

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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April 10, 2016 9:45 A.M. Third Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE “Healing Rain” Matt Bronleewe, Martin and Michael Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT “Christ Triumphant” Mark Patterson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look! It’s beginning to rain!

All: Let us go into the Ark.

Leader: Don’t fear. God will protect us.

All: We have faith in our God.

Leader: Let us praise God!

All: To God be the glory!

† **HYMN 56** “To God Be the Glory”

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 Whelpton

CHORAL ANTHEM “Startin’ to Rain” Vicki Tucker Courtney

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Jack Emerson Hayes

Parents: Sarah and Jonathan Hayes

Sponsors: Amanda Hawk and Colin Dangelo-Kemp

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 Jack, as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise Jack 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.

HYMN on insert “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Rise and Be Healed” Milton Bourgeois

† **DOXOLOGY No. 166** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **HYMN 151** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

SCRIPTURES Genesis 7:11-16 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 6

SERMON “Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory”

† **HYMN 812** “Glory Be to the Father” Sing Twice

† BENEDICTION

† **CHORAL RESPONSE** “Our Strength and Our Song” Mark Patterson

† **POSTLUDE** “Holy, Holy, Holy!” John B. Dykes

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 10, 2016

11:15 A.M.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE *"Allelu!"* Ray Repp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 2 times

INTROIT *"Rise Up and Praise Him"* Paul Baloche and Gary Sadler
(The congregation is welcome to join in singing.)

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† **OPENING SONG** *"Glorify Thy Name"*

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Healing Rain"*
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† **DOXOLOGY** *"We Are an Offering"*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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MEDITATION *"Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory"*

† **CLOSING SONG** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *"In His Time"* Diane Ball

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on life's journey, you are welcome here.

SERVING TODAY

Kelly Bickley – Flute
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Kyra Krause – Vocalist
Ken Mehalko – Clarinet, Saxophone
Toni Newborn – Vocalist
Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar
Emily Phan – Clarinet, 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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 10, 2016

Welcome, visitors! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

The altar flowers are given—

In Loving Memory of Our Dad, Roger H. Robinson
Becky and Bill Robinson

In Memory of George and Carmella Norris
Ginger and Ron

Happy Birthday today to Sue Citino!

Sunday Evening Bible Study on Adam Hamilton's book, John – The Gospel of Light and Life concludes today **at 5:00 p.m.** The study includes soup and sandwich. Donations of side dishes, salads, or desserts are welcome. All are invited to attend, even if you missed previous sessions.

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 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.

New Members – Last Sunday we were very pleased to receive three people into our church family: Mary Ann Engel, Rob Toth, and Fran Turk. We extend a warm welcome to them!

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 4/3/2016	<u>3,522</u>
Difference	- 378

Easter Offering Received on 4/3/2016	\$130
Associate Minister Offering Received on 4/3/2016	\$265

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
Liturgist	9:45 Bruce Keenen
Morning Announcements	11:15 Doug Thorn
Greeter	11:15 Tom Gaumer
Coffee Hour	Irene Joyce
Graphics Operation	Ginny Oerkfitz
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	Adria Bond

Wine Glasses Missing – Ten boxes with 12 wine glasses per box are missing from the church since the Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band Concert on Friday evening, December 18, 2015. The glasses were used at the reception in Pilgrim Hall, which followed the concert in the sanctuary. If you know where these glasses might be or if someone borrowed them, please talk with Pastor Becky.

Mission and Outreach Committee will meet Sunday, April 24, after the 9:45 service. The meeting is open to anyone interested in sharing thoughts and ideas.

ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

and

THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

at 13740 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio

(Northwest Corner of Pearl and Royalton Roads)

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

SUNDAY – MAY 1, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.



The Satori Winds

4 Guys with
4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes

and



Cindy Smith

Sings

"Songs from The American Song Book"



Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following Concert ~ All Are Welcome!

Wing Night is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, from 6-9 p.m. Tickets for this Diaconate fundraiser are \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and a basket raffle. Tickets are on sale **now through April 24** and can be purchased after 9:45 worship or from a Diaconate member.

Basket donations are needed for Wing Night. Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. There is a sign-up board in Pilgrim Hall for you to write your name and the type of basket you are donating. 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 by May 1 and given to Cheryl Sobek or any Diaconate member.

Cookbook – For our church’s 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new cookbook! We would like to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want any new recipes you currently love! Recipe letters and forms were distributed or mailed this past week. Please return your recipe either in the box in the Gathering Area or use the envelope provided in your letter to mail your recipe. In order to submit our cookbook to the publisher in time, please return your recipe by July 15.

Spring into Fitness is a FREE 8-week health and fitness program designed for ALL levels that began Monday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall and runs to May 23. The weekly program will include various ways to get involved. Come to all of the events or just come to what fits your schedule. Please request to join on our Facebook Group to stay motivated and keep current on all events. There is no minimum or maximum level of involvement. Join the group at: facebook.com/groups/SpringIntoFitnessProgram/ Classes will be 35-50 minutes in length. For more information, please contact Kelly Bickley, Team Beachbody Coach – phone and text (330) 461-4624 or email mindbodysoulmama@beachbodycoach.com

Easter Balloon Bases – If you took home a balloon on Easter Sunday, please return the balloon base to the church office, if possible. Thank you!

APRIL 2016

- 10 Sun Final Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5pm
- 11 Mon Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church
- 12 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
- 15 Fri May Church Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Mon Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church
- 19 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
- 21 **Thu Thrift Shop CLOSED**
- 23 Sat ORC Pancake Breakfast Preparation
- 24 Sun Organ Restoration Committee Pancake Breakfast, 9am-12:30pm
Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, after 9:45 worship
- 25 Mon Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men’s Luncheon at European’s Best Restaurant, 11:30am
- 30 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting, 9am-3pm. All encouraged to attend!

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: Madison Bell, Betty Bushea, Michele Mhlack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook at Marymount Hospital, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Nancy Borchert (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Ryan Brubeck, 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), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), 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)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 17, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Pam Keenen	11:15 Dale Hawk
Morning Announcements		Natalie Daniels
Greeters		The Hawk Family
Ushers		Cathy Hawk, Kris Fischer
Coffee Hour		Sharon Heinrich
Graphics Operation		Lori Kovatich

Pictorial Directory – We will begin taking pictures of families and church events for a Pictorial Directory. To schedule your photo time, please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513. We will make some day and evening times available.

THE THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE

Thursday, April 14, 2016 – \$5.00

Thursday, April 21, 2016 – CLOSED

Thursday, April 28, 2016 – Reopen

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice.

Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra.

Excluded are jewelry and cards.

NO RETURNS

The Thrift Shop is open Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and is located in the basement of the church.

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All You Can Eat!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration

Sunday – April 24, 2016 – 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years

Tickets will be available for purchase at church on Sunday morning, or you may call the church at (440) 238-6697.



STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Saturday – April 30, 2016 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
in Pilgrim Hall

Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

♪ ♪ **CHURCH MUSIC REHEARSALS** ♪ ♪

Wednesday Evening

Children's Choir – 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Praise Band - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening

Bell Choir - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir - 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

To participate in our Music Ministry or for more information, please see:

Joshua Konow about Chancel Choir

Barb Fraunfelder about Bell Choir

Elena Taylor about Children's Music and Praise Band