

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE *"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"* Brian Doerksen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 221 *"All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Though our hearts may be grieving,
we come risking joy:

All: God is our balm.

One: Though we weep over woes of the day,
we are here seeking hope:

All: God soothes our discomfort.

One: Though our lives are often difficult,
we gather for strength:

**All: God restores our souls and cares for us;
God calms our anguish and dries our tears.
Let us call on the Holy One, and rejoice in God,
ever our source of solace in our daily journey,
ever our comforter in times of trial. Amen.**

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE *"People Need the Lord"* Nelson and McHugh

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Soon and Very Soon"* Andrae Crouch
arr. Jack Schrader

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"You Are My All in All"* Jernigan and Pethel

* **DOXOLOGY 166** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
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 1 Timothy 2:1-7 New Testament, p. 184

SERMON *"Peace, Peace"*

† **HYMN 705** *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *"May the Peace of the Lord Go with You"* Yannerella

† **POSTLUDE** *"Postlude in C Major"* George Frederick Handel

Happy Birthday today to Morgan Bell!

SERVING TODAY

Morning Announcements – Denise Bell

Liturgist – Bruce Keenen

Director of Music – Elena Taylor

Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder

The Chancel Choir

Choir Accompanist – Sharon Heinrich

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett

Electric Guitar – Jake Williams

Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth

Greeter – Dorothy Ritchie

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Vocalist – Clay Williams

Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn

Sound System – Jim Heinrich

Graphics Operation – Michele Mihlack

Greeter – Gina Cathcart

Coffee Hour – Ginny Churnega Oerkitz

After worship this morning, **please join us for coffee and fellowship** in Pilgrim Hall.

Today's altar flowers are given—

In Celebration of Rae Kovatich's Birthday on September 20
Bob and Lori Kovatich

*Happy Birthday to My Wonderful Husband and
Happy Anniversary to Us!*
Kathleen Paul

*In Celebration of Kathie and My 5th Wedding Anniversary
on September 17*
Gary Paul

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Abby Craig on September 21
With love, Grammy

200th Anniversary Church Cookbooks – Please see Joyce Reed, Dianne Maringer, or Marty Winch in the Parlor to get your copy. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an additional \$3 per book.

This Week at Our Church

Tuesday: Advertising Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m. – All are welcome.
Adult Social Club, 7:00 p.m. – All are welcome.

Saturday: Clean Church Kitchen, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Becky is teaching a 12-week Journey in Faith Membership Class at church on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Members and potential members are still welcome to join the new class, which began on September 8. Attendees will enjoy the knowledge Pastor Becky shares and the camaraderie within the class. To enroll, please mark your Attendance Card, tell Pastor Becky, or call the church.

Volunteers are needed to clean the church kitchen this **Saturday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m.** To help, please sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Your help is much appreciated.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 9/11/2016	<u>3,121</u>
Difference	- \$779
Total Rally Day Offering to date	\$629

Pictorial Directory – For those who have not yet had their picture taken or provided a photo, **pictures will be taken Sunday, September 25, after church.** Please see Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk.

Bible Study – Pastor Becky will lead a five-week study on the New Testament. The study will take place at the church at 12:00 noon on the five consecutive Tuesdays from September 27 to and including October 25. Please bring a lunch.

Fall Decorating – We will decorate the church for the fall season on Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. Help is needed. A signup sheet will be passed around in church today, and a signup sheet is also posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Baby Shower for the Twin Boys in the Bell Family will be held Sunday, October 2, 2016, in Pilgrim Hall immediately after the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. Denise and Erhardt are registered at Babies R Us.

Brunch – To kick off our church's 200th Anniversary in 2017, our Diaconate will furnish a brunch in Pilgrim Hall on Sunday, October 9, 2016, after our worship service. All are welcome to partake of this free meal.

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 (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Harvey Pincombe, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields (friend of Pastor Becky), Doris Soucie, Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan) at Royal Oak Nursing and Rehab Center

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

Extended Church Family: Bri Brostek (friend of Gina Cathcart), Ryan Brubeck, Thom Cerny (friend of Bob Kovatich), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfetz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O'Boyle), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Matthew Geletka (grandson of Barbara O'Boyle), Dan Karoly (friend of The Thrift Shop ladies), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 20 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Wed Fitness Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 24 Sat Kitchen Cleaning, 9am – Please join the fun!!!!
- 25 Sun Bells play for worship
Photos taken for Pictorial Directory, after church
Newsletter Pickup
- 27 Tue 5-week New Testament Study at 12noon begins
- 28 Wed Fitness Club, 7pm
- 29 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm

OCTOBER 2016

- 1 Sat Decorate church for the Fall season, 10am
- 2 Sun Baby Shower for the Bell Family's twin boys, after church
- 9 Sun Diaconate Brunch Kickoff for the 200th Anniversary
- 15 Sat Adult Social Club Clambake – details are forthcoming
- 16 Sun Begin collecting for Thanksgiving baskets
- 23 Sun Bells play for worship, ORC Pancake Breakfast
- 30 Sun Communion, All Saints Sunday, dedicate memorials

Thanksgiving Baskets – Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins Sunday, October 16. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- 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.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Graphics Operation – Lori Kovatich
Greeters – Lynne McCray, Sharon Heinrich
Morning Announcements – Denise Bell
Liturgist – Michele Mhlack
Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed



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WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today.
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!