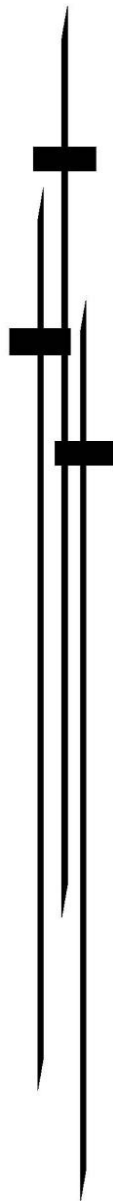
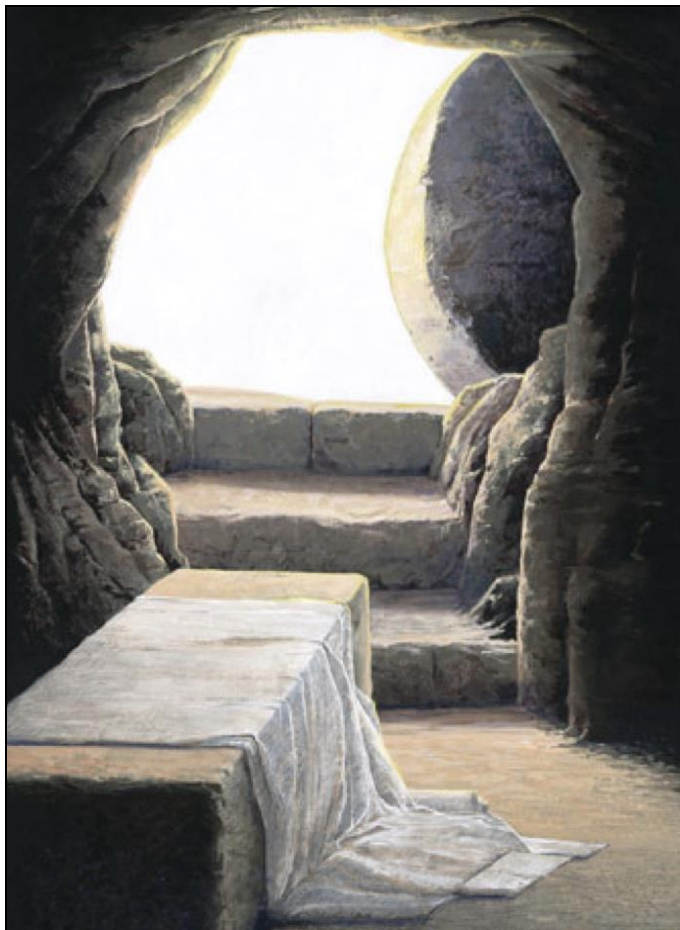


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The

Brecksville United Church of Christ

April, 2018



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

Pastor's Ponderings

...On Reasonable Doubt...

Thomas Merton [1915-1968] was an influential Roman Catholic theologian, monk, poet, and social activist. At a time when the Catholic Church was far less ecumenical than it is today, Merton was nonetheless a strong advocate for interdenominational and inter-religious cooperation. Though highly intelligent and deeply spiritual, Merton displayed a genuine humility, which is reflected in the beginning of one of his notable prayers:

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your Will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing....”

In this day when so many people are so rigidly insistent about the absolute rightness of their position - be it political, religious, or personal - it is truly refreshing to hear a voice of reasonable self-doubt. When it comes to discussing or declaring the mind and purpose of the Divine Mystery, such a spirit of humility is particularly important. For any of us mere mortals to believe that we have the exclusive insight concerning what the Divine Source of All intends for us and this world, is both foolish and dangerous. And unless we are willing to dial-down the revved-up rhetoric of self-proclaimed rightness and righteousness, we will have a hard time hearing that “still, small voice of the Holy One” that whispers to us amid the chaos and confusion of Life’s complexities.

“The fact that I think I am following your Will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing....”

Having the *desire* to please the Holy One, along with the recognition that you or I can never fully understand - let alone follow - the Perfect, Divine Will, is actually a pretty good place to be. It helps us let-go of our need to always be right, and allows us to let God be God.

Merton's understanding of the difference between trusting in God's grace to guide us, versus our desire to impose our own will and values on others in the name of God, is an important distinction to keep in mind. For when we truly trust in the ultimate goodness and dependability of Divine grace and guidance for *our* lives, we may then discover the genuine joy of humbly sharing our faith with others.

With you in Christ's Service,
Pastor Dave

If you would like to have a pastoral visit in your home, or simply need to talk, please call Pastor Dave at the church office [440-526-4364] or at home [440-546-1193]. He will be glad to meet with you.

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This year's Christian Education Lenten project is going to support the Cleveland Roots! Cleveland Roots creates opportunities for urban agriculture, and educational programs that empower people to grow their own produce. Their goals are to provide affordable access to fresh produce, promote healthy living, nurture the environment, and cultivate community. The C.E. students have been hard at work making decorative magnets to help raise funds for the building of a protective fence around the farm to protect the crops from animal nibblers! If you have any questions about Cleveland Roots, feel free to ask Anne Melfo or



Doug Fawcett at church, or [email: info@clevelandroots.org](mailto:info@clevelandroots.org). Magnets will go on sale Palm Sunday, March 25th with a suggested minimum of one share (\$5) but can go up to as many shares as you'd like! Sales will continue through Easter. Thanks for your support!

