



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday – January 13, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME!

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

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "They'll Know We Are Christians" Scholtes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" Yannerella

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, all glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

People: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, "The LORD," over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

People: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple, all cry, "Glory!"

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

† **HYMN 138** "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43: 1-7

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to our Prayer" Foley

ANTHEM "Be Not Afraid" Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Breathe" Barnett

† **DOXOLOGY** **HYMN 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 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

SERMON "It's not about me!"

† **HYMN 489** "Pass Me Not"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "Adoramus Te Christe" Dubois

† **ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Gloria" W.A. Mozart

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 13

Pam Keenen
Billie Jo Cantrell
Bill and Beth Giuliano
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

Liturgist

Greeters

Ushers

Coffee Hour

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Supplemental Organist

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 20

Greg Dickson
Elaine Coffey
Marty Winch
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

Happy birthday to Rachel on the 16th and Kennedy on the 20th
Love the Morgan-Zielinski families

In loving memory of Lois-Ann Habart on the anniversary of her death, but remembered always. From Jamie, Josh, and Christian

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In loving memory of Chris Morgan—*The Morgan and Zielinski families

The Diaconate will meet on Tuesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy.

The Church Family Greeting Card Mailbox is located in the Gathering Area for one more week. Please don't forget to check the box for any greetings you may have received. January Newsletters are also in the box for those who receive a printed version.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in joining our family of fellowship by becoming a member of the Strongsville UCC? Pastor Heidi will be having a membership class today following our worship service. Please attend if you would like to explore the possibility of joining our church. **New members will be received into the congregation on January 20.**

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Karen Morgan, Harvey Pincombe, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Barbara Toth, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward



Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiautraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! **Help is especially needed to pick up the donations from Panera on Monday or Friday mornings.** No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



PENNY SUNDAY

January's Penny Sunday, scheduled for January 27, 2019, will go to Happy Trails Farm Animal Rescue in Ravenna.



Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to the family, friends, and congregation of **Rev. M Kenneth Morris**, who passed away last Thursday evening. Rev. Morris served our church from November 1999 until October 2010. Please keep his wife, **Linda**, their four grown children and eight grandchildren in your prayers. Here is the address if you would like to send a card: 6436 Westshore Drive Kent, OH 44240

THE THRIFT SHOP is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m.

until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **WE NEED HELP!** If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Also, an additional person is needed to work with us for 2 hours on the second Wednesday of the month. Please contact the church office if you can help either on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our church sponsors Caroline Y. in India. For only \$30, you can provide for her for a month, through the UCC Global Ministries. Please sign up on the yellow sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you can support this important international outreach.



FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Many offices in the church will be available for the coming year. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve. Some of the positions that are available include serving as/on the:

Moderator, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community
Vice-Moderator, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee, and enlists volunteers for dinners and other

Official Board events.

Diaconate, which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

Board of Trustees, which oversees the finances, non-clergy staff, and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning.

Mission & Outreach, which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

Stewardship, which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

Christian Education, which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

Music Committee, which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry

ANNUAL REPORTS

Chairmen of church organizations: Annual reports were due in the church office on December 31. Please be kind to the new, inexperienced Church Secretary and get your reports in right away. Thank you!!! Once completed, Annual Reports will be available for pickup prior to the Annual Meeting.

FINANCIAL OFFICERS OF CHURCH GROUPS:

Please turn in your financial statements to the Auditing Committee through the church office this week.

It is extremely important that all books be audited before the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018. All organizations are required to submit:

1. ALL bank books (savings and/or checking).
2. ALL bank statements for each month for each account. Checking accounts statements should show completed reconciliation on the back.
3. ALL monthly recap forms.
4. ALL bank deposit slips, withdrawal slips and bank check receipts (if received), attached to monthly recap forms.
5. ALL receipts and bills paid.
6. Copy of Annual Financial Report (original provided to church office for Annual Report).

Thank you for your cooperation.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

Plan to attend this delicious home-style, all-you-can-eat meal!
 Strongsville UCC



SWISS STEAK DINNER

Saturday – January 19, 2019

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

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults: \$14, Kids 6-12: \$6, 5 & Under: Free

Help is needed – especially on Friday for browning meat. The sign-up sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall's board. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers during the serving hours. Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them.

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN WITH A SPECIAL SALE.

ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

February 15 - 17, 2019

Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio



The Church's Annual All-Family Winter Retreat will take place on President's Day weekend 2019: February 15, 16 and 17. The sign-up sheet to attend and the sign-up sheet for things to bring and to volunteer is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please

reserve your spot and room now, as rooms will be first-come, first-served. The cut-off to sign up—**TODAY**—will be strictly enforced this year. We will not have the same luxury as we've had in the past, in which we were able to take reservations up until the event weekend. Space is limited to 60 attendees. Also, please let us know if you have any special dietary needs. Finally, those that wish to come down on Saturday only—we would be happy to have you there, but we also need your reservation by January 13, and the cost is \$10 per meal. Please contact Irene Joyce or Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

Here is the cost (no change from last year):

ADULTS (12 and up): \$70

CHILDREN (6-11): \$15

CHILDREN (5 and under): FREE

Important dates to remember:

TODAY: Reservations close; **MONEY DUE**

JANUARY 27, 2019: Special dietary needs reported

FEBRUARY 10, 2019: Retreat planning meeting in the church after the worship service.

ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place **Sunday, January 27, 2019**, and will be preceded by the traditional Pancake Brunch. All are encouraged to attend this meeting and be a part of our family of faith. (You do not have to be a member to attend the meeting, but only members are entitled to cast a vote.)

FROM THE KITCHEN:

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. Thanks!



JANUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

13	Sun	Worship 10am Membership meeting after worship Payment due for Retreat Children's Choir
15	Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
16	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm Fit Club, 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
17	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
18	Fri	Swiss Steak prep 9am
19	Sat	Swiss Steak Dinner 5pm & 6:30pm
20	Sun	Worship 10am New Members welcomed Children's Choir
21	Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
22	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
23	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
24	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch 11am Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
27	Sun	Worship 10am--Penny Sunday Annual Meeting & Pancake Brunch
30	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
31	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and especially, Betty Craig, for making Free Lunch for All so successful!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,552.02
 Last Week's Offering Received \$5,871.00
 (Difference \$2,318.98)



It is not too late to submit an Estimate of Giving card and place it in the plate. Thank you very much for your support. We have 70 cards turned in so far for a total of \$112,192.00.

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