



APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

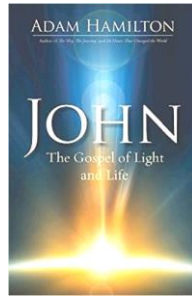
<p>APRIL 3 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>New Members Received/Communion</p> <p>Scriptures: Luke 24:28-31</p> <p>Sermon: <i>"Their Eyes Were Opened"</i></p> <p><i>Lenten Study 5 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall</i></p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Kelly Bickley</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Kim McKenzie</p> <p>Greeter: Linda Plain</p> <p>Ushers: Linda Plain</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Cathy Hawk</p>	<p>BLENDED 11:15 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Michele Mhlack</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Kim McKenzie</p> <p>Greeter: Linda Plain</p> <p>Graphics Operation: Michele Mhlack</p>
<p>APRIL 10 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>Scriptures: John 20:19-25</p> <p>Sermon: <i>"I Doubt It"</i></p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Bruce Keenen</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce</p> <p>Greeter: Ginny Oerkfitz</p> <p>Ushers: Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>BLENDED 11:15 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Tom Gaumer</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce</p> <p>Greeter: Ginny Oerkfitz</p> <p>Graphics Operation: Adria Bond</p>
<p>APRIL 17 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>Scriptures: Acts 9:36-43</p> <p>Sermon: <i>"The Miracles Continue"</i></p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Pam Keenen</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Natalie Daniels</p> <p>Greeters: The Hawk Family</p> <p>Ushers: Cathy Hawk, Kris Fischer</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Sharon Heinrich</p>	<p>BLENDED 11:15 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Dale Hawk</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Natalie Daniels</p> <p>Greeters: The Hawk Family</p> <p>Graphics Operation: Lori Kovatich</p>
<p>APRIL 24 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>Scriptures: John 13:31-35</p> <p>Sermon: <i>"The Word Is For Everyone"</i></p> <p>ORC Pancake Breakfast <i>See page 2 for details.</i></p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M. <i>Bell Choir Plays for Worship</i></p> <p>Liturgist: Betty Craig</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Denise Bell</p> <p>Greeters: Kris Fischer and Michael</p> <p>Ushers: Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>BLENDED 11:15 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Betty Craig</p> <p>Morning Announcements: Denise Bell</p> <p>Greeters: Kris Fischer and Michael</p> <p>Graphics Operation: Michele Mhlack</p>

LENTEN STUDY

The final session of the Lenten study led by Pastor Becky will take place:

Sunday, April 3, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, 12 noon

Both times include soup and sandwich. Donations of side dishes, salads or desserts are welcome. All are invited to attend, even if you did not attend previous sessions.



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

DIACONATE NEWS



Wing Night is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, from 6-9 p.m. Tickets for this Diaconate fundraiser will be \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and a basket raffle.

Tickets will go on sale starting April 3.

Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. 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 and given to Cheryl Sobek or any Diaconate member.

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 can be purchased at the church Sunday morning,
or you may call the church at (440) 238-6697.*



THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Sunday - May 1, 2016 – 4:00 PM

presents

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 the Concert



♪ ♪ 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.
Children's Instrumental - 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir - 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

If you'd like to be part of our church Music Ministry or for more information, please contact:
Elena Taylor about Praise Band and Children's Music
Barb Fraunfelder about Bell Choir
Joshua Konow about Chancel Choir

THE THRIFT SHOP END-OF-WINTER BAG SALE

March 31, 2016 – \$6.00
April 7, 2016 – \$6.00
April 14, 2016 – \$5.00



April 21, 2016 – Closed 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 – Shop Early for Best Selection

Open Thursdays – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

ALTAR FLOWERS



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. As of this printing, the following are dates when vases are still needed in order to have two vases on the altar for Sunday worship:

April 10 – 1 vase
June 5 – 2 vases
June 12 – 1 vase
July 3 – 1 vase
July 10 – 2 vases
July 17 – 1 vase
July 24 – 1 vase
August 7 – 1 vase
August 28 – 1 vase
September 4 – 2 vases
September 11 – 1 vase
September 18 – 1 vase
October 2 – 2 vases
October 23 – 2 vases
October 30 – 2 vases
November 6 – 1 vase
November 20 – 2 vases
November 27 – 2 vases
December 4 – 1 vase
December 11 – 1 vase

The signup chart for altar flowers is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Below the chart are forms and envelopes for submitting your bulletin information and payment to the church office.

