

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL)

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April 19, 2015 9:45 A.M. Third Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Chaconne* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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All: We are witnesses to the miraculous love of Jesus! Come, let us worship!

† HYMN 209 *This Is the Day*

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 *Arioso in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

ANTHEM *From All the Dwell Below the Sky* Gordon Young

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 *Open Thou Mine Eyes* Lancelot Andrewes

*** DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

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

† HYMN 535 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 New Testament, p. 101

SERMON *When We Get Behind Closed Doors*

† HYMN 548 *As the Deer*

† BENECTION

† RESPONSE *Now unto Him* David Morris, arr. Fettke

† POSTLUDE *Adagio in C Minor* Johann Sebastian Bach

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*In Celebration of April Birthdays and Anniversaries
From the Jannsohn/Joyce/Dickson Family*

*Happy Birthday, Devin
From Sandy, Doug and Schyler*

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist and Interim Choir Director Elena Taylor
Bell Choir Director Barbara Fraunfelder
Interim Choir Accompanist Sharon Heinrich
Liturgist Jim Studer
Coffee Hour Cathy Hawk

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS **92** *You Are My All in All*
62 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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SONG **81** *This Is the Day*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG **67** *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

OFFERING **77** *The Gift of Love*

THE WORD OF GOD John 20:19-31 New Testament, p. 101

MEDITATION *When We Get Behind Closed Doors*

SONG **11** *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 – Kenn Oerkfitz

Graphics Operation – Michele Mihlack

APRIL 2015

- 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~~ Meeting rescheduled to 6/20/15.
- 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 200th 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 26, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Sarah Hayes	11:15 a.m. Jim Nicoulin
Greeter		Roy Merkle
Coffee Hour		Ginny Basenback

ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 19, 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 Devin Thorn and to Kierstin Koenig!

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson, Denise Bell and family on the sudden, unexpected passing of Pastor Becky's dear "Cousin Ron" on Wednesday, April 15, in Delaware. The funeral will be held next Sunday, April 26, in Delaware.

Official Board will meet today after the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ's Restoration

TODAY – 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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	

Advertising Team will meet Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

The Strategic Planning Meeting originally scheduled for this Saturday, April 25, has been **RESCHEDULED for Saturday, June 20**, at 9:00 a.m. at the church. Please mark your calendar! Your opinion and ideas do count and will help the church to carry forward with goals to succeed!

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

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 4/12: Traditional	\$1,849
Contemporary	\$365
Difference	(\$976)

On April 12, we also received \$470 from our special Easter offering.

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.

Jake Williams invites you to the debut performance of his composition, *Kyrie Eleison*, on Sunday evening, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Gamble Auditorium of Baldwin Wallace University. The music in this free concert is composed by students of the conservatory and is performed by their peers. All are welcome.

KFC Club and Mission Outreach CAR WASH! – Come get the winter grime washed off of your car and help raise funds for the KFC Club and Mission Outreach Committee! We are looking into future mission trips and community projects, and every dollar will help us do more and more. The car wash will take place Saturday, May 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We also need helpers at the car wash! Please speak to Kelly Bickley, Jamie Habart, Lora Rung, Claudia Bader, Jim Nicoulin, or Greg Dickson if you can help. We will gather after the 9:45 service on Sunday, May 3, for a brief organizational meeting for anyone who can participate.

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

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 or call her at (216) 401-8738.

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. **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.**

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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) | |

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: 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
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