

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS 13 *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*
60 *O Magnify the Lord*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who love the Lord,

People: and let our souls rejoice.

Leader: Let us worship Him

People: and sing His holy praise.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG 57 *Make Us One, Lord*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING *I Am Crucified with Christ*

† **BRING GIFTS FORWARD** 86 *We Are An Offering*

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:14-23, 27-28 New Testament, p. 63

MEDITATION *Choose a Side*

CLOSING SONGS

77 *The Gift of Love*
37 *How Majestic Is Your Name*
28 *He is Jehovah*

† BENEDICTION

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

Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

Our Vision . . .

A world filled with God's love, where all are welcome at God's table.

Our Mission Statement . . .

Wherever you are on life's journey, the Strongsville United Church of Christ (Congregational) welcomes all to become passionate followers of Christ through Unconditional Love with Justice and Peace † Meaningful Prayer † The Celebration of Worship † Uplifting Music † Mutual Support † Joy of Service † Honoring Creation † the Giving Spirit, where all are welcome at God's table.

Serving Today

Music Director / Drummer	Andrew Purdum
Organist / Pianist	Susan Stevenson Tressa
Bass Guitarist	Jack Stephenson
Guitarist	Sean Patrick
Song Leader	Kyra Krause
Liturgist	Barb Fraunfelder
Graphics Operation	Vicky Masuga
Coffee Hour	Beth Giuliano

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March 16, 2014 11:00 A.M. Second Sunday of Lent

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PRELUDE

INTROIT

Lord, Be with Us

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who love the Lord,

People: and let our souls rejoice.

Leader: Let us worship Him

People: and sing His holy praise.

† HYMN 214

He Has Made Me Glad

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM

Take Up Your Cross

Larson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*If you are seated in the alcove and would prefer sitting in the sanctuary,
please feel free to move to the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon.*

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY (No. 815)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 654

Change My Heart, O God

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:14-23, 27-28

New Testament, p. 63

SERMON

Choose a Side

† HYMN 605

Living for Jesus

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

† POSTLUDE

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Director of Music

Andrew Purdum

Organist / Pianist

Susan Stevenson Tressa

Substitute Organist / Pianist

Sharon Heinrich

Liturgist

Barb Fraunfelder

Greeters

The Bickley Family

Nursery

Sarah Hayes

Coffee Hour

Beth Giuliano

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 130

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

Many: **We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

One: Come together and wait for God.

Many: **We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

One: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

Many: **We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

One: Come, worship the Lord.

Many: **We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

OPENING SONGS Hymn 431 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
 Hymn 391 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG Hymn 655 *Sanctuary* (Sing 3 times.)

COUNT AND AMOUNT * *Totals will be placed here each week.*
 Red Team - 15 White Team - 15

JOYS AND CONCERNS / PRAYER

OFFERING

BRING GIFTS FORWARD Song 88 *We Bring the Sacrifice*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-35

SONG Hymn 583 *You Are My All In All*

PLAYLET *Giving All You've Got*

MEDITATION

CLOSING SONG Song 84 *Trading My Sorrows*

BENEDICTION

Hymns are from *The Celebration Hymnal*.

Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

* HOW POINTS ARE AWARDED

Each Team Member - 1 point for attendance each week

Visitor - 2 points (A visitor becomes a team member after 2 visits.)

Each Person in a Play - 2 points

Volunteer Worship Leader 2 points

Best Banner - 15 points

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 16, 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 by Barbara and Joe Craig with Joyce Reed in thought and prayer during her recovery.

Thank you to all who supported yesterday's Roast Pork Dinner in any way!

The April Church Newsletter deadline is today. You may place articles under the church office door. Thank you.

Sunday Evening Lenten Services and Meals continue today. The potluck meal will be served at 6:00 p.m., with casual worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share for the potluck. The main course each Lenten Sunday evening will be:

March 16 – Barbecued Pork

March 23 – Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes

March 30 – Spaghetti **April 6** – Ham **April 13** – Chicken and Biscuits

Pastor Becky is leading two Lenten Studies on Mondays:

12:00 noon – "Peter and Paul" and 7:00 p.m. – "Jesus and the Movies."

