



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, January 26, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

Penny Sunday

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 "Be Still My Soul" Sibelius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

INTROIT "O Worship the King" Haydn

† CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord that I will seek after:

People: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

People: He will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

† HYMN 428 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 4: 12-17

SHARING OF 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 "Bell Amen" Traditional

BELL ANTHEM "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

† 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 4: 18-23

SERMON JUMP!

† HYMN 589 "Here I Am, Lord"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Holy, Holy, Holy" Dykes

† POSTLUDE "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 26

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 2

Sandy O'Shea	Liturgist	Judi Pavisich
Linda Plain	Greeters	Elaine Coffey
Volunteers needed	Ushers	Linda Plain
Pancake Breakfast	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Ken Mehalko	Woodwinds	

The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of Don Tomlinson's birthday. Thank you for being our gentle, kind, caring father, grandfather, and best friend to us.

The Coffey/Kapcar Family

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In honor of Lou and Joanne Gigliotti's 64th Anniversary on January 28th

With Love, The Gigliotti Family

Happy Birthday today to Roy Merkle!

The Official Board will meet Tuesday, January 28 at 7 p.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 \$2,227.75
 Difference (-\$1,245.52)

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.



Today's Penny Sunday will go toward providing assistance in recovering from the devastating Australian bushfires. (Checks to UCC)



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.

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, 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.

WELCOME BABY GIRL!

Congratulations to mom and dad, Deborah and Bill Schneider, and big sister Autumn, as they welcomed Ember Marie Schneider into the world on January 18, 2020. We are so happy for our growing church family!



Love and prayers to Corrine Jackson, who lost her brother, John Preidt, in early January.

Also, our sympathy goes out to Laurie Meister, whose sister, Phyllis, passed away suddenly last week. Please keep these

church members and their families in your prayers.

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!)





DON'T FORGET CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Sunday School families—please to report to Children's choir immediately following Sunday School classes for a brief, but fun, rehearsal with Tom Foley. **We are singing for worship next Sunday, February 2nd!**

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!**

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place **TODAY**, 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 of the church to attend the meeting, but only members are entitled to cast a vote. **Please pick up your copy of the Annual Report in the Gathering Area for the Annual Meeting today. There are only a limited number available, so please bring yours if you picked it up last week.**



THANK YOU



The family of Betty Bushea wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and expressions of love during the recent loss of our mother. She was a beautiful person and loving mother and is greatly missed!

Barb Fraunfelder, Frank Bushea, Sue Citino, Sally Bushea

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.



From Grammy Craig:

Oops! Senior moment in subtraction: Our Swiss Steak profit was \$1,538.89, which is very good for a small crowd. Thank you all!

MISSION OUTREACH

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



THE CITY MISSION
REACHING HEARTS | CHANGING LIVES

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. Finally, those who wish to come down on Saturday only—we would be happy to have you there, but we need your reservation today, and the cost is \$10 per meal. Please contact Irene Joyce or Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

Important dates to remember:

Now: **MONEY DUE if you have not yet paid**

TODAY: Special dietary needs reported

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

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, 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

Greg Dickson* Mike Clotworthy

Myron Costin Tom Gaumer Bill Giuliano*

Dale Hawk* Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozelski*

Ed Sobek* Linda Stepan* Rob Stepan*

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry* Eddy Bond* Barbara Camp*

Kristen Clotworthy* Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk

Sarah Hayes* Linda Plain* Linda Ponstingle** Nicole Stevens*

Dawn Rolland Marty Winch*

Christian Education Committee

Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore* Linda Elkins*

Suzi Foley* Sandy O'Shea* Lora Rung*

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson* Ken Mehalko*

Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel Eddy Bond** Sue Gigliotti*

Beth Giuliano Sharon Heinrich** Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte* Bobbie Krisak* Tony Koussa**

Michele Mhlack* Gary Paul* Lora Rung Bev Wehr*

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!



JANUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

26 Sun Worship 10am--Penny Sunday Annual Meeting & Pancake Brunch
28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

FEBRUARY 2019 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 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
6 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
8 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 11am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
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