

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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January 11, 2015 9:45 A.M. First Sunday after Epiphany

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down* Dave Doherty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **HYMN 128** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I hear a voice; it rings through the air.

People: It is the voice of the Creator.

Leader: I hear a voice; it commands the waters.

People: It is the voice of the Son.

Leader: I hear a voice; it speaks to my heart.

People: It is the Spirit.

Leader: I hear a voice.

People: Let us listen to God's voice and worship our Still Speaking God.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

PIANO RESPONSE *You Are My All in All* Dennis Jernigan

ANTHEM *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Joel Raney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *I Am the Resurrection* Gary Hackett

Duet: Gary Hackett and Craig Hardy

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 138** *Holy Ground* Sing Twice

SCRIPTURES Psalm 29 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 467

SERMON *The Voice of God*

† **HYMN 179** *Awesome God*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

† **POSTLUDE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

Serving Today

Worship Accompanist

Interim Choir Director

Bell Choir Director

Liturgist

Greeter

Nursery

Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor

Ken Mehalko

Barbara Fraunfelder

Jim Studer

Prudence Richards

Cathy Hawk

Sharon Heinrich

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 11, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

*Awesome God
Better Is One Day*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Give Thanks

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Still Speaking God.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debt)*

OFFERING

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 29

Hebrew Scriptures, p. 467

MEDITATION

The Voice of God

SONG

How Majestic Is Your Name

† BENEDICTION

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

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, Robert Toth

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Acoustic Guitar II – Eric Wroblewski

Electric Guitar – Herbert Parker

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Violin – Julia Soltis, Frank Toth

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Emily Phan

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Liturgist – Michele Mihlack

Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel

January 2015

- 11 Sun KFC Meeting between the worship services
13 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
15 Thu Collate Annual Reports in Pilgrim Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
February Church Newsletter Deadline
18 Sun Retreat reservations close and payment is due.
20 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
22 Thu Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
24 Sat Prepare for Pancake Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, 9:00 a.m.
25 Sun 1 Worship Service ONLY – at 9:45 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast and Annual Meeting of Congregation
KFC Penny Sunday
February Church Newsletter Pickup
27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
29 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
30 Fri Prepare for Swiss Steak Dinner
31 Sat Swiss Steak Dinner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 18, 2014

Liturgist	9:45 Kenn Oerkfitz	11:15 Jim Nicoulin
Greeters		Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz
Ushers for 9:45 a.m.		Needed
Nursery for 9:45 a.m.		Beth Giuliano
Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m.		Rosemary Bechtel
Coffee Hour		Dianne Maringer

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 11, 2014

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 Carol Studer
Kathy, Jeff and Jim

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Kaylee, our beautiful Elkie mix, we will see you at the Rainbow Bridge
Claudia Bader and Jim Nicoulin

Happy Anniversary today to Richard and Ha Bennett!

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to three families:

To Margot James and family on the passing of her sister, Elizabeth Baar, on January 7, 2015.

To Kristine Fischer and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Dave Fischer, on January 4, 2015.

The funeral was held in Brunswick on January 8.

To the family of Bob Herron on the occasion of his passing on December 8. Bob was our church custodian for many years.

Kids for Christ – The KFC Club will meet today between the two worship services.

Diaconate will meet on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Cards – Please check the tables in Pilgrim Hall for greetings you may have received in our Church Christmas Mail Box.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday – January 25, 2015 – 11:45 a.m.

1 Worship Service ONLY at 9:45 a.m.

followed by Traditional Pancake Breakfast

Meeting begins at about 11:45 a.m.

Annual Reports will be collated in Pilgrim Hall on Thursday morning, January 15, at 10:00 a.m. Come to the church for some productive exercise—walking around the tables. All are welcome to join in the fun! Lunch will be served after all reports are collated, and you can take your copy of the reports home with you.

Membership Class – The 12-week *Journey in Faith* class that meets on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church has begun. To enroll, please mark the back of your Attendance Card, tell Pastor Becky, or call the church office, (440) 238-6697. This is the last week you can join the class.

The Wednesday Free Lunch Program is in operation. All are welcome to attend this free weekly lunch. Donations of canned or dry goods will be accepted, and monetary donations will be appreciated.

The February Church Newsletter deadline is Thursday, January 15.

2015 All-Family Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills – Mark your calendars now and sign up TODAY for the Annual All-Family Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills. The Retreat will take place on 2015 President's Day weekend: February 13, 14 and 15. The sign-up sheet and the "I Will Bring" sign-up have been posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. We are getting an earlier start this time around, as the reservation and payment processes for Pilgrim Hills have changed. Prices are: Adults (12 and up) \$65 Children 6-12 \$10 Children 5 and under Free We now must have full payment to the camp by the end of January.

Reservations will close on January 18, 2015; and payment in full will also be due that day. We won't have as much wiggle room as in years' past, so please sign up early. We will have our regular planning meeting on Sunday, February 8, at the Church at a time and place to be determined. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Jannsohn.

Sign-up Charts for Altar Flowers, Greeters, and Ushers for 2015 are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Please take a moment to assist in these areas if you are able. **Help is needed.** Thank you.

Financial Officers of Church Groups: Please submit your financial statements to the Auditing Committee via the Church Office now. It is important that all books are audited before the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015. Please turn in:

- 1) All bank books (savings and/or checking).
- 2) All bank statements for each month for each account. Checking account statements should show completed reconciliation on the back.
- 3) All monthly recap forms.
- 4) All bank deposit slips, withdrawal slips and bank check receipts (if received), attached to monthly recap forms.
- 5) All receipts and bills paid.
- 6) Copy of Annual Financial Report (original provided to Church Office for Annual Reports booklet).

Thank you for your cooperation. For questions or concerns, please call the Church Office at (440) 238-6697.

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: Rhea Clements at Parkside Villa, Ann Sullen at Parkside Villa, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter 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), Christine Knudsen (friend of Lora Rung), 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), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

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