FACILITIES

The last stained glass window project being worked-on by Art 5 Glass. The estimated completion timeline is 4-6 weeks. Upon completion the balance of \$2000 will be due.



The electronic alarm panel was replaced by ABCO on 11/2/17. The completed inspection papers were sent to the city.

Preliminary effort will be started on digitizing a scaled building map showing the location of major water, electrical & heat/AC control points. Additionally, a large 3-ring binder will be created to centralize & maintain all ministry activities & responsibilities.

We are exploring a plan to standardize dispensers and paper products throughout the church. The plan includes on-line purchase of all janitorial supplies and will permit the custodian to order those as necessary. Standardization of supplies and their ordering is expected to have a substantial cost savings. This plan will be ready by next month.

The Ministry is still reviewing options for correcting water run-off that sometimes floods Pilgrim Hall. Potential corrections and costs are being investigated. At least one of the drainage grate foundation is in need of rebuilding.

A spring cleaning of the grounds is being planned but the date has not yet been decided upon.

NEWS FROM OCWM



You have probably noticed that the small tree in the narthex that had been “decorated” with hats, mittens and scarves is no longer there. That is because the fourth clearing of the tree was taken to Brookside hunger center last month. As people come to the center to receive food items, they can select needed items to warm them in the cold months.

A huge “thank you” goes to all those who provided “decorations” this last winter season. ►

The next hunger meal will be at Pearl Road United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 22nd. This meal will be a little different, because the host church will be using the dining room for other church activities. Therefore, the meal will be a “takeout” meal of sandwiches, fruit and cookies that will not be eaten in the dining room as usual. BUCC members and friends will prepare sandwiches on site and attendees will select meal items as they arrive and will eat elsewhere. The sign-up board will be in the narthex as usual.

NOTES AND ASIDES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our book for this month is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. It is a multilevel novel after the Civil War in which an aging news reader agrees to transport a young captive back to her Kiowa people. Peg Duffy will be our leader for this discussion in the Parlor on April 2nd at 1 p.m.



April

FOOD PANTRY

Rice and Tuna

ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT

3pm, Sunday, April 15
Jaime Laredo, *violin*

3pm, Sunday May, 6
Cicilia Yudha, *piano*

**PRESENTED AT PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
2592 WEST 14TH ST.
CLEVELAND, OH 44113**

A NOTE OF THANKS



Thank you for all you prayers and support. My surgery was a success. I am feeling much better.

Love, Jim Petras (My wife Richele works in the Nursery)



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

April 5:	Phyllis Molnar
April 6:	G Wardlaw
April 9:	Arthur Cook
April 10:	Jan Wardlaw
April 12:	Sandra Rooney
April 14:	Max Roha
April 17:	Lynne Struck
April 18:	Brian Esser
April 21:	Vickie Szabo
April 22:	Nate Hunt
	Evan Smith
April 25:	Sebastian Albenze
April 27:	Rob Grow
April 29:	Sherrill Witt
	Claire Esser
April 30:	Jeannette Kroeger
	<i>The Big 50!!!</i>

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!



**First and Third Wednesdays - 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall, BUCC**

Wed (4/4, 7pm): Small meeting, if any, at The Coffee Club 500 E Royalton Rd. This is during Spring Break, so we may cancel.

Wed (4/18, 7pm): Regular meeting at BUCC, Agenda TBD.

MUSIC



On Sunday April 29 at 4:00 PM, BUCC will host a free concert featuring South Korean violinist Kyung Ah Oh, accompanied by pianist Christine Hill. The eclectic program will include works by Beethoven, Ysaÿe, Prokofiev, and Kreisler. Ms. Oh was the

winner of the 2017 Lewisville Lake Symphony International Competition for Strings and Harp. Praised for her “water-like, smooth, deliciously crafted phrases” and her “rich, dark lower range” (Classical Voice of North Carolina), Ms. Oh is quickly establishing herself as a young artist not to be missed. She won first prize in the New York Artists International Competition in 2016, resulting in her Carnegie Hall debut recital. Ms. Oh received her Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music; she is currently studying for her Master's degree with Syoko Aki at the Yale University School of Music. Plan to join us on April 29 to hear this young virtuoso perform. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Bring a friend!



2018 Easter Flower Dedications

- Anonymous *In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.*
- Jillian Baird *Happy Easter!*
- Julie Bernard &
Linda Kriynovich *In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.*
- Marge Culver *In Memory of Friends and Family members lost during
the past year.*
- Anna Mary Fisher *In Memory of Anne Toneff.*
- Joy Garapic *In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father,
Grandfather.*
- Barb Fisher-Gray *In Honor of my Mom, Anna Mary Fisher, and Aunt Ruth.*
- Diane Gressley *In Memory of my Parents, Evan & Emma.*
- Betty Kaul *In Memory of Jim and David Kaul.*
- Mark Lehman *In Memory of my Parents, Ralph Lehman, and Lois
Kostenbader.*
- Sue, Dan &
Lindsey Maier *In Memory of Walter & Tillie Andres.
In Memory of Maryann & Bessie Seager.*
- Dassie Matsuoka
& Daughters *In Memory of James Matsuoka.*

Carol Miller &
Pat Rehm

In Memory of the Rehm & Miller Families.

