



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, February 2, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Communion

Installation of Officers

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Christ Before Me" Chisholm, et al

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 27

Leader: When we seek justice for others, when we love kindness more than power,

People: We live as God asks us to live.

Leader: When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who would hurt us,

People: We are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Leader: When we are willing to look foolish following Jesus, when we choose weakness over strength,

People: We reflect the One who dwells in our midst.

† **HYMN 460** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Micah 6:6-8

PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lamentations" Mehalko
Dedicated to the memory of Jan Stough and others we have lost too soon

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM "Wherever Love Is"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours, to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership and to assist you so that together, we may be the faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

ALL: Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you, in Strongsville United Church of Christ and in the world. Send your Holy Spirit on them and on us all, that our service may be diligent and faithful. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name alone. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Carter

† **DOXOLOGY 815** Tune: *Old Hundredth*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 5: 1-12

SERMON (Do we even NEED this?)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

If we want to truly live in God's presence, we must live as God's faithful people. Let us begin by confessing mistakes we have made, wrongs we have done, people we have hurt. Join me as we pray together.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Most Holy God, we dishonor you every time we treat one another with disrespect. We break your heart every time we break our word, rather than take the risk of keeping it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. Thank you for being wise enough to forgive our foolishness; strong enough to overcome our weakness; loving enough to heal the hurt we cause. You bring us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be comforted: God has shown us infinite mercy. Take heart: in the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. This, friends, is the good news for all God's children.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God for such grace and hope. Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP "Hymn Medley"
All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.

THE 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.

† **HYMN 552** "I Am Thine, O Lord"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Wherever Love Is"

† **POSTLUDE** "Great Is the Lord" Smith, arr. Larson

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 2

Judi Pavisich
Elaine Coffey
Linda Plain
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Ken Mehalko

Liturgist
Greeters
Ushers
Coffee Hour
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Supplemental Organist
Native American Flute

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9

Michele Mihlack
Allen & Michele Mihlack
Volunteers needed
Elaine Coffey
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn on his birthday

The Jannsohn-Joyce-Dickson Family

Celebrating Rebecca Deertz's birthday today

Love, Grandmother Marty Winch

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In memory of Cheri Reipel, who lived a life of love, compassion, and joy. --The Sekorky Family

Celebrating Jan Stough's Life. We will miss her smile and "can do" attitude. --The Wednesday Lunch Kitchen Crew

Happy Birthday today to Rebecca Deertz and Bradley Roub!

The Worship Team will meet today at 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,333.10
Difference (-\$1,140.17)

To date for the Stewardship Campaign, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$155,384.00. **If you have not yet returned your Estimate of Giving card, the church will gratefully accept it at any time. Thank you very much for your support.**



Last week's **Penny Sunday** collection of \$202.25 went toward providing assistance in recovering from the devastating Australian bushfires through Salvation Army of Australia. The next Penny Sunday will be **February 23**.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO PLACE ALTAR FLOWERS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE SPECIAL. MANY DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2020. Cost is only \$15 per vase (\$30 for both). There is a chart in Pilgrim Hall along with envelopes and order forms.



YOU MAY ALSO LIGHT THE STEEPLE IN A LOVED ONE'S MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL OCCASION. Envelopes and order forms are located on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. You may give any amount you choose, but the minimum is \$5.00.

The February Newsletter is available in the Gathering Area.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Hunter Colao (grandson of Mark & Barb Camp), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Elaine Fuelling (friend of Judi Pavisich), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Janice Stough, who passed away unexpectedly on January 27, 2020. A celebration of her life will be held here tomorrow, **February 3**, at 5:30 p.m.



Just a reminder: Pastor Heidi will never send out an email asking you to "do me a favor" or anything like that. There are a number of scams going around right now that ask folks to purchase gift cards or other such things. **Please do not be taken in by these scams.** (And if I do ask you to buy gift cards, be sure to get them on Sunday morning from Jim Joyce!)



HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

New Sign-up sheets for 2020 in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. **Also, please bring in any extra plastic grocery bags for the kitchen, if you can spare them!**



THANK YOU



The Foley family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the outpouring of love and support from our congregation. A celebration of Bill Foley's life will take place on Saturday, February 22 at 11 a.m. at the Federated United Church of Christ in Chagrin Falls.

---Tom, Suzi, Jimmy, Jackie, and Bobby Foley



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE ROAST PORK, KIELBASA, AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7! Seatings will be at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Officers elected on Jan. 26, 2020, have an asterisk* by their names.
** = appointed by the Official Board

Moderator Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator Rob Toth
Treasurer Sally Herzog
Clerk Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Superintendent
Kristen Clotworthy

Board of Trustees
Eddy Bond* Greg Dickson Mike Clotworthy*
Myron Costin* Bill Giuliano
Dale Hawk Sandy Pogozeleski
Ed Sobek Linda Stepan Rob Stepan

Endowment Fund Subcommittee
Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed

Diaconate
Jennifer Barry Barbara Camp Gina Cathcart*
Kristen Clotworthy Elaine Coffey* Cathy Hawk* Sarah Hayes
Linda Plain Linda Ponstingle Nicole Stevens Dawn Rolland*
Marty Winch Barbara White* Mary Ellen Zimmerman*

Christian Education Committee
Serena Abruzzino* Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore
Linda Elkins Suzi Foley Sandy O'Shea Lora Rung

Music Committee
Richard Densmore* Ingrid Dickson
Ken Mehalko Pam Keenen*
ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee
Serena Abruzzino* Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti*
Beth Giuliano Judi Pavisich** Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee
Judy Carte Bobbie Krisak Tony Koussa*
Michele Mhlack Gary Paul Lora Rung* Jennifer Sekorky** Bev Wehr

Many thanks to the dedicated officers of our church, who serve so faithfully and make our church run smoothly as we strive to be like Christ in the world.

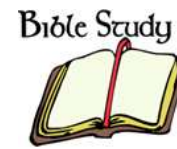


MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach is collecting donations of tissues and cough drops for **Laura's Home**, an outreach for women and children through the City Mission. A box is located in Pilgrim Hall.

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned off. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!



LENTEN STUDY!

Pastor Heidi will be leading a five-week study during Lent entitled *Living in the Light*, by John Birch. We will gather on Wednesday at 1:00, beginning March 4. Please sign up with your name and "Lent Study" on the back of your attendance card. See you then!

ANNUAL ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT February 14 - 16, 2020

Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio



The sign-up sheet for things to bring and to do is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

NEXT WEEK:

FEBRUARY 9, 2020: Retreat planning meeting after the worship service

FEBRUARY 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

2	Sun	Worship 10am with Communion Installation of Officers Coffee Hour
5	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club to see <i>Porgy & Bess</i> 6:30pm
6	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-2pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
9	Sun	Worship 10am Retreat planning meeting Children's Choir Coffee Hour
11	Tues	Trustees Meeting 7pm
12	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club, 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
13	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-2pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
14	Fri	ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT
15	Sat	RETREAT AT TEMPLED HILLS
16	Sun	Worship 10am RETREAT SUNDAY Coffee Hour
17	Mon	President's Day
18	Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
19	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
20	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-2pm Men's Lunch at Gourmé 11:30am Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
23	Sun	Worship 10am--Penny Sunday Children's Choir Coffee Hour
25	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
26	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
27	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-2pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm