

THE *Pillar*
BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 2021



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

Pastor's Ponderings.....

Wandering

"Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean...." - Deuteronomy 26:5a

People have been wanderers for a long time. According to DNA evidence, everyone outside of Africa can trace their ancestry to a single migration out of that continent, 50,000-80,000 years ago. That's why there's more genetic diversity between people groups in Africa than there is in everyone everywhere else. People in China and Scotland are all related to that one group that left. Whereas in Africa, they are the descendants of many groups who stayed.

Wandering is in human nature. In the Bible, the first glimmers of history emerge from the mythological origin stories of Eden and Babel, when Abraham appears. And he appears as a wanderer, going from the Fertile Crescent in Assyria/Babylon, west to Palestine, and then on into Egypt.

Abraham is the original wandering Aramean - though the verse above probably refers to Abraham's grandson, Jacob, who went down in a time of famine, at the urging of his son, Joseph.

Perhaps it's Israel's own history of wandering, and being a foreigner in a strange land, that made them so positively disposed to welcoming other wanderers. In the Ten Commandments, for example, the foreigner residing in Israelite towns also gets to partake of the Sabbath rest (Exodus 20:8). We don't realize how remarkable this is. In most of the ancient Near East, the laws of a country were there to protect native born only. By including foreigners in the Law, God was setting up Israel to be a haven for other wanderers, who wanted to live among God's people.

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America itself is a nation of wanderers. Native Americans first wandered across the land bridge which is now under the Bering Strait, about 15,000 years ago. The first Europeans and Africans who came to stay, appeared on ships about 400 years ago. People have been coming ever since, from all over the world. Someone who arrived yesterday may soon become the newest American.

As a church, it's important for us to welcome all the wanderers whom God sends our way. Just as the Jewish people were reminded that their own founding ancestor was a wanderer, so God reminds us that ours were wanderers, too. At BUCC, all who wander are welcome!



FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC



COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

WATCHING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE ON YOUTUBE

We are excited about gathering in-person after these many months. For those who cannot join us, please watch our "Live-Stream" on YouTube. The simplest way is to go to our website at: **www.brecksvilleucc.org/live**

- From about Friday until Sunday morning, you will find the streaming video for the coming Sunday cued up and ready to go. Clicking on the red "play" button  will start the live-stream. If you click before we are actually live, it will notify you when the video is scheduled to start.
- After the service, through the following Thursday, the recorded service from the previous Sunday will be available for replay. It can be accessed by pressing play  .

Please go to our "Upcoming and Recent Services" page, to download and print the Bulletin. You can also replay earlier services.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jim Duffy** by email at **jmorganduffy@gmail.com** or by phone at **216-644-2784**.

OCWM

EDNA HOUSE FOR WOMEN – Cash donations for Edna House's Mother's Day collection were received in the amount of \$340. We received a handwritten "Thank You" note from Jenn Lasky, the Executive Director of Edna House. It read as follows:

"Dear BUCC Members –

The Edna House for Women would like to thank you for donating financially to our ladies and our mission. It means so much that you continue to think of us and support us, especially on Mother's Day. Please pray for our women and their families.

Sincerely,

Jenn Lasky, Director"

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM – We are still recruiting singers and instrumentalists to share their musical gifts with our congregation and guests, over the summer months. If you'd like to volunteer, please let Dave Debick know, so he can mark you on the calendar. He is happy to help volunteers find music, and volunteers can rehearse with Dave as much or as little as needed. Dave's # is listed in the Breeze database, or you can email him at buccmusic23@gmail.com.

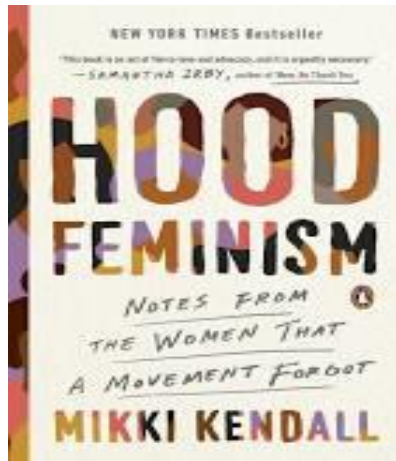
Thank you!

OCWM / CE

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB – Throughout the month of July, we will continue our discussion of ***Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women that a Movement Forgot***, by Mikki Kendall. All of our meetings will be on Thursdays at 7 pm, and held via Zoom. The schedule is as follows:

- **July 1** - "Black Girls Don't Have Eating Disorders" & "The Fetishization of Fierce" (pp. 113 - 136).
- **July 8** - "The Hood Doesn't Hate Smart People" & "Missing and Murdered" (pp. 137 - 158).
- **July 15** - "Fear and Feminism" & "Race Poverty & Politics" (pp. 159 - 187).
- **July 22** - "Education" & "Housing" (pp. 189 - 216).
- **July 29** - "Reproductive Justice, Eugenics, and Maternal Mortality," "Parenting While Marginalized," & "Allies, Anger and Accomplices" (pp. 217 - end).

If you've been unable to make it so far, it's never too late to join – we'd love to have you! Please reach out to **Kate Klonowski** by calling or texting **(216) 534-3498**, or by email at **keightykay@gmail.com**, with any questions.





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

July 02	Joe Began
July 04	Pat Rehm
July 10	Allison Colbert
July 11	Doug Wrights
July 12	Ryan Stewart
July 14	Evie Novak
July 15	Dorie Gabor
July 19	Rose Kaval
July 21	Joshua Anderson
	Nora Gagliano
	Bill Harris
July 22	Mira Corrado
July 25	Cindy Burton
July 26	Carol Van Duyne
July 27	Anne Melfo

****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 2021

Thu., JULY 1
7pm Book Club

Fri., JULY 2
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 3

Sunday, JULY 4
10am Worship Service

Mon., JULY 5

Tue., JULY 6

Wed., JULY 7

Thu., JULY 8
7pm Book Club

Fri., JULY 9
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 10

Sunday, JULY 11
10am Worship Service
Service

Mon., JULY 12

Tue., JULY 13

Wed., JULY 14
7:15pm Council Meeting

Thu., JULY 15
PILLAR DEADLINE
7pm Book Club

Fri., JULY 16
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 17

Sunday, JULY 18
10am Worship Service

Mon. JULY 19

Tue., JULY 20
11am Pastor's Office
Hour

Wed., JULY 21

Thu., JULY 22
7pm Book Club

Fri., JULY 23
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 24

Sunday, JULY 25
10am Worship Service

Mon. JULY 26

Tue., JULY 27
11am Pastor's Office
Hour

Wed., JULY 28

Thu., JULY 29
7pm Book Club

Fri., JULY 30
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., JULY 31

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

JULY 4, 2021

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: TBD
TBD
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
Sound: TBD
Comns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: TBD
Counters: Nancy Stella
Sue Stenzel

JULY 11, 2021

Lay Reader: Rose Kaval
Head Usher:
Ushers: Jon Thompson
Sue Stenzel
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
Sound: TBD
Comns Grtr: Dorie Gabor
Flowers: TBD
Counters: Betsey Wilson
TBD

JULY 18, 2021

Lay Reader: Carol Miller
Head Usher: Sue Maier
Ushers: Kate Klonowski
Heidi Spangler
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
Sound: TBD
Comns Grtr: Pat Rehm
Flowers: TBD
Counters: Jim Duffy
TBD

JULY 25, 2021

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson
Head Usher: TBD
Ushers: Gayle Jackson
Evie Novak
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
Sound: TBD
Comns Grtr: Allison Colbert
Flowers: TBD
Counters: Marge Culver

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