Jan Renovetz ►
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson ►

C.E Teacher:

Beth & Ben Rehling
Kathy Pastor, Matt Wolbert
Julie Bernard, Joan Cook
Cliff & Sue Stenzel

JUNE 23, 2019

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte: Bob & Caroline Chandler
Peace Candle: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Comns Grtr: David Pastor
Flowers: Marge Culver
Nursery: Dorie Gabor
C.E. Teacher: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Mindy Wade & Ben Davis
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Jon Thompson
Clean-up: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Jane & Cliff Cribbs

June 30, 2019

Lay Reader: Dot Bailey
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: Cliff Cribbs, Darlene Kelly
Acolyte: Kathy Smith, Matt Wolbert
Peace Candle: Ryan Stewart
Sound: Cameron Ward
Comns Grtr: Tim Wallis
Flowers: Caroline Chandler
Nursery: Carole Snider
C.E Teacher: Marla Corrado
Counters: Marla Corrado & Mickey Fawcett
Servers: Marge Culver, Jim Duffy
Clean-up: Kathy & Leroy Ford
Chad & Bridget Sproul

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