



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Pastor

Sunday – May 5, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Sacrament of Baptism
Sacrament of Holy Communion

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Doerksen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" Freed

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus' invitation is clear: Come. Follow me, and I will teach you to fish for people.

People: But Lord, how will we know where to drop our nets?

Leader: Over and over again, Jesus extends his hand: Come. Follow. See. Believe!

People: But Lord, sometimes we can't see the way, through our darkness and doubt.

Leader: Today is a new day. Come. Let us feast together at God's Table, where all are welcome!

People: Today is a new day! Teach us, Lord, to love as you have loved. Just for today, help us, Lord, to walk faithfully with you. Open our eyes to the beauty of your Creation. Amen.

† **HYMN 418** "Come, Just as You Are"

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 21:1-14

PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Hear Our Prayer" Elkins

ANTHEM "How Majestic is Your Name" Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Morning Has Broken" Gaelic Melody

† **DOXOLOGY 815** Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert L. Craig

Sponsor: Judy Carte

Clay R. Williams

Sponsor: Robert Toth

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FROM THE CANDIDATES

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

People: With God's help, together we will continue to grow as followers of the Christ.

Let us pray: **We give you thanks, O God, for your faithful sons Robert and Clay, and for your grace acknowledged here today in water and the Spirit. Grant us grace as we receive, nurture and befriend Robert and Clay as members of the Body of Christ. Grant them strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us all one. Embrace us all as beloved children in your Household of Love, that we, too, may be faithful to your Word, united in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 21:15-19

SERMON Are You Sure?

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy One, Easter's special music has faded away; the mundane refrains of day-to-day life have returned. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but return to the way we have always lived. Rather than living in the newness you bring, once again, we do things the way they have always been done.

Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. Wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. Challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and serve to others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Gary Hackett, vocals and guitar

All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.

THE 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.

† **HYMN 571** "Trust and Obey" (vv. 1-5 only)

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "Go In Joy" R.C. Foley

SERVING

TODAY, MAY 5

Dale Hawk
Linda Plain
Linda Plain/Judi Pavisich
Ken & Kay Konicek
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins

Liturgists
Greeters
Ushers
Coffee Hour
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12

Pam Keenen
Dorothy Ritchie
Volunteers needed
Elaine Coffey/Teri Barbish
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

In honor of Nicole's graduation from Ashland University

The Giuliano Family

In loving memory of John B. Millhoane. Miss you!

Your loving family

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday on May 7th to Hayley McKane

and to Debbie Wentz on May 9th

With Love Grammy/Mom

Happy 50th Birthday to Greg Dickson on May 6th

Love, your family

Happy 41st Anniversary to Jim and Sharon Heinrich on April 29th

Love, your church family

Happy Birthday today to Brigitte Matchett (and her twin, Brenda)!

Happy Anniversary today to Jennifer and David Sekorky!

The Worship Team will meet Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: *Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.*

PENNY SUNDAY—Last Sunday's Penny Sunday collection for **Laura's Home for Women and Children** through the **City Mission** brought in \$190.25. Thank you to everyone who donates.



Our Sympathy is extended to **Kathe Lombardo** and family. Her husband, **Fred**, passed away on April 28, 2019.

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned out. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.



Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Betty Babics, Dakota Brammer, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sandy Gleichauf, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elena Joyce, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), family of Mary Alice Paschal, Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.

Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, and family meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board. Thank you to Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week and Dave Sekorky for carrying boxes and bags.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting – Attention all ladies of our church! Women's Fellowship will meet **Tuesday, May 7, 2019**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Our program will be to listen to the songs of birds that we see in our backyards. We will also share ideas for future programs. Please join us (friends are welcome too!) and bring a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.



Women's Fellowship will again put together 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 can purchase items) are appreciated. Please put monetary donations into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and place it in the church office. **Collection concludes June 30, 2019.** 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** provide FAMILY-size items.

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| 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) | combs or brushes |
| wash cloths | crayons (16 or 24 count) |
| stuffed toys (no bigger than 8") | pencils |
| blowing bubbles (small bottles) | sidewalk chalk |

MAY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 Sun **Worship 10am**
Communion & Baptisms
Coffee Hour
Children's Choir
SUMC Confirmation Bkfst. 8 am-10am
- 7 Tues Women's Fellowship Meeting 9:45am
Worship Team Meeting 11:30am
- 8 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 9 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 12 Sun **Worship 10am**
Mother's Day
- 14 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Adult Social Club 7pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 16 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 17 Fri Wedding Rehearsal 5pm
- 18 Sat Lauren & Eric Wedding 1:30pm
- 19 Sun **Worship 10am with Baptism**
Coffee Hour
- 21 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 26 Sun **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Coffee Hour
- 27 Mon Memorial Day
- 28 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is now available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. **Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15.**



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE DIACONATE WING NIGHT!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,278.00
(Difference - \$1,244.02)



Thank You for supporting your church!

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 2019 Spring Concert TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. This year's performance, entitled *Rhythm of Life*, features our Director of Music, Tom Foley as director, accompanist Carol Konet, and church singers—Ingrid Dickson, Gary Hackett, Irene Joyce, Sarah Keenen, Pam Keenen, Bruce Keenen, Sharon Maresco, and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$15 for adults and are free for children 12 and under. We like looking into the audience and seeing our fellow church members, so please try to attend!



The Strongsville Community Band Concert on Sunday May 19, "Swinging With SCB" will feature music from the Big Band Era complete with jitterbuggers. Concert is at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Rec Center at 3:00 pm.



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk* by their names.
** = appointed by the Official Board



Moderator: Rachel Zielinski* **Vice-Moderator:** Rob Toth*
Treasurer: Sally Herzog* **Clerk:** Karen Morgan*
Sunday School Superintendent: Kristen Clotworthy*

Board of Trustees

Greg Dickson* Mike Clotworthy Myron Costin Tom Gaumer
Bill Giuliano* Dale Hawk* Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozelski*
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Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

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Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry* Eddy Bond* Barbara Camp*
Kristen Clotworthy* Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Linda Plain*
Linda Ponstingle** Nicole Rachid* Dawn Rolland Marty Winch*

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Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

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Beth Giuliano Bill Schneider**

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