



MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<p>MAY 4 <i>Third Sunday after Easter</i> Communion at Both Services</p> <p>Scripture: John 20:19-31 Sermon: <i>I Doubt It</i></p>  <p>ORC Breakfast 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. - See page 3.</p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Barb Fraunfelder Coffee Hour: Dianne Maringer Graphics Operation: Sharon Heinrich</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Jim Studer Greeter: Lola Millhoane Ushers: Tom and Judy Gaumer Nursery: Sharon Heinrich</p>
<p>MAY 11 <i>Fourth Sunday after Easter</i> Mother's Day</p> <p>Scripture: John 10:1-10 Sermon: <i>What Will I Do?</i></p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Dale Hawk Coffee Hour: Sarah Herzog</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Lynn McCray Greeters: Dorothy Ritchie and Gina Cathcart Ushers: Michele Mhlack and Sharon Heinrich Nursery: Rachel Zielinski</p>
<p>MAY 18 <i>Fifth Sunday after Easter</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 9:1-9 Sermon: <i>Living in 3D</i></p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Pam Keenen Coffee Hour: Rosemary Bechtel</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Pam Keenen Greeters: Tom and Judy Gaumer Ushers: Volunteers Needed Nursery: Tom Gaumer</p>
<p>MAY 25 <i>Sixth Sunday after Easter</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 17:22-31 Sermon: <i>Sounds Greek to Me</i></p> <p><i>Deadline for Graduates Information, Deadline for Sunday School Scholarship Applications</i></p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Rachel Zielinski Coffee Hour: Sarah Hayes</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 A.M.</p> <p>Liturgist: Kelly Bickley Greeter: Roy Merkle Ushers: Volunteers Needed Nursery: Beth Giuliano</p>

From Our Organist

April 12, 2014

To Rev. Becky Stephenson and the Strongsville United Church of Christ,

After serving as your organist/pianist for 31 years, I am now resigning my position, effective today. My medical problems are now serious enough that I can no longer hold my position at Strongsville UCC.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve in the church's music ministry, and my heart overflows with a myriad of wonderful memories of the many Christmas Services, Holy Week, and so many more. I will miss you all, but I am at peace with this decision because I know this is the time for me to leave. Music ministry is who I am, and will always be, even if I am not holding a permanent position. I know that God has new plans for me with this change in my life, and I will always praise Him through music.

I have considered it to be my privilege to serve, and have always appreciated Strongsville UCC's support of the music as a ministry. The foundation of this church's worship is made strong by the commitment you all honor to have quality music and the spoken word woven together for worship.

There is a solid foundation in our church based on its history, and the unlimited potential yet to unfold. This is an awesome church with a fantastic future! I wish you all the very best, and hope that we can continue the friendships of church family.

*Soli Deo Gloria
Susan Stevenson Tressa*





DIACONATE DAILIES!

I hope everyone has enjoyed our wonderful Lenten season. So much has been going on, I know I can't remember it all! We all had a great

time with the Sunday evening services! I would like to thank everyone who participated in the services including singing and playing in the band, being a worship leader and especially those that cooked dinner for us! If you missed out on our great meals and services, you missed much! I can't say enough about this wonderful worship and fellowship time.

Even though Lent is behind us, we continue the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We are already working on plans for the upcoming summer services. We are looking for ideas for special Sundays in the summer. Please let Pastor Becky or Rachel Zielinski know if you have any ideas!

In the next month you will be noticing some construction happening in our nursery! We will be painting and doing some maintenance to keep it up to date and safe. We will also be hosting a toy drive. Many of the toys, books and puzzles in our nursery are in need of replacement. We will be collecting new and gently used toys, books and puzzles. Also we will be collecting some kids' DVDs. We will place a bin in the Gathering area in May for you to deposit your donations. We will invite you to check out our newly refurbished nursery in the near future. Of course, the nursery will be available at all church worship events during this time.

Exciting things will be coming up in the next couple of months including our Confirmation Sunday and Graduation Sunday. Please watch the newsletter and bulletins for more information. As summer comes and the weather turns nice, please join us at either service. We look forward to worshipping with you!

