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(Congregational)
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APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WOW! It's been a long cold winter. It has snowed almost every Sunday since Christmas. I don't know about you, but I am really tired of all the cold and snow. I can't wait to be able to go outside in the warm spring air and work in the yard. Yard work brings me a sense of peace; it may be one of my God Spaces. God Space is those places where we seem to be able to relax and be present with God. Each of us has at least one space where we find an abundance of God's Grace. Maybe your space is in your car, or when you read a good book. Some find it in their moments of quiet prayer or in the peace of Yoga.

As I look around my garden I am a bit sad to see all the lifelessness of the plants. I miss the bountiful blooms on the hibiscus, the soft stalks on the pussy willow, and the waving of the leaves in the breeze. I must admit that when I look upon my garden now, it seems barren and dead. I am also worried a bit that the long cold winter has taken its toll on all those new plants from last year that may not have had enough time to establish their root system. I am sure that some of the plants will not make it, and I will need to replant again.

Still I am hopeful that in a few months, I will begin to see life return to the garden. Before long, new sprouts will appear on the hibiscus, and buds will be on the trees. Soon the grass will become green again, the pussy willows will bloom, and I will be blessed by the work of God in nature.

Sometimes we are like the garden. Sometimes we go through the Winter of the Soul, where we find ourselves cold and alone. Sometimes we can't feel the warmth of the Lord upon our faces. Sometimes it seems that all we can do is wait. There are many reasons for the Winter of the Soul. Sometimes there are health issues, financial issues, emotional issues, or others issues that bring us down. Still within us is the essence of God's Grace; and like the dormant plant, it lies hidden until it once again feels the warmth of the SON and begins to bloom. We must remember that soon the Winter will come to an end, and the Spring will come.

Nowhere is this clearer than in the Resurrection of our Lord. Even though he entered into a time of death and was laid in a tomb, He soon felt the power of God and came to life again. Like the flower in my garden, He

sprang up in all His Glory. Unlike the flowers in the garden, He was even more glorious in the Resurrection than He was before. He also knew that He would never experience another Winter of the Soul, but would live forever in the Garden in Heaven.

While I look forward to the rebirth of my garden and all the beauty it will bring, I am more excited about the beauty and Glory I will experience when I go through that last Winter of the Soul and am raised with my Lord. Unlike the plants of my garden that may not survive this winter, I will survive this life and be in the Glorious Kingdom of Heave with Him forever.

When you experience the final Winter of the Soul, go to your God Space and be with Him, knowing that before long, you will experience all His Grace and be returned to new life in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Pastor Becky

IN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to the family of Edith Graves on the occasion of her passing on March 19, 2014—her 98th birthday. The funeral was held on March 24 in our Sanctuary.

Our condolences also to Betty Jacobson and family on the passing of her son, Edwin Munger, in Charlotte Hall, Maryland, on March 10, 2014. Because Betty is in Florida right now and her son Ed lived in Maryland, Betty wanted to share the following information with us:

Ed served 30 years in the Navy, from which he retired as a senior chief. Ed's job involved traveling around the world on aircraft, and he was part of the flight crew.

In addition, Betty has a younger son Al (Ed's brother) who is also a Navy veteran.



