

The *Pillar*
Brecksville United Church of Christ

July 2020



***To Be Loving, Serving, and Accepting Of All
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:" –

Ecclesiasts 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

Worshipping 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.



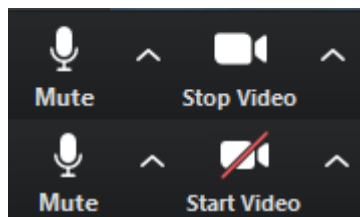
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button,

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.

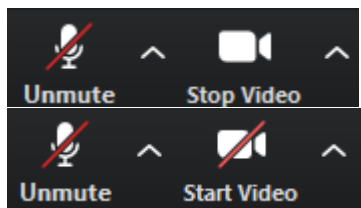
During the service, you should see these controls:

- 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

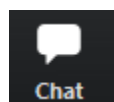


People can see you, but cannot hear you. *(Best for everyone else on the call)*

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:



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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

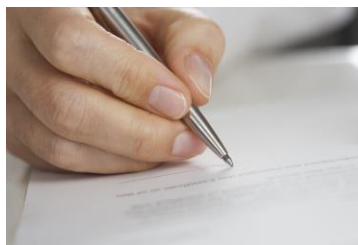
We will be improving our Virtual Worship techniques as time progresses.

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

brecksvillet@ aol.com

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HUNGER MEALS



On Sunday, June 7th, 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 30th 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
	Evie Novak
July 15:	Dorie Gabor
July 21:	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

Thurs., JULY 2

Friday, JULY 3
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 4

Sunday, JULY 5
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, JULY 6
OFFICE CLOSED
HOLIDAY

Tuesday, JULY 7

Wed., JULY 8

Thurs., JULY 9

Friday, JULY 10
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 11

Sunday, JULY 12
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, JULY 13

Tuesday, JULY 14

Wed., JULY 15
PILLAR DEADLINE

Thurs., JULY 16

Friday, JULY 17
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 18

Sunday, JULY 19
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, JULY 20

Tuesday, JULY 21

Wednesday, JULY 22

Thursday, JULY 23

Friday, JULY 24
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JULY 25

Sunday, JULY 26
10 am Zoom Worship
Service

Monday, JULY 27

Tuesday, JULY 28

Wednesday, JULY 29

Thurs., JULY 30

Friday, JULY 31

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 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 19, 2020

Lay Reader: Ben Tomlinson
Responder: Julie Bernard
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Ben Davis, Michelina Fawcett, Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Nora Gagliano
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 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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