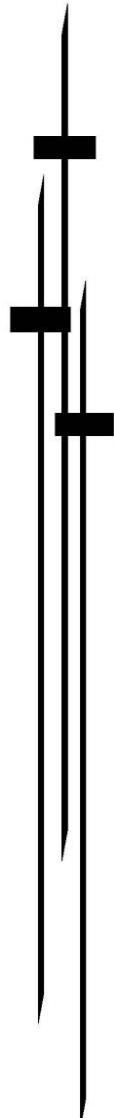


# The *Pillar*

Brecksville United Church of Christ

**SEPTEMBER 2020**



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

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

### ***The School of Jesus***

*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me: for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."* —Jesus, Matthew 11: 29

If Spring is about the smell of wet soil and blooming flowers, then surely Fall is about the smell of newly-sharpened pencils and fresh chalk on the blackboard. All around us we are accustomed to seeing the school buses making their practice runs empty, before making their actual runs full of kids. Even though nature is slowing down in anticipation of winter coming, human life is picking up again with fresh hope as the kids are back in school.

This year is different as the beginning of the school year smells of stress and worry. Decisions about in-person or online now may have consequences for years to come. Everyone is worried about kids, or grandkids, or neighbor kids. Everyone is concerned about the reopening of school becoming a super-spreader event.

Back in Jesus' day, things were simpler. School smelled like fish, when Jesus was teaching from a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. School smelled like incense, when Jesus was teaching in the Temple. School smelled like sweat and dust when Jesus was teaching as he walked along the road. School had many smells for Jesus' disciples, but they could learn from him wherever they were. He was always teaching, sometimes with his words, more often with the way he led his life and interacted with people.

The people who followed Jesus were known as his disciples, which in the original Greek simply meant 'students' or 'learners.' They were in the school of Jesus, and he was their teacher. But this teacher wasn't in a classroom teaching an academic subject. He was in the midst of life, teaching about how to really live.

The image of the yoke in our text is an image of teaching. It represents two oxen, yoked together. At first, the young ox would be yoked behind the older, more experienced one, following it, and learning what to do. The older ox showed the way.

As the young ox matured, it would be yoked beside the older ox, taking more of the load, but the older ox was still there, continuing to pull along with it.

Jesus is saying that the load of life is lighter when he is yoked with you, showing the way or pulling beside you. Learn how to do this life thing from me, Jesus says, and then I'll stay with you to lighten the load the rest of the way.

As school starts for the kids again, it's important for us to remember that we are all students in the school of Jesus, and the lessons he wants to teach us are about joyous living. They will give us rest for our souls. Where Jesus is, there is the smell of life, full and rich and going on forever. Let us learn from him!

## **FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC**

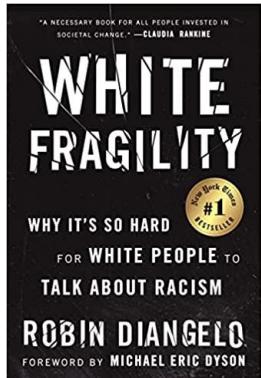
### **FINANCE**



A check was sent to the Pension Board of the UCC in the amount of \$430 for the Christmas Fund (in July). The Generations of Service: Faith and Finance In Action Capital Campaign has asked for support in order to ensure UCBMA's capacity to provide compassionate care for UCC authorized ministers and lay church employees over the next decade.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & OCWM

OCWM and Christian Education (CE) are co-sponsoring a Social Justice Book Club! Our first title is "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism" by Robin DiAngelo. We will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 starting on Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM. Please read the Forward by Michael Eric Dyson, the Author's Note, Introduction and Chapter 1 by the first meeting. Until such a time that we can meet in the parking lot, we will meet on Zoom (same account as our Sunday service). If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klonowski at [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) or 216-534-3498.



## HUNGER MEALS



By the time you are reading this, the August hunger meal at Pearl Road UMC will have occurred. The next hunger meal is scheduled for Sunday, November First at Iglesia Emmanuel. Look for more details as the time comes closer. Thank you to all those who have been supporting

BUCC's efforts to provide nourishment for those who are food challenged, especially in this time of the coronavirus epidemic

## **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>

Or you can go to our upcoming services page:

<https://brecksvilleucc.org/services/upcoming-and-past-services/> and

*Join us  
with Zoom*

press the  button.

