



THE *Pillar*
BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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LOVING, SERVING, AND ACCEPTING
ALL PEOPLE
WITH GOD'S LIFE-CHANGING POWER
AND GRACE

Pastor's Ponderings.....

Light Before It Reaches Us

My most vivid memory of an Easter sermon is a story about a person coming home on the bus after working the night shift at a hospital. The bus stop was at a cemetery, and her apartment was on the other side. For months, she made her way along an unlit path, avoiding the headstones and the imagined goblins in her mind. Then one morning, she saw that a streetlight had been installed near her apartment. Although the light did not reach all the way to the path through the cemetery, she could find her way home because there was light beyond the graveyard.

Easter dawns like that distant glow—a way forward becoming visible before it becomes easy, light and life appearing where our way had been unilluminated and difficult. There are moments when you are walking in the dark and you see a light in the distance. Not enough to warm you, not enough to change everything, but enough to show you where the path is.

Resurrection, in a similar sense, is not something we hold alone. It is something we are shown together in the small but real signs of life that blossom among us.

This Lent, we have been practicing unmasking—being open and honest about what is heavy, naming what we would rather avoid, letting go of the pressure to pretend that everything is fine. It has not always been easy work. And yet, something has begun to shift. Not because everything has been resolved or clarity has fully arrived, but because, together, we have begun not only to share, but also to recognize Christ's guidance.

We are a congregation in the midst of transition. That means we are learning to walk without having the whole road mapped out. We are listening more closely—to one another, to our neighbors, to the quiet movements of God that do not announce themselves with certainty. The light is not fully here. But it is enough to walk by. Come and see.

Jeff



FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

Happy Easter, friends of Brecksville UCC!

It's a joy and a privilege to serve this congregation as Moderator, and to celebrate this Easter season with you. The resurrection reminds us that God's love always finds a way to bring new life and new hope.

Easter is also a time of **unmasking** – when the powers of fear and despair are revealed not to have the final word. In the light of resurrection, we see more clearly the strength of compassion, community, and God's enduring grace among us.

Thank you for the many ways you make this church a place of welcome and hope. Christ is risen! Alleluia – and Happy Easter to you all.

Armand Eusanio, Moderator BUCC

Hallelujah Chorus- If you have always wanted to sing with the choir, but never had the time, or even if you just love the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, now is your chance to join us for Easter Sunday! The choir will be meeting on Saturdays March 21st, 28th, and April 4th from 10am-12pm. We will rehearse the Hallelujah Chorus at 10am, so you can show up to learn with us and then given the choice to join us to learn the rest of the music for Easter, or be excused. This is the perfect short-term commitment for anyone who would love to join the choir but cannot commit to weekly rehearsals throughout the year. Let Olivia know if you have any questions! We'd love to have you join us!

Community Meal- On Sunday April 19 we will provide a Community Meal at The Wholeness Project in Cleveland. The Social Justice Ministry is preparing the menu and looking for several people to help serve the meal. The Wholeness Project is located at The Bridge Avenue School at 3389 Fulton Rd Cleveland. Please look for sign up information and/or let Diane Gressley know if you would like to assist with making food or serving. Diane can be reached at digressley@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars: Mother's Day Last Minute Mart Craft & Vendor Show!

Join us on May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall for our Last-Minute Mart Craft and Vendor Show! We'll have 25 vendors offering a variety of unique crafts and gift items—perfect for finding that special Mother's Day gift.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Pastor's Fund at BUCC. How You Can Help

Invite Friends & Spread the Word

This is a wonderful opportunity for people from Brecksville and surrounding communities to come inside, shop, and learn more about our welcoming church community. The more people who attend, the more successful the event will be—so bring a friend and stop by!

Donate to the Trinket Table

We all have items around our homes that are nice but no longer needed—trinkets, knick-knacks, collectibles, and small décor items. Consider donating these to our Trinket Table. Simply place a suggested price on your item and bring it in. All proceeds will support BUCC.

Share the Event on Facebook

Help us reach more people by following and sharing the event on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/720409054372427>

Know a Vendor Who Might Be Interested?

