



THE *Pillar*
BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 2021



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

Pastor's Ponderings.....

A Web of Interconnection

Such is the destiny of all who forget God; so perishes the hope of the godless. What they trust in is fragile; what they rely on is a spider's web. They lean on the web, but it gives way; they cling to it, but it does not hold. -- Job 8: 13-15

Each of the seasons has its surprises. I remember going out one misty morning in the fall and seeing the amazing sight of an enormous spider's web, 3 feet in diameter, hanging from our front yard tree. The water droplets from the mist had made it completely visible.

Of course, it wasn't new. I'm sure it had been there all along. We just hadn't seen it. But once we could see it, its intricate beauty was mesmerizing: every strand carefully attached to every other, the spider waiting in the corner for the tug that would mean that breakfast had arrived.

So much of life is like that: linked together in an intricate yet invisible web that binds us all together. Pull on one strand seemingly far away, and it causes a reaction nearby. Most of the time the bonds which unite us go unnoticed. But a tug in one part of the web leads to shaking in every other. The spider who oversees it all knows when a part is disturbed, because the whole web starts to vibrate.

The pandemic has been a bit like that mist on a fall morning, revealing the many ways that humans are connected to each other across the world. A disease starting in one part quickly spreads to every other part and threatens us all. The web is extensive, but the humans who make it up are all so fragile. Human civilization can quickly begin to break down once the shaking starts and the various parts of the web that bind us together start fraying and coming apart.

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Pastor's Ponderings (continued)

The Scriptures continually point us back to God whenever we find our lives being shaken. The webs that connect us are fragile and may need to be rebuilt, but God is constant and trustworthy. God is overseeing the whole and sees what is invisible to us. The spider's web is invisible until the mist shows where it is. Humanity's connectedness is hidden until a shaking reveals it.

So, too, our connection to God is unseen until we turn to God and feel God's support under us, keeping us from falling. Webs may come apart, but the bond we have with God in Jesus Christ is strong enough to see us through anything that will come in life, in death, and in the life to come.

FROM THE MINISTRIES OF BUCC



COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH


OUR WEBSITE – Recently, we had an issue with the domain registry of our website, causing some members confusion and concern. That issue has been corrected and we are in business. If ever there's an issue getting to our webpage, we have two address that should get you to our home page:

BrecksvilleUCC.org (the main address that we publish)
BrecksvilleUCC.com (an alternate address that serves as backup)

Sorry for any consternation. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Duffy or any of the other members of Communication and Outreach.

OUR YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM – For those who cannot join us in person, please watch our "Live-Stream" on YouTube. The simplest way is to go to our website at: **www.brecksvilleucc.org/live**.



- Pressing play  will start the live-stream. If you click before we've started, it will notify you when the video is scheduled to begin.
- After the service and through the following Thursday, the recorded service from the previous Sunday will be available for replay.

Please go to our "**Upcoming and Recent Services**" page (under the "Worship" tab, in the horizontal blue bar), to download and print the Bulletin. You can also replay earlier services from this page, by clicking on any of the dates listed.

Please contact **Jim Duffy** at **jmorganduffy@gmail.com**, or by calling **216-644-2784**, if you have any questions.

FACILITIES

A new 2 year lease is in the works with our downstairs tenant, A Special Wish Cleveland. We have negotiated the rate of \$1200 per month.

We are continuing to encourage members of the congregation to contribute to the Air Conditioner fund.

We are currently seeking bids for the needed parking lot repairs.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

PARTICIPANT ROLES – Since reopening, there have been several Sundays where we found ourselves scrambling to fill participant roles. If you'd like to help but aren't sure about what each role entails, you can now read all about what each person does! Just go to the **BUCC website** and move your mouse pointer over the drop down arrow to the right of the word "**Worship**" (on teal bar at the top of the page). After the **drop down menu** opens, click on the option that reads "**Participant Roles in our BUCC Sunday Worship**".

After you've had a chance to read the descriptions, use the Breeze Sign Up sheet link (instructions on the next page) and register yourself for the roles and dates of your choosing. Also, please don't hesitate to contact **Anne** in the church office, at **440-526-4364**, with any additional questions or concerns – thank you!

(See next page for instructions on how to help on Sunday)

SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SUNDAY WORSHIP

With our new church membership software, signing up to help with BUCC Church Services should be “a Breeze”. Here are some instructions to explain how the Virtual Signup Sheet works.

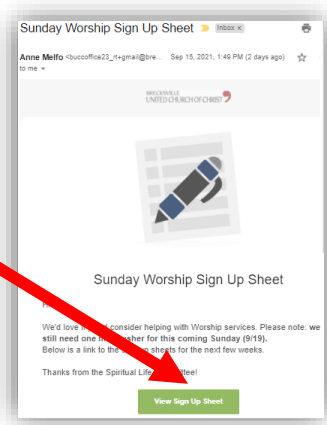
In summary:

1. Every week or so, an email will be sent out with a link to the virtual signup sheet for the coming weeks.
2. Clicking on the link (which is tailored just for you) takes you into the signup sheet.
3. You can scroll through the different roles, seeing who is signed up for each week.
4. You can click on any open date and signup.
5. You can also click on any date with your name on it to opt out of that week.
6. Then press [Submit] to record your changes.
7. You can use that same link as many times as you like.

