

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL)

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**April 12, 2015 9:45 A.M. Second Sunday of Easter**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Canzonetta in C, BuxWV 167* Buxtehude

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a new day.

**People: The day of the risen Christ!**

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**People: Christ lives. Let us care for God's creation!**

Leader: Christ lives. Let us rejoice!

**People: Christ lives. Let us worship God!**

**All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

† **HYMN 45** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## 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** *People Need the Lord* Greg Nelson, Phill McHugh

**ANTHEM** *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* Cleavant Derricks  
Trio: Jack Stephenson, Jake Williams, Elena Taylor

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

*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 OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

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

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

† **HYMN 583** *You Are My All in All*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 24:13-27 New Testament, p. 78

**SERMON** *Stranger Among Us*

† **HYMN 43** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** Jake Williams, Guitar

† **POSTLUDE** *Hymn to Joy* Ludwig van Beethoven

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*To the Glory of God*

Linda Plain

*Celebrating Our Son Geoff's Birthday on April 11*

George and Joyce Reed

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*In Loving Memory of My Buddy, Jean Sobek – Still Miss You Always  
Your Buddy, Lola*

### SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist

Bell Choir Director

Liturgist

Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor

Barbara Fraunfelder

Pam Keenen

Gina Cathcart

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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### SONGS

*How Majestic Is Your Name  
He Is Exalted*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

*Days of Elijah*

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### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

*Sanctuary*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debt)*

### OFFERING

*The Gift of Love*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 24:13-27

New Testament, p. 78

### MEDITATION

*Stranger Among Us*

### SONG

*Celebrate Jesus*

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**Praise Band Director and Keyboard** – Elena Taylor

**Vocalists** – Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause,  
Toni Newborn, Clay Williams

**Acoustic Guitar I** – Jake Williams

**Bass Guitar** – Jack Stephenson

**Violin** – Julia Soltis

**Viola** – Jake Williams

**Clarinet** – Emily Phan

**Mallet Percussion** – Robert Toth

**Drum Set** – Mike Soltis

**Drum Pads** – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

**Liturgist** – Dale Hawk

**Graphics Operation** – Michele Mhlack

**APRIL 2015**

- 12 Sun Trustees Meeting after 9:45 a.m. worship
- 14 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 Wed Newsletter Deadline  
Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 16 Thu Thrift Shop Re-opens, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 19 Sun ORC All-You-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
- 25 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting, 12 noon to 3 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Diaconate Sponsored Fundraiser*

**WING NITE**

**Friday – May 1, 2015 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at  
Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill  
1165 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio**



**\$20.00 per person** includes wings, penne pasta with marinara sauce, garden salad, hot dogs, pop, draft beer. Cash bar also available.

Additional fun events for the evening:

Chinese Auction, Side Boards / 50/50, Heads / Tails game

Tickets for this event are available for purchase on Sunday mornings from Beth Giuliano. To provide theme baskets/gifts for the auction, please sign up on the board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you!

**Cookbook** – For our church's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will be printing a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We would like to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also we want any new recipes that you are currently loving! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch, Dianne Maringer, or place the envelope under the church office door. Thanks!

**Vehicle Needed** – Our Mission and Outreach Committee has adopted two families, and one family needs a vehicle. If you have an old car or van that you are thinking of donating to charity, you can donate your vehicle through our church, and our church will provide a tax donation receipt. For more information, please contact Judy Carte, Mission and Outreach Committee liaison for the adopted families, or Kenn Oerkfitz, Church Treasurer.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 19, 2015**

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| Liturgist   | 9:45 a.m. Jim Studer | 11:15 a.m. Kenn Oerkfitz |
| Greeter     |                      | Needed                   |
| Coffee Hour |                      | Cathy Hawk               |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 12, 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.

**Happy Birthday** today to Beth Giuliano!

**Signup charts** for Altar Flowers, Greeters, Coffee Hour, Ushers, CROP Walk and iSACRA are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

**The Trustees will meet today** after 9:45 a.m. worship.

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

**Newsletter deadline is Wednesday, April 15.** You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today.

**Wednesday Free Lunch Program is in operation.** All are welcome to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**The Thrift Shop** will re-open this Thursday, April 16. *A BIG THANKS to the Thrift Shop volunteers for the wonderful work they did with the changeover from winter to spring/summer merchandise!*

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ's Restoration*

**Next Sunday – April 19, 2015 – 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

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| Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice |                    |
| \$8.00 Adult – ages 13 and over                             | \$5.00 – ages 6-12 |
| Free – Children under 6 years                               |                    |



**CROP Walk on Saturday, April 25** – Walk with us! Sign up to be a walker or donate on our Team Page:

<http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/UCCCongregational>

**Strategic Planning Meeting** – Please join us Saturday, April 25, 2015, at noon in Pilgrim Hall at the church. Your opinion and ideas do count and will help the church to carry forward with goals to succeed!

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| Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190                                      |
| Offering Received 4/5: Traditional \$2,592 Contemporary \$295 2,887 |
| Difference (\$303)  |
| We also received \$2,747 from our special Easter offering.          |

**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. For questions or to sign up, please email Kim McKenzie at [davekimmckenzie@cox.net](mailto:davekimmckenzie@cox.net) or call her at (216) 401-8738.

**Weekly Food Bank Donations for Strongsville Food Bank –**  
The schedule is as follows for now, until needs change.

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| First Sunday  | Canned fruit                                     |
| Second Sunday | Pork and beans                                   |
| Third Sunday  | Family meals (such as chili, beef stew, ravioli) |
| Fourth Sunday | Toiletry items                                   |

**iSACRA** – I will be walking the 5K on Saturday, May 16, in Fairfax, Virginia, to support the iSACRA. I was born with sacral agenesis, which is a rare birth condition characterized by the absence of the lower spine and spinal cord. This fundraiser will support families and parents of children to put out more information to doctors and hospitals regarding this rare birth condition. Please help me raise funds by sponsoring me – any amount is appreciated – cash or check payable to **iSACRA**. Thank you for your support. Michele Mihlack

**Tote Bags** – Women's Fellowship Spring Project will be 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 will be now until Sunday, June 14. Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN FAMILY SIZE ITEMS.**

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| 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)            |   |

You are invited to attend the **Southwest Community Chorus Spring concert** – "Broadway Jazz Review." The concert will be at the Berea United Methodist Church, 170 Seminary Street, on Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m. The Chorus and Chamber singers are directed by our former choir director, Tom Foley, and accompanied by Carol Konet. Chorus and Chamber members include our very own choir members—Pam Keenen, Gary Hackett, Craig Hardy and Bruce Keenen. Tickets are \$10 (children 12 and under are free) and may be purchased from any of the four singers. It's always nice to look out into the audience and see our fellow church members at the concerts. Thank you for attending.

## 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:** Betty Babics, Betty Bushea, Irene Jannsohn, Jim Joyce, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Doris Soucie, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget \*

**Extended Church Family:** Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Brian Gogerty (friend of the Heinrichs), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Gino Tosi, Marjorie Tressa (mother of Rich), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Shirley Wilson (mother of Sue Hawk), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

**\* Leah's address is:** Leah Forget  
1604 Brentwood Street  
Middletown, OH 44054

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