

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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October 26, 2014 9:45 A.M. Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE Fair Are the Meadows Donald Lee Moore

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT My Lord, What a Mornin' Spiritual

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You, O God, know our hearts.

All: Guide our hearts, O God.

One: You, O God, see our ways.

All: Shape our ways, O God.

One: You, O God, call our spirits.

All: Call us now, O God, as we call on you.

† **HYMN 104** O Worship the King

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.

PIANO RESPONSE The Beautiful Garden of Prayer David Hegarty

ANTHEM Gloria Deo! Mary Lynn Lightfoot

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY I Love You, Lord Laurie Klein

Solo: Emily Phan, Clarinet

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 424** The Servant Song

SCRIPTURE Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 98

SERMON "Radicalized Faith"

† **HYMN 422** I Love You with the Love of the Lord

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Sent Forth by God's Blessing

† **POSTLUDE** To God Be the Glory Robert Hughes

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

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist

Interim Choir Director

Liturgist

Greeter

Ushers

Nursery

Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor

Ken Mehalko

Jim Studer

Roy Merkle

Gary and Kathie Paul

Rachel Zielinski

Dianne Maringer

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2014

11:15 A.M.

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OPENING SONG

3 *Almighty*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

94 *I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

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† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

OFFERING

Change My Heart, O God

THE WORD OF GOD Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 98

MEDITATION

"Radicalized Faith"

SONG

41 *I Love You, Lord*

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING SONG

7 *The Name of the Lord*

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

Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

Serving Today

Worship Accompanist

Elena Taylor

Song Leaders

Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause, Clay Williams

Guitar

Herbert Parker, Jake Williams

Bass Guitar

Jack Stephenson

Violin

Julia Soltis

Clarinet

Emily Phan

Drum Set

Mike Soltis

Drum Pads

Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Graphics Operation

Vicky Masuga

Liturgist

Jack Stephenson

Coffee Hour

Dianne Maringer

Altar Flowers – The flower chart is expanded to accommodate multiple vases on Sunday mornings. To provide an additional vase (or more) on a Sunday that was already reserved for two vases, please write your name by the date you want on the new charts in Pilgrim Hall. (Previous reservations were transferred to the new charts.) **If you provide flowers and only attend the 9:45 service, please take your flowers with you when you leave after the 9:45 service.** Thank you for providing flowers!

October 2014

- 26 Sun KFC Penny Sunday
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 27 Mon *Heaven is For Real* Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Fri Prepare for Turkey Dinner in Pilgrim Hall

November 2014

- 1 Sat Turkey Dinner
- 2 Sun Communion, All Saints Sunday
Dedication of Memorials
- 4 Tue Mission and Outreach Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Mon Women’s Prayer Group/Women’s Retreat Reunion
at the Bickleys’, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Sun Diaconate French Toast Brunch
- 18 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Sat Decorate Pilgrim Hall for Christmas
- 23 Sun Dedicate Thanksgiving Baskets
Mitten Tree Begins
Stewardship Sunday
Holiday Open House, 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Mon Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets
- 25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Thu Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Sun Advent Begins, Hanging of the Greens
KFC Penny Sunday

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 2, 2014

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| Liturgist | 9:45 a.m. Kenn Oerkfitz | 11:15 Lora Rung |
| Greeters for 9:45 a.m. | | Volunteers Needed |
| Ushers for 9:45 a.m. | | Volunteers Needed |
| Nursery for 9:45 a.m. | | Cathy Hawk |
| Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m. | | Michele Mhlack |
| Coffee Hour | | Sarah Herzog |

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 26, 2014

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. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

This morning’s flowers are given by Doris Soucie in loving memory of John Soucie and the Soucie family.

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Anniversary to Tracey and Natalia Hill on October 29
Happy Birthday to Gabe Sauter on October 31
With love, Grammy*

The Heaven Is for Real study that Pastor Becky is leading concludes tomorrow—Monday, October 27—at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The movie is based on the book of the same name and will be shown during the study time. Discussion will follow. All are welcome.