APRIL 2014 WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL SERVICES

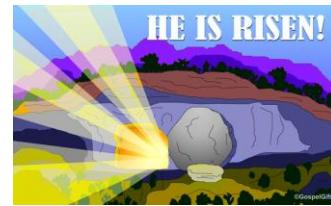
LENTEN EVENING SERVICES

<p>Sunday – April 6 – 9AM Sermon and Scripture: <i>To Be Determined</i> Liturgist: Tom Gaumer Coffee Hour: Cheryl Sobek LILY ORDER DEADLINE – APRIL 6</p>	<p>Sunday – April 6 – 11AM Sermon and Scripture: <i>To Be Determined</i> Liturgist: Tom Gaumer Coffee Hour: Cheryl Sobek Nursery: Ginny Oerkfitz Greeter: Jim Studer</p>	<p>Sunday – April 6 – 7PM <i>At 6PM a potluck meal will be served in Pilgrim Hall. The main dish of Ham will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Informal worship in the Sanctuary will follow at 7PM.</i></p>
<p>Sunday – April 13 – 9AM Sermon: <i>The King is Coming</i> Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 Liturgist: Bruce Keenen Coffee Hour: Dianne Maringer</p>	<p>Sunday – April 13 – 11AM Sermon: <i>The King is Coming</i> Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 Liturgist: Bruce Keenen Coffee Hour: Dianne Maringer Nursery: Rosemary Bechtel Greeters: The Bickley Family</p>	<p>Sunday – April 13 – 7PM <i>At 6PM a potluck meal will be served in Pilgrim Hall. The main dish of Chicken and Biscuits will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Informal worship in the Sanctuary will follow at 7PM.</i></p>

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

<p>Thursday – April 17 – 7:30PM in Pilgrim Hall <i>Communion will be celebrated, with Monologues by the Disciples and Others in The Upper Room</i></p>	<p>Friday – April 18 – 7:30PM in the Sanctuary <i>Tenebrae Service – Reflecting on the Crucifixion</i></p>
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EASTER

Easter Breakfast of scrambled eggs and ham will be served from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. in Pilgrim Hall. Donations of baked goods are appreciated.

SUNRISE SERVICE

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

<p>Sunday – April 20 – 6:30AM Sermon: On the Road with Jesus Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 Liturgist: Jack Stephenson Greeters: Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>Sunday – April 20 – 9AM Sermon: On the Road with Jesus Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 Liturgist: Jack Stephenson</p>	<p>Sunday – April 20 – 11AM Sermon: On the Road with Jesus Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz Nursery: Rachel Zielinski Greeters: Volunteers Needed</p>
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Worship Opportunities continue on next page.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Sunday – April 27 – 9AM

Sermon and Scripture: To Be Determined

Liturgist: Sarah Hayes

Coffee Hour: Rachel Zielinski

Sunday – April 27 – 11AM

Sermon and Scripture: To Be Determined

Liturgist: Dan Masuga

Coffee Hour: Rachel Zielinski

Nursery: Cheryl Sobek

Greeter: Dan Davis

TWO LENTEN STUDIES CONTINUE

“PETER AND PAUL”

Monday Afternoons – 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor

During Lent, Adult Education continues to offer a study on the film series based on the TV mini-series, “Peter and Paul”. The film follows the two leaders, together and separately, over a period of three decades as they travel to spread the word of Christ. This award-winning film, made in 1981, stars Anthony Hopkins as Peter and includes many well-known actors from that period.

This study is offered on Mondays in Lent and ends on April 14. **Please bring your own sandwich; soup will be provided.** The film will be shown on a screen in the Parlor using our projector.

A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall. Please indicate if you are bringing a friend or neighbor.

JESUS AND THE MOVIES

Monday Evenings – 7:00 p.m.

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to examine the ways in which Jesus has been portrayed in modern movies in comparison to the accounts in the Bible.

Process: The class will view a movie each week for the first two weeks. On the third week the class will discuss the two movies. This will happen again for the last three weeks. Dessert and coffee will be available, and childcare will be provided.

Special: In addition to the movies that will be shown at the church, the class is invited to join Pastor Becky for a trip to the movie theater to see “Noah”, followed by dessert and discussion at her home.

Section II – Drama

Sessions held at 7:00 p.m. at the church with childcare, coffee and dessert available

Monday, **April 7** – view “**The Passion of the Christ**”

Monday, **April 14** – discuss “**The Last Temptation of Christ**” and “**The Passion of the Christ**”

Special Trips to the Movies

*at Movies Regal Medina Stadium 16, 200 West Reagan Parkway in Medina – **time to be determined***

Saturday, **April 12** – view “**Noah**”, followed by dessert and discussion at Pastor Becky’s home



DIACONATE DAILIES!!

As we head to the second half of the Lenten season, we have lots of activities happening. On Sunday mornings we have our Contemporary and Traditional services. Also we are offering an evening service with dinner and worship. These evening services are LOTS of fun and very laid back. Dinners have been and will continue to be wonderful and special. Please join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. You never know what is going to happen. We have lots of involvement from the congregation during the services including playlets, liturgists, ushers, and even singing with the band. So come and check out the services! Childcare is provided for each service, so bring the kids.

