

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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July 12, 2015 9:45 A.M. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior Schlesische Volkslieder
Jack Stephenson, Accordion

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Jesus, Name Above All Names Naida Hearn
Vocal Quartet

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us come into the presence of the Holy
One with song and dance.

**People: We have come to worship our God,
the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and
rivers, and all that dwells within.**

Leader: The Lord of the Dance beckons us
to join in this time of celebration and joy . . .

**People: That we might know that we are gathered in
God's holy place.**

Leader: We join the psalmist with songs of the glory of the
God of Hosts.

**People: We seek to know God's faithfulness and
wisdom.**

**All: Let us enter God's rhythm of life and follow in
the ways of the Word. God will bring us home
where dancing and joy will never end!**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

Sing 3 times.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

† HYMN

This Is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.

This is our church, this is our church
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is our church that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is our church, this is our church
that the Lord has made.

Here is our picnic, here is our picnic
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
Here is our picnic that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Here is our picnic, here is our picnic
that the Lord has made.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Nearer My God to Thee Lowell Mason
Jack Stephenson, Accordion

ANTHEM

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord Paul Baloche
Vocal Quartet 2

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISMS

Youngmee Yoon

Emma Yeri Carroll

Parents: John Thomas Carroll and Youngmee Yoon

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Youngmee and Emma, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise Youngmee and Emma our love, support, and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Shout to the Lord
Instrumental

Darlene Zschech

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN

CONGREGATION:

Almighty, most Holy God; Faithful through the ages.
Almighty, most Holy Lord; Glorious Almighty God.

PRAISE BAND:

The beasts of the field,
the birds of the air are silent to call out Your name.
The earth has no voice and I have no choice
but to magnify God unashamed.
Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day.
Let the whole world sing out
Let the people say:

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-46

New Testament, page 35

SERMON

Go, Take Nothing – Part 2

† HYMN

Mighty Is Our God

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is Our Lord, Ruler of everything.

Glory to our God, glory to our king,
Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name.
His pow'r is greater, for He has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is Our Lord, Ruler of everything.

Glory to our God, glory to our king,
Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything.

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *You Are My All in All* Dennis Jernigan
 Vocal Quartet

† **POSTLUDE** *Wonderful Words of Life* Philip P. Bliss
 Jack Stephenson, Accordion

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.

SERVING TODAY

- Praise Band Director** – Elena Taylor
- Vocal Quartet:** Jim Studer, Bass; Joshua Konow, Baritone; Jack Stephenson, Tenor; Elena Taylor, Soprano
- Band Lead Vocalists** – Rachel Kovatich, Kyra Krause, Toni Newborn, Clay Williams
- Keyboard** – Elena Taylor
- Acoustic Guitar I** – Jake Williams
- Acoustic Guitar II** – Julia Soltis
- Acoustic Guitar III** – Gary Hackett
- Electric Guitar** – Herbert Parker
- Bass Guitar** – Jack Stephenson
- Violin**– Julia Soltis
- Violin** – Frank Toth
- Viola** – Jake Williams
- Clarinet/Saxophone** – Ken Mehalko
- Clarinet** – Emily Phan
- Flute** – Kelly Bickley
- Mallet Percussion** – Robert Toth
- Drum Set** – Mike Soltis
- Drum Pads** – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott
- Maracas** – Luke Giuliano
- Liturgist** – James Nicoulin
- Sound System** – Jim Heinrich, Ryan Heinrich, Doug Thorn

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 12, 2015

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Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday today to Matt Rower and
Happy Anniversary on July 14 to Joe and Barbara Craig
With love, Grammy and Mom*

Happy Birthday today to Richard McKenzie!

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to the family of our church member, Sandra Kornick, on the occasion of her passing on July 3, 2015. The funeral took place on July 8 at Tomon & Sons Funeral Home in Middleburg Heights.

Women's Luncheon will take place on **Tuesday**, July 14, at Molly McGhee's Sports Pub, 13169 Prospect Road in Strongsville. The ladies will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please call Lola to make your reservation, (440) 238-6697.

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship Team will meet Tuesday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are invited to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our own Pilgrim Hall.

Strongsville Homecoming Parade – Our church will have a float in the parade this Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Please join us as a rider, walker or float decorator. **Today, after our picnic meal, those interested will decorate the float. Help is needed!** On the day of the parade, we will meet at church at 5:00 p.m. and leave at 5:30 to line up on Progress Drive. Please dress in beach or Hawaiian attire for our theme, "Jesus Is Our Life Guard." All are welcome!

Greeters and Ushers are really needed on Sunday mornings! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you.