MOMENT FOR MISSION – PHILIPPINES

When a powerful typhoon made landfall on Mindanao, Philippines, it had overwhelming consequences. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, funds were sent for immediate relief efforts. Although many of their churches were damaged, Global Ministries partner, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), provided water, food, medicine, clothing, and shelter in their churches. As relief efforts continued, youth from UCCP churches formed volunteer groups to clean and rebuild homes in their communities. Global Ministries' long-standing partnerships in countries like the Philippines make possible immediate response and long-term care following disasters.

Thanks to the generosity of several members, \$220.00 was sent from the church to Global Ministries for typhoon relief. Thanks for this caring response.

Mission and Outreach Committee

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

fundraiser for the
Pipe Organ Restoration Fund

Sunday – May 4, 2014

8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

All You Can Eat—
Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

\$8.00 Adult – ages 13 and over

\$5.00 – ages 6-12

Free – Children under 6 years



Help is needed. Please see Sandy O'Shea.

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: Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Jerry Gugliotta, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Margot James, Don Kovach, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, 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), Carrie Fieck (sister of Marti Powers), 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), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), 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)



SPRING PLANT SALE

For those who ordered plants, the plants need to be picked up by the person placing the order or a designated person on **Friday, May 9, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. at the church.** The church does not have storage or security to keep the plants overnight, so please remember to pick up your plants or work out alternate plans. If you have questions about your order or the pickup, please contact Barb Fraunfelder at (440) 331-3673. **THANK YOU** for your support!

FLOWER PLANTING and OUTDOOR CLEANUP



We will plant flowers and clean up our church grounds on **Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at the church. For additional information, please contact Rachel Zielinski (440) 864-3209 or see Jim Heinrich.

Please bring your work gloves, gardening tools, trowels, sunscreen, and sun hat. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting – Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. The program will be presented by Steffani Baker from Alzheimer's Association. Betty Craig is the hostess and will lead devotions. Please bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. As always, all ladies are welcome!

Candy Sale – Thank you to all who supported the Candy Sale. The profit was \$435.02.

Tote Bags – Women's Fellowship will **not** collect items for tote bags this spring. We will do that project from July 13 through August 10, which is closer to the start of school. A list of needed items will be printed at that time. Thank you. Tote Bags Chairman Betty Craig

IN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to two families on their recent losses—
to Brian Betz and family on the passing of his father Bill in Canton, Ohio, on February 8, 2014.
If you wish to send Brian a card, his address is
Brian Betz
3507 Shepherd Street NW,
North Canton, OH 44720-7943
and
to our new member, Michele Mhlack,
on the passing of her father, Richard Veon,
on March 29, 2014, in Sugar Grove, Virginia.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple for a week, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Information and donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted.

Week of April 13, 2014

*Happy Birthday to Betty Craig, Charles Jannsohn,
Evan Joyce, Aimée Jannsohn,
Irene A. Jannsohn and Ha Bennett*

Happy 25th Anniversary to Irene and Jim Joyce

Happy 5th Anniversary to Ingrid and Greg Dickson

*Happy Belated Birthday to Betty Craig—
Our Bestest Parachute Packer at UCC!
From someone six months younger – Ha! Ha!
Love, Guess Who*

Thank you to all who light our steeple!

WORSHIP TEAM

The meetings during April focused on completing plans for the services of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday morning breakfast and service for the Rotary Club and guests, then the Friday evening service, and the three services on Easter Sunday. Hopefully all has gone well by the time you are reading this report.

On May 4 Communion will be offered at both services. Also on that date the Organ Restoration Committee will hold their fund raising pancake breakfast. Tickets are now available.

A major task in the next few months will be interviewing and hiring an organist and keyboard player/players. We are saddened that Susan Tressa, after 31 years of service to our Church, continues to deal with serious illness and has now sent a letter of resignation from her position. Plans are being made to honor and thank Susan at a later date when she is better.

We are grateful to Sharon Heinrich, who stepped in as worship accompanist. Sharon worked with the choir, soloists, and praise band providing piano, organ and keyboard music. Thank you, Sharon.

THE THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Spring and summer merchandise is now available.

The Thrift Shop is once again accepting donations. Thank you!

We hope to see you between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays!

HEY KIDS!

Are you from the age of 0 to 10? Do you want to have some fun with friends from church and help people in our community?

