

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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February 8, 2015 9:45 A.M. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

† **HYMN 209** *This Is the Day* **Sing Twice**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Good people of the church,
Lift up your eyes and see.

All: **Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God greets us here.**

One: Good servants of the Most High,
Open your ears to hear.

All: **Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God meets us here.**

One: Good children of the light,
Open your hearts and
know what it means to delight in God.

All: **For we have seen, heard and known
From the beginning to the end,
Our God . . . is.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) – 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.**

PIANO RESPONSE

ANTHEM *Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name* Traditional Spiritual

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN 596 *I Surrender All*

SCRIPTURES 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 New Testament, p. 150

SERMON *Free to Be a Slave*

† **HYMN 235** *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *God Be with You*

† **POSTLUDE**

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

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist
Interim Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Liturgist
Greeters
Usher
Nursery
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Ken Mehalko
Barbara Fraunfelder
Kelly Bickley
The Bickley Family
Sharon Heinrich
Dianne Maringer
Sarah Hayes

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS 33 *Holy Is the Lord*
25 *Grace Alone*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG 62 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(depts)*

OFFERING

THE WORD OF GOD 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 New Testament, p. 150

MEDITATION *Free to Be a Slave*

SONG 4 *Awesome God / Humble Thyself Medley*

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Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

Vocalists – Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause,
Toni Newborn, Clay Williams

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Electric Guitar – Herbert Parker

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Violin – Julia Soltis

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Emily Phan

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Liturgist – Dan Masuga

Graphics Operation – Sharon Heinrich

February 2015

- 8 Sun Retreat Planning Meeting
- 10 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 12 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 13-15 Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
- 15 Sun Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 19 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 22 Sun Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 26 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 27 Fri Prepare for Roast Pork Dinner
- 28 Sat Roast Pork Dinner

CHURCH MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evening

Praise Band - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening

Children's Choir - 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Children's Band - 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.
Bell Choir - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir - 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 15, 2014

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Jim Nicoulin	11:15 a.m. Tom Gaumer
Greeters		Joyce Reed and Dianne Maringer
Usher for 9:45 a.m.		Bob Kovatich
Nursery for 9:45 a.m.		Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz
Coffee Hour		Sarah Herzog
Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m.		Vicky Masuga

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 8, 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. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*Celebrating Granddaughter Hilary's Birthday
on Valentine's Day, February 14
Grandparents, George and Joyce Reed*

The Retreat Planning Meeting will take place today in the Parlor immediately following the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Diaconate will meet on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m.

An Ecumenical Softball Team is being formed. If you are interested to play on the team, please circle *Softball Team* on the front of your Attendance Card today. Thank you!

The Wednesday Free Lunch Program is in operation. All are welcome to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Deadline for the March 2015 Church Newsletter is next Sunday, February 15. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday – We will begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. with a worship service in our sanctuary and the imposition of ashes. Nursery care will be available.

Lenten Study – Pastor Becky will lead a Lenten study on the book, Renegade Gospel, by Mike Slaughter on the Sundays of February 22 through March 29. We will enjoy a meal at the church at 6:00 p.m., and the study will follow at about 7:00 p.m. The book presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Please contact Pastor Becky or call the church office to sign up for the study, so we have enough books for all participants.

Swiss Steak Dinner – The profit from the dinner on January 31, 2015, was \$1,560.75. Thanks to all who supported the dinner in any way.

News from Financial Secretary, Barb Fraunfelder – The following will be a weekly report in the bulletin listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings each week, along with the amount given the previous Sunday.

PLEDGES / OFFERING WEEKLY BUDGET	\$3,190.00
PLEDGES / OFFERINGS RECEIVED 2/1/15	\$3,052.85
Traditional Service: \$2,807.00; Contemporary Service: \$245.85	

Strongsville Food Bank especially needs canned fruit, pork and beans, and family meals—like ravioli, chili, and beef stew. Thank you for helping those in need.

Sign-up Charts for Altar Flowers, Greeters, and Ushers for 2015 are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. **Help is needed.** Please assist in these areas if you are able. Thank you.

Join Us for a
BABY SHOWER
 for
Rachel and Gary Zielinski

Sunday – February 22, 2015 – 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.
 at Strongsville UCC in Pilgrim Hall

Rachel is registered at Target, Kohl's, and Babies R Us.

RSVP by Sunday, February 15, 2015
 on the sign up sheet in Pilgrim Hall.

* If you bring a package of diapers, *
 your name will be entered into a drawing for a gift.



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. Please inform the church of updates to this list.

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: Barbara Bridle, Betty Bushea, Rhea Clements, Charles Jannsohn, Michele Mihlack, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget *, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Marie Bury, Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung, Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Paul Mihlack (father of Allen) at Parkside Villa, Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

* If you wish to send Leah a card, her address is:
 Leah Forget
 1604 Brentwood Street
 Middletown, OH 44054

This list will be updated weekly. If you wish someone to remain on the list, please call the church office, (440) 238-6697.

Strongsville UCC

ROAST PORK DINNER

Saturday – February 28, 2015

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

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults \$10.00 Ages 6-12 \$5.00 Under 6 years Free

Tickets are available during coffee hour between the two services.

Help is needed. The sign-up sheet is 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 7:00 p.m. Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them. The Thrift Shop will be open.