Following are some screen shot details, to see how it works:

Email from the Church Office:

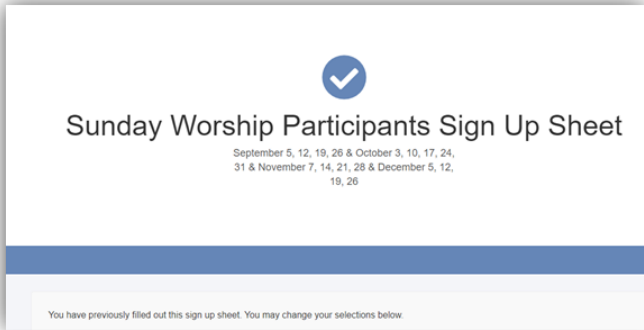
The email will come from **buccoffice23_rt+gmail@breezechms.com**, which you may need to add to your contact list, so the email does not go into spam. The subject will always be “Sunday Worship Sign Up



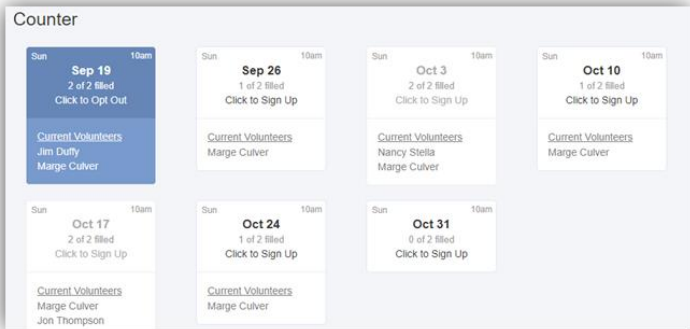
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SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SUNDAY WORSHIP (continued)

Initial view of the signup sheet:



Scroll Down to find the role you want:



As seen on a computer, the list shows 4+ dates across. Dates highlighted in blue mean you have already signed up, and a **bold date** means that at least one opening exists. If the date is **grayed out**, it means that all positions have been filled. Usually, you will be able to see who is on the list. *Note: on a smart phone, you see a long list that is 1 date wide.*

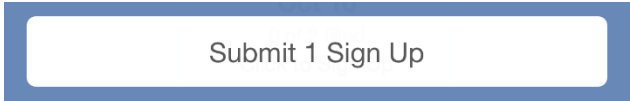
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SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SUNDAY WORSHIP (continued)

Select the dates and roles you want:

Clicking on a date will “sign you up” and highlight it in blue. If you need to cancel, just click on a date you have signed up and it toggles back to “open”.

Sign up for as many dates as you want. When you are done, press the [Submit] button to record your changes.



You can return to the signup sheet as often as you like. Finally, if all this fails, you can always contact Anne Melfo at the Office, or Betsey Wilson and they can sign you up.

FLOWERS – Many thanks to those who are providing flowers for October’s services:

10/03 Betina Ortiz
10/10 Carole Snider
10/17 Julie Bernard

10/24 Tia Began
10/31 Janet Renovetz



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

October 8:	Michelle Namitka
October 9:	Ashley Smith
October 15:	Indiria Bigelow
October 16:	Heather Hunt
October 21:	Joy Garapic
October 22:	Johnny Kolar
October 24:	Betsey Wilson
October 26:	Leroy Ford
October 30:	Jesse Wade

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



Calendar

OCTOBER 2021

Fri., OCT. 1
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., OCT. 2

Sunday, OCT. 3
10am Worship Service

Mon., OCT. 4

Tue., OCT. 5
11am Pastor's Office
Hour

Wed., OCT. 6

Thu., OCT. 7
7pm Choir

Fri., OCT. 8
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., OCT. 9

Sunday, OCT. 10
10am Worship Service

Mon., OCT. 11

Tue., OCT. 12
11am Pastor's Office
Hour

Wed., OCT. 13
7:15pm Council Meeting

Thu., OCT. 14
7pm Choir

Fri., OCT. 15
OFFICE CLOSED
PILLAR DEADLINE

Sat., OCT. 16

Sunday, OCT. 17
10am Worship Service

Mon., OCT. 18

Tue., OCT. 19
11am Pastor's Office
Hour

Wed., OCT. 20

Thu., OCT. 21
7pm Choir

Fri., OCT. 22
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., OCT. 23

Sunday, OCT. 24
10am Worship Service

Mon., OCT. 25

Tue., OCT. 26
11am Pastor's Office
Hour

Wed., OCT. 27

Thu., OCT. 28
7pm Choir

Fri., OCT. 29
OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., OCT. 30

Sunday, OCT. 31
10am Worship Service

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Head Usher: Sue Maier
Ushers: Dorie Gabor
Evelyn Seager
Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Comns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Counters: Marge Culver
Nancy Stella
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
A/V: Betsey Wilson
Sound: Betsey Wilson
Flowers: Betina Ortiz

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Sue Stenzel
TBD
Lay Reader: TBD
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Counters: Marge Culver
Dorie Gabor
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
A/V: Betsey Wilson
Sound: Betsey Wilson
Flowers: Carole Snider

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Head Usher: TBD
Ushers: Dorie Gabor
Evelyn Seager
Lay Reader: Jon Thompson
Comns Grtr: Carolyn Chandler
Counters: Marge Culver
Jon Thompson
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
A/V: TBD
Sound: TBD
Flowers: Julie Bernard

OCTOBER 24, 2021

Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Evelyn Seager
TBD
Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Comns Grtr: Peg Duffy
Counters: Marge Culver
Dorie Gabor
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
A/V: TBD
Sound: TBD
Flowers: Tia Began

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Head Usher: TBD
Ushers: Dorie Gabor
Evelyn Seager
Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Counters: Marge Culver
Sue Stenzel
Acolyte: TBD
Peace Candle: TBD
A/V: TBD
Sound: TBD
Flowers: Janet Renovetz

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