THEN JOIN US FOR:

K. F. C.

Kids for Christ!



Parents and Adults: Starting this summer, the K.F.C. club will begin meeting once a month. We will be going on "Mini-Mission Trips" to help people around the community and alternate these with activities just to have some good old fun together! Please speak with Kelly Bickley or Jamie Habart if you are interested in helping out or have any suggestions! We welcome all to join our club, even adults, especially if you enjoy the energy and wonderment of children! We'll have an organizational meeting soon after the 11:00 service for those interested in signing up or helping out. Please watch the Sunday morning bulletin for the date. Please note: all KFC events will require a parent to attend with their child(ren).

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the cards, visits and calls while my mom lived at Century Oak Care Center. She appreciated her church family. We also wish to thank everyone for the support following her passing. The service and the meal following were such a blessing to us and all who attended. Thank you for all the cards that continue to lift us up. We will be forever grateful.

*Dan and Roberta Carpenter, and
Ralph and Nancy Graves*

*A very special and huge thank you to both
Barbara Bridle and Ginny Churnega Oerkitz, who have
been assisting in the church office.*

STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK

Our church continues to support the Strongsville Food Bank. Although all non-perishable items are needed, the bank especially needs **peanut butter, jelly, pork and beans, canned meals, pasta sauce, canned fruit, and toilet tissue.** You may place donations in (or by) the box under the coat rack by Pilgrim Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Attention Graduating Seniors! The Sunday School has a scholarship available to Sunday School alumni who are graduating from high school this year. This is a service scholarship, not based on financial need or academic merit, but participation in the Sunday School and church activities. Please pick up an application from the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Deadline for submission is Sunday, May 25. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 15, when graduates within the church will be recognized.

Summer Sunday School begins June 1. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. See Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce if you have questions.



Sunday School Calendar

- May 11** – Mother's Day
- May 18** – Sunday School Ice Cream Party
- June 2** – Summer Sunday School begins.
- June 8** – Confirmation
- June 15** – Father's Day and Graduates' Recognition, when the Sunday School Scholarship will be awarded
- June 22** – Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014, we were very happy to add the following new members to our church family:

Ginny Dangelo, Natalie Daniels,
Allen and Michele Mhlack, Marjorie Morrison
Jim Nicoulin, Michelle Rossey, Debbie Szasz,
Claire Wills

All these individuals completed Pastor Becky's Journey in Faith Class.

Pastor Becky will offer the Journey in Faith class again in June. Even if you are a member of Strongsville UCC, you will enjoy the knowledge that Pastor Becky shares and also the camaraderie with new friends. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. As always, all are welcome to enroll in the class.

Fabulous Fundraising for Restoring Our Pipe Organ



Four Course Feast

Featuring the Finest Food from **Marty Winch** **Saturday – May 17, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.**

So we may better serve you for this elegant and delicious dinner, please tell us your preferences by circling your choices below. Can't decide because it all sounds wonderful? No problem! You can circle multiple choices in any category, and you'll get a smaller portion of each. Please complete one form per person.

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Please Select Your Appetizer

- Crab Stuffed Mushrooms
- French Onion Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup

Please Select Your Vegetables

- Twice Baked Potato
- Mashed Potato
- Sweet Potato with Cinnamon Butter
- Asparagus
- Corn
- Broccoli

Tossed Salad – Please Select Your Dressing

- Ranch
- Italian
- Poppyseed

Please Select Your Dessert

- Bananas Foster
- Marty Cake (Chocolate)
- Fruit Salad with whipped cream
- Fruit Salad without whipped cream
- Assorted Mini Pastries

Please Select Your Entrée

- Prime Rib – Medium Rare or Medium or Well
- Shrimp Scampi
- Parmesan Crusted Tilapia
- Chicken with Stuffing

Please Select Your Beverage

- Coffee
- Tea
- Iced Tea

Dinner cost is \$50 per person. Number of Tickets _____ @ \$50 Each = \$ _____

Please complete this form with your name, number of tickets and food choices (circled above); include cash or check payable to **Strongsville UCC**; and return form and payment by **May 10, 2014**, to

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



Thank you very much for your support of our pipe organ's restoration.

Deadline to purchase tickets is May 10, 2014 !