Please note: If you only attend the 9:45 a.m. service, you are welcome to take your flowers after that service. The 11:15 Blended Service is casual, and it is okay if flowers are not on the altar.

IN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to two families on their recent losses:

To Irene Jannsohn and family
on the passing of her sister, Emelyn Carels,
in California on March 8, 2016.

The funeral was held on March 14 in California.

To the family of church member, Nancy Lawson,
on the occasion of her passing on February 20, 2016.

A memorial service took place on March 4
at Sunset Chapel in North Olmsted.



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: Betty Craig, Jim Davis, Michele Mihilack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), 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 Hagemeier (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 (grand-daughter of Len and Bev), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mihilack (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)



200TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

As part of 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 you are currently loving!

Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch, Dianne Maringer, or place under the church office door. Thank you.



STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Saturday – April 30, 2016

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

At the Church

All are encouraged and welcome to attend!

STEEPLE LIGHTING

March 13, 2016

*Happy Birthday to Natalia and Mia Hill on March 17
With love, Grammy*

*In Loving Memory of Edith Graves
Roberta and Dan Carpenter*

*To the bestest son-in-law ever – Dan Masuga –
on his birthday, March 15, and
For my great-granddaughter and Dan and Vicky's
granddaughter, Piper Masuga,
who will be one year old on March 16
Love, Banny*

Week of March 20, 2016

*Congratulations to
Granddaughter Heidi and her husband Keith Davis
on the birth of their son, Wyatt Adam,
on March 16, 2016, and
Congrats to Grandparents Valerie and Dale Hopkins and
to Great-grandparent Lola
Love ya all,
"Gi" "Gi"*

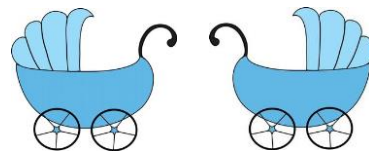
To light the steeple for a week, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Information and donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. Millie LaFave will lead devotions, and the program is to be determined. After the meeting, the ladies are welcome to enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall. All ladies are invited to the meeting, as always.



CONGRATULATIONS

*to parents Jon and Sarah Hayes,
grandparents Dale and Cathy Hawk,
aunt Amanda Hawk and cousin Riley
on the birth of Jake Emerson Hayes
on January 23, 2016*

CONGRATULATIONS

*also to great-grandparent Lola Millhoane,
grandparents Valerie and Dale Hopkins, and
parents Heidi and Keith Davis
on the birth of Wyatt Adam Davis
on March 16, 2016!*

TICKETS TO PLAYHOUSE SQUARE



I have tickets available for *Phantom of The Opera* at Playhouse Square on Sunday, July 10, for the 1:00 p.m. Matinee. I sell the tickets for Rotary and receive no compensation,

because I like to encourage art in its many forms. The tickets are for seats on the Main Floor in Dress Circle for \$100.50 each or in the Mezzanine at \$87.50. Indoor parking is \$12 extra per car. You have to provide your own transportation.

Linda Plain

COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. If serving at Coffee Hour is new for you, the Diaconate will train you for the task! The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



WEDNESDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM



The program continues in operation every Wednesday at our church! All are welcome to attend this free lunch. Volunteers who prepare meals are asked to be at the church no later than 9:00 a.m. Servers can arrive at 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are always appreciated. Please talk with Pastor Becky if you would like to help.