

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL)

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April 26, 2015 9:45 A.M. Fourth Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Chaconne* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *My Lord* arr. Elena Taylor

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all you people, enter the gate of God's sheepfold.

All: We hear God calling us by name.

One: Jesus will bring all people to be one flock, one shepherd.

All: From every nation, every people, tribe and language.

One: That they may be one, we proclaim:

All: God is still speaking.

† HYMN 225 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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 *Domine Deus* Sally Albrecht

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 712 *Be Still, My Soul*

SCRIPTURE John 12:36b-43 New Testament, p. 93

SERMON *They'll Take Your Soul, If You Let Them*
Rev. Mendle Adams

† HYMN 602 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

† BENEDICTION

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

† POSTLUDE *Adagio in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Honor of Rachel and Gary's Third Wedding Anniversary
From the Morgan and Zielinski Families*

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist and Interim Choir Director	Elena Taylor
Bell Choir Director	Barbara Fraunfelder
Interim Choir Accompanist	Sharon Heinrich
Liturgist	Sarah Hayes
Greeter	Roy Merkle
Coffee Hour	Ginny Basenback

APRIL 2015

- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

MAY 2015

- 1 Fri Diaconate Wing Night at Sidelines in Brunswick, 6-9pm
- 2 Sat Recital of Elena Taylor's Students, 5pm
- 3 Sun Sacrament of Communion at both worship services
Trustees Meeting, after 9:45 worship
Car Wash Organizational Meeting, after 9:45 worship
- 5 Tue Mission Outreach Meeting, 7pm
Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
- 9 Sat KFC and Mission Outreach Car Wash, 11am-1pm
- 12 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Sun Methodist Confirmation Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, 7:45-10am
Sunday School Ice Cream Party, after 9:45 worship
- 19 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Sun Pentecost / Strengthen the Church Offering
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm

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 Mhlack

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. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please email Kim McKenzie at davekimmckenzie@cox.net or call her at (216) 401-8738.

Strongsville Golf League – If you are interested to play golf on the league, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For more information, please see Laurie Meister or Pastor Becky.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 3, 2015

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| Liturgist | 9:45 a.m. Bruce Keenen | 11:15 a.m. Tom Gaumer |
| Greeter | | Lola Millhoane |
| Ushers | Lola Millhoane, Sharon Heinrich | |
| Coffee Hour | | Tom Gaumer |

ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 26, 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 Barbara Camp and to Steve Woodward!

We welcome back and thank Rev. Mendle Adams for leading worship this morning, while Pastor Becky, Jack and Denise are attending the funeral of Pastor Becky's dear "Cousin Ron" today in Delaware.

Official Board will meet Tuesday, April 28, 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.

Thank you to all who supported the CROP Walk yesterday.

Signup charts for Altar Flowers, Greeters, Coffee Hour, Ushers, Strongsville Golf League, Women's Retreat, Wing Nite Auction Donations, and iSACRA are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

You are invited to attend TODAY'S Southwest Community Chorus Spring Concert – "Broadway Jazz Review." The concert will be at the Berea United Methodist Church, 170 Seminary Street, this afternoon 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, TODAY 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.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 4/19: Traditional	\$4,373
Contemporary	\$357
Difference	\$1,540

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!

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) | |

The music students of Elena Taylor will present a Spring Concert on Saturday, May 2, at 5:00 p.m. at the church. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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, Charles Jannsohn, Jim Joyce, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Doris Soucie, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget *

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), 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), 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), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), 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 Forget’s address:** 1604 Brentwood Street
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