Vendor tables are available for \$35 for the day. We're working to keep a good variety of products and avoid too many duplicates, but we are still accepting vendors.

If someone is interested, they can contact Heidi Spangler or complete the vendor inquiry form here:

<https://buccoh.breezechms.com/form/eccdb4>



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

Arthur	Cook	April 09
Brian	Esser	April 18
Nate	Hunt	April 22
Stu	Bailey	April 28
Claire	Esser	April 29
Sherrill	Witt	April 29

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



CALENDAR

APRIL 2026

Wed., APRIL 1

11:00am Mindfulness and
meditation
1:00pm Mission Café

Thu., APRIL 2

6:00pm Maundy Thursday
Soup Supper

Fri., APRIL 3

OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., APRIL 4

10:00am Choir Practice

SUNDAY., APRIL 5

HAPPY EASTER

10am Worship Service

Mon., APRIL 6

5:00pm Fellowship
7:00pm Facilities Meeting

Tue., APRIL 7

2:00pm Spiritual Life
6:00pm AA in Pilgrim Hall
6:30pm Social Justice

Wed., APRIL 8

11:00am Mindfulness and
meditation
6:00pm Mission Café
7:00pm Council

Thu., APRIL 9

7:00pm Choir Practice

Fri., APRIL 10

OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., APRIL 11

SUNDAY., APRIL 12

10am Worship Service
11:30am Mission Café

Mon., APRIL 13

Tue., APRIL 14

6:00pm AA in Pilgrim Hall

Wed., APRIL 15

11:00am Mindfulness and
meditation
6:00pm Braver Angels

Thu., APRIL 16

10:30am Called to Care
7:00pm Choir Practice

Fri., APRIL 17

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30pm Brecksville Squares

Sat., APRIL 18

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10am Worship Service

Mon., APRIL 20

Tue., APRIL 21

6:00pm AA in Pilgrim Hall
7:30pm Communication
and outreach

Wed., APRIL 22

11:00am Mindfulness and
meditation

Thu., APRIL 23

7:00pm Choir Practice

Fri., APRIL 24

OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., APRIL 25

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

10am Worship Service

Mon., APRIL 27

Tue., APRIL 28

6:00pm AA in Pilgrim Hall

Wed., APRIL 29

11:00am Mindfulness and
meditation

Thu., APRIL 30

7:00pm Choir Practice

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

APRIL 5, 2026

Early Usher: TBD
Late Usher: TBD
Greeter: TBD
Lay Reader: TBD
Flowers: Easter Flowers
Counters: Sue Stenzel
TBD
A/V: TBD
Snack: Jenn Elting
Set up/Serve: Jenn Elting
Clean up: TBD
Communion
Bread: Gayle Colbert

APRIL 19, 2026

Early Usher: TBD
Late Usher: TBD
Greeter: TBD
Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Flowers: TBD
Counters: TBD
TBD
A/V: TBD
Snack: Sue Stenzel
Set up/Serve: Sue Stenzel
Clean up: Sue Stenzel
Communion
Bread: Gayle Colbert

APRIL 12, 2026

Early Usher: TBD
Late Usher: TBD
Greeter: TBD
Lay Reader: TBD
Flowers: TBD
Counters: Sue Stenzel
TBD
A/V: TBD
Snack: TBD
Set up/Serve: TBD
Clean up: TBD

APRIL 26, 2026

Early Usher: TBD
Late Usher: TBD
Greeter: TBD
Lay Reader: TBD
Flowers: TBD
Counters: TBD
TBD
A/V: TBD
Snack: TBD
Set up/Serve: TBD
Clean up: TBD

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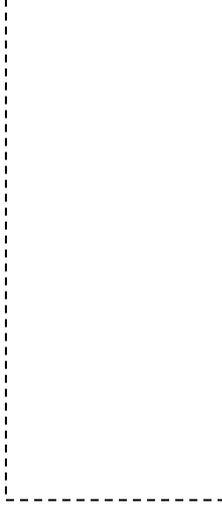
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