

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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**May 31, 2015 9:45 A.M. Trinity Sunday**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Canzonetta in G Minor BuxWV 173* Buxtehude

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *Come before His Presence with a Song* Whitworth

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, we come this morning with joy in our hearts.

**People: We come singing your praises.**

Leader: Lord, we come with thanksgiving in our hearts.

**People: We come celebrating all the hard work our brothers and sisters have done.**

Leader: We come to renew our commitment to give our ALL for YOU.

**People: Whatever we do, we do it with all our hearts, because we do it for YOU.**

† **HYMN 585** *Be Still and Know*

## 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** *Change My Heart, O God* Eddie Espinosa  
Ken Mehalko, Clarinet

**ANTHEM** *Keeping the Faith* Stan Pethel

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kelly Bickley

*If you are seated in the alcove and would prefer sitting in the sanctuary, please feel free to move to the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon.*

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *Jesus, Be the Centre* Michael Frye

Trio: Elena Taylor, Soprano; Sarah Keenen, Alto; Joshua Konow, Tenor  
and the Strongsville UCC Praise Band

\* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 704** *God Will Make a Way* **Sing Twice**

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 4:1-4 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 47

**SERMON** *Canes, Walking Sticks and Magic Wands*  
Rev. Mendle Adams

† **HYMN 571** *Trust and Obey* **Verses 1, 2, 5**

## † BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Holy, Holy, Holy* Charles Yannerella

† **POSTLUDE** *Prelude in F Major BWV 556* J. S. Bach

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**Rev. Mendle Adams** will lead worship this morning, as Pastor Becky and Jack are away. We thank him and his fiancée, Charlene Higginbotham, for being with us.

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Choir Director	Joshua Konow
Bell Choir Director	Barbara Fraunfelder
Liturgist	Kelly Bickley
Greeter	Ginny Dangelo
Coffee Hour	Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz and Ginny Dangelo



## MAY 2015

- 31 Sun Deadline for submitting Sunday School scholarship applications  
KFC Penny Sunday  
Newsletter Pickup

## JUNE 2015

- 2 Tue Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 7pm  
Worship Team Meeting, 7pm  
3 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am  
7 Sun Garage Sale Pricing Party, after worship services  
Deadline for submitting graduate information  
9 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm  
13 Sat Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Thrift Shop – 9am to 2pm  
14 Sun Deadline for signup and payment for Women's Retreat  
Deadline for collection of Women's Fellowship tote bag items  
15 Mon Facilities Visioning Team Meeting, 7pm  
Newsletter Deadline  
16 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm  
Advertising Team Meeting 7pm  
20 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting, 9am-12noon in Pilgrim Hall  
21 Sun Father's Day  
23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm  
24 Wed Men's Luncheon, 11:30am at European's Best Restaurant  
28 Sun Graduates' Recognition  
Newsletter Pickup  
Kindred Spirits Singles Meeting, 1pm

**The Strategic Planning Meeting** will take place at the church on Saturday, **June 20, at 9:00 a.m.** in Pilgrim Hall. Breakfast will be provided. **We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Your opinion and ideas do count and will help the church to proceed forward with goals to succeed!**

**Greeters and Ushers are needed** on Sunday mornings. Please help in these areas if you can. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 7, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Lora Rung	11:15 a.m. Barb Fraunfelder
Greeters		Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
Ushers		Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
Coffee Hour		Dianne Maringer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 31, 2015

**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.

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—

*In Honor of Nick's High School Graduation  
The Gigliotti Family*

*Celebrating Our Grandson Tucker's Birthday on May 31  
George and Joyce Reed*

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy Anniversary to Patti and Nate Johnson on June 3  
With love, Mom*

*In Honor of the High School Graduation Today of  
Nicole Giuliano and all the 2015 Graduates  
Mom, Dad and Luke*

**Attention Graduating Seniors!** The Sunday School has a scholarship available to Sunday School alumni who are graduating from high school this year. This is a service scholarship, not based on financial need or academic merit, but on participation in the Sunday School and church activities. Please pick up an application from the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. **Deadline for submission is TODAY.** Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 28, during graduates' recognition in church.

**June Church Newsletter** – For those who get paper copies, please pick up yours in the Gathering Area this morning. Thank you to all who get theirs by email.

**Mission and Outreach** meets Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m.  
**Worship Team** meets Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a white elephant. This meeting will be a Fun and Game morning, and then we will have lunch at the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall. As always, all ladies are welcome!