Strongsville Food Bank News – The new location is up and running as of Tuesday, October 7, and is resuming its usual schedule. The Food Bank is located on Zverina Drive, behind the old library (now the city communications center). The Food Bank is scheduled to have an opening ceremony on Friday, October 31, at 8.30 a.m. Items most needed this month are oatmeal and pancake mix. The new facility has refrigeration for perishables. After the upcoming meeting, I hope to have further information to share about that. Judy Carte

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2014, we will dedicate memorials and remember loved ones who have passed. On the back of your attendance card today, please write the names of those you want to remember. On November 2 their 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.

CHURCH MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evening

Praise Band – 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening

- Children’s Choir – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Children’s Band – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Bell Choir for Beginners – 6:45 p.m.
- Bell Choir for All – 7:05 to 8:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir – 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Mission and Outreach – A beautiful **quilt**, handmade by Ha Bennett, will be raffled off on Sunday, **November 16**. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used by the Mission and Outreach Committee (of which Ha is a member) for a variety of programs we are supporting in mission work locally and globally. Raffle tickets prices are \$10 for one and \$15 for two, and they are available from members of the Committee: Kelly Bickley, Lora Rung, Elizabeth Snook, and Pastor Becky. Tickets are also available in the Church Office. The queen-size quilt will be on display each Sunday morning.

A Facilities Visioning Team is being formed. This team will begin the process of visioning what our church facilities might look like in the future. Perhaps it will include expanded parking, new Sunday School rooms, more storage space or a larger sanctuary. If you're interested in being part of the Facilities Visioning Team, please talk with Pastor Becky.

Church Cookbook – As part of our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, we will be printing a new, one-of-a-kind . . . cookbook! We would like to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also we want any new recipes you are currently loving! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch, Dianne Maringer, or place under the church office door. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD COLLECTION – 2014

Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families in our community. Each week we will bring to church the following items, which will be placed in our sanctuary

- Oct. 19 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 26 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Nov. 2 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 9 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 16 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 23 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**. Thank you! All financial donations will be accepted. \$20 covers the cost of the turkey or ham; \$40 covers the cost of a whole basket.

To suggest a recipient for a Thanksgiving Basket, please provide the information on the back of your Attendance Card; and put the card into the offering plate. Thank you.

Strongsville UCC **TURKEY DINNER** Saturday – November 1, 2014

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

Reservations Only – (440) 238-8192
Adults - \$10 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 – Free

Tickets are available for purchase every Sunday in October between the worship services.

Help is needed, and 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.

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN.

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: Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Denise Bell, Marie Bury at Parkside Villa, Nancy Cochran, Dan Davis, Dolores Matchett, Barbara Morgan, Betty Yarnell

Extended Church Family: Bob Allwood (brother-in-law of Dale Hawk), Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk), Don Antos (friend of Judy Carte), June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Pam Doubell (friend of Sue Gigliotti), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Christine Knudsen (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Tom Studer (brother of Jim), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Edward Taylor (brother-in-law of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 26, 2014

We warmly welcome the following new musicians into our Praise Band, and we are very grateful to them and to their families for being with us this morning:

Emily Phan – Clarinet
Julia Soltis – Violin
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Herbert Parker – Guitar

We thank you, Emily, Julia, Mike and Herbert!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE EVENTS—

Strongsville UCC
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND LIVE NATIVITY
Sunday, November 23, 2014
5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Live Nativity with Live Animals,
Music, and Refreshments
in conjunction with the City of Strongsville's Holiday Lighting

BLUE CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 19, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
at Strongsville UCC

A worship service of remembrance and hope, remembering those who have passed away, while seeking hope for all of us as we enter this Christmas season.

*You are not alone . . . we welcome you.
Come, join in fellowship with us.*