



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Pastor

Sunday – February 24, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Penny Sunday

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" Paxton

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come, seeking to place our trust in God.

People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

People: We commit ourselves not to worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.

Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

People: We commit ourselves to being still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.

† **HYMN 9** "Glorify Thy Name"

FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 6: 27-31

SHARING 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 "Lord, Hear Our Prayer" Elkins

ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Dorsey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lord I Need You" Reeves

† DOXOLOGY 815

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.

Tune: *Old Hundredth*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 6: 32-38

SERMON

Golden.

† HYMN 648

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE/ POSTLUDE** "I'm Trading My Sorrows" Evans

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 24

Betty Craig

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Volunteers needed

Cathy Hawk, Nicole Rachid

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Liturgist

Greeters

Ushers

Coffee Hour

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 3

Dan Masuga

Linda Plain

Volunteers needed

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Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

Happy 4th Birthday to Penelope and Oliver Zielinski!

Love, Mom & Dad

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Larry Wentz on February 28th

and Mikey Craig on March 2nd

Love, Grammy

In loving memory of Susan Stevenson Tressa From the Music Ministry

Happy Birthday today to Penny and Ollie Zielinski!

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, go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for your name to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! Another fun job is sorting and packing the bread and pastry donations from Panera on Mondays. Please contact the church office and we will get you lined up with the right people! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



COMING SOON...Lenten Study with Pastor Heidi.

Plan to participate in this meaningful 5-week course, *Interfaith: Being Love in the World*, starting March 10 at noon. A light lunch will be provided each Sunday for those who attend the studies. Please indicate your interest in participating on the back of your attendance card and place the card in the offering plate or beneath the office door.

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.



Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Dan Davis, Steve Herzog, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Fred and Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Harvey Pincombe, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Adams Family (friends of Judi Pavisich), Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.



Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **Ray Suttle**, who died on Thursday, February 14, 2019 after a brief illness. A memorial service will be held here today at 1 p.m., preceded by an hour of visitation at 12 p.m. Refreshments will follow the memorial service.

DID YOU KNOW? Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of **peanut butter & jelly, soup, and family meals.** Please bring



donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board. Thank you to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week.



THE THRIFT SHOP is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **WE NEED HELP!** If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the

Thrift Shop. **We truly appreciate your usable donations to the Thrift Shop, but please do not place boxes, bags or items in the stairwells. (Strongsville Fire Dept. regulations) Doing so is a safety hazard.**



PENNY SUNDAY—Today's Penny Sunday will go to St. Herman House of Hospitality in Cleveland, which serves the homeless with food, clothing, shelter, job assistance, and understanding.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our church sponsors Caroline Y. in India. For only \$30, you can provide for her for a month, through the UCC Global Ministries. Please sign up on the yellow sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you can support this important international outreach. We still have a few openings in 2019.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

Plan to attend this delicious home-style, all-you-can-eat meal!
RESCHEDULED



SWISS STEAK DINNER

Saturday – March 2, 2019
Seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults: \$14, Kids 6-12: \$6, 5 & Under: Free

Help is needed – especially on Friday for browning meat. 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 during the serving hours. Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them.

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN WITH A SPECIAL SALE.

FROM THE KITCHEN:

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. We can also use empty, clean sour cream containers. Thanks!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

(If the Strongsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served.)

FEBRUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 24 Sun** **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Children's Choir
- 26 Tues** Official Board Meeting 7pm
- 27 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
- 28 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

MARCH 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 Sun** **Worship 10am with Communion**
Children's Choir
- 6 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
- 7 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 8 Fri** Baby Shower in Pilgrim Hall 6pm
- 10 Sun** **Worship 10am**
Lenten Study Noon
Children's Choir
- 12 Tues** Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 13 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 14 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 17 Sun** **Worship 10am**
Lenten Study Noon
Children's Choir
- 19 Tues** Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 21 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch 11am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 24 Sun** **Worship 10am—Guest minister**
Children's Choir
- 26 Tues** Official Board Meeting 7pm
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Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
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- 31 Sun** **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Lenten Study Noon



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,552.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,818.25
(Difference - \$1,703.77)



END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Gathering Area in the Church Family Mail boxes following worship today. Please take yours. Thank you to everyone who supports the church with their gifts.
So far, we have received 74 pledges totaling \$127,712.00.

ALTAR FLOWERS



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays, including 2 in March, are still available for this year!

STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS!

A friend of Amanda Hawk is making a memorial bench constructed of plastic bottle caps. A container for collecting them will be placed in Pilgrim Hall next week.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk by their names.
**Appointed by the Official Board*



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| Moderator | Rachel Zielinski* |
| Vice-Moderator | Rob Toth* |
| Treasurer | Sally Herzog* |
| Clerk | Karen Morgan* |

Sunday School Superintendent
Kristen Clotworthy*

Board of Trustees

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Mike Clotworthy | Myron Costin | Greg Dickson* |
| Tom Gaumer | Bill Giuliano* | Dale Hawk* |
| Bob Kovatich | Sandy Pogozelski* | |
| Ed Sobek* | Linda Stepan* | Rob Stepan* |

Endowment Fund Subcommittee
Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

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|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Serena Abruzzino | Jennifer Barry* | Eddy Bond* | Barbara Camp* |
| Kristen Clotworthy* | Judy Gaumer | Cathy Hawk | |
| Sarah Hayes* | Linda Plain* | Linda Ponstingle** | |
| Nicole Rachid* | Dawn Rolland | Marty Winch* | |

Christian Education Committee

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

Music Committee

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| Ingrid Dickson* | Ken Mehalko* | |
| Pam Keenen | Tom Foley | Mike Elkins |

Stewardship Committee

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| Rosemary Bechtel | Sue Gigliotti* | Beth Giuliano | Bill Schneider** |
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Mission and Outreach Committee

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

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned out. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are secure. Thanks!