

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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May 15, 2016 9:45 A.M. Pentecost Sunday

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE "Theme from Sonata 12" Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL INTROIT "Jacob's Ladder" arr. Janet Van Valey and Susan Berry

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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Many: Sounds like the wind.

One: No. It's the Holy Spirit.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, and give us courage.

One: Look! Tongues of fire resting on everyone.

Many: We are no longer afraid.

One: Let us stand with faith and courage.

**All: Let us all tell the whole world that Jesus is risen!
Jesus is Lord!**

† **HYMN 384** "Spirit Song"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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

BELL ANTHEM "Your Grace is Enough" Matt Maher, arr. Peggy Bettcher

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Paul Manz

† **DOXOLOGY No. 166** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 395** "Descend, Holy Spirit"

SCRIPTURES Acts 2:1-4 New Testament, p. 103

SERMON "The Cowardly Lion"

† **HYMN 390** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BELL RESPONSE** "Open Our Eyes" Bob Cull, arr. Peggy Bettcher

† **POSTLUDE** "The Heavens Are Telling" Beethoven

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life's journey, you are welcome here.

THE BELL CHOIR

2015-2016 Worship Season

Ingrid Dickson Barbara Fraunfelder, Director
Sharon Heinrich * Sarah Herzog Charles Jannsohn *
Irene Jannsohn Evan Joyce * Irene Joyce Lori Kovatich
Karen Morgan Jack Stephenson Elena Taylor *
Rob Toth Claire Wills

* Substitutes

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 15, 2016

11:15 A.M.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE *"Glorify Thy Name"* Donna Adkins
The congregation is welcome to join in singing.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 2 times.

INTROIT *"Thy Word"* Michael W. Smith
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† OPENING SONG *"He Is Exalted"*

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OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Blues in A"* arr. Herbie Parker

† **DOXOLOGY** *"We Are an Offering"*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Acts 2:1-4 New Testament, p. 103

MEDITATION *"The Cowardly Lion"*

† **CLOSING SONG** *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *"A Benediction"* Tune of *"Edelweiss"*
 Gary Hackett, Soloist

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SERVING TODAY

Kelly Bickley – Flute
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Kyra Krause – Vocalist
Ken Mehalko – Clarinet, Saxophone
Toni Newborn – Vocalist
Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar
Emily Phan – Clarinet, Vocalist
Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Vocalist
Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Keyboard, Vocalist
Doug Thorn – Technical Setup and Operation, Sound System
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Vocalist
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola



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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, (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Madison Bell, Betty Bushea, Betty Craig at Southwest General, Richie McKenzie, Harvey Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Keith Sullen, Elena Taylor, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Nancy Borchert (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Pam DePierna (friend of Betty Kircher), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O'Boyle), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Phillis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Luther (acquaintance of The Thrift Shop), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mihlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trish Shields at O'Neill Healthcare, Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan) at Southern Hills, Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

"The Mystery of The Shroud of Turin" – St. Joseph Church is hosting a presentation by David M. Onysko on Tuesday, May 24, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend this free event. A freewill offering will be taken. No registration is required.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 22, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Lora Rung	11:15 Lora Rung
Morning Announcements		Denise Bell
Greeters		The Bickley Family
Ushers		Ted and Kelly Bickley
Coffee Hour		Cathy Hawk
Graphics Operation		Vicky Masuga

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 15, 2016

Welcome, visitors! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

The altar flowers are given—

Happy Birthday, Gina!
With love, Mom and Dad

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to the family of Erla Mae Schultz on the occasion of her passing on Monday, May 9, 2016, in Medina. Erla Mae's funeral took place yesterday at Baker Funeral Home in Berea. Thirty-five years ago, Erla Mae Schultz and her friend, Nadine Burnand, founded our church's Thrift Shop.

We welcome back Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson from their one-week vacation!

