

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor Church (440) 238-6697

Website strongsvilleucc.com Email strongsvilleucc@gmail.com

May 17, 2015 9:45 A.M. Seventh Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Sarabanda in G Minor Largo* Domenico Zipoli

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *We Have Come to Worship the Lord* Yannerella

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Good morning, friends and neighbors! Of all the places you could be on a Sunday morning, why are you here?

All: We come seeking the blessing of the Risen One in community.

One: We come to celebrate the presence of the One who knows our hearts and guides our choices.

All: We come to witness to the Risen One at work in our community.

One: The Risen One at work in us, offering us eternal life:

All: Opening our minds to God's justice, our hearts to God's mercy, our world to the place where God is all in all.

One: Eternal life starting here, starting now:

All: let us celebrate.

† **HYMN 36** *He Is Exalted* **Sing Twice**

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 *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte

ANTHEM *My Lord, What a Mornin'* Traditional Spiritual arr. Howard Helvey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lora Rung
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 OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Aria* J. S. Bach
*** DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)
*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 358** *Because He Lives*

SCRIPTURE Exodus 8:8-13 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 51

SERMON *One More Night with the Frogs* Rev. Mendle Adams

† **HYMN 235** *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *May the Lord Go with You* Don Besig

† **POSTLUDE** *Allemande in A Minor HWV 478* G. F. Handel

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

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist
Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Liturgist
Greeter
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Pam Keenen
Beth Giuliano
Bev Wehr

MAY 2015

- 17 Sun Methodist Confirmation Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, 7:45-10am
Sunday School Ice Cream Party, after 9:45 worship
- 19 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Sun Pentecost / Strengthen the Church Offering
Deadline for submitting Sunday School scholarship applications
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, **7pm – Notice ½ hour earlier time!**
- 27 Wed Men’s Luncheon at European’s Best Restaurant, 11:30am

Strengthen the Church offering will be received next Sunday, May 24. Information and an offering envelope are enclosed in today’s bulletin.

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: Erhardt Bell, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Ann Sullen, 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 Hagemeier (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), 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)

* **Leah’s Forget’s address:** 1604 Brentwood Street
Middletown, OH 44054

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 24, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Jim Studer	11:15 a.m. Michele Mihlack
Greeters		Tom and Judy Gaumer
Ushers		Needed
Coffee Hour		Ginny Basenback

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 17, 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—

Honoring May Birthdays
Lloyd and Barbara Bridle

In Honor of All the 2015 Graduates
The Gigliotti Family

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday on May 22 to Ryan Craig and to Tracey Hill
With love, Grammy

Congratulations to Granddaughter Kyra Masuga on Receiving Her Masters in Education from the University of South Carolina on May 15, 2015 – Good Luck – Love Ya
Love, Banny

Special thanks to Elena Taylor
for so capably directing the Chancel Choir for three Sundays!

Happy Birthday today to Cathy Hawk!

Today we welcome back Rev. Mendle Adams and fiancée Charlene Higginbotham, and we thank Rev. Adams for leading worship while Pastor Becky and Jack are on vacation.

Strongsville United Methodist Church is using Pilgrim Hall this morning from 7:45 to 10:00 a.m. for their Confirmation Breakfast.

Sunday School invites you to an Ice Cream Party after 9:45 a.m. worship today. All are welcome!

Golf – All those interested in the Strongsville Golf League will **meet today after the 9:45 a.m. service.**

Advertising Team will meet Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 5/10: Traditional	\$2,082
Contemporary	\$160,242
Difference	(\$948)

Thank you to all who planted flowers yesterday on the church grounds.

Thanks also to all who supported the KFC Club / Mission Outreach Car Wash yesterday.

Recycling – We now have recycling containers in our church kitchen. Please use them for recycling glass, cans, plastic, paper and cardboard. Also, please keep these containers **in the kitchen so they are visible for all to use**. Thank you for recycling!

The Strongsville Community Band and the North Royalton Community Band will both appear in concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the Ehrnfelt Senior Center. All are welcome. Admission is free.

The Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus will present their **Spring Concert tomorrow**—Monday, May 18, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at University School Shaker Campus, 20701 Brantley Road, in Shaker Heights. Our member, Rachel Kovatich, is in the Children's Chorus. The concert is free and open to the public.

Frances Millward, Minister of Outreach for Church Street Ministries, is retiring on June 1, 2015. To celebrate her commitment to helping people, a retirement party is planned for Sunday, May 31, at the Berea/Midpark High School cafeteria, 165 East Bagley Road in Berea. Information about tickets and supporting Church Street Ministries is posted on the board in Pilgrim Hall.

Tote Bags – 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 any of the items listed below 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 will be now until Sunday, June 14. **The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN FAMILY SIZE ITEMS.**

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
body lotion	decks of cards
deodorant	activity books
tooth brushes	coloring books
toothpaste (small tubes)	small stuffed toys (<i>no bigger than 8"</i>)
wash cloths	blowing bubbles (small <i>bottles</i>)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 count)	

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

Garage Sale / Bake Sale on June 13 – We are now accepting items (no hazardous materials or liquids) beginning today. The Pricing Party will take place following worship on Sunday, June 7; and pizza will be provided. Folks are invited to help price items each evening that week from around 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Donations of baked goods for the Sunday School can be delivered on Friday, June 12, or the morning of the Garage Sale before 9:00 a.m. Also – the Thrift Shop will be open on the day of the Garage Sale.

Save the Date! On Thursday, July 2, 2015, the Logansport, Indiana, Children's Choir Chamber Division, featuring singers in middle and high school, will present a concert at our church at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free; there will be a free will offering for our pipe organ's restoration. We'll have more details next week.

Do you have questions about Stewardship? Suggestions? What would help you to increase and think about your Stewardship? The Stewardship Committee would love to hear your suggestions as we gear up for the Fall campaign. Please, reach out with suggestions, concerns, and questions!
The Stewardship Committee
Natalie Daniels and Darla Wickline (co-chairs); Barbara Bridle, Kris Fischer, Gina Gigliotti, Sue Gigliotti, Laurie Meister, Chris Minnick, Linda Plain; and ex-officio members: Barb Fraunfelder, Kenn Oerkitz

Calling All Women! The third annual Women's Retreat is Friday through Sunday, August 14 through 16, 2015, at Pilgrim Hills. Cost is \$93.60 and is due by Sunday, June 14. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please email Kim McKenzie at davekimckenzie@cox.net or call her at (216) 401-8738.

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.

Facilities Visioning Team will meet Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Signup charts for Altar Flowers, Greeters, Coffee Hour, Ushers, Strongsville Golf League, and Women's Retreat are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 28, 2015**. Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

Name: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date (month at least): _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned _____

Future Plans: _____

The graduate _____ will _____ will not attend church on June 28.

In addition, we would like a **graduation announcement and photo of the graduate for our church graduation bulletin board**. The announcement and photo will be returned to you.

Please place graduation information in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information **by Sunday, June 7**. Thank you!



JOSHUA KONOW

Chancel Choir Director

Welcome to our new Chancel Choir Director, Joshua Konow (pronounced Ko-No). Joshua hails from Wisconsin, where he grew up in music. His father is a violinist and guitarist and has long been involved as a church musician and sound engineer. Joshua did his undergraduate work in New York City at the Manhattan School of Music, then came to Cleveland five years ago and earned his Masters degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music. His major instrument is piano.

Joshua has performed and conducted throughout the U.S., Czech Republic and Italy, and plans to perform in Bulgaria this summer. He has received the state Music Teachers National Association first prize award four times in piano performance.

Joshua likes the northeast Ohio area and will be living in Shaker Heights. His many professional activities include performing nationally and internationally, conducting the TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra, and teaching piano privately, at the University School for Boys, and at TrueNorth Cultural Arts.

We are excited to have Joshua join our music ministry.