Bettina Ortiz

*“In Loving Memory of Betty, Joseph & Timothy Ortiz;
David S. King & Dennis M. Rini.”*

*“In Honor of My Family, Rachel, Grace, Julianne &
Jenna Kubic; Daniel King; Stephanie, Steven, Lyndsey &
Bradley Joseph Hough.”*

Fred A. Pesek

In Memory of my Wife Connie, and my Mother Helen.

Eric Rahnenfuehner
& Johanna Sliva

In Memory of Jan Rahnenfuehner.

Max Roha

*In Memory of my friend, Bill Wright, who died in the
invasion of Okinawa on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945.*

Mariam R.
Rosewicz

*In Celebration of the LOVE of my Children
and Grandchildren.*

Kathy Smith

With Prayers for my Niece, Suzanne Patrick.

Chreryl Spieth

In Memory of Tim Spieth.

Sherrill & Bill
Witt

*In Memory of the Peart Family.
In Memory of the Bishop Family.
In Memory of the Witt Family.
In Honor of Shirley & Arch Duncan.*

Doug & Marilyn
Wrights

In Memory of our Parents, Gilbert & Julianna Wrights.

Jill Zedan

In Honor of the Nurturing Family at BUCC.

CALENDAR
APRIL, 2018

Sunday, APRIL 1

7 am Sunrise Service –
Highland Cemetery
10 am Worship/Easter
Sunday
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, APRIL 2

1 pm Book Discussion
7 pm Facilities –Library
7pm Spiritual Life

Tuesday, APRIL 3

Wednesday, APRIL 4

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
Guitar
7-9 pm Shine a Light
The Coffee Club

Thursday, APRIL 5

1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

Friday, APRIL 6

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, APRIL 7

11am Donn Whyte
Memorial Service

Sunday, APRIL 8

10 am Worship Service
11 am Coffee Hour
11 am CE Mtg. Library
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, APRIL 9

Tuesday, APRIL, 10

Wednesday, APRIL 11

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
7 pm Council

Thursday, APRIL 12

1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

Friday, APRIL 13

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, APRIL 14

Sunday, APRIL 15

PILLAR DEADLINE
10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, APRIL 16

7 pm Welcome &
Growth Task
Force

Tuesday, APRIL 17

Wednesday, APRIL 18

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
Guitar
7-9 pm Shine a Light

Thursday, APRIL 19

1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

Friday, APRIL 20

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, APRIL 21

Sunday, APRIL 22

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour
****Hunger Meal – Pearl Road
United Methodist Church***

Monday, APRIL 23

Tuesday, APRIL 24

Wednesday, APRIL 25

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
Guitar

Thursday, APRIL 26

1 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

Friday, APRIL 27

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, APRIL 28

Sunday, APRIL 29

10 am Worship Service
11 am Coffee Hour
4pm Kyung Ah Oh
Violin, Free
Concert – Light
Reception

Monday, APRIL 30

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

APRIL 1, 2018

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Kathy Smith, Kate Klonowski, Betsy & Joe Wilson

Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Max Roha
Comms Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Easter Lilies
Nursery: Jess Barnes
C.E Teacher: No CE Class
Counters: Matt Wolbert, Nancy Stella
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Julie Bernard

Clean-up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Sue Stenzel
Snow Herder: Doug Fawcett

APRIL 8, 2018

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Dan & Ian Stewart, Cliff Cribbs, Betty Kaul

Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Valerie Tyler
C.E Teacher: Heidi Spangler
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Kathy & Dave Pastor
Snacks: No Bakers
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson

APRIL 15, 2018

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Jill Zedan, David Ritchey, Sam Koch, Ed Lusk

Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Ben Tomlinson

Comms Grtr: Kathy Pastor
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Jonathan Cook
C.E Teacher: Tia Began
Counters: Kate Klonowski, Marge Culver

Servers: Carole Snider, Joy Garapic
Clean-Up: Dave & Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Gina Cook, Marla Corrado

APRIL 22, 2018

Lay Reader: Tia Began
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler
Diane Gressley, Darlene Kelly

Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher: Anne Melfo
Counters: Jim Duffy, David Pastor
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean Up: Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks: Doug & Marilyn Wrights

APRIL 29, 2018

Lay Reader: Ben Tomlinson
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard
Beth Rehling, Jess Barnes
Carrie Coyer-Westerberg

Acolyte: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: David Pastor
Sound: Marge Culver
Comms Grtr: Jan Renovetz
Flowers: Marla Corrado
Nursery: Beth Rehling
C.E Teacher: Kathy Pastor, Bruce McCain
Counters: Joanne Cook

Servers: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Clean-up: Susan Snyder, Heidi Spangler

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