The Diaconate is also gearing up for Holy Week. We will again have a Maundy Thursday service in Pilgrim Hall, with the 12 disciples and others. We will again serve a traditional small meal including hummus, unleavened bread, olives and eggs. To make the setting more realistic, we are looking for earthenware or terra cotta serving items. If you have any you would like to share with us, we would appreciate it. Or if you are out and about and see serving dishes that would work, please let us know. We are especially looking for chalices for the disciples.

On Good Friday we will have a Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary. The choir will sing for this service, and it will be a service of darkness. Both the Maundy Thursday and the Good Friday services will help us to move toward the joyous celebration of the resurrection. On Easter Sunday we will have a Sunrise service outside at 6:30 a.m., the Contemporary service at 9:00 a.m., and the Traditional service at 11:00 a.m. The Official Board will sponsor Easter breakfast between the services, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Diaconate will again sponsor the lily sale for Easter Sunday. The orders are due by April 6. Please see the order form on the back of this newsletter, and call the church office if you have any questions.

The Diaconate will sponsor a breakfast for the Rotary Club on Good Friday morning. We will serve breakfast to over 150 people. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this fundraiser. We will be doing prep work and cooking on Thursday and then set-up following the Maundy Thursday service. Also, we will be looking for help with prep and serving on Friday morning, followed by clean-up. If you would like to help any of these times, please see any Diaconate member.

We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus with you and hope to see you at any of our worship opportunities.



Yours in Christ,
Rachel Zielinski
Diaconate Chairperson

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m. Hostess is Karen Morgan, and the guest speaker is Officer Mary Ann Hanson from the Strongsville Police Department. Please bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. As always, all ladies are welcome.

THE THRIFT SHOP

Spring has arrived at the Thrift Shop. April 3 will be the final day for our winter items and we will have a HUGE bag sale. We provide the bags, and you may fill them to the top for only \$5. There's no limit on the number of bags you may purchase. Bag sales are a great time to stock up on Thrift Shop items, especially books, puzzles, toys, games, craft items, clothing, shoes and home décor. You would be amazed at how much you can cram into one of our brown paper bags! We ask that you not put jewelry or greeting cards into the bag.

After April 3 we pack up the leftover items and donate them. Then we give the shop a thorough cleaning and restock with our spring and summer line. If you can help us between April 3 and 9, we can really use the help. Just give Lola Millhoane or Betty Bushea a call for days and times.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The next Trustee meeting is Sunday, April 6, following the 11:00 service.

CHOIR CHAIRS

On behalf of the Memorial / Endowment Fund and the Music Committee, we would like to thank all those who generously donated to reach our goal of purchasing 30 new choir chairs. More news will follow as we look at options of how to display the names of those honored and remembered.



THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to church friends for your calls, cards and prayers following my recent surgery. Special thanks also to Pastor Becky and Jack for visiting me at home. All of these kindnesses have been blessings to me. Pat Jefferis

Official Board thanks all who supported the Roast Pork Dinner on March 15. The total profit was \$1,303.75. Thanks again.

NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Barb Fraunfelder

RECYCLING

The River Valley Paper Company became our recycling company in November, 2013. From when we started through February, 2014, we have recycled 21,470 pounds of paper! This has earned us \$268.54.

They pick up our paper about once a week. We receive a check once a month, about mid-month.

Here's how it breaks down:

MONTH	WEIGHT	TOTAL
November, 2013	2,130	\$21.30
December, 2013	6,250	\$78.13
January, 2014	6,970	\$92.61
February, 2014	6,120	\$76.50
TOTAL	21,470	\$268.54

The payment is on a sliding scale based on the number of tons picked up. It's \$20, \$25 or \$30 per ton.

We collect newspapers, office and school paper, phonebooks, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, mail, hard and soft bound books, and cardboard.