Join Us for a
BABY SHOWER

for

Denise and Erhardt Bell

Sunday – July 19, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

2214 Substation Road in Medina *(the parsonage)*
(Southwest corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads)



Everyone is welcome—including guys and children!!

Remember to bring swim suits for the pool and hot tub!

Denise and Erhardt are registered at Babies R Us.

Our church will host a **Tent Revival** from Monday, August 17, through Friday, August 21, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Pastor Becky is contacting other Strongsville churches, their clergy, and choirs to encourage their participation for one evening during the week. Mark these dates on your calendar now and plan to be a part of this fun celebration with inspiring sermons and music! The week will conclude on **Saturday, August 22, with our annual Family Fun Day**, with free activities and food for the kids, families and everyone! **To help, please contact Pastor Becky; or call the church office at (440) 238-6697.**

Our church flowers are thriving, but help is needed. Kathie Paul and Melinda Slavik are expanding their landscaping talents. To help, please call Melinda at (440) 783-1148. They are now meeting at the church on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, or you can help anytime you are available. Thank you.

Strongsville Food Bank has a hard time during the summer months with donations. Please think of what you can bring in to our church to help them. Right now they are requesting canned fruit, but any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Penny Sunday collections from February through June 2015 have raised \$341.70 for the Food Bank! Thank you for your support.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We want to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want new recipes you currently love! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch or Dianne Maringer; or place the envelope under the church office door. Thank you for sharing your recipes.

Gordon Food Service – A reminder that GFS gives the church a rebate on purchases. When you check out, just tell them you are from Strongsville UCC. Also, they now have partnered with Market Days and have a section for those items. Remember, you can purchase gift cards at church; and the gift card program helps the Organ Restoration Fund.

Purse, Bag and Tote Bag Sale – This Diaconate fundraiser will take place the day of our Turkey Dinner—Saturday, November 7, 2015. If possible, please bring your donations to the church now so we can plan the space needed. However, we will accept donations until Sunday, November 1. Thank you for your donations. Pricing for regular size purses will begin at \$5.00. For additional information, please see Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer.

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, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Denise Bell, Erhardt Bell, Nancy Cochran at Pearlview, Holly Elkins, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Leah Tressa Forget, John Wood

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Godaughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

**Mission and Outreach Committee
HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS**

The Mission and Outreach Committee of our church is partnering with Church Street Ministries to help homeless veterans get back on their feet. Currently, the VA finds housing for these veterans, connects them with CSM, who assists by providing them with furniture and household goods through their used furniture store in Berea. So much more can be done to help these veterans who served our country. Last year CSM helped 31 vets and so far this year has helped 33 proving the need is great. CSM is looking to partner with local churches to help with this project. Since these veterans are not eligible to receive funding for furniture and do not have the finances to purchase furniture, they need a donation. But with a donation they take what is donated and are not able to pick out their own furniture. This is where the partnership with our church can help. As part of our Mission and Outreach program, our goal is to raise \$500 by July 30 to sponsor one of these veterans. These funds would be used by the veteran to purchase furniture from the CSM furniture store. The program has several positives:

- * It builds relationships between CSM, our church, and the veterans.
- * The veterans feel cared about and appreciated.
- * It allows the veterans to pick out their own furniture thereby empowering them.

The Mission and Outreach Committee would be grateful for the support of the Congregation with this project. Donations can be given in the pew envelope (*please write "Mission Fund-Vet Program" on the pew envelope and your check*). For questions or more details on how the program works, contact Jim Nicoulin or Claudia Bader.

Volunteer Lift Van Drivers are needed for Southwest General's Courtesy Van Service. Drivers work one four-hour shift per week and must have a clean driving record and current driver's license. They need to be patient, kind and caring as they transport our frail, elderly and wheelchair-bound patients to their various health care appointments. If you are interested in this very rewarding service opportunity, please call Lenita Harsch at (440) 816-4046.

JULY 2015

- 12 Sun Outdoor Worship on Church Grounds at 9:45am (1 SERVICE ONLY at 9:45), followed by picnic meal and then games and decorating of our float**
- 14 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
Stewardship Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 21 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 1pm
- 29 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm

Thank you to all who donated to the "Tote Bag Project." We were able to give 60 bags to Strongsville Food Bank, where the bags will be distributed to children.

*Betty Craig, Chairman
Women's Fellowship Project*

Serving Next Sunday - July 19, 2015

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| Liturgist | 9:45 Bill Schneider | 11:15 Jack Stephenson |
| Greeter | | Margot James |
| Coffee Hour | | Rosemary Bechtel |
| Graphics Operation | | Rosemary Bechtel |