

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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February 14, 2015 9:45 A.M. First Sunday in Lent

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" Doerksen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Jesus, Lead Us to the Father" Sam Hargreaves

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our souls are created to be God's dwelling place, and the dwelling place of the soul is God.

All: As we worship, we experience the God who dwells in us. Through our worship, we dwell in God.

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† HYMN 648 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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

ANTHEM "Man of Sorrows" M. Crocker/B. Ligertwood

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jamie Habart

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" Engelberg

* DOXOLOGY "What Gift Can We Bring?"

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

**When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 650 "O for a Heart to Praise My God"

SCRIPTURES Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 814
Mark 1:14-20 New Testament, p. 30

SERMON "Getting Your Just Desserts" Rev. Mendle Adams

† HYMN 676 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "You Are Good and Forgiving" Joel Payne

† POSTLUDE "Awesome God" Mullins

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 14, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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PRELUDE *"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"* Doerksen
(The congregation is welcome to join in singing.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 3 times

INTROIT *"Face to Face"* Dearmar
Elena Taylor, Vocal Soloist

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† SONG *"Majesty"*

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Everybody Gonna Pray"* Peter, Paul and Mary
Gary Hackett, Vocal Soloist

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"* Engelberg

* DOXOLOGY *"We Are an Offering"*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURES Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 814
Mark 1:14-20 New Testament, p. 30

MEDITATION *"Getting Your Just Desserts"*

† SONG *"I'll Fly Away"*

† BENECTION

† RESPONSE *"The Lord Be with You"* Yannerella
Elena Taylor, Soprano Gary Hackett, Bass

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SERVING TODAY

Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Sharon Heinrich – Graphics Operation
Aidan Hurtig – Drum Pads
Kyra Krause – Vocalist
Dianne Maringer – Coffee Hour
Toni Newborn – Vocalist
Linda Plain – Greeter
Bill Schneider – Liturgist
Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Vocalist
Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Keyboard, Vocalist
Doug Thorn – Technical Setup and Operation, Sound System
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Vocalist
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola



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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. 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 at Falling Water, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter 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 Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Lynne McCray	11:15 Kenn Oerkfitz
Morning Announcements		Natalie Daniels
Greeters		Ed and Cheryl Sobek
Coffee Hour		Cheryl Sobek
Graphics Operation		Adria Bond

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 14, 2016

All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*Happy Birthday and Happy Valentine's Day on February 14, 2016, to
Baby A – Valerie Hopkins and Baby B – Vicky Masuga
God Bless – Love Ya
Mom*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Barbara Craig on February 18
With love, Mom*

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Swiss Steak Dinner – The profit from last week's dinner was \$2,293.63. Thank you again to all for their support.

Tuesday Meetings: Advertising and Technology, 7:00 p.m.
Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday Rehearsals: Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Instrumental at 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

Communion – Beginning next Sunday, we will celebrate communion during the 11:15 a.m. worship service for the remaining Sundays in Lent.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist		Elena Taylor
Chancel Choir Director		Joshua Konow
Technical Setup and Operation		Doug Thorn
Sound System	9:45 Jim Heinrich	11:15 Doug Thorn
Greeter		Ginny Dangelo
Liturgist	9:45 Lora Rung	11:15 Lora Rung
Coffee Hour		Ginny Oerkfitz

Six-week Lenten Study – Pastor Becky will lead a study on Adam Hamilton’s book, John – The Gospel of Light and Life. Encounter the Gospel of John and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal, while exploring the major themes of the Gospel. Along with Hamilton’s comments, the book includes the entire text of the Gospel of John, divided into six parts for ease of reading and study. Two study times are offered: Sunday evening at 5 p.m. on February 21 and 28, March 6, 13 and 20, April 3; and Tuesday daytime at 12 noon on February 23, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, April 5. Both studies include soup and sandwich. All are welcome.

Women’s Fellowship – Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no sale of Easter candy this year.

Signup Charts for 2016 for Greeters, Ushers, and Altar Flowers are in Pilgrim Hall. Please help in these areas if you are able.

Recycling – Please tear down cardboard boxes before placing them in our paper recycling bin. If boxes are not torn down, they take up too much space and make the bin full. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 within the next three months when vases are still needed in order to have two vases on the altar for Sunday worship: March 6 – 2 vases, March 13 – 2 vases. April 3 – 2 vases, April 10 – 2 vases, April 17 – 1 vase, May 1 – 1 vase, May 15 – 2 vases, May 29 – 1 vase. The signup chart is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. You may purchase 1 vase if you wish; you do not have to purchase 2 vases.

I would like to thank all those who helped bake as well as support me with my bake sale last Saturday. I exceeded my goal so I will be able to begin my project later this Spring. Thank you again for all the support.
Gina Gigliotti

Strongsville UCC

ROAST PORK, KIELBASA & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Saturday – March 5, 2016

Seatings at 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198 – Tickets available next Sunday
Adults - \$10 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 – Free

The Thrift Shop will be open.

Help is needed. The signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers in any capacity during the serving hours of 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. Children who are 6 to 10 years old must have a parent helping them. Adult help is needed.

THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST RECITAL SERIES

Sunday – March 13, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

featuring the music of

The Venner Clarinet Choir
and
Rebecca Konow, Cellist
Joshua Konow, Pianist

Freewill Offering

All are welcome!



FEBRUARY 2016

- 12-14 Annual Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
- 16 Tue Advertising & Technology Committee Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-1pm
- 18 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 21 Sun Lenten Study, 5pm
- 23 Tue Lenten Study, 12 noon
Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-1pm
Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am at European’s Best Restaurant
- 25 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 28 Sun Lenten Study, 5pm