



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, February 16, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.



WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Rainey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Doerksen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend, embracing and being embraced by kindness,

People: We choose to be people of life and blessing. We choose Love.

Leader: As we serve others in God's name, receiving unexpected blessings from those we do not know,

People: We choose to walk in God's way. We choose Love.

Leader: As we forgive those who have hurt us, reaching out to those we have harmed,

People: We choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers. We choose Love.

† HYMN 391 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 119: 1-8

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Wherever God Is" Sirchio

ANTHEM "Adagio" Bach

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Impromptu" Elkins

† **DOXOLOGY 815** Tune: *Old Hundredth*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

SERMON Whose IS it?

† **HYMN 453** "Happy the Home When God is There"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "Go Now in Peace" Besig

† **POSTLUDE** "Andante in D Major" Mendelssohn

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 16

Jim Studer
Lynne McCray
Elaine Coffey
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

Liturgist

Greeters

Ushers

Coffee Hour

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Supplemental Organist

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 23

Greg Dickson
Linda Plain
Volunteers needed
Elaine Coffey
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Barbara Craig on February 18th
and Pam Craig on February 22nd!*

With love, Mom

The Diaconate will meet Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,192.75
Difference (-\$280.52)

To date for the Stewardship Campaign, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$155,384.00. **If you have not yet returned your Estimate of Giving card, the church will gratefully accept it at any time. Thank you very much for your support.**



PLEASE SIGN UP TO PLACE ALTAR FLOWERS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE SPECIAL. MANY DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2020. Cost is only \$15 per vase (\$30 for both). There is a chart in Pilgrim Hall along with envelopes and order forms.

YOU MAY ALSO LIGHT THE STEEPLE IN A LOVED ONE'S MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL OCCASION. Envelopes and order forms are located on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. You may give any amount you choose, but the minimum is \$5.00.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Jim Dettmer, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Hunter Colao (grandson of Mark & Barb Camp), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Elaine Fuelling (friend of Judi Pavisich), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others.



HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?



New Sign-up sheets for 2020 in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—

we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. **Also, please bring in any extra plastic grocery bags for the kitchen, if you can spare them!**



The next **Penny Sunday** will be next week, **February 23**, and go to the United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministries, which runs camps for all ages at Temple Hills in Bellville, Ohio.

Just a reminder: Pastor Heidi will never send out an email asking you to "do me a favor" or anything like that. There are a number of scams going around right now that ask folks to purchase gift cards or other such things. **Please do not be taken in by these scams.** (And if I do ask you to buy gift cards, be sure to get them on Sunday morning from Jim Joyce!)



THANK YOU



Thanks to the congregation for your thoughts, prayers, and many cards and notes I have received during my convalescence. Although I am a long way from returning to worship with you in person, I am making progress.

from Robert Craig

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR THE ROAST PORK, KIELBASA, AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7! Seatings will be at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults \$12.00 Ages 6-10 \$5.00 Under 6 Free

Help is needed. The sign-up sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall's board. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers in any capacity during the serving hours of 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them.



Women's FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, March 3, at **10:30 a.m.** in the Parlor. We will make a bunny craft, make "puppy chow" for people, and have lunch altogether. Sally Herzog will present devotions; and Sharon

Heinrich will make coffee and tea, and provide dessert. Please bring your own bag lunch. *Elaine Coffey will present her "Pet Sitting" program on a date to be determined. The meeting time is a half hour later so we have kitchen access to make puppy chow (after Tuesday morning AA meets).* As always, all ladies are welcome to all Women's Fellowship activities.

ANNUAL ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT February 14 - 16, 2020

Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio

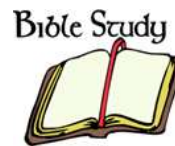


TODAY: 59 of our church members and friends are away at the Retreat in Bellville this morning. We wish them safe travels as they return home this afternoon.



MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach is still collecting donations of tissues and cough drops for **Laura's Home**, an outreach for women and children through the City Mission. A box is located in Pilgrim Hall.



LENTEN STUDY!

Pastor Heidi will be leading a five-week study during Lent entitled *Living in the Light*, by John Birch. We will gather on Wednesday at 1:00, beginning March 4. Please sign up with your name and "Lent Study" on the back of your attendance card. See you then!

FEBRUARY 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 16 Sun **Worship 10am**
RETREAT SUNDAY
Coffee Hour
- 17 Mon President's Day
- 18 Tues Diaconate Meeting 7pm
- 19 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 20 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 23 Sun **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Children's Choir
Coffee Hour
- 25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
- 27 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm
Men's Lunch at Gourmé 11:30am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Officers elected on Jan. 26, 2020, have an asterisk by their names.
** = appointed by the Official Board*

Moderator Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator Rob Toth
Treasurer Sally Herzog
Clerk Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Superintendent
Kristen Clotworthy

Board of Trustees
Eddy Bond* Greg Dickson Mike Clotworthy*
Myron Costin* Bill Giuliano
Dale Hawk Sandy Pogozelski
Ed Sobek Linda Stepan Rob Stepan

Endowment Fund Subcommittee
Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed

Diaconate

Jennifer Barry Barbara Camp Gina Cathcart*
Kristen Clotworthy Elaine Coffey* Cathy Hawk* Sarah Hayes
Linda Plain Linda Ponstingle Nicole Stevens Dawn Rolland*
Marty Winch Barbara White* Mary Ellen Zimmerman*

Christian Education Committee

Serena Abruzzino* Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore
Linda Elkins Suzi Foley Sandy O'Shea Lora Rung

Music Committee

Richard Densmore* Ingrid Dickson
Ken Mehalko Pam Keenen*
ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Serena Abruzzino* Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti*
Beth Giuliano Judi Pavisich** Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte Bobbie Krisak Tony Koussa*
Michele Mhlack Gary Paul Lora Rung* Jennifer Sekorky** Bev Wehr



During the **Free Lunch for All Program** on **Wednesday, February 26**, Pastor Heidi will offer the imposition of ashes to anyone who wishes to receive them. That evening, a quiet worship service with the opportunity for receiving ashes will be held at 7 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join Pastor Heidi and interfaith leaders for the Annual Passover Seder at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.** If you are interested in attending this field trip, please write "Seder" on the back of your attendance card and place it in the offering plate.



EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

Orders are now being accepted. Please complete this form and place it in the Church Office or offering plate with your cash or check payment by the deadline of **Sunday, March 22, 2020**. The cost is **\$8.00**.

Wording for bulletin:

Given by: _____

Total number of plants: _____

I will take my plant(s). I will leave my plant(s) for someone who needs some cheer.

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville UCC**, and place your order (with payment) in the church office, or mail it to:

The United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136

Thank you for placing a lily on the altar on Easter Sunday morning.

For Church Records

2020 Easter Lily

Total number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____

Offering envelope number: _____

Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

Order deadline is **Sunday, March 22, 2020**.

