



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CONGREGATIONAL)**
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME!

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

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

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE HYMN 586 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
The band will play an interlude between verses 3 and 4.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **HYMN 209** "This Is the Day"

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!
**People: You hear our prayers, forgive our sins,
and call us to dwell with you!**

Leader: God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.
**People: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy
from the ends of the earth.**

Leader: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea.
You calm the uproar of the nations.
You care for the land, bless it with water,
and fill it with grain to feed the people.

People: Let all creation shout and sing for joy.

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 Native American Flute Ken Mehalko

BELL ANTHEM "On Wings of Love and Prayer" Douglas E. Wagner

The Bell Choir

Adria Bond, Ingrid Dickson, Barb Fraunfelder, Sharon Heinrich,
Irene Jannsohn, Irene Joyce, Lori Kovatich, Karen Morgan,
Jack Stephenson, Elena Taylor, Claire Wills

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Autumn Lilly Rae Schneider
Parents: William and Deborah Schneider

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and
to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who
witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love,
support, and care to Autumn, as she lives and grows in
Christ?

People: We promise Autumn our love, support, and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places
in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM "Who Built the Ark?" Spiritual

The Children's Choir

Teddy Bickley, Russell Bickley, Anna Bickley,
Rowan Garcia, Luke Giuliano, Christian Habart-Scott

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "No Other Name"

† **DOXOLOGY 166** 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**

SCRIPTURES Genesis 40:1-8 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 34

SERMON "The Dreamer"

† **HYMN 233** "Grace, Love and Fellowship"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BELL RESPONSE** "More Precious than Silver" Lynn DeShazo
arr. Peggy Bettcher

† **POSTLUDE** "Now Unto Him" David Morris

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Belated Birthday to Kristina Craig on October 22 and
Happy Anniversary to Tracey and Natalia Hill on October 28
With love, Grammy*

Trustees will meet this morning after worship.

**STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration

TODAY – October 23, 2016 – 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice
\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years



Thanksgiving Baskets – Food collection continues
through November 20. Our goal is 75 baskets for
needy families within our community. Each week we
will bring the following designated items:

- Oct. 16 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 23 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 30 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and
cans of icing
- Nov. 6 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 13 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh
potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 20 turkeys or hams

To make a cash donation instead, please make your check payable to
Strongsville United Church of Christ. On the memo line, write
Thanksgiving Basket. \$20 covers the cost of the turkey or ham; \$40
covers the cost of a whole basket. All financial donations will be gratefully
accepted, whatever the amount. If you know someone who would
appreciate a basket, please complete the information on your attendance
card, or tell Pastor Becky. Thank you for your support of this benevolent
project.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900
Weekly Offering Received 10/16/2016 2,331
Difference - \$1,569

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

- Today:** Trustees Meeting, after church
- Tuesday:** Final New Testament Study, 12 noon
Worship Team Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Men's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Fitness Club, 7 p.m. – All are welcome.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
Band Rehearsal (for adults and children), 8 p.m.
- Thursday:** Thrift Shop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.
- Saturday:** Harvest Party in Pilgrim Hall, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bible Study – Pastor Becky is leading a five-week study on the New Testament on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon. The class began September 27 and concludes this Tuesday, October 25. Please bring your Bible and a lunch. All are welcome!

200th Anniversary Church Cookbooks – Please see Dianne Maringer to get your copy. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an additional \$3.

Children's Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. **Children interested in being part of the Band** may stay for 8:00 p.m. Band rehearsal.

Harvest Party – Strongsville UCC will host a Harvest Party this Saturday, October 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at church. This family-friendly event is for the whole family to have fun. We need donations of baked goods or treats and also help with the activities. Please see the signup sheet in Pilgrim Hall. Spread the word! All kids are welcome! Harvest Party flyers are on the rectangular table in the Gathering Area.

Next week is All Saints Sunday on October 30, when we will remember loved ones who have passed. On the back of your Attendance Card, please write the names of those you want to remember. Names will be printed in the bulletin, and candles will be lit in their memory. Please place ALL attendance cards into the offering plate. Thank you.

Memorials and honorariums will be dedicated next Sunday, October 30. In addition, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion.**

SERVING TODAY

Greeters – The Bickley Family
Morning Announcements – Denise Bell
Liturgist – Jack Stephenson
Ushers – Ted and Kelly Bickley
Director of Music – Elena Taylor
Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder
The Bell Choir
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson
Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett
Electric Guitar – Jake Williams
Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth
Drum Set – Mike Soltis
Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn
Sound System – Jim Heinrich

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday – November 5, 2016

Seatings: 4:30 P.M. 5:45 P.M. 7:00 P.M.

