

The Pillar

Brecksville United Church of Christ

March 2020



**SPRING
IS COMING**

*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.

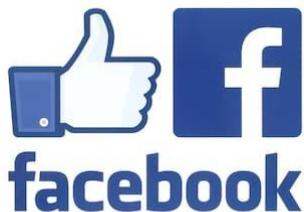
Call Pastor Allan if you are interested in attending at 440-526-4364. Thank you!



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 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:

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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.



MEMBERSHIP

HELP BUCC ROCK KINDNESS, MARCH 22



Everyone please join the fun as we paint rocks to spread good words about BUCC. On March 22 after the service we will serve nutritious and hearty snacks and have all the supplies for painting positive messages on rocks so we can spread kindness one rock at a time. No artistic talent is needed — just bring good intentions — and it would be a good idea for children to have an old oversize t-shirt to protect good clothes from stray paint.

We will have sign-up sheets, so we know how many to prepare for.

BOWLING!

We are going Bowling! Please join us on March 1 at 1:30 pm at Northwood Lanes in Macedonia.

Please contact David Pastor to signup ridave@hotmail.com or 440-552-4403



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:

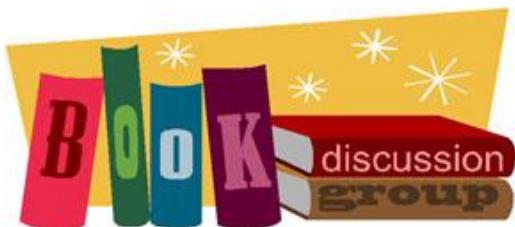
Due to our current budget deficit, one of our goals for 2020 is to reduce or eliminate overtime hours for our Office Manager. We are creating a team of member volunteers who might be willing to perform small office tasks on an occasional basis in order to help Jeannette during busy times or when she 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. ►

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

MARCH 8, 2020

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

MARCH 15, 2020

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

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
Acolyte: Arthur Cook
Peace Candle: Dorothy Cook
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: Anne Melfo-Fawcett
Counters: Jim Duffy, Jon Thompson
Servers: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Snacks: Jane Cribbs, Kathleen Stewart
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snow Herder: Doug Fawcett

MARCH 29, 2020

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

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