

# *Pillar*

The

Brecksville United Church of Christ

***July 2020***



***To Be Loving, Serving, and Accepting Of All I  
with God's Life-Changing Power and Grace***

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

### ***A Time For Everything***

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3: 1*

Here we are in July, and 2020 is half over. So far we have had horrific wildfires in Australia that killed an estimated 1 billion animals and may have caused some animals to go extinct; we have had a global pandemic that has kept us locked in our homes and behind masks for months at a time; we have suffered a related economic crash which threw millions of people out of work, and, critically, out of the health care system in the midst of the pandemic; we have found colonies of Asian Giant Hornets, also known as murder hornets, on the West Coast, and small-mammal-eating giant cane toads with poisonous glands behind their eyes which emit toxins that are particularly deadly to dogs, in Florida; we've watched or participated in daily protests against the brutality of some parts of law enforcement, especially against African Americans, while disturbing videos of violence against protestors have further convulsed the nation and thrown the electoral calculus into the wind; and, beyond the national and international tragedies, we have all faced numerous personal losses both large and small. By the time you read this, who knows what will have occurred next!

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, sure, but does it all have to happen at once?

Still, the message of Ecclesiastes is that this, too, shall pass. It won't go on forever, and soon enough something different, perhaps opposite will occur. That's why Ecclesiastes has a kind of call and response echo throughout chapter 3: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing (Ecclesiastes gets you, #MeToo!), a time to seek and a time to lose. The times go back and forth, and what you are struggling with now won't be forever.

Above it all is the Creator of time and space, whose eye is on the sparrow and on you (Luke 12:6-7), before whom the generations rise and fall (e.g., Psalm 145:13), and whose love for you is never ending in contrast to the inconstant way of the world Ecclesiastes knows.

Throughout it all, we remember what Jeremiah wrote in Lamentations, reflecting on another calamity in another time: *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.*" (Lamentations 3: 22-23)

## **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 JULY 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 will not automatically go into our meeting. If so, press the Join a Meeting button, then you get a screen that asks you for the Meeting ID. Enter: 478 070 5901.

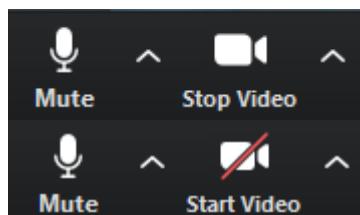
[Join a Meeting](#)

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.

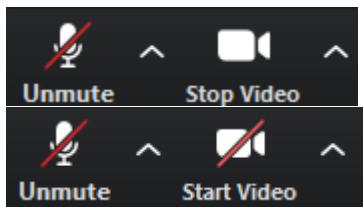
During the service, you should see these controls:

- 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

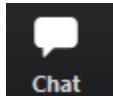


People can see you, but  
cannot hear you. (*Best for  
everyone else on the call*)

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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## CLERK OF COUNCIL



Any person who may be interested in taking notes for council as an alternate - substitute, please contact Tia Began at

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## OCWM

### HUNGER MEALS



On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, a hunger meal was provided to attendees at Iglesia Emmanuel. Because of the coronavirus epidemic, the menu was sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and bottled water, all of which were placed in plastic bags by the attendees. Of course,

because the church building was closed, this was a "take away" meal. The sandwiches were prepared in about 15 minutes by an active crew, and just one person was needed to transport the meal to the church site. Because of a change in bus schedules, only 21 people were fed, although "second" were generous. We planned for 40 meals, so there was some left over.

The next hunger meal is scheduled for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Presuming the virus will still be among us, the meal will probably be a "take away" meal. The menu will probably be sandwiches, fruit, cookies and bottled water. The last meal of this type we served at this church provided a meal for about 70 persons. Because of "distancing" and face masks, etc. who knows how many meals to anticipate. This may be a challenge, but BUCC members and friends have always managed to meet a challenge.

## **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**

## **NOTES AND ASIDES**

### **A NOTE OF THANKS**



Thank you for the fruit basket.  
Richelle loved working in the  
nursery.

Love, Jim & Paul Petras

## **PARTICIPANTS LIST**

Summer is upon us and as in previous years we will not be serving snacks. When we are back in Church and can made decisions about our "New Normal" we will let you know how things may change. Stay safe.



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***Happy, Happy July Birthdays to the following BUCC Members! Please share in their joy and wish them a Happy Birthday!***

July 3:	Andrew Lightbody
July 4:	Pat Rehm
July 11:	Dottie Farwell
July 12:	Ryan Stewart
July 14:	Jim Demko
July 15:	Evie Novak
July 21:	Dorie Gabor
	Joshua Tyler Anderson
	Nora Smith-Gagliano
	Elizabeth Stenzel
July 22:	Mira Corrado
July 25:	Cindy Burton
July 26:	Carol VanDuyne
July 27:	Anne Melfo
Other July Birthdays	Joe Began

***If you have a July Birthday and are not included above, please contact the church office so we can add you to the BUCC Birthday List!***

## CALENDAR

### JULY 2020

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

Wed., JULY 1	Sunday, JULY 12 10 am Zoom Worship Service	Saturday, JULY 25
Thurs., JULY 2	Monday, JULY 13	Sunday, JULY 26 10 am Zoom Worship Service
Friday, JULY 3 <b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b>	Tuesday, JULY 14	Monday, JULY 27
Sat., JULY 4	Wed., JULY 15 <b>*PILLAR DEADLINE*</b>	Tuesday, JULY 28
Sunday, JULY 5 10 am Zoom Worship Service	Thurs., JULY 16	Wednesday, JULY 29
Monday, JULY 6 <b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b>	Friday, JULY 17 <b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b>	Thurs., JULY 30
Tuesday, JULY 7	Sat., JULY 18	Friday, JULY 31
Wed., JULY 8	Sunday, JULY 19 10 am Zoom Worship Service	
Thurs., JULY 9	Monday, JULY 20	
Friday, JULY 10 <b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b>	Tuesday, JULY 21	
Sat., JULY 11	Wednesday, JULY 22	
	Thursday, JULY 23	
	Friday, JULY 24 <b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b>	

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

**JULY 5, 2020**

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy  
Responder: Jon Thompson  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Cliff Cribbs, Jon Thompson  
Heidi Spangler, Kim Wallis  
Acolyte: Adam Lane  
Peace Candle: Cameron Ward  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Fred Pesek  
Flowers: Julie Bernard  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
C.E Teacher:  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Snacks:  
Clean-up: Peg & Jim Duffy

**JULY 19, 2020**

Lay Reader: Ben Tomlinson  
Responder: Julie Bernard  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers:  
Acolyte: Jillian Davis  
Peace Candle: Gabriella Gagliano  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comns Grtr: Kathy Smith  
Flowers: Carole Snider  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
C.E Teacher:  
Counters: Dave Bernard, Matt Wolbert  
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford  
Snacks:  
Clean-Up: Cliff & Sue Stenzel

**JULY 12, 2020**

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley  
Responder: Kathy Smith  
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: Dot Bailey  
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson  
C.E Teacher:  
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Sue Stenzel  
Servers: Julie Bernard, Linda Kriynovich  
Snacks:  
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler

**JULY 26, 2020**

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson  
Responder: Jan Renovetz  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard,  
James & Valerie Tyler  
Acolyte: Joshua Anderson  
Peace Candle: Amelia Tyler  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler  
Flowers: Jan Renovetz  
Nursery: Courtni Began  
C.E Teacher:  
Counters: Marge Culver, Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel  
Snacks:  
Clean-Up: Peg & Jim Duffy

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