

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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January 25, 2015 9:45 A.M. Third Sunday after Epiphany

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Lamb of God* Michael Hassell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *This Is the Day* Les Garrett

† **HYMN 508** *Love Lifted Me*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather to respond to the call of God's love,

All: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

All: Love, when shared, is not divided, but multiplied.

One: Love, given away, is not diminished, but expanded.

All: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary* Sing 3 Times

Lyrics:

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Native American Flute

CHOIR ANTHEM

Majesty

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ain'-a that Good News!

Christina Shehi

Ken Mehalko, Clarinet

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 384**

Spirit Song

SCRIPTURES

Revelation 3:7-13

New Testament, p. 219

SERMON

What Does It Say and What Shall We Do?

† **HYMN 121**

How Majestic Is Your Name

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

† **POSTLUDE**

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

Serving Today

Worship Accompanist

Elena Taylor

Interim Choir Director

Ken Mehalko

Bell Choir Director

Barbara Fraunfelder

Liturgist

Pam Keenen

Greeters

Ed and Cheryl Sobek

Ushers

Laurie Meister, Gary and Kathie Paul, Linda Plain

Nursery

Sarah Hayes

January 2015

25 Sun 1 Worship Service ONLY – at 9:45 a.m.

KFC Penny Sunday

Pancake Breakfast, 10:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting of Congregation, 11:45 a.m.

February Church Newsletter Pickup

27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Men's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at European's Best Restaurant

29 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

30 Fri Prepare for Swiss Steak Dinner

31 Sat Swiss Steak Dinner

February 2015

1 Sun Communion

Installation of New Church Officers at 9:45 a.m. Service

KFC SOUPer Bowl Canned Soup Drive

Trustees Meeting, after 9:45 a.m. Service

3 Tue Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

4 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

5 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 1, 2014

Liturgist 9:45 a.m. Bruce Keenen

Greeter

Usher for 9:45 a.m.

Nursery for 9:45 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m. Lora Rung

Sharon Ritchie

Roy Merkle

Sarah Herzog

Rosemary Bechtel

Vicky Masuga

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 25, 2014

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—

*In honor of those who completed their terms of service to our church
this year and for those who continue to serve their terms
with their time and many talents
The Zielinski Family*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*For Cathy Hawk, Sarah Hayes and Rachel Zielinski
for their service on the Diaconate*

Happy Birthday today to Zinnia Fraunfelder!

After our worship service today, **all are welcome to the Pancake Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, followed by our Annual Meeting of the Congregation.** The meeting will begin at about 11:45 a.m. Reports of officers, board, and committees will be presented; and election of officers for 2015 will take place. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Annual Reports are available in the Gathering Area. Please take a copy today. Those wanting a copy mailed to them, please call the church office, (440) 238-6697.

Update on 2015 All-Family Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills – Everyone who is coming to the Retreat has paid, and all rooms are accounted for. We will not be taking any more reservations. If you want to come to the Retreat on Saturday, February 14, please let Charles Jannsohn know TODAY. Thank you.

Official Board will meet Tuesday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Luncheon will take place this **Wednesday**, January 28, at European's Best Restaurant and Bakery at 11:30 a.m. As always, all men are welcome! Please notice the change in day from Thursday to Wednesday. This change to Wednesday for Men's Luncheon is permanent.

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.

Officers elected at today's Annual Meeting will be installed next Sunday, February 1, during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

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 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.

Membership Rosters will be distributed after the Annual Meeting today.

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.

Strongsville UCC

SWISS STEAK DINNER

This Saturday – January 31, 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 for purchase after worship today.

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.

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.

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: Rhea Clements at Parkside Villa, Charles Jannsohn, Vicky Masuga, Michele Mhlack, Ann Sullen at Parkside Villa, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Bill Clements (brother of Rhea) at Parkside Villa, 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 Mhlack (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)

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