

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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April 17, 2016 9:45 A.M. Fourth Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *"It Is Well"* Philip P. Bliss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *"Christ Triumphant"* Mark Patterson

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We praise Creation's God:

All: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Leader: Let each single voice praise God:

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Leader: Let all voices together praise God:

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Leader: Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

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Leader: With all Creation we praise God:

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† **HYMN 393** *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"* George Whelpton

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Praise the Lord"* W. A. Mozart, arr. H. Hopson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"The Lord's Prayer"* Albert Hay Mallotte

† **DOXOLOGY No. 166** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 711** *"Rise and Be Healed"*

SCRIPTURES Acts 9:36-43 New Testament, p. 112

SERMON *"The Miracles Continue"*

† **HYMN 528** *"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **CHORAL RESPONSE** *"Our Strength and Our Song"* Mark Patterson

† **POSTLUDE** *"I Will Celebrate"* Rita Baloche

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17, 2016

11:15 A.M.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE *"Healing Rain"* Matt Bronleewe, Martin and Michael Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 2 times

INTROIT *"I Will Follow"* Chris Tomlin

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† **OPENING SONG** *"Rise Up and Praise Him"*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"It Is Well"* Philip P. Bliss

† **DOXOLOGY** *"We Are an Offering"*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Acts 9:36-43 New Testament, p. 112

MEDITATION *"The Miracles Continue"*

† **CLOSING SONG** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *"I Will Celebrate"* Rita Baloché

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SERVING TODAY

Kelly Bickley – Flute
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Kyra Krause – Vocalist
Ken Mehalko – Clarinet, Saxophone
Toni Newborn – Vocalist
Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar
Emily Phan – Clarinet, Vocalist
Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Vocalist
Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Keyboard, Vocalist
Doug Thorn – Technical Setup and Operation, Sound System
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Vocalist
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola



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OUR PRAYER LIST

*Hospitals no longer provide names of members who are patients.
If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church,
(440) 238-6697.*

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Madison Bell, Betty Bushea, Richie McKenzie, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook at Manor Care in Parma, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Nancy Borchert (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Phillis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 24, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Betty Craig	11:15 Betty Craig
Morning Announcements		Denise Bell
Greeters		Kris Fischer and Michael
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour		<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
Graphics Operation		Michele Mhlack

ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 17, 2016

Welcome, visitors! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

The altar flowers are given—

From Betty Kircher

To the Glory of God
Linda Plain

Happy Birthday today to Mick Jacobson!

Tuesday Evening Meetings: Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are welcome to this free lunch, which is served every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

Mission and Outreach Committee will meet next Sunday, April 24, after the 9:45 service. The meeting is open to anyone interested in sharing thoughts and ideas.

Pictorial Directory – We have begun taking pictures of families and church events for a Pictorial Directory. To schedule your photo time, please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513. We will make some day and evening times available.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 4/10/2016	<u>1,624</u>
Difference	- 2,276

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor	
Chancel Choir Director	Joshua Konow	
Bell Choir Director	Barb Fraunfelder	
Technical Setup and Operation	Doug Thorn	
Sound System	9:45 Jim Heinrich	11:15 Doug Thorn
Liturgist	9:45 Pam Keenen	11:15 Dale Hawk
Morning Announcements		Natalie Daniels
Greeters		The Hawk Family
Ushers		Cathy Hawk, Kris Fischer
Coffee Hour		Sharon Heinrich
Graphics Operation		Lori Kovatich

The Thrift Shop will be closed this Thursday, April 21, for the changeover from winter to spring/summer merchandise. The shop will reopen Thursday, April 28. The Thrift Shop is typically open Thursdays 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and is located in the basement of the church.

STRONGSVILLE UCC

All You Can Eat!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration

Next Sunday – April 24, 2016 – 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years

Tickets will be available at the door.



STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Saturday – April 30, 2016 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in Pilgrim Hall

Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

A Potluck Meal will take place at 12:00 noon.

Please bring a HEALTHY appetizer or dish to share.

ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE and STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Sunday – May 1, 2016 – 4:00 P.M. at Strongsville UCC

The Satori Winds

4 Guys with

4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes

Cindy Smith

Sings

"Songs from The American Song Book"

Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following Concert

Wing Night is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, from 6-9 p.m. Tickets for this Diaconate fundraiser are \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and a basket raffle. Tickets are on sale **now through April 24** and can be purchased after 9:45 worship from any Diaconate member.

Basket donations are needed for Wing Night. Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. There is a sign-up board in Pilgrim Hall for you to write your name and the type of basket you are donating. If you donate a basket, please write what the contents are and the approximate value of the basket. Baskets should be brought to the church by May 1 and given to Cheryl Sobek or any Diaconate member.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new cookbook! We would like to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want any new recipes you currently love! Recipe letters and forms were distributed or mailed. Please return your recipe by July 15 either in the box in the Gathering Area, or use the envelope provided in your letter to mail your recipe.

Wine Glasses Missing – Ten boxes with 12 wine glasses per box are missing from the church since the Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band Concert on December 18, 2015. If you know where these glasses might be or if someone borrowed them, please talk with Pastor Becky.

Spring into Fitness is a FREE 8-week health and fitness program designed for ALL levels that runs to May 23. The weekly program is at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays at the church and includes various ways to get involved. Come to all events or just come to what fits your schedule. Please request to join on our Facebook Group to stay motivated and keep current on all events. There is no minimum or maximum level of involvement. Join the group at:

facebook.com/groups/SpringIntoFitnessProgram/

Classes are 35-50 minutes in length. For more information, please contact Kelly Bickley, Team Beachbody Coach – phone and text (330) 461-4624 or email mindbodysoulmama@beachbodycoach.com

APRIL 2016

- 18 Mon Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church
- 19 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
- 21 Thu Thrift Shop CLOSED**
- 23 Sat ORC Pancake Breakfast Preparation
- 24 Sun Organ Restoration Committee Pancake Breakfast, 9am-12:30pm
Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, after 9:45 worship
- 25 Mon Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
- 30 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting, 9am-3pm. All are encouraged to attend!

MAY 2016

- 15 Sun Recognition of Bell Choir in 9:45 worship
- 22 Sun Recognition of The Thrift Shop's 35th Anniversary in 9:45 worship