FUN FACTS – Published by River Valley Paper Company (and posted on our Pilgrim Hall bulletin board):

WE SAVED:	JANUARY, 2014 Our 6,970 lbs. of recycled paper saved:	FEBRUARY 2014 Our 6,120 lbs. of recycled paper saved:
Trees	59.25	52.02
Pounds of CO2	871.25	765.00
Cubic yards of landfill space	11.50	10.10
Gallons of water	24,395.00	21,420.00
Kilowatts of electricity	14,288.50	21,546.00
Homes heated for 6 months	3.49	3.06
Pounds of air pollutants	209.10	183.60



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2014

Officers elected January 26, 2014, have one asterisk *.
Officers appointed have two asterisks **.

Moderator – Joyce Reed

Vice Moderator – Sally Herzog

Clerk – Karen Morgan

Sunday School Superintendent – Irene Joyce

Board of Trustees

Greg Dickson

Ken Mehalko*

Bill Giuliano*

Gary Paul*

Dale Hawk

Kathie Paul*

Jim Heinrich

Ed Sobek

Dan Masuga

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson*

Irene Jannsohn*

Diaconate

Rosemary Bechtel*

Sarah Herzog*

Dan Davis*

Dianne Maringer

Tom Gaumer*

Ginny Oerkfitz

Beth Giuliano*

Cheryl Sobek

Cathy Hawk

Bev Wehr*

Sarah Hayes

Rachel Zielinski

Christian Education Committee

Judy Carte

Linda Plain

Irene Joyce

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson

Andrew Purdum

Frank Jefferis

Rob Stepan**

Pam Keenen*

Susan Tressa

Ken Mehalko**

Stewardship Committee

Kris Fischer*

Irene Jannsohn

Aimée Jannsohn

Sarah Keenen

Mission and Outreach Committee

Ha Bennett*

Erv Koch*

Kelly Bickley*

Lora Rung



A special thank you to all persons who served the church and who completed their terms of office.

FROM THE MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE JOIN OR SUPPORT CROP WALK!

Are you ready for enjoying the outdoors, getting a little fresh air and exercise, and helping others? The Youth Group, Pastor Becky, and the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to invite you to join or support our **CROP Walk Team!**

Hunger and poverty are rampant in our world, and escalating in the current economic conditions. Something can and must be done about them. Our local **CROP Hunger Walk/Run** is a great place to start. For a few hours and a few miles, friends and neighbors will be coming together to, in the words of 1 John 3:18, "...love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

On Saturday morning, April 26, the **Berea Area CROP Hunger Walk/Run** will be held to show our love and active concern for neighbors in need near and far. The participants, ranging from newborns to nonagenarians, will be raising awareness and funds to change the world in real and measurable ways – digging wells that will bring clean water to villages; providing seeds and tools so that people can grow their own food; helping communities and families rebuild after disaster. Whether it's responding to flood and tornado damage in parts of the U.S. or helping to rebuild earthquake-damaged homes in Haiti, CROP Hunger Walks are making a difference. And, it's important to note that 25 percent of what we raise will help local agencies in their important work here in the northeast Ohio area.

So please mark your calendars and join us, whether as a walker or sponsor. Together – with your family and friends – we can change the world, one step at a time. Time and place to meet are to be determined!

You can register online today to walk with our Strongsville UCC Team at:
<http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/StrongsvilleUCC>.

This is the Team Page site where we can collect donations too! Please donate and spread the word!

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What does CROP stand for? When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the U.S.

## CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES – MISSION FAIR

Church Street Ministries will hold a Mission Fair on Sunday, April 6, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Middleburg Heights UCC, 7165 Big Creek Parkway. The fair will help us understand the work being carried out by a consortium of churches, including ours – a behind-the-scenes look into the areas this wonderful ministry serves, i.e. outreach to those in need of assistance, from transportation to utilities, food and clothing to home furnishings, job training to veteran assistance, crisis intervention to AA, and more. Come and experience first-hand the depth and breadth of this vital ministry of outreach to our communities, with stories and videos in various booths, plus refreshments. --Mission and Outreach Committee



## Global Ministries

### EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT GLOBAL ISSUES

We have just become a partner with Global Ministries, a joint venture between the UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). One of our commitments, besides **"praying regularly for partners, missionaries and the world"** is to **"educate ourselves about global issues"** as they pertain to the work being done by our churches' missionaries in far-flung areas of the world. Thus, some news about the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**.

