

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)**

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**March 1, 2015 9:45 A.M. Second Sunday in Lent**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *In the Hour of Trial* James Denton

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLAYLET** *On the Road with Jesus* Second Sunday in Lent

† **HYMN 654** *Change My Heart, Oh God*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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"And I shall make my covenant between me and you."

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**All: Quite openly, we've stayed away.**

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**We are here to open ourselves  
to our In-between God.**

**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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** *God Cares for Me* Robert Powell

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Lamb of God*

Twila Paris

Ken Mehalko, Saxophone

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURES**

Mark 9:2-9

New Testament, p. 38

**SERMON**

*Robes of White*

**ANTHEM**

*Always Remember*

Gregg Sewell

**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

*Bread of the World*

Todd Kendall

† **HYMN 653**

*Whiter than Snow*

**Verses 1 and 4**

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

*Hold Us Ever in Your Keeping*

† **POSTLUDE**

*Allegretto* from *Symphony No. 7*

Beethoven

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

**SERVING TODAY**

Worship Accompanist

Elena Taylor

Interim Choir Director

Ken Mehalko

Bell Choir Director

Barbara Fraunfelder

Liturgist

Tom Gaumer

Greeter

Linda Plain

Coffee Hour

Ginny Oerkfitz

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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### SONGS

8 *Breathe*  
56 *Majesty*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYLET *On the Road with Jesus* Second Sunday in Lent

### SONG

16 *Days of Elijah*

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### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

*Sanctuary*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

### OFFERING

*Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Mark 9:2-9

New Testament, p. 38

### MEDITATION

*Robes of White*

### SONG

12 *Change My Heart, O God*

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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** – Lora Rung

**Graphics Operation** – Rosemary Bechtel

**March 2015**

- 1 Sun Communion at both worship services  
Trustees Meeting, after the 9:45 a.m. service  
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
- 2 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
- 3 Tue Mission and Outreach Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- 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.
- 6 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.  
Farewell Party at the Parsonage for Ha and Dick Bennett
- 8 Sun Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
- 9 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
- 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 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting at church, 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 15 Sun One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale, during Coffee Hour  
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
- 17 Tue Advertising 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 KFC CROP Walk skits and demonstrations, during Coffee Hour  
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale, during Coffee Hour  
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
- 26 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 29 Sun Palm Sunday – Communion at both worship services  
Reception of New Members  
Penny Sunday  
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall

**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 to 8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 1, 2015**

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Tom Gaumer	11:15 a.m. Lora Rung
Greeter		Linda Plain
Ushers for 9:45 a.m.		Needed
Coffee Hour		Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 1, 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—

*In Honor of Betty Bushea  
Barb Fraunfelder*

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Mikey Craig Tomorrow  
With love, Grammy*

**Lenten Study** – Pastor Becky continues to lead a Lenten study on the book, Renegade Gospel, by Mike Slaughter on the Sundays during Lent 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. For the meal, the main course will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Thank you.

**Trustees** will meet this morning after the 9:45 a.m. service.

**Women's Fellowship Candy Making:**

Monday – March 2 – 9:00 a.m.     Friday – March 6 – 9:00 a.m.  
Monday – March 9 – 9:00 a.m.     Friday – March 13 – 9:00 a.m.  
*All are invited to join in the fun – men, as well as women!*

**Mission and Outreach Committee** will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.

**Worship Team** will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**We will bid farewell to Ha and Dick Bennett** this Friday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson. If you wish to provide food for the party, please talk with Pastor Becky. All are welcome.

**Vehicle Needed** – Our Mission and Outreach Committee has adopted two families, who were recommended by Kelly Kling, the Strongsville Food Bank administrator. One family needs a vehicle. The father is using

a loaned vehicle to get to work, but he had to return it at the end of February. If you have an old car or van that you are thinking of donating to a charity, you can donate your vehicle through our church. Our church will provide a tax donation receipt to the donor. For more information, please contact Judy Carte, Mission and Outreach Committee liaison for the adopted families, or Kenn Oerkfitz, Church Treasurer.

**Our congratulations to Rachel and Gary Zielinski** on the birth of their twins, **Penelope Kate and Oliver Richard**, on Tuesday, February 24!!

**Penny Sunday** – The KFC Club and the kids of the congregation would like to thank you for your participation in Penny Sunday! In January and February, we raised \$102.37 for the Strongsville Food Bank. (This still doesn't count the HUGE glass jar of pennies that we're half-way through; we've counted \$25 in pennies from that so far!) Our next Penny Sunday will take place on MARCH 29. Keep saving that change!

**CROP WALK on Saturday, April 25** – On Sunday, March 22, be sure to stick around for or come early to Coffee Hour! The KFC Club (and helpers) will be performing short skits and putting on a demonstration to teach about Crop Walk and why we "Walk Because They Walk". Our fund-raising goal for the walk is \$1,000. Sponsored by Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest hunger-fighting fundraising event in the U.S. It involves more than 1,600 communities each year – a mix of faiths, community groups, individuals and schools. Around 25 percent of the money raised fights hunger in each of those communities, with the remainder supporting the life-saving work of CWS – helping people around the world have enough food to eat and clean water to drink – and allowing children to have the best start at life possible. **Sign up to be a walker or donate on our Team Page:** <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/UCCCongregational>. **There is also a sign up in the Gathering Area.**

*Diaconate Sponsored Fundraiser*

## WING NITE

**Friday – May 1, 2015 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at  
Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill  
1165 Pearl Road  
Brunswick, Ohio**

**\$20.00 per person** includes wings, penne pasta with marinara sauce, garden salad, hot dogs, pop, draft beer. Cash bar also available.

Additional fun events for the evening:

Chinese Auction, Side Boards / 50/50, Heads / Tails game

Tickets for this event will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings from Diaconate members. Anyone willing to provide theme baskets/gifts for the auction, please sign up on the board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you!



**Coffee Hour Fund** – Thank you to all who contribute to the Coffee Hour Fund. Besides Coffee Hour, these contributions will now also provide supplies for the Wednesday Free Lunch program. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Thrift Shop** – Due to the water in the church basement on February 9, please hold your donations until The Thrift Shop is cleaned and organized. Thank you.

**Healthcare** – I was asked to introduce myself, Beth Ann Beck with Health Markets. I have been a resident of Strongsville for over 15 years, and I am an agent here locally. I specialize in major healthcare and complete benefit packages based on your needs and budget. I can answer questions you might have in regards to the Affordable Care Act and how it affects you. If you were not aware, the government just created another special enrollment period – so it's not too late to get coverage. If you have questions or concerns please call me [440-212-0831](tel:440-212-0831). I can help.

## 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:** Betty Bushea, Rhea Clements, Charles Jannsohn, Jim Joyce, Karen Morgan, Melinda Slavik, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget \*

**Extended Church Family:** Ryan Brubeck, Marie Bury, Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Godaughter 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), Shirley Wilson (mother of Sue Hawk), 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.*

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Offering Received 2/22: Traditional \$1,904    Offering Needed \$3,190  
Contemporary \$257    2,161  
Difference (\$1,029)