

Pillar

The

Brecksville United Church of Christ

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

Pastor's Ponderings.....

The Whole World is Involved

“⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” – Acts 2: 7-11

As the world is in the grip of a pandemic, geography is much on our minds. Is it flaring again in Wuhan? How is Canada doing? Has Seattle seen the worst of it yet? What's going on in Mexico and South Africa? This terrible virus is a reminder that we are all in this together, one humanity facing a deadly threat, all around the world. People from East and West, North and South are all affected across the globe.

If we lived in the ancient world, we'd recognize the names of the regions where these astonished language-hearers came from in the list in Acts on the day of Pentecost. Parthians, Medes and Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia were all east of Jerusalem over by where Iraq is today. Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia were Roman provinces to the north of Jerusalem, covering modern Syria and Turkey. Egypt and Libya were to the southwest of Jerusalem, and Arabia to the southeast. Crete and Rome were to the west of Jerusalem.

So what our text is telling us is that people who heard the good news about Jesus from the disciples on that first Pentecost were from every corner of the world and every direction of the compass. God intended this good news for everyone.

This was an astonishing thing, and the early church didn't get it at first. It took them quite some time before they realized that God intended the

story of Jesus to be for the whole world. They started off by considering Jesus as a Jewish Messiah for Jews who would believe in him. But the Holy Spirit was working from the very beginning to disabuse them of this parochial notion that the good news of God's triumph over death wasn't for everyone.

Moreover, this is NOT a miracle of the disciples speaking in tongues, that is, in foreign languages. It's not a miracle of speaking, but a miracle of hearing! Everyone *hears* the disciples in their own language. This is to be the model for how we are to share the good news: in such a way that everyone can hear it in a way that they can understand. It's different for everyone, but it's definitely for everyone, too, from North and South and East and West, one message of hope for the whole world.

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Worshiping Together in a Virtual Way

Here are some further instructions for our current approach to online/dial-in worship, using the ZOOM conference service. There are two ways to join:

1. PHONE:

If you want to call in:

Dial-in Worship Service:

(our new phone number) 1-929-205-6099

then enter meeting ID (followed by the # sign):

478 070 5901 #

During the call, you can unmute yourself by pressing *6, to say something that all will hear. Then press *6 to mute yourself again. Hang up at the end of the service.

2. COMPUTER / SMARTPHONE / IPAD:

If you want to connect with your computer, follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/4780705901>

If you have not used Zoom before, you JUNE have to download the app the first time you click on the link with your computer.

If you have a smart phone or iPad, you can go to the app store and search for Zoom Cloud Meetings:



When you click or the link from the email or start the Zoom app on your phone, you JUNE not automatically go into our If so, press the Join a Meeting button, then you get a screen that asks you for the Meeting ID. Enter: 478 070 5901.

Join a Meeting

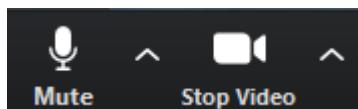
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button,

In general, you should use your computer/smartphone/iPad's audio. If you have turned on your video camera, it gives you a chance to see what others will see when you join the meeting.

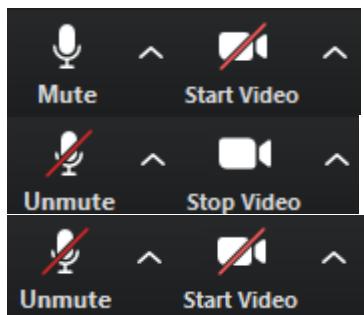
In general, to ensure the best listening experience for everyone, you should be "on mute" most of the time, unless you have something specific to say to everyone.

During the service, you should see these controls:

- on the lower left of your computer screen
- on the lower left of your smart phone
- on the upper right of your iPad



People can see and hear you



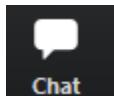
People cannot see you, but they can hear you

People can see you, but cannot hear you. (*Best for everyone else on the call*)

No one can see or hear you
x

The controls show what will happen when you click on them. You toggle between “on” and “off” settings. On your smartphone & iPad, these controls also alternate between red and green.

You can type a note that anyone can see by Chat icon:



using the

At the end of the meeting, or if you need to leave, you click on the Leave Meeting control, or exit the app.

Leave Meeting

We will be improving our Virtual Worship techniques as time progresses.

If you have further questions, please contact me or anyone else in the Communication & Outreach Ministry

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FINANCE

The collection for Edna House totaled \$500 and will be sent to them shortly.