Committed to developing and nurturing Partnerships of care, Global Ministries is focusing attention on the Democratic Republic of Congo for 2014 through **The Congo Initiative**. In 2011, both the UCC General Synod and Disciples General Assembly approved resolutions calling for reflection, education and advocacy on behalf of the people of the Congo. Over the past decade, approximately **6 million people** have been killed in ongoing conflict and war for control of the Congo's vast mineral resources. As people who use cell phones and computers, we benefit from these mineral resources, but the conflict over them causes so much death and misery. We have a long history of engagement in the Congo (since 1899); and today through Global Ministries, our denominations continue this legacy. We cannot ignore our calling to walk in solidarity with sisters and brothers there.

On the back page of our worship bulletin for Sunday, March 23, was a letter written by Cheryl Sybrant, a laywoman who had traveled to the Congo recently, from one of our churches in Arkansas. In part, she wrote:

*In Brazzaville, there was a young man on guitar playing "How Great Thou Art", while the minister prayed. I felt so unworthy because all I could think was 'God, things don't look so great.' But despite the destruction around us,*

*they spoke with incredible perspective and compassion. The minister gave this directive: 'When you go back home, don't only be ambassadors for Africa, because there are places worse off than we are.'*

Please take time to read the back page of your Sunday worship bulletin for news about the work being done through our churches. Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support the Congo Initiative.

--Mission and Outreach Committee

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## THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed toward the Eliminate Project. Your generosity raised \$140 for this worthy cause.

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## 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:** Bill Betz at Chapel Hill Community in Canal Fulton, Betty Kovach at Emeritus at Brookside Estates (15435 Bagley Road), Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

**Church Family:** Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Margot James at The Altenheim, Rachel Kovatich, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Joyce Reed, Susan Tressa

**Extended Church Family:** June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Megan Craig (granddaughter of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig), Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodwards), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple for a week, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Information and donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. Thank you to all who light our steeple!

### Week of March 2, 2014

*Happy Birthday to Mikey Craig today!  
With love, Grammy*

### Week of March 23, 2014

*In Memory of Edna Lansell,  
Celebrating Bill Jr.'s Birthday on March 22, and  
Celebrating Our Grandson Dylan's  
and Daughter-in-law Lynn's Birthdays on March 23  
Bill and Dorothy Ritchie*

### Week of March 30, 2014

*Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Rob Wentz on April 1  
With love, Grammy*

*In Memory of My Parents, Arthur and Mary Hirt, on  
the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of My Father's Passing and  
the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of My Mother's Passing  
Paul Hirt*

*In Remembrance of My Father, Nicholas Paul's, Birthday  
on March 31  
Gary Paul*

*In Memory of Edith Graves – always in our hearts  
Bill and Dorothy Ritchie,  
Gina Cathcart, and Sharon Ritchie*

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

As of this writing, altar flower vases are still available for purchase on the following Sundays:

May 25 – 1 vase  
June 1 – 1 vase  
August 17 – 1 vase  
September 7 – 1 vase  
September 28 – 1 vase  
October 5 – 1 vase  
November 9 – 2 vases  
November 16 – 2 vases  
November 30 – 1 vase  
December 7 – 1 vase  
December 14 – 2 vases



The sign-up chart and flower forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. The cost is \$15 for one vase and \$30 for two vases. The church office requests payment before you take your flowers on Sunday morning. Please put your payment into the church office, so it can be recorded. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for purchasing altar flowers.