More information is on the greeters' table in the Gathering Area.

Worship Team meets Wednesday, March 19, at 9:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CANDY SCHEDULE

Make Candy at 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday – March 19 Friday – March 21

Monday – March 24 Wednesday – March 26

Package Candy at 10:30 A.M.

Friday – March 28

Sell Candy during Coffee Hour

Sunday – March 30 Sunday – April 6

All ladies are welcome to join the fun!

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed toward the Eliminate Project. Your generosity raised \$140 for this worthy cause.

Greeters and ushers are needed for 11:00 a.m. worship. Please help if you are available. The signup sheets are now on the Gathering Area bulletin board. (The 9:00 a.m. service is casual and has no sign-up.)

Confirmation Class & Youth Group SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER Saturday - March 29, 2014

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

Reservations: (440) 238-8192 Walk-Ins Welcome

Adults - \$9 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 years - Free

The Confirmation Class and Youth Group are holding this dinner to help cover expenses for their **trip to Washington D.C. in April**. Some of the sites the group is planning to visit are the Washington National Cathedral, Franciscan Monastery, Arlington National Cemetery, and Hood College. Please help support our Youth by attending the dinner or purchasing carry-out dinners. Donations are also appreciated and may be given to Sally Herzog or placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Washington D.C. Trip". Thank you for your support.

The annual **Neighbors in Need offering** will be received on Sunday, March 30, but donations will be accepted throughout the month. OGHS envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you for your support.

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: Bill Betz at Chapel Hill Community in Canal Fulton, Edith Graves at Century Oak Care Center, Betty Kovach at Emeritus at Brookside Estates (15435 Bagley Road), Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Betty Babics, Holly Elkins, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Margot James, Rachel Kovatich, Dolores Matchett, Barbara Morgan, Joyce Reed, Susan Tressa

Extended Church Family: June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Megan Craig (granddaughter of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig), Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodwards), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

Thanks to your generosity, The Thrift Shop is now overstocked!
If possible, please hold your donations until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

Do you remember the "50's" with Elvis Presley and poodle skirts, Lawrence Welk, the Beatles, the Beach Boys and great hits such as *Moon River* and *Over the Rainbow*? If so, you will not want to miss **Glitz XIII – Moments to Remember**. The show will be performed at Strongsville Senior High School on March 28, 29 at 7:30 p.m. and March 30 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Seniors and Students. This high-energy production features adults over 55 including UCC members **Beverly Wehr, Ken Oerkfitz and Jack Stephenson**. The show is directed by **Ken Mehalko**. Sound Engineer is **Jim Heinrich**. Hope you can make it! Tickets can be purchased at the front desk of the Senior Center or at the door.

March 2014

- 16 Sun Newsletter Deadline
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 17 Mon Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.
- 19 Wed Worship Team, 9 a.m.
Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
- 20 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
- 21 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
- 23 Sun Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2 p.m.
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 24 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.
- 25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Wed Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
- 27 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
- 28 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Packaging, 10:30 a.m.
- 29 Sat Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
- 30 Sun One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale during coffee hour
Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 31 Mon Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Serving Next Sunday – March 23, 2014

Liturgist	9:00 a.m. Lora Rung	11:00 a.m. Jim Studer
Graphics Operation for 9:00 a.m. worship		Vicky Masgua
Greeters	Claudia Bader and Jim Nicoulin	
Nursery		Sarah Herzog
Coffee Hour		Ginny Oerkfitz
Ushers		Volunteers Needed



Orders are now being accepted. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or church office with your cash or check payment by the deadline of **Sunday, April 6, 2014**. The cost is **\$7.00**.

Wording for bulletin: _____

Given by: _____

Total number of plants: _____

- ☐ I will take my plant(s). ☐ I will leave my plant(s) for someone who needs some cheer.

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and place your order (with payment) in the church office, or mail it to:

The United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, OH 44136



Thank you for placing a lily on the altar on Easter Sunday morning.

Additional lily order forms **and envelopes** are available on the rectangular table in the Gathering Area at the church.

For Church Records

2014 Easter Lily

Total number of plants: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Offering envelope number: _____ Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

*Order deadline is **Sunday, April 6, 2014**.*