



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, January 12, 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 "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte, arr. Elkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Baptized into your family, to begin lives of faith,

People: We would live lives of witness to all you do in our communities, in our midst, in our world.

Leader: Baptized to serve you, God,

People: We would speak up for the voiceless; we would bring justice to those who have none.

Leader: Baptized to speak your Word,

People: We would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and not curse.

Leader: Baptized to do what is right,

People: We would not play favorites, but seek to treat each as your Beloved.

† HYMN 3 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 42: 1-9

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 "Fourfold Amen" Whitworth

ANTHEM "He Leadeth Me" Bradbury

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Andante Tranquillo in A Major" Mendelssohn

† 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 GOSPELS

Matthew 3: 13-17

SERMON

Hydroponics

† HYMN 401

"The Church's One Foundation"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

"Shaker Parting Song"

arr. Purdum

† POSTLUDE

"Andante Religioso in B Flat Major"

Mendelssohn

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 12

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 19

Tom Gaumer

Liturgist

Pam Keenen

Lynne McCray

Greeters

Jan Stough

Teri Barbish

Ushers

Volunteers needed

Elaine Coffey

Coffee Hour

Volunteer needed

Tom Foley

Director of Music

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Associate Director of Music

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Supplemental Organist

Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of our mom, Carol L. Studer

Kathy Ketchum and Jeff Studer

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In loving memory of our friend, Bill Foley

The Music Ministry

The Trustees will meet Tuesday, January 14 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 \$3,472.46

Last Week's Offering Received \$4,514.50

Difference \$1,042.04

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 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, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Bill Williamson, 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), Joanne Gigliotti (mom of Lou), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiautraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), 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.



Our deepest condolences to **Dennis Smith** and **Barb Fraunfelder** on the death of Dennis' mother, **Anita McKenna**, on January 1, 2020. Funeral services were held in Elyria on Monday, January 6.

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.



SPONSOR CAROLINE IN INDIA

Our generous church members and friends have been sponsoring a little girl, Caroline Y., in India for several years and the sign-up sheet for 2020 is posted in Pilgrim Hall. The cost is \$30 for one month.

LOVE TO SING?



CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS BACK!

Sunday School families—please remember that all voices—big and little—are to report to Children's choir immediately following Sunday School classes for a brief, but fun, rehearsal with Tom Foley.





NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Many offices in the church will be available for the coming year. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve. Some of the positions that are available include serving on the: **Moderator**, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community **Vice-Moderator**, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee, and enlists volunteers for dinners and other Official Board events.

Treasurer: Manages the outgoing finances of the church in conjunction with the Financial Secretary

Diaconate, which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

Board of Trustees, which oversees the finances and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning and Memorial/Endowment.

Mission & Outreach, which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

Stewardship, which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

Christian Education, which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

Music Committee, which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry

Remember the old but true saying, *Many hands make light work*. Plan to be a part of one of these boards or committees. Thank you for your consideration.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW...

Strongsville UCC All-You-Can-Eat

SWISS STEAK DINNER

Saturday – January 18, 2020

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

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

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

Join us for this delicious all-you-can-eat meal which supports the Official Board and its programs.



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 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.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please pick up any greetings you may have received; they are displayed on a table in Pilgrim Hall. Cards left after the service today will be discarded. Thank you.



ANNUAL ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

February 14 - 16, 2020
Templed Hills Camp
in Bellville, Ohio

The Church's Annual All-Family Winter Retreat will take place on President's Day weekend 2020:

February 14, 15 and 16. The sign-up sheet to attend and the sign-up sheet for things to bring and to volunteer will soon be posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please reserve your spot and room now, as rooms will be first-come, first-served. The cut-off to sign up—January 19—will be strictly enforced this year. We will not have the same luxury as we've had in the past, in which we were able to take reservations up until the event weekend. Space is limited to 75 attendees. Also, please let us know if you have any special dietary needs. Finally, those who wish to come down on Saturday only—we would be happy to have you there, but we also need your reservation by January 19, and the cost is \$10 per meal. Please contact Irene Joyce or Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

Here is the cost (no change from last year):

ADULTS (12 and up): \$70

CHILDREN (6-11): \$15

CHILDREN (5 and under): FREE

Important dates to remember:

JANUARY 19, 2020: Reservations close; **MONEY DUE**

JANUARY 26, 2020: Special dietary needs reported

FEBRUARY 9, 2020: Retreat planning meeting after the worship service

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, 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

Greg Dickson* Mike Clotworthy

Myron Costin Tom Gaumer Bill Giuliano*

Dale Hawk* Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozelski*

Ed Sobek* Linda Stepan* Rob Stepan*

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry* Eddy Bond* Barbara Camp*

Kristen Clotworthy*

Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes*

Linda Plain* Linda Ponstingle** Nicole Stevens*

Dawn Rolland Marty Winch*

Christian Education Committee

Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore* Linda Elkins*

Suzi Foley* Sandy O'Shea* Lora Rung*

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson* Ken Mehalko*

Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel Eddy Bond** Sue Gigliotti*

Beth Giuliano Sharon Heinrich** Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte* Bobbie Krisak* Tony Koussa**

Michele Mhlack* Gary Paul* Lora Rung Bev Wehr*

JANUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12 Sun **Worship 10am**
Worship Team meeting
Children's Choir
Coffee Hour
- 14 Tues Trustees Meeting 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 16 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 17 Fri Swiss Steak prep 9am
- 18 Sat **Swiss Steak Dinner 5pm & 6:30pm**
- 19 Sun **Worship 10am**
Payment due for Retreat
Children's Choir
Coffee Hour
- 20 Mon Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 Tues Diaconate Meeting 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm
Men's Lunch at Gourmé 11am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 26 Sun **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Annual Meeting & Pancake Brunch
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

The last **Penny Sunday** of 2019 brought in \$173.50 for the National Youth Advocate Program. Thank you to everyone who gives. The next Penny Sunday collection will be **January 26** and will go toward providing assistance in recovering from the devastating Australian bushfires.



ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place **Sunday, January 26, 2020**, and will be preceded by the traditional Pancake Brunch All are encouraged to attend this meeting and be a part of our family of faith. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend the meeting, but only members are entitled to cast a vote.

MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach would like to collect donations of tissues and cough drops during January for Laura's Home, an outreach for women and children through the City Mission. A box will be placed in Pilgrim Hall.