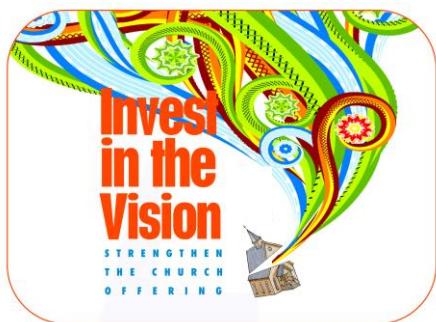
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



The Leadership Development Ministry is charged with organizing the Pastor Search Ministry by the end of JUNE. We are looking for 7 church members who desire to serve on this temporary ministry. We need a broad cross-section of our membership: youth, aged, single, married, straight, gay, parents, long-time members, and newer members. Please realize that this commitment will last a year or two. It will take time and dedication. It is a big responsibility, but it

is one that is important and necessary. Our plan is to ask for volunteers as soon as possible, then see if we have a good mix of our membership or if we need to seek out others. **Please send an email soon expressing your interest and why you want to serve to Bridget Sproul, Leadership Development Chairperson, at sproulbridge@yahoo.com. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this crucial ministry.**

OCWM



FROM OCWM: Sunday May 31st will provide us the opportunity to support the ***Strength The Church*** special offering. This offering supports the expansion and vitality of The United Church of Christ both locally and nationally and is asking for your continued support, during these uncertain times, to fulfill its commitment to

creating a just world for all. Your gift will aid ministries and practices in meeting the ever-growing needs of communities everywhere.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to this mission and thank you for your continued support.

HUNGER MEALS

The next hunger meal is scheduled to be served at Iglesia Emmanuel on West 41st Street. Due to the virus, the meal will be a “take-away”,

similar to what we did at our last meal at that church. The menu will be sandwiches, bananas, cookies, and bottled water. We plan to make the sandwiches at BUCC and one person transport the meal items to Iglesia Emmanuel outside that



church. I was told that seemed to work at the last meal at that church. So it is obvious that a small crew will be needed to prepare sandwiches. I think if the crew meets at BUCC kitchen about 3:00 PM, we will be done by about 3:30. Please call Bob Chandler (330-721-3103, cell 330-416-5733, or rchandler@zoominternet.net) to volunteer. We need to remember to wear masks and bring gloves and hand sanitizers. At the last meal at the church, serving started at 4:00 PM and was over by 4:45, and about 22 people were served.

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**

STEWARDSHIP



Thank you to everyone who responded to the stewardship survey regarding planned offerings for 2020. The responses we received have allowed council to be pro-active in planning for 2020 and we are grateful for the congregation's generosity and support during this time. We appreciate the many contributions to stewardship of BUCC, stewardship of our planet, and stewardship of each other.



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
	Gail Moore
June 6:	Don Seager
June 15:	Dot Bailey
	Giuliana Gagliano
June 19:	Marla Corrado
June 20:	Sam Koch
June 24:	Max VanDuyne
June 25:	Carole Snider
	Cameron Rose Ward-Rogers
June 26:	Maureen Stanley
	Kim Wallis
June 27:	Bruce McCain
	Evelyn Seager
Other June Birthdays:	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 2020

Due to Social Distancing that we are practicing - there are no Meetings, or events planned for the month of JUNE. If anything changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Monday, JUNE 1	Sunday, JUNE 14 10 am Zoom Worship Service	Saturday, JUNE 27
Tuesday, JUNE 2		Sunday, JUNE 28 10 am Zoom Worship Service
Wed., JUNE 3	Monday, JUNE 15 *PILLAR DEADLINE*	Monday, JUNE 29
Thurs., JUNE 4	Tuesday, JUNE 16	Tuesday, JUNE 30
Friday, JUNE 5 *OFFICE CLOSED*	Wed., JUNE 17	
Sat., JUNE 6	Thurs., JUNE 18	
Sunday, JUNE 7 10 am Zoom Worship Service	Friday, JUNE 19 *OFFICE CLOSED*	
Monday, JUNE 8	Sat., JUNE 20	
Tuesday, JUNE 9	Sunday, JUNE 21 10 am Zoom Worship Service	
Wed., JUNE 10	Monday, JUNE 22	
Thurs., JUNE 11	Tuesday, JUNE 23	
Friday, JUNE 12 *OFFICE CLOSED*	Wednesday, JUNE 24	
Sat., JUNE 13	Thursday, JUNE 25	
	Friday, JUNE 26 *OFFICE CLOSED*	

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JUNE 7, 2020

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Responder:
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
Dan Stewart, Benjamin
Davis
Acolyte: Noah Lane
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Valerie Tyler
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: CE Day
Counters: Nancy Stella, Matt
Wolbert
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks: Marla Corrado,
Kathleen Stewart
Clean-up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs

JUNE 14, 2020

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Responder:
Head Usher: Betsey Wilson
Ushers: Wes & Evie Novak
Kim Wallis, Nora
Gagliano
Acolyte: Olivia Klonowski
Peace Candle: Gabriella Gagliano
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Dave Bernard, Jon
Thompson
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Heidi
Spangler
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler

JUNE 21, 2020 – Father's Day

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Head Usher: Sue Maier
Ushers: Kathy Smith, David
Ritchey, James &
Valerie Tyler
Acolyte: Emily Lane
Peace Candle: Amelia Tyler
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Jim
Duffy
Servers: Julie Bernard, Linda
Kriyovich
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Diane
Gressley
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz, Sue
Stenzel

JUNE 30, 2020

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Head Usher:
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard,
Caroline Chandler,
Michelina Fawcett
Cameron Ward
Peace Candle: Evelyn Kucmins
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Kathy Pastor
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E. Teacher:
Counters: Marge Culver, Jan
Renovetz
Servers: Joy Garapic, Sue
Stenzel
Snacks: Susan Snyder, Pat Rehm
Clean-Up: Jim & Peg Duffy

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