

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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July 5, 2015 9:45 A.M. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Make Us One* Carol Cymbala

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Rachel Kovatich, Vocalist

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,
even when it was unwelcome.
Who will hear their message?

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† **HYMN 21** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 *Spirit Song* John Wimber

ANTHEM Rachel Kovatich, Vocalist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Joshua Konow, Vocalist

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE Mark 6:1-13 New Testament, page 35

SERMON *Go, Take Nothing* – Part 1

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.*

MUSIC during Communion *Here Is Bread, Here is Wine*
by Graham Kendrick
Jack Stephenson, Accordion/Voice Solo

† **HYMN 624** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** Rachel Kovatich, Vocalist

† **POSTLUDE** *Majesty* Jack Hayford

Worship Accompanist
Liturgist
Greeter
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Jim Studer
Roy Merkle
Dianne Maringer

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

6 *Better Is One Day*
9 *Calling All Nations*

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SONG

33 *Holy Is the Lord*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

My Life Is in You, Lord

Daniel Gardner

THE WORD OF GOD

Mark 6:1-13

New Testament, page 35

MEDITATION

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SONG

92 *You Are My All in All*

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SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor
Vocalists – Rachel Kovatich, Kyra Krause,
Toni Newborn, Elena Taylor, Clay Williams
Keyboard – Elena Taylor
Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams
Acoustic Guitar II – Julia Soltis
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 – Dale Hawk

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, Sandra Kornick at Falling Water, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village
Church Family: Denise Bell, Erhardt Bell, Nancy Cochran at Pearlview, Holly Elkins, Michele Mhlack, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Leah Tressa Forget
Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatch (mother of Bob), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

JULY 2015

- 5 Sun Communion at both worship services
- 7 Tue Mission and Outreach Meeting, 7pm
Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
- 8 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 9 Thu Tent Revival Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Sun **Outdoor Worship on Church Grounds at 9:45am**
(1 SERVICE ONLY at 9:45), followed by picnic meal and games
- 14 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
Stewardship Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 21 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 1pm
- 29 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm

Serving Next Sunday - July 12, 2015 – Outdoor Worship

Liturgist **One Service Only at 9:45 a.m.** James Nicoulin

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 5, 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.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In celebration of
George's Birthday on July 15, Joyce's Birthday on July 16, and
Granddaughter Alison's Birthday on July 17
George and Joyce Reed*

*In gratitude to Elena Taylor and Sharon Heinrich for making the
christening of Penelope and Oliver a wonderful day
The Morgan Family*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In honor of Elena Taylor for all her musical efforts at our church--
especially with the children
The Morgan Family*

Happy Birthday today to Anna Bickley!

Worship Team will meet Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Mission and Outreach will meet Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are invited to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our own Pilgrim Hall.

Greeters and Ushers are really needed on Sunday mornings! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you.

You are cordially invited to a **Retirement Celebration for Jack Stephenson on Saturday, July 11, 2015**, at his and Pastor Becky's home, 2214 Substation Road in Medina. Festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. with fishing, swimming, hot tubbing and games; hors d'oeuvres at 5:00; dinner at 6:00; and then dancing. The Strongsville City Jazz Band will perform at 5:00 p.m., followed by Spaß! (Erhardt Bell's German band) at 7:00 p.m. Dress is casual; bring your swim suit! All are welcome!

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190
Offering Received 6/28 Traditional \$1,757 Contemporary \$291 2,048
Difference (\$1,142)

Our church will host a **Tent Revival** from Monday, August 17, through Friday, August 21, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Pastor Becky is contacting other Strongsville churches, their clergy, and choirs to encourage their participation for one evening during the week. Mark these dates on your calendar now and plan to be a part of this fun celebration with inspiring sermons and music! The week will conclude on **Saturday, August 22, with our annual Family Fun Day**, with free activities and food for the kids, families and everyone! **To help, please come to a Tent Revival planning meeting on Thursday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m.; contact Pastor Becky; or call the church office at 440-238-6697.**

Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic will be held next Sunday, July 12. **ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held that day—at **9:45 A.M.** Please bring a main dish and either a side dish, salad, or dessert to share for the potluck picnic lunch. Also, if you could, please bring lawn chairs for the outdoor worship service. After lunch, we will play picnic games. Thank you.

Our church flowers are thriving, but help is needed. Kathie Paul and Melinda Slavik are expanding their landscape talents. To help, please call Melinda at (440) 783-1148. They are now meeting at the church on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, or you can help anytime you are available. Thank you.

Strongsville Food Bank – Donations are down. Canned fruit is especially needed right now. Your support is appreciated.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We want to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want new recipes you currently love! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch or Dianne Maringer; or place the envelope under the church office door. Thank you for sharing your recipes.

Gordon Food Service – A reminder that GFS gives the church a rebate on purchases. When you check out, just tell them you are from Strongsville UCC. Also, they now have partnered with Market Days and have a section for those items. Remember, you can purchase gift cards at church, and the gift card program helps the Organ Restoration Fund.

Mission and Outreach Committee HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS

The Mission and Outreach Committee of our church is partnering with Church Street Ministries to help homeless veterans get back on their feet. Currently, the VA finds housing for these veterans, connects them with CSM, who assists by providing them with furniture and household goods through their used furniture store in Berea. So much more can be done to help these veterans who served our country. Last year CSM helped 31 vets and so far this year has helped 33 proving the need is great. CSM is looking to partner with local churches to help with this project. Since these veterans are not eligible to receive funding for furniture and do not have the finances to purchase furniture, they need a donation. But with a donation they take what is donated and are not able to pick out their own furniture. This is where the partnership with our church can help. As part of our Mission and Outreach program, our goal is to raise \$500 by July 30 to sponsor one of these veterans. These funds would be used by the veteran to purchase furniture from the CSM furniture store. The program has several positives:

- * It builds relationships between CSM, our church, and the veterans.
- * The veterans feel cared about and appreciated.
- * It allows the veterans to pick out their own furniture thereby empowering them.

The Mission and Outreach Committee would be grateful for the support of the Congregation with this project. Donations can be given in the pew envelope (*please write "Mission Fund-Vet Program" on the pew envelope and your check*). For questions or more details on how the program works, contact Jim Nicoulin or Claudia Bader.

Join Us for a **BABY SHOWER**

for

Denise and Erhardt Bell

Sunday – July 19, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

2214 Substation Road in Medina (the parsonage)
(Southwest corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads)

Everyone is welcome—including guys and children!!

Remember to bring swim suits for the pool and hot tub!

Denise and Erhardt are registered at Babies R Us.