If you have not used Zoom before, you may 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:



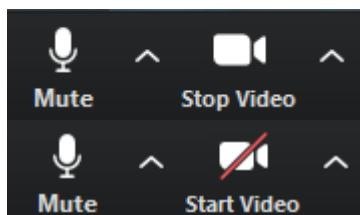
When you click or the link from the email or start the Zoom app on your phone, you may not automatically go into our meeting. If so, press the Join a Meeting button, then you get a screen that asks you for the Meeting ID. Enter: 478 070 5901.

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.

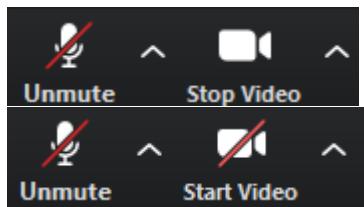
During the service, you should see these controls:

- 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

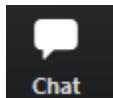


People can see you, but  
cannot hear you. (*Best for  
everyone else on the call*)

No one can see or hear you  
x

The icons show you the current status. The words underneath says 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:



sing the

At the end of the meeting, or if you need to leave, you click on the  
Leave

**Leave Meeting**

Meeting control, or exit the app.

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

Jim Duffy  
[jmorganduffy@gmail.com](mailto:jmorganduffy@gmail.com) 216-644-2784

## 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.



For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

## NOTES AND ASIDES

A note was received from Jim Demko. "We don't make it out to Brecksville much now that we moved to Chagrin Falls, but we think about our BUCC family fondly".



*It's never goodbye – but a see you soon! It has been an honor to serve you all for the last 8 years – I will miss you all! I pray that you all remain well, and happy!*

*If you see me around town – please say hello, I'd love to chat!*

*will be using it soon!*

*Thank you so much for the very generous gift card! Hubby and I*

***Warmest Regards, Jeannette (Virtual hugs too!)***



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

<b>SEPT. 1:</b>	<b>Phyllis Hassler</b>
<b>SEPT. 3:</b>	<b>Dan Renovetz</b>
<b>SEPT. 6:</b>	<b>Joanne Cook</b>
<b>SEPT. 7:</b>	<b>Erika Kolar</b>
<b>SEPT. 10:</b>	<b>Betty Kaul</b>
	<b>Ryan Smith</b>
	<b>Gabriella Gagliano</b>
<b>SEPT. 11:</b>	<b>Kathy Smith</b>
<b>SEPT. 12:</b>	<b>Jill Zedan</b>
<b>SEPT. 14:</b>	<b>Rebecca Anderson</b>
	<b>Marjorie Rahnenfuehrer</b>
<b>SEPT. 15:</b>	<b>Jane Cribbs</b>
<b>SEPT. 17:</b>	<b>Natalie Corrado</b>
	<b>Valerie Tyler</b>
	<b>Holden Paul Esser</b>
<b>SEPT. 22:</b>	<b>Nancy Stella</b>
<b>SEPT. 23:</b>	<b>Carrie Coyer-Westerberg</b>
	<b>Matt Wolbert</b>
<b>SEPT. 26:</b>	<b>David Debick</b>
	<b>Annie Demko</b>
<b>SEPT. 28:</b>	<b>Jayden Kolar</b>
<b>SEPT. 29:</b>	<b>Nichole Smith</b>

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

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 2020

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

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

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

**SEPT. 6, 2020**

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Responder: Jan Renovetz  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor  
Kathy Smith, Kim Wallis  
Acolyte: Emily Lane  
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Valerie Tyler  
Flowers: Dot Bailey  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
C.E Teacher:  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Matt  
Wolbert

**Sept. 13, 2020**

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan  
Responder: Jon Thompson  
Head Usher: Sue Maier  
Ushers: Wes & Evie Novak  
Kathleen & Dan Stewart  
Acolyte: Ian Stewart  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Kevin Smith  
Comns Grtr: Fred Pesek  
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz  
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson  
C.E Teacher:  
Counters: Dave Bernard,  
Jon Thompson

**SEPT. 20, 2020**

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley  
Responder: Betsey Wilson  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
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: Marge Culver, Jan  
Renovetz

**SEPT. 27, 2020**

Lay Reader: David Pastor  
Responder: Linda Kriynovich  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard,  
James & Valerie Tyler  
Joshua Anderson  
Amelia Tyler  
Ben Tomlinson  
Caroline Chandler  
Julie Bernard  
Courtini Began  
C.E. Teacher:  
Counters: Jim Duffy, Kathy Pastor

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