**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.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190
Offering Received 5/17 Traditional \$1,799 Contemporary \$225 2,024
Difference (\$1,166)

**Garage Sale / Bake Sale on June 13** – We are now accepting items (no hazardous materials or liquids). The Pricing Party will take place following worship next Sunday, June 7; and pizza will be provided. Folks are invited to help price items each evening that week from around 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Donations of baked goods for the Sunday School can be delivered on Friday, June 12, or on the morning of the Garage Sale before 9:00 a.m. Also – the Thrift Shop will be open on the day of the Garage Sale.

**Tote Bags** – Women’s Fellowship Spring Project is to fill about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11” x 12”. Donations of any of the items listed below or monetary donations, so we may purchase items, would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked “Tote Bag Project” and placed in the church office. Collection is now until Sunday, June 14. **The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc’s or Target. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN FAMILY SIZE ITEMS.**

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
body lotion	decks of cards
deodorant	activity books
tooth brushes	coloring books
toothpaste (small tubes)	small stuffed toys ( <i>no bigger than 8”</i> )
wash cloths	blowing bubbles (small bottles)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 count)	

**Do you have questions about Stewardship?** Suggestions? What would help you to increase and think about your Stewardship? The Stewardship Committee would love to hear your suggestions as we gear up for the Fall campaign. Please, reach out with suggestions, concerns, and questions!

The Stewardship Committee

*Natalie Daniels and Darla Wickline (co-chairs); Barbara Bridle, Kris Fischer, Gina Gigliotti, Sue Gigliotti, Laurie Meister, Chris Minnick, Linda Plain; and ex-officio members: Barb Fraunfelder, Kenn Oerkfitz*

**Children's Choir and Band** - The Children's Choir is now on hiatus. Rehearsals will resume at the end of August. Thank you to all children who participated in the choir! Children who would like to participate in the Band are welcome to come to rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., before Praise Band rehearsal. For more information about the children’s music programs at our church, please contact our Worship Accompanist and Praise Band Director, Elena Taylor.

**Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday on June 7.** Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall’s bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. See Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce if you have questions.

## 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, Sandra Kornick at Falling Water, 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, Michele Mihlack at Southwest, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Keith Sullen at Southwest, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Leah Tressa Forget

**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), 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)

**Pastor Becky Update** – On May 20, Pastor Becky had a heart attack in Amsterdam. The clot in the heart was removed by cardiac catheterization, and a stent was implanted. Pastor Becky is doing well, and she and Jack are seeing the sights in Amsterdam. Pastor Becky continues to call the church office daily to “check in.” She sounds great and is in good spirits. She and Jack will depart Amsterdam on June 3. Their flight arrives in Washington, D.C.; and Jack will drive them home. Pastor Becky will have another week or two to get to full speed. Pastor Becky’s niece Denise visited the specialist this week, and the neurological condition of the fetus from the ultrasound and MRI is inconclusive. Denise’s husband Erhardt is still recuperating from recent back surgery. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

## GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 28, 2015**. Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (month at least): \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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Diploma / Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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The graduate \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ will not attend church on June 28.

In addition, we would like a **graduation announcement and photo of the graduate for our church graduation bulletin board**. The announcement and photo will be returned to you.

Please place graduation information in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information **by Sunday, June 7**. Thank you!



## LOGANSPOrt CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHORAL CONCERT

Thursday – July 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.



*No Admission Fee –  
Freewill offering for Organ Restoration Project*

On Thursday, July 2, 2015, we will host a youth concert at our church, presented by the Logansport Children's Choir. The group is a community choir with members from schools in and near Logansport, Indiana. The Choir is in its 27<sup>th</sup> season, and has given performances and participated in Children's Choir Festivals in the United States, England and Europe. The Chamber Choir, which is giving this concert, is a subgroup that is comprised of older members who are wrapping up a tour in Canada and the northeastern United States.

The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to a "meet and greet" reception in Pilgrim Hall before the concert, starting at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and we will have a chance to meet the choir members and their director.

Please join us in welcoming this talented group of young people as they share their music with us.

**Church Flowers** – The flower beds are blooming, but they need some help during the summer with watering and deadheading (removing dead blooms)—especially the petunias. To help, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall, and we scheduled help for Fridays at 12 noon. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Melinda Slavik, (440) 783-1148. Thank you.

**Calling All Women!** The third annual Women's Retreat is Friday through Sunday, August 14 through 16, 2015, at Pilgrim Hills. Cost is \$93.60 and is due by Sunday, June 14. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please email Kim McKenzie at [davekimmckenzie@cox.net](mailto:davekimmckenzie@cox.net) or call her at (216) 401-8738.

**Facilities Visioning Team** will meet Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.