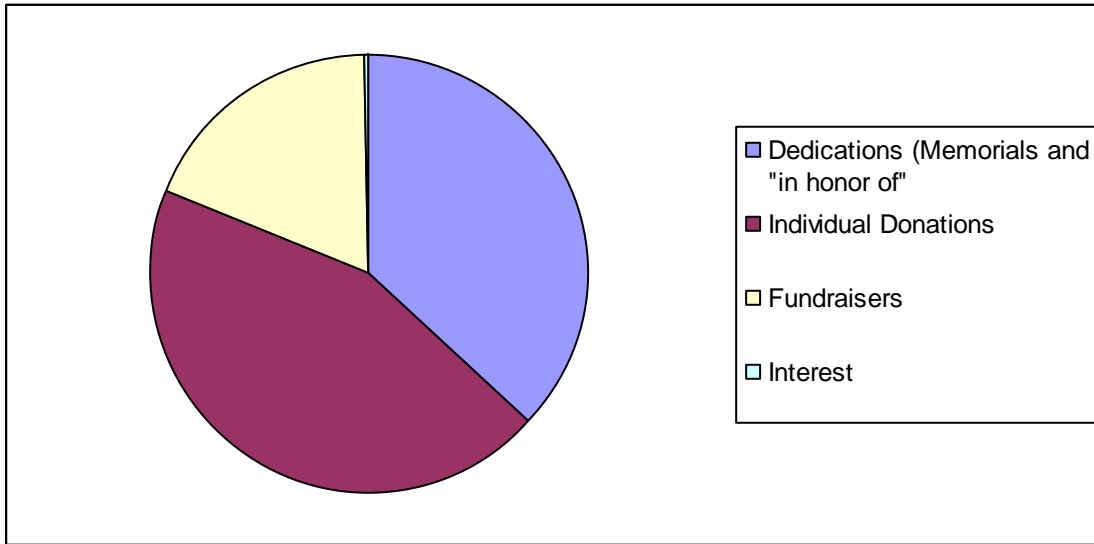
Strongsville United Church of Christ  
 Organ Restoration Committee  
 Update Meeting  
 March 2, 2014

In March of 2011 the Congregation voted to hire Leek Pipe Organ of Oberlin to restore our existing pipe organ. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on this project.

**Funds:**

To date we have raised **\$127,000**. No funds have come from the church budget.

2009 to 2013 Fundraising by Percentage



**Progress:**

Two of four phases have been completed. The electronics of the console are done and the Great Division has been restored. The two remaining divisions, the Choir and Swell, are still in need of restoration.

**Phase I : \$59,000 COMPLETED**

**Phase II: \$30,000 COMPLETED**

Leek discovered voicing and bellows issues that will need attention. This was not in the original quote because the organ was unplayable when the initial quotes were made. The financial breakdown is as follows:

Phase III Costs:

|                                               |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Original Phase III Choir Division Restoration | \$37,500 <sup>1</sup> |
| Bellows repair                                | \$5,700               |
| Voicing of five ranks                         | <u>\$16,000</u>       |
| <b>Proposed Total Cost of Phase III</b>       | <b>\$59,200</b>       |

We plan to do Phase III restoration some time in 2014 in order to take advantage of Leek Organ's price lock on the quote.

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<sup>1</sup> James Leek has locked in this price until February 28 of 2015.



It is to our advantage to complete the voicing during Phase III because James Leek is able to voice five ranks for the price of three ranks since the pipes are already in the shop. If he voiced three ranks separately the cost would be \$18,000. The work will still need to be done but will cost more if we do it in small segments. James Leek can also offer us a discount on the bellows work if done during Phase III for the same reason. If the bellows were repaired independently that price would be \$8,300.

**Phase IV Costs:**

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Phase IV Swell Division Restoration    | \$40,000        |
| Great Division Voicing                 | \$15,000        |
| <b>Proposed Total Cost of Phase IV</b> | <b>\$55,000</b> |

| Phases                        | Cost            | Repairs                                                                  | Status                                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Phase I                       | \$ 59,000       | • Electronics of Console                                                 | Completed                                    |
| Phase II                      | \$ 30,000       | • Great Division Restoration                                             | Completed                                    |
| Phase III                     | \$ 59,200       | • Choir Division Restoration<br>• Bellows repair<br>• Voicing of 5 Ranks | Planned<br>Completion Date<br>Summer of 2014 |
| Phase IV                      | \$ 55,000       | • Swell Division Restoration<br>• Great Division Voicing                 |                                              |
| Total Project Cost            | \$203,200       |                                                                          |                                              |
| Funds Paid to Leek to Date    | \$89,000        |                                                                          |                                              |
| Expenses                      | \$1,000         | Fundraiser supplies, etc.                                                |                                              |
| Cash on Hand                  | \$37,000        |                                                                          |                                              |
| <b>Remaining Funds Needed</b> | <b>\$77,200</b> |                                                                          |                                              |

Please note: These prices are contingent on finishing the organ within the next twelve to eighteen months. The longer the restoration goes on, the higher Leek's prices go up and we will need to raise more money.