Reservations: (216) 598-6198

Adults - \$12 Ages 6-12 - \$6 Under 6 – Free



Tickets are available for purchase this morning. Help is needed. A signup sheet is posted 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 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children 6-10 years old must have a parent helping them.

Basics of Yoga – Are you a yoga novice? A professional pretzel? Or somewhere in between? Fit Club is hosting a live "Basics of Yoga" session, HERE at the church, on Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m., taught by Lauren Joy Fraley, certified yoga instructor from Puma Yoga. This class is totally free and geared toward anyone who would like to find out more about yoga. Bring water and a yoga mat. (If you don't have a mat, let us know and we will provide one for you!) After our session, we plan to go to Core Life Restaurant on Royalton Road for a healthy meal together. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall or you can see Kelly Bickley or Irene Joyce, and let us know that you are interested. This is the day after the Turkey Dinner, so we will be extra motivated to get up and get moving.

Decorating for Christmas will take place after worship on Sunday, November 13. Help is needed. Pizza will be provided after decorating.

The Mitten Tree will be in the Gathering Area from November 13 to December 4, 2016, for collecting donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for Brookside Center. Brookside is an ecumenical center that provides clothing and necessities to the poor and needy and is located on Pearl Road in Cleveland. After worship on December 4, the Mitten Tree items will be removed. The tree will become the **Family of Faith Tree**, which we will decorate with Christmas ornaments donated by members and friends. **If you have not yet donated an ornament – or – if you'd like to donate an additional ornament, please bring it to the church office and include your name.** Official Board will prepare a tag with your name, attach the tag to your ornament, and hang the ornament on the Family of Faith Tree. Please know that **your ornament will NOT be returned to you**, but it will be part of the Christmas decorations each year. **Please do not bring expensive heirloom ornaments.** Thank you for celebrating with your church family in both the Mitten Tree and the Family of Faith Tree!

New Choir Robes – The Music Committee, along with the Endowment and Memorial Fund, is having a drive to purchase new choir robes. To support this drive, please pick up a Sponsorship Form from the rectangular table in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your support.

If you are donating for a choir robe, a separate check should be written to the UCC Memorial Fund as these funds are handled separately. Thank you.
Lori Kovatich, Financial Secretary

Holiday Open House is Sunday, November 20. Help is needed. To help, please mark the back of your attendance card or sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Thank you!

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: Eric Brand, Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Dolores Mhlack at Southern Hills, Harvey Pincombe, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie, Trudie Taylor at Royal Oak Nursing and Rehab Center

Church Family: Chris Morgan at Southwest General, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Bri Brostek, Thom Cerny, Dylan Churnega, Zachary Crouse, Audrey Curry, Angie Dickinson, Edie Deitcher, Kim Filiatraut, Elizabeth Fulford, Matthew Geletka, Dan Karoly, Sue Mason, Pat Masuga, Debbie Morey, Carrol Riley, Keith Stewart, Kathleen Wickline

OCTOBER 2016

25 Tue Final New Testament Bible Study, 12noon
Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
26 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fitness Club, 7pm
27 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
29 Sat Harvest Party in Pilgrim Hall, 2-4pm
30 Sun Communion, All Saints Sunday, Dedicate Memorials
Kids for Christ "Penny Sunday"

NOVEMBER 2016

4 Fri Turkey Dinner Preparation
5 Sat Turkey Dinner – 4:30, 5:45, 7:00pm seatings
7 Mon **Women's Fellowship Organizational Meeting, 10am**
13 Sun Decorate the church for the Christmas season, after worship
20 Sun Thanksgiving Baskets Dedicated, Holiday Open House
21 Mon Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets in Pilgrim Hall
23 Wed Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Methodist Church, 7:30pm
24 Thu Thanksgiving Day
27 Sun Poinsettia Order Deadline
First Sunday in Advent – Hanging of the Greens

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Children's Choir - 7:30pm on Wednesdays
Band (for adults and children) - 8pm on Wednesdays
Bell Choir - 7pm on Thursdays
Chancel Choir - 8pm on Thursdays

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 30, 2016

Greeters – Lynne McCray and Sharon Heinrich
Morning Announcements – Sally Herzog
Liturgist – Pam Keenen
Ushers – Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour – Allen and Michele Mhlack

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