The **Strengthen the Church** offering will be received today. The bulletin insert has information about the program. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday Meetings: Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm

Wing Nite on May 6 – The Diaconate thanks everyone who furnished baskets, bought tickets to the event, bought raffle tickets, and played the sideboard games. The event raised \$2,183.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 5/8/2016	<u>10,428</u>
Difference	\$6,528

SERVING TODAY

Bell Choir Director		Barb Fraunfelder
Chancel Choir Director		Joshua Konow
Worship Accompanist		Elena Taylor
Substitute Worship Accompanist		Sharon Heinrich
Technical Setup and Operation		Doug Thorn
Sound System	9:45 Jim Heinrich	11:15 Doug Thorn
Liturgist	9:45 Gina Gigliotti	11:15 Dale Hawk
Morning Announcements		Natalie Daniels
Greeters		Gina Cathcart and Dorothy Ritchie
Coffee Hour		Sharon Heinrich and Gina Cathcart
Graphics Operation		Adria Bond

Today is the deadline for the June Church Newsletter. Please place your article(s) in the church office. Thank you.

Next Sunday, May 22, we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of our Thrift Shop during 9:45 worship, and a reception with refreshments will follow in Pilgrim Hall. All are welcome!

Ladies' Restroom in Gathering Area – To accommodate a wheelchair for now, the partition in the ladies' restroom was removed. A latch was put on the door, and the restroom is now a "family" restroom. We plan to have the restroom renovated soon to ADA standards for accessible design.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new cookbook! **Please return your recipe(s) by July 15** either in the basket in the Gathering Area, or use the envelope provided with your letter to mail your recipe. Please do not wait until last minute. **Multiple recipes from each family are most welcome!** Thank you in advance for your recipe(s)!

Pictorial Directory – We have begun taking pictures of families and church events for a Pictorial Directory. To schedule your photo time, please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513. We will make some day and evening times available.

Spring into Fitness is a FREE health and fitness program for ALL levels that runs to May 23. The weekly program is at 7:00 p.m. Mondays at the church. Come to all events or just to what fits your schedule. Please join on our Facebook Group to stay motivated and keep current on all events. There is no minimum or maximum level of involvement. Join at: [facebook.com/groups/SpringIntoFitnessProgram/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SpringIntoFitnessProgram/)
Classes are 35-50 minutes in length. For more information, please contact Kelly Bickley, Team Beachbody Coach – phone and text (330) 461-4624 or email mindbodysoulmama@beachbodycoach.com

Southwest Community Chorus will present its 2016 Spring concert, "Moments of Remembrance," TODAY at 3:00 p.m. in the Berea Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. The chorus is directed by Tom Foley and accompanied by Carol Konet. UCC singers include Pam Keenen, Bruce Keenen, Jack Stephenson, Gary Hackett and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Children 12 and under are free, and adult tickets are \$10. Tickets are available from chorus members or at the door today. Please plan to attend. We love seeing church members in the audience.

Today is the Strongsville Community Band's Spring Concert, "Music For Sailors, Pirates and Swashbucklers", at 3:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Senior Center. All are welcome! We promise you will not get seasick.

Calling All Women! The fourth annual **Women's Retreat** will be held Friday, August 12, 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 14, at 2:00 p.m. All women are encouraged to enjoy a weekend of fellowship! Please contact Cathy Hawk or Lori Kovatich with questions. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall.

Women's Fellowship Spring Project is to fill about 60 tote bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11" x 12". Donations of items or monetary donations, so we may purchase items, would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office. Collection is now until Sunday, June 5. Collection boxes and a list of items needed are under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target. **Please do not provide family-size items.**

MAY 2016

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| 15 Sun | Methodist Confirmation Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, 7:15-10am
Bell Choir Recognition during 9:45 worship
Newsletter Deadline |
| 16 Mon | Spring into Fitness, 7pm |
| 17 Tue | Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm |
| 18 Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm |
| 21 Sat | Strategic Planning Meeting, 9am to 3pm in Pilgrim Hall with Healthy Potluck Lunch at 12noon
Spring into Fitness Healthy Potluck, 5pm at Kelly's Home |
| 22 Sun | Recognition of The Thrift Shop's 35 th Anniversary in 9:45 worship, with reception following in Pilgrim Hall |
| 23 Mon | Spring into Fitness, 7pm – Final Session |
| 24 Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 25 Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am |
| 30 Mon | Memorial Day |

**Strategic Planning Meeting – This Saturday, May 21, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall**

Everyone is encouraged to come and participate.
Please bring healthy food to share for the Potluck Lunch at noon.