**Future Plan:**

We are setting up an aggressive fundraising program to help raise the remaining funds. We are grateful for the support of the congregation thus far and recognize that we need to expand our fundraising options in order to meet the financial need. To that end we will begin doing larger fundraisers that include the community. We are setting up subcommittees to handle these events and are looking for volunteers to assist.

**Future Fundraisers:**

|                    |                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 4, 2014        | Pancake Breakfast                                                                                                            |
| May 17, 2014       | "Some Like It Hot" Dinner                                                                                                    |
| September 2014     | Pancake Breakfast                                                                                                            |
| 2014 Date TBA      | Party at Pastor Becky's                                                                                                      |
| October 2014       | Clambake (Dale Hawk, Chairperson, volunteers needed)                                                                         |
| 2015 Date TBA      | Community Dinner Dance/Silent Auction (Bruce Keenen, Chairperson, volunteers needed)                                         |
| Key Stop Purchases | Ongoing                                                                                                                      |
| Pledges            | Congregants can pledge money but also pledge assistance with subcommittees, pledge to host a "Some Like It Hot" dinner, etc. |

**Recognition Wall:**

The group has voted to use funds donated by ORC committee members for the purpose of creating a permanent recognition of donors to the restoration. It should be noted that ONLY funds donated for this purpose will be used to pay for the recognition wall. Funds donated for the purpose of restoring the organ will be used in the restoration.

## Official Board

# SPRING PLANT SALE 2014

Snow on the ground, wintry mix of snow and rain, no school days, traffic a mess due to the weather..... How does one think about planting spring flowers?

It's easy! Just look at the Spring Plant Sale order form and imagine your yard displaying these beautiful flowers! We know spring will come. We may just need to be more patient this year. And we need to be ready when it does come!

The Spring Plant Sale is the annual fundraiser for the Official Board. The funds support many of the expenses of the church. We take only advance orders for flats of flowers (20 plants), hanging baskets and 5" pots of flowers. Maria Gardens will again supply the flowers. Consider a way to help the church and reach out to others – ask a neighbor or friend or family member if they are interested in placing an order.

The following flats will be available – Begonias, Marigolds (short) and Petunias. There are still no impatiens due to a disease. We will also have 10" hanging baskets - Begonias, Fuchsias, Gerber Daisies, Geraniums and Boston Ferns. There will be 5" pots of Geraniums (zonal geraniums, slightly larger than our usual seeded geraniums), New Guinea Impatiens and Gerber Daisies.

**Flat of 20 plants - \$7.75 each  
pots - \$4.50 each**

**Hanging Baskets - \$13.50 each**

**Pots - individual**

See the order form on the reverse side for the available colors and details.

Also, you may **purchase flowers for the church grounds**. On a separate order form, indicate the flowers you would like. For Name of person placing order, enter your name. Also please enter your telephone number in case there are questions. For Name of person picking up plants, enter SUCC.

**Place order by Sunday, April 27.** Payment is due with the order. Make checks payable to the *Strongsville United Church of Christ*. Leave the order at the church office or hand it to Barb Fraunfelder.

**Pick up plants on Friday, May 9, between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

The plants will be delivered to the church and need to be picked up by the person placing the order or a designated person. We do not have storage or security to keep the plants overnight.

The profit is spent on church expenses as decided by the Official Board. Last year our profit was \$633.30! Our costs went up for all the flowers by five or ten cents but we did not raise our prices. Help us receive more orders so that we reach or exceed last year's profit! If you have questions, please contact Barb Fraunfelder at 440-331-3673. Thank you in advance for your support.

