

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

68 *Seekers of Your Heart*

72 *Sing for Joy*

66 *Rise Up and Praise Him*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Where are you?

People: We are hiding from you.

Leader: Come and show yourselves that your sins can be seen in the light.

People: In the light our sins can be forgiven and we will worship the Lord.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

57 *Make Us One, Lord*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Trading My Sorrow

† BRING GIFTS FORWARD

86 *We Are An Offering*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 2

MEDITATION

Out of the Garden

CLOSING SONGS

49 *Lamb of God*

71 *Shout to the Lord*

† 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

Substitute Organist / Pianist

Jaelyn Ford

Bass Guitarist

Jack Stephenson

Guitarist

Sean Patrick

Song Leaders

Sandy O'Shea and Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Dale Hawk

Graphics Operation

Barb Fraunfelder

Coffee Hour

Bev Wehr

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11:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE

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Lord, Be with Us

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Leader: Come and show yourselves that your sins can be seen in the light.

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† HYMN 210

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

He Is a Lamb

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 219 *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 2

SERMON

Out of the Garden

† HYMN 692

God Will Take Care of You

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

† POSTLUDE

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Jaclyn Ford

Liturgist

Lynne McCray

Greeter

Ray Suttle

Nursery

Beth Giuliano

Coffee Hour

Bev Wehr

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 9, 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 all volunteers who give of their time and talents to our church.

To prepare for Easter, everyone is invited to plant seeds today in Pilgrim Hall during coffee hour and after 11:00 a.m. worship

Trustees will meet this morning after 11:00 a.m. worship.

Evening Lenten Services and Meals begin 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 week will be:

March 9 – Stew **March 16** – Barbecued Pork

March 23 – Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes

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

Mom's Group will meet tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All moms are welcome!

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Mission and Outreach Committee will meet Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

The family of Dolores Matchett invites you to help celebrate her 90th birthday today. Please stop by our home between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. for an Open House Buffet to wish her well and celebrate her life! Our address is 2455 Boxberry Lane in Broadview Heights.

Strongsville UCC

ROAST PORK, KIELBASA & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Saturday – March 15, 2014 Seatings at 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations Only: (440) 238-8192

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

Help is needed. The signup 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 7:15 p.m. Children who are 6 to 10 years old must have a parent helping them. Adult help is needed. If you will be donating bakery or helping, please sign up because we cannot assume your participation. Tickets are available for purchase in Pilgrim Hall today.

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.

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, Pat Jefferis, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, 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)

April Newsletter deadline is next Sunday, March 16.

Thanks to your generosity, The Thrift Shop is now overstocked!

If possible, please hold your donations until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation. Also, when you do provide donations, please label them "Thrift Shop" to avoid confusion. Thank you!

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

From the Mission and Outreach Committee – Clay Williams has brought to our attention "The Eliminate Project". Kiwanis is partnering with UNICEF to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus, a highly preventable disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. Our committee is making a donation to this worthy cause and encourages members of our congregation, who are interested in helping, to make a donation. Donations can be made with a check payable to the "Kiwanis International Foundation" and writing "The Eliminate Project" on the memo line. The check can be inserted in a plain envelope or a pew envelope marked "The Eliminate Project" and placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US \$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Kiwanis and UNICEF joined forces to tackle iodine deficiency disorders, achieving one of the most significant public health successes of the 20th century. Now, they are eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth. And in doing so, the project will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families.

March 2014

- 9 Sun Trustees Meeting, after 11 a.m. worship
Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 10 Mon Moms Group Meeting, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.
- 11 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12 Wed Mission and Outreach Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
- 14 Fri Prepare for Roast Pork Dinner in Pilgrim Hall, 9 a.m.
- 15 Sat Roast Pork Dinner
- 16 Sun Newsletter Deadline
Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
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 16, 2014

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| Liturgist | Barb Fraunfelder |
| Graphics Operation for 9:00 a.m. worship | Sharon Heinrich |
| Greeters | The Bickley Family |
| Nursery | Sarah Hayes |
| Coffee Hour | Beth Giuliano |
| Ushers | Volunteers Needed |

LENTEN



STUDY GROUP

“PETER AND PAUL”

*Monday Afternoons – 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor
Beginning March 10, 2014*

During Lent, Adult Education will offer a six-week film series, based on the TV mini-series, “Peter and Paul”. The film follows the two leaders, together and separately, over a period of three decades as they travel to spread the word of Christ. This award-winning film, made in 1981, stars Anthony Hopkins as Peter and includes many well-known actors from that period.

This study will be offered on Mondays, starting March 10 and ending April 14. **Bring your own sandwich, and a soup will be provided.** The film will be shown on a screen in the Parlor using our projector.

For soup planning, a sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area, see Pastor Becky, or call the church office. Please indicate if you are bringing a friend or neighbor. If you did not get a chance to sign up, come anyways! All are welcome.

Information about the “Jesus and the Movies” Lenten Study is on the reverse side.

JESUS AND THE MOVIES LENTEN STUDY

Monday Evenings – 7:00 p.m. – Beginning March 10, 2014

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to examine the ways in which Jesus has been portrayed in modern movies in comparison to the accounts in the Bible.

Process: The class will view a movie each week for the first two weeks. On the third week the class will discuss the two movies. This will happen again for the last three weeks. Dessert and coffee will be available, and childcare will be provided.

Special: In addition to the four movies that will be shown at the church, the class is invited to join Pastor Becky for a trip to the movie theater to see “**Son of God**” and “**Noah**”, followed by dessert and discussion at her home.

Section I – Musicals

*Sessions held at 7:00 p.m. at the church
with childcare, coffee and dessert available*

Monday, **March 10** – view “**Jesus Christ Superstar**”

Monday, **March 17** – view “**Godspell**”

Monday, **March 24** – discuss “**Jesus Christ Superstar**” and “**Godspell**”

Section II – Drama

*Sessions held at 7:00 p.m. at the church
with childcare, coffee and dessert available*

Monday, **March 31** – view “**The Last Temptation of Christ**”

Monday, **April 7** – view “**The Passion of the Christ**”

Monday, **April 14** – discuss “**The Last Temptation of Christ**” and “**The Passion of the Christ**”

Special Trips to the Movies

*at Movies Regal Medina Stadium 16, 200 West Reagan Parkway in
Medina – times to be determined*

Saturday, **March 22** – view “**Son of God**”, followed by dessert and discussion at Pastor Becky’s home

Saturday, **April 12** – view “**Noah**”, followed by dessert and discussion at Pastor Becky’s home

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