

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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February 22, 2015 9:45 A.M. First Sunday in Lent

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Chaconne* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYLET *On the Road with Jesus* First Sunday in Lent

† **HYMN 571** *Trust and Obey* Verses 1 and 5

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from Psalm 25:1-3*

One: To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

**All: O God, we trust unashamedly in you;
seeking that you be not ashamed of us.**

One: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships;

**All: Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths.
Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

One: You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.

All: For you we wait.

One: May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us.

All: Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) – 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 *Arioso in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

TONECHIME ANTHEM *Brightly Sound the Chimes* Lynne Holländer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Bonse Aba* Traditional Zambian Worship Song
Rob Toth, Accompanist

English translation: *"All people who accept His authority are His children
in the power of God."*

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Psalm 25:1-10 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 465

SERMON *Pathways*

† **HYMN 575** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Verses 1 and 3

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BELL RESPONSE** *Father, Give Thy Benediction* arr. Callahan

† **POSTLUDE** *Adagio from Concerto in C Minor* J. S. Bach

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist
Interim Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Liturgist
Greeter
Nursery
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Ken Mehalko
Barbara Fraunfelder
Sarah Hayes
Roy Merkle
Rosemary Bechtel
Bev Wehr

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS 9 *Calling All Nations*
8 *Breathe*

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SONG 33 *Holy Is the Lord*

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† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

THE WORD OF GOD Psalm 25:1-10 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 465

MEDITATION *Pathways*

SONG 4 *Awesome God*

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Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

Vocalists – Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause,
Toni Newborn, Clay Williams

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Electric Guitar – Herbert Parker

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Violin – Julia Soltis

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Emily Phan

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Greeter – Roy Merkle

Liturgist – Barb Fraunfelder

Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel

February 2015

- 22 Sun Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m.
24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
26 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
27 Fri Prepare for Roast Pork Dinner
28 Sat Roast Pork Dinner

March 2015

- 1 Sun Communion at both worship services
Trustees Meeting, after the 9:45 a.m. service
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
2 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
3 Tue Mission and Outreach Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the church
Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
4 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
5 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
6 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
Farewell Party at the Parsonage for Ha and Dick Bennett
8 Sun Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
9 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
10 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
12 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
13 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
14 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting at church, 9:00 a.m. to noon
15 Sun One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale, during Coffee Hour
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
17 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
18 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
19 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
22 Sun KFC CROP Walk skits and demonstrations, during Coffee Hour
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale, during Coffee Hour
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
26 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
29 Sun Palm Sunday – Communion at both worship services
Penny Sunday
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall

CHURCH MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evening: Praise Band - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening:

Children's Choir - 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Children's Band - 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.
Bell Choir - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Loving Memory of Nadine Burnand on Her 99th Birthday
on February 26, 2015.
Ron Rothel*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday on February 28 to Larry Wentz
With love, Mom*

*In Memory of Nadine Burnand
Betty Craig*

Lenten Study – Beginning today, Pastor Becky will lead a Lenten study on the book, Renegade Gospel, by Mike Slaughter on the Sundays during Lent through March 29. We will enjoy a meal at the church at 6:00 p.m., and the study will follow at about 7:00 p.m. The book presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. For the meal, the main course will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Thank you.

Official Board will meet on Tuesday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The Wednesday Free Lunch Program is in operation. All are welcome to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Men's Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, February 25, at European's Best Restaurant, at 11:30 a.m. As always, all men are welcome.

An Ecumenical Softball Team is being formed. If you are interested, please circle *Softball Team* on the front of your Attendance Card today.

Vehicle Needed – As you may know, our Mission and Outreach Committee has adopted two families, who were recommended by Kelly Kling, the Strongsville Food Bank administrator. One family needs a vehicle. The father is using a loaned vehicle to get to work, but he must return it at the end of February. If you have an old car or van that you are thinking of donating to a charity, you can donate your vehicle through our church. Our church will provide a tax donation receipt to the donor. For

more information, please contact Judy Carte, Mission and Outreach Committee liaison for the adopted families, or Kenn Oerkfitz, Church Treasurer.

Thrift Shop – Due to the water in the church basement on February 9, please hold your donations until The Thrift Shop is cleaned and organized. Thank you.

CROP Walk! – Join the Kids for Christ Club in "Walking Because They Walk" on Saturday, April 25, in the Berea CROP Walk! Our goals for the walk are to have at least 15 walkers from our church and to raise at least \$1,000. (That amount can provide 10 displaced families with emergency food packages, each containing enough to feed a family of five for a month.) A sign-up for walkers is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area and you can also sign up at our team website:

<http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/UCCCongregational>

You can also participate by donating at that website, if you can't join us in walking. Thank you on behalf of Church World Service and the neighbors around the world who will benefit from your help!

Diaconate Sponsored Fundraiser

WING NITE

Friday – May 1, 2015 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

at

Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill

1165 Pearl Road
Brunswick, Ohio

\$20.00 per person includes wings, penne pasta with marinara sauce, garden salad, hot dogs, pop, draft beer.

Cash bar also available.

Additional fun events for the evening:

Chinese Auction, Side Boards / 50/50, Heads / Tails game

Tickets for this event will be sold on Sunday mornings.

Anyone willing to provide theme baskets/gifts for the auction, please sign up on the board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you!

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 1, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Tom Gaumer	11:15 a.m. Lora Rung
Greeter		Linda Plain
Ushers for 9:45 a.m.		Needed
Coffee Hour		Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz
Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m.		Michele Mhlack

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 at (440) 238-6697. Please inform the church of updates to this list.

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Sandra Kornick at Falling Water, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Betty Bushea, Rhea Clements, Charles Jannsohn, Karen Morgan, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget *, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Marie Bury, Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Godaughter of Lora Rung, Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Paul Mhlack (father of Allen) at Parkside Villa, Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Shirley Wilson (mother of Sue Hawk), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

* If you wish to send Leah a card, her address is:

Leah Forget
1604 Brentwood Street
Middletown, OH 44054

This list will be updated weekly. If you wish someone to remain on the list, please call the church office, (440) 238-6697.

Strongsville UCC

ROAST PORK DINNER

This Saturday – February 28, 2015

Seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults \$10.00 Ages 6-12 \$5.00 Under 6 years Free

Tickets are available during coffee hour between the two services.

Help is needed. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

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.

The Thrift Shop will be open.

Offering Received 2/15:	Traditional \$646	Offering Needed	\$3,190
		Contemporary \$16	<u>662</u>
		Difference	(\$2,528)