

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor Church (440) 238-6697

Website strongsvilleucc.com Email strongsvilleucc@gmail.com

February 28, 2015 9:45 A.M. Third Sunday in Lent

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE *"O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless"* G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"I Was Glad"* Lloyd Larsson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into the sanctuary and look around. Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people: All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed, and desperately hanging on.

All: Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.

One: We believe God's steadfast love is better than life, so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

All: We also often doubt God's love. We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.

One: But this is what matters today: God said, "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat." All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

All: So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!

† **HYMN 11** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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 Welphoton

ANTHEM *"Lonesome Valley"* John Purifoy
Rob Toth – Bells and Percussion

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"I Love Thee"* Franklin Ritter

† **DOXOLOGY** *"What Gift Can We Bring?"*

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **HYMN 688** *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

SCRIPTURES Luke 13:1-9 New Testament, p. 66

SERMON *"Bear Fruit"*

† **HYMN 433** *"Rise Up, O Church of God"*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *"Change the World with Love"* Joseph Martin

† **POSTLUDE** *"Largo"* John Rasley

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2015

11:15 A.M.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE

"We Will Glorify"

(The congregation is welcome to join in singing.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG

"Sanctuary"

Sing 3 times

INTROIT

"Jesus, Lead Us to the Father"

Sam Hargreaves

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into the sanctuary and look around. Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people: All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed, and desperately hanging on.

All: Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.

One: We believe God's steadfast love is better than life, so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

All: We also often doubt God's love. We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.

One: But this is what matters today: God said, "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat." All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

All: So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!

† SONG

"Let the River Flow"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My God is Real"

Kenneth Morris

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Make Us One"

Carol Cymbala

† DOXOLOGY

"We Are an Offering"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURES

Luke 13:1-9

New Testament, p. 66

MEDITATION

"Bear Fruit"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or
Pastor Becky will come to you if you wish.*

† SONG

"The Potter's Hand"

† BENECTION

† RESPONSE

"You Are Good and Forgiving"

Joel Payne

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

SERVING TODAY

Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Aidan Hurtig – Drum Pads
Kyra Krause – Vocalist
Toni Newborn – 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



Sunday – February 28, 2016 – 11:15 A.M.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

Telephone: (440) 238-6697
Email: strongsvilleucc@gmail.com
Website: strongsvilleucc.com

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. This list is updated weekly. If you wish someone to remain on the list, 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: Betty Craig, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kay Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), 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), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), 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)

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in serving at Coffee Hour but the task is new for you, the Diaconate will train you. Please see Cathy Hawk. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 6, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Pam Keenen	11:15 Lora Rung
Morning Announcements		Kim McKenzie
Greeter		Linda Plain
Coffee Hour		Volunteer Needed
Usher		Linda Plain
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship		Adria Bond

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Welcome, visitors! All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Honor of Penelope and Oliver's First Birthday
The Morgan and Zielinski Families*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday "15th" Birthday to Larry Wentz on February 29 and
Happy Birthday to Mikey Craig on March 2
With love, Mom and Grammy*

*Thank you to all for the cards and prayers.
I hope to be back soon.
Betty Craig*

Lent Study – Pastor Becky continues to lead a study on Adam Hamilton's book, John – The Gospel of Light and Life. **Two study times are offered: Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.** on February 28, March 6, 13 and 20, April 3; and **Tuesday daytime at 12:00 noon** on March 1, 8, 15 and 22, April 5. Both studies include soup and sandwich. Donations of side dishes, salads or desserts are welcome. All are invited to attend, even if you missed previous sessions.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received next Sunday and throughout the month of March. Included in this bulletin is information about OGHS and an offering envelope. Thank you for your support.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Offering Received on 2/21/16	<u>2,027</u>
Difference	--\$1,873

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 Ted Bickley	11:15 Michele Mhlack
Morning Announcements		Denise Bell
Greeters	Jim Nicoulin and Claudia Bader	
Coffee Hour		Gina Cathcart
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship		Adria Bond

Tuesday Meeting: Mission and Outreach, 7:00 p.m.
Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m.

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.

Wednesday Rehearsals: Children's Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Praise Band at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Rehearsals: Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Instrumental at 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

Communion – For the remaining Sundays in Lent, we will celebrate communion during the 11:15 a.m. worship service each Sunday.

Tent Revival Meeting – All who want to help with the Revival will meet Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Yard Sale Meeting – An initial meeting of all interested in the Yard Sale will take place Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Women's Fellowship – Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no sale of Easter candy this year.

Altar Flowers – You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. As of this printing, the following are dates within the next four months when vases are needed so two vases are on the altar for Sunday worship:
April 3 – 1 vase, April 10 – 1 vase, April 17 – 1 vase, May 1 – 1 vase.
June 5 – 2 vases, June 12 – 1 vase. The signup chart is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. You may purchase 1 vase if you wish; you do not have to purchase 2 vases. Thank you for providing altar flowers!

Wing Night is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and basket raffles. Tickets will go on sale starting April 3. Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. 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 and given to Cheryl Sobek or another Diaconate member.

Recycling – Please tear down cardboard boxes before placing them into our paper recycling bin. If boxes are not torn down, they take up too much space and fill the bin prematurely. Thank you for your cooperation.

Strongsville UCC

ROAST PORK, KIELBASA & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Saturday – March 5, 2016

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

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198
Adults - \$10 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 – Free

The Thrift Shop will be open.

Help is needed. The signup sheet is posted 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 7:15 p.m. Children who are 6 to 10 years old must have a parent helping them. Adult help is needed. Tickets are available for purchase in Pilgrim Hall during Coffee Hour after 9:45 worship today.

THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONCERT SERIES

Sunday – March 13, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

featuring the music of

**The Venner Clarinet Choir
and
Rebecca Konow, Cellist
Joshua Konow, Pianist**

Freewill Offering

All are welcome!



FEBRUARY 2016

28 Sun Newsletter Pickup
Lenten Study, 5pm

MARCH 2016

1 Tue Lenten Study, 12 noon
Mission + Outreach Meeting, 7pm
Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
2 Wed Tent Revival Meeting, 7pm – All are welcome.
3 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7pm
4 Fri Roast Pork Dinner Preparation
5 Sat Roast Pork Dinner
6 Sun Communion at both worship services
Lenten Study, 5pm
9 Wed Yard Sale Meeting, 7pm – All are welcome.