

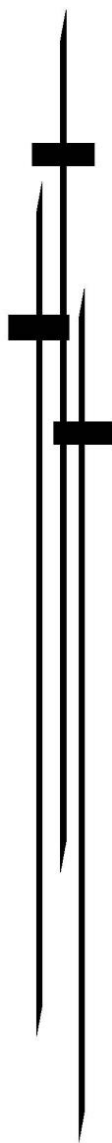
# The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

**March 2020**



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



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

### ***Our Lenten Preparation***

It seems like we just finished Advent, and now Lent will be soon upon us. Both Advent and Lent are times of preparation. In Advent we are actually preparing for two comings of the Savior: the first when he is born in Bethlehem, and the second when he comes at the end of time to bring in the new heaven and the new earth of God's kingdom.

We read about John the Baptist coming to prepare the way, and we read about the predictions of Jesus' return, and then we finish up with the great celebration of the Savior's birth. All through Advent, we know that something great and good is going to happen, something full of joy and happiness.

Lent is very different. It too is a preparation, but it is a preparation that is tinged with sadness. We are preparing for an event so horrible that the disciples refuse to believe it when Jesus first tells them about it. We are preparing for a day called Good Friday that was anything but good for Jesus, however good it was for us: it was the day of his torture and death even if it worked our salvation. We know that something awesome and awful is going to happen, something full of suffering and sorrow.

Advent is a time of calendars and candies; Lent is a time of fasting and repentance. Advent shares in the anticipation of a birth; Lent shares in the anticipation of a death. They are both about preparation, but they are very different.

Advent ends in Christmas with the birth of Jesus. Lent ends in Good Friday, with the death of Jesus.

Advent goes from joy to joy, and we receive the gift of Christ we've been promised and have been waiting for. But Lent does it one better, and goes from sadness to joy, transforming our world from one where death rules to one where life has conquered death. The grief of Good Friday becomes the elation of Easter.

Advent preparations are finished with Christmas and the gifts we were expecting. Our Lenten preparations are always incomplete because they prepare us only for Good Friday; Easter comes as a surprise, a gift we were not expecting, and that is just the way it should be.

*If you would like to have a pastoral visit in your home, or simply need to talk, please call Pastor Allan Lane at the church office [440-526-4364] or call him on his cell at [513-417-1537] Please leave a message if he doesn't answer as he may be driving. He will be glad to meet with you*

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Interested in becoming a Church Member?

New Member classes will take place **March 1**, and **March 8** after Worship Service.

Call Pastor Allan if you are interested in attending at 440-526-4364. Thank you!



### **FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH**

Dear Church Members,



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We'd like to start featuring the members of our Church on our public Facebook page in member spotlights. We'd love to show our diversity and personality with the rest of the community as well as allow our members to get to know each other better. This form can be filled out as an individual, a couple, or even as entire family. ►

If you are willing to be featured in one of our spotlights, please share some information with through the survey link below. You may answer as many questions or as few as you like. We will probably share about 1-3 details publicly.

Also, we would like a picture to accompany your spotlight that we can share. You can email any photos to Valerie at the following e-mail: [valerietylerdesigns@yahoo.com](mailto:valerietylerdesigns@yahoo.com) or attach them to the survey where it says, "add file". If you would like, Valerie can also take a photo in person at church, just let her know if you'd like that option.

This is entirely OPTIONAL, and you need only partake if you'd like to share...but we really hope you do!

The survey link is below:

<https://forms.gle/rySDXLtF8dKK3ARG6>

## **FACILITIES**

- Air Conditioning units have been moved so the repairs to the concrete ramp (outside the parlor) can proceed.
- The lights in the office, music director's room and the upper commons have been converted to LED. The lights in the kitchen, library and upper hallways will be next.
- Documentation of the sound and audio-visual systems with training is scheduled for February.
- Estimates for painting the steeple or covering the steeple in aluminum are being solicited.
- The positioning of the steeple lights is being checked.
- A bathroom leak in the Arlington rental property has been repaired.
- A service call to Gable Elevator has been initiated to check on the insulation in the motor housing.





## **NEWS FROM OCWM**



The magical mitten tree has been “undecorated” for the fifth or sixth time, and the hats and mittens have been delivered to the Brookside Center. The folks at Brookside were very thankful to receive the BUCC gift. There is more cold weather coming, so the items will be welcome. The efforts of BUCC members and friends are outstanding.

