

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)**

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**February 21, 2015 9:45 A.M. Second Sunday in Lent**

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE "O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless" G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "I Was Glad" Lloyd Larson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is my light, my hope, my all in all: whom shall I fear?

**All: God is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of God: let me live in the shelter of you, in the beauty of your realm, in the wonder of your house.

**All: We seek your face, God! Do not turn aside!**

One: Teach us your way, God, show us your path through all that life brings.

**All: We shall see the blessing of God: come, Holy Spirit!**

† HYMN 247 "Let's Worship and Adore Him"

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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" George Whelpton

ANTHEM "Create in Me" John Purifoy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Love Thee" Franklin Ritter

† 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 528 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

SCRIPTURES Luke 9:37-43a New Testament, p. 60

SERMON "Faithless and Perverse Generation"

† HYMN 293 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Change the World with Love" Joseph Martin

† POSTLUDE "Largo" John Rasley

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**February 21, 2015**

**11:15 A.M.**

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PRELUDE

*"Mighty Is Our God"*

(The congregation is welcome to join in singing.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG

*"Sanctuary"*

Sing 3 times

INTROIT

*"Jesus, Lead Us to the Father"*

Sam Hargreaves

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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fear?

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† SONG

*"You Are My All in All"*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"My God is Real"*

Kenneth Morris

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jack Stephenson, Accordion

† DOXOLOGY

*"We Are an Offering"*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURES

Luke 9:37-43a

New Testament, p. 60

MEDITATION

*"Faithless and Perverse Generation"*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or  
Pastor Becky will come to you if you wish.*

† SONG

*"My Life Is in You, Lord"*

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

*"You Are Good and Forgiving"*

Joel Payne

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## **SERVING TODAY**

Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads  
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist  
Aidan Hurtig – Drum Pads  
Kyra Krause – Vocalist  
Toni Newborn – Vocalist  
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), Phillis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), 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), 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)

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Ted Bickley	11:15 Michele Mhlack
Morning Announcements		Denise Bell
Greeters	Jim Nicoulin and Claudia Bader	
Coffee Hour		Gina Cathcart
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship		Adria Bond

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—

*In Remembrance of Nadine Burnand on Her Birthday on February 26*  
Ron and Ginger

**The steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Pam Craig on February 22*  
With love, Mom

*Thank You to All—especially Cathy Hawk and Steve Herzog—  
who worked and made the Swiss Steak Dinner a Success*  
Betty Craig

**Six-week Lenten Study Begins Today!** 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 5:00 p.m.** on February 21 and 28, March 6, 13 and 20, April 3; and **Tuesday daytime at 12:00 noon** on February 23, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, April 5. Both studies include soup and sandwich. Donations of side dishes, salads or desserts are welcome. All are invited to attend!

**Tuesday Meeting:** Official Board, 7:00 p.m.

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Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Offering 2/14/16	2,961
Difference	— \$939

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### SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor	
Chancel Choir Director	Joshua Konow	
Bell Choir Director	Barb Fraunfelder	
Technical Setup and Operation	Doug Thorn	
Sound System	9:45 Jim Heinrich	11:15 Doug Thorn
Liturgist	9:45 Lynne McCray	11:15 Kenn Oerkfitz
Morning Announcements		Natalie Daniels
Greeters		Cheryl and Ed Sobek
Coffee Hour		Cheryl Sobek
Usher		Ed Sobek
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship		Adria Bond

**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.

**Wednesday Rehearsals:** Children's Choir at 7:30 p.m.  
Praise Band at 8:00 p.m.

**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 today, we will celebrate communion during the 11:15 a.m. worship service for the remaining Sundays in Lent.

**Tent Revival Meeting** – All who want to help with the Revival will meet Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**Yard Sale Meeting** – An initial meeting of all interested in the Yard Sale will take place Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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

**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.

**Wing Night is back!** Mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and basket raffles. 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 another Diaconate member.

**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 fill the bin prematurely. Thank you for your cooperation.

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  
Adults - \$10    Ages 6-12 - \$5    Under 6 – Free

The Thrift Shop will be open.

Help is needed. The signup sheet is 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. Tickets are available for purchase in Pilgrim Hall after 9:45 worship today.

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### THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONCERT 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!



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### FEBRUARY 2016

- 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    Newsletter Pickup  
            Lenten Study, 5pm

### MARCH 2016

- 2 Wed    Tent Revival Meeting, 7pm – All are welcome.
- 9 Wed    Yard Sale Meeting, 7pm – All are welcome.