## **OPEN & AFFIRMING MINISTRY (ONA)**

**PFLAG** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a local and national organization that has been in the Cleveland Area for 35 years. One of the services provided is a Monthly Support Group Meeting. The group is led by a licensed Psychologist and Social Workers. The purpose is to provide support and education to family and friends of people coming out Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual or Questioning. The group is free and meets at Trinity Cathedral on the second Tuesday of the month 6:45 pm -8:30 pm. For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415



## **STAFF/CONGREGATION RELATIONS**

### **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:**

Due to our current budget deficit, one of our goals for 2020 is to reduce or eliminate overtime hours for our Office Manager. We are creating a team of member volunteers who might be willing to perform small office tasks on an occasional basis in order to help Jeannette during busy times or when she is out sick or on vacation. These tasks might include answering phones during office hours, copying, folding, stapling, typing, preparing the weekly bulletin, or assisting with the monthly pillar. If you are willing to be called on occasion to perform one or more of these tasks, please contact SCR Chairperson Evie Novak at 440-479-9743 or [evienovak1@gmail.com](mailto:evienovak1@gmail.com). ►

### **BUCC RELATIONSHIPS:**

One of the tasks performed by the Staff / Congregation Relations Ministry is to promote understanding and harmony between the congregation, pastor and staff. If you'd like to share a positive comment or if you have a concern about a staff member or church member, we would like to encourage you to reach out to a member of the Staff / Congregation Relations Ministry. You can contact one of us personally or place a signed note in a sealed envelope in our mailbox next to the church office. Our ministry members include Cliff Cribbs, Marge Culver, Mike Westerberg and Evie Novak.

## **NOTES AND ASIDES**

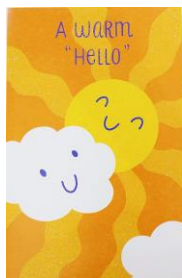
### **BOOK DISCUSSION**



Our book this month is Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine by Gail Honeyman. It is a story of an unusual heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make her irresistible to us. She

ultimately realizes the only way to survive is to open her heart. We will meet on Monday, March 2nd in the Parlor. All are welcome to join us.

### **A NOTE OF WARM WISHES**



"We hope everyone is staying warm. We say our fondest "hellos" to everyone! Dot & Stu Bailey

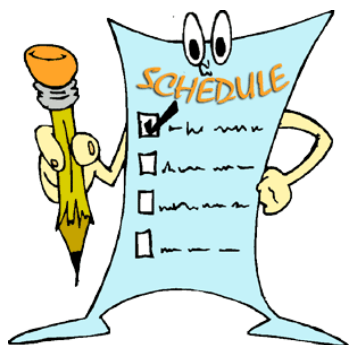
## A NOTE OF THANKS

*Pat Bailey's daughter, Karen Coldwell, wrote:*

Thank you all for your cards and words of comfort at my mother, Pat Bailey's, passing. Thank you to those who were able to attend her memorial service as well. It meant so much to hear how she touched other people's lives with her sense of humor and her laugh! Thank you all for being such a source of joy and comfort to her at the end of her life.



Thank you again, Karen Coldwell & Family



## SCHEDULING

**PARTICIPANTS LIST** If you know that you cannot be at a Worship Service on a certain Sunday, or if you need to make a change in the Participants Schedule, please call Sue Stenzel at 440-526-4098 or her Cell at 216-695-1899. She handles all the Weekly Participants scheduling. Thank you.





***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 29:	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!***

## CALENDAR

### MARCH 2020

#### Sunday, MARCH 1

10 am Worship Service  
11 am Coffee Hour  
11 am New Member Class  
11:20 am Spiritual Life  
1:30 pm BOWLING at Northwood Lanes

#### Monday, MARCH 2

1 pm Book Discussion  
7 pm Facilities - Parlor

#### Tuesday, MARCH 3

7:15 pm Council Book Discussion

#### Wed., MARCH 4

#### Thurs., MARCH 5

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

#### Friday, MARCH 6

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Sat., MARCH 7

#### Sunday, MARCH 8

10 am Worship  
11 am New Member Class  
11 am Coffee Hour

#### Monday, MARCH 9

#### Tuesday, MARCH 10

#### Wed., MARCH 11

7:15 pm Council

#### Thurs., MARCH 12

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

#### Friday, MARCH 13

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Sat., MARCH, 14

#### Sunday, MARCH, 15

**\*PILLAR DEADLINE\***

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour

#### Monday, MARCH 16

#### Tuesday, MARCH 17

#### Wed., MARCH 18

#### Thurs., MARCH 19

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

#### Friday, MARCH 20

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Sat., MARCH 21

#### Sunday, MARCH 22

10 am Worship Service  
**OGHS OFFERING**  
11 am Coffee Hour  
11 am Kindness Rock Painting

#### Monday, MARCH 23

#### Tuesday, MARCH 24

#### Wed., MARCH 25

#### Thurs., MARCH 26

1 pm Bible Study  
4:30 pm Record/Dul/Guitar  
7 pm Seasonal Choir  
8 pm Choir

#### Friday, MARCH 27

**\*OFFICE CLOSED\***

#### Sat., MARCH 28

#### Sunday, MARCH 29

10 am Worship  
11 am Coffee Hour

#### Monday, MARCH 30

#### Tuesday, MARCH 31

## **PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

### **MARCH 1, 2020**

Lay Reader: Ben Tomlinson  
Head Usher: Sue Maier  
Ushers: Cliff Cribbs, Jon Thompson  
Heidi Spangler, Kim Wallis  
Adam Lane  
Acolyte: Cameron Ward  
Peace Candle: Tim Wallis  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comms Grtr: Fred Pesek  
Flowers: Julie Bernard  
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson  
C.E Teacher: Beth Rehling  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jan Renovetz  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Snacks: Bridget Sproul, Marla Corrado  
Clean-up: Jim & Peg Duffy  
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson

### **MARCH 8, 2020**

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley  
Head Usher: Jill Zedan  
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor  
Dan & Kathleen Stewart  
Ian Stewart  
Acolyte: Peter Kucmins  
Peace Candle: Kevin Smith  
Sound: Marge Culver  
Comms Grtr: Jan Renovetz  
Flowers: Courtney Began  
Nursery: Pat Rehm  
C.E Teacher: Sue Stenzel & Kathy Pastor  
Counters: Linda Kriynovich, Julie Bernard  
Servers: Maureen Stanley & Miriam Rosewicz  
Snacks: Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Clean-Up: Matt Wolbert  
Snow Herder:

### **MARCH 15, 2020**

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: Ben Davis, Michelina Fawcett, Nora Gagliano  
Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Jillian Davis  
Acolyte: Gabriella Gagliano  
Peace Candle: Doug Fawcett  
Sound: Kathy Smith  
Comms Grtr: Dorie Gabor  
Flowers: Kathy Pastor  
Nursery: Kate Klonowski ►  
C.E Teacher:

Counters: Dave Bernard, Matt Wolbert  
Servers: Kathy & Leroy Ford  
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Heidi Spangler  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snow Herder: Joe Began

### **MARCH 22, 2020**

Lay Reader: Evie Novak  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Beth Rehling, Diane Gressley  
David Ritchey, Jon Thompson  
Arthur Cook  
Acolyte: Dorothy Cook  
Peace Candle: David Pastor  
Sound: Caroline Chandler  
Comms Grtr: Dorie Gabor  
Flowers: Marla Corrado  
Nursery: Anne Melfo-Fawcett  
C.E. Teacher: Jim Duffy, Jon Thompson  
Counters: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel  
Servers: Jane Cribbs, Kathleen Stewart  
Snacks: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Clean-Up: Doug Fawcett  
Snow Herder:

### **MARCH 29, 2020**

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard  
David Ritchey, Kathy Smith  
Olivia Klonowski  
Acolyte: Natalie Corrado  
Peace Candle: Ben Tomlinson  
Sound: Valerie Tyler  
Comms Grtr: Jan Renovetz  
Flowers: Kathy Pastor  
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg  
C.E Teacher: David Pastor, Marge Culver  
Counters: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Servers: Susan Snyder, Erin Tomlinson  
Snacks: Kathy & Dave Pastor  
Clean-up: Wes Novak  
Snow Herder:

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