

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CONGREGATIONAL)**

13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor



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!

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 28, 2016 – 10:00 A.M. Worship**

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Trois Pieces Breves, I. Allegro" J. Ibert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

"Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech
"The Potter's Hand" Darlene Zschech

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sing aloud to God our strength, and shout with joy:

Many: God, our Host, welcomes us.

One: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

**Many: When we opened our mouths,
God filled us with good things.**

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

**Many: a feast for all—freshly-baked bread,
hot from the oven,
and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.
Let us worship God!**

† **HYMN**

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel no, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel no, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel no, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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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 "Blessed Assurance" Fanny J. Crosby, Phoebe P. Knapp

ANTHEM "Wind Quintet, Op. 43, II. Menuet" C. Nielsen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Trois Pieces Breves, II. Andante" J. Ibert

* **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 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 New Testament, p. 159

SERMON "The Choice"

† **HYMN 526** "The Solid Rock"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Trois Pieces Breves, III. Assez Lent" J. Ibert

† **POSTLUDE** "Allegro in D Major" Johann Christian Kittel

Happy Birthday today to Natalie Daniels!

We welcome and thank our woodwind quintet this morning for their special music: Audrey Whartenby, flute; Devin Hinzo, oboe; Jaewon Kim, clarinet; Thomas Park, horn; and Carly Gomez, bassoon.

For those who get paper newsletters: Please pick up yours today in the Gathering Area. Thank you.

Fitness Club is up and running and wants YOU to come and take care of that temple God gave you! All levels of fitness and ages are welcome. You can go at your own pace. Don't neglect your body; it's the only one you get! Our NEW DATES will be on Wednesday evenings starting this Wednesday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. We will then meet September 7, 14, 21, and 28. See you there!!! (Please note: We are not meeting tomorrow, but rather on Wednesday this week.)

Tuesday Meeting: Christian Ed, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Meeting: Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m.

The memorial service for our church friend, Frieda Kara, is Saturday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the Strongsville United Methodist Church. After burial at Strongsville Cemetery, a luncheon will be held at the Methodist Church. Frieda attended our public church dinners and other special events at our church.

Adult Social Club will go to Blossom on Saturday, September 3, at 8:30 p.m. to see *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on the big screen, with the score performed live by the Cleveland Orchestra. If you're interested, please contact Adria or Eddy Bond **now**, who will work on a group rate (for 10 or more) and/or a rate for Seniors. Price would be either \$44.20 or \$28.20 per ticket for a seat in the Pavilion, with fireworks (weather permitting) after the concert. We will carpool; or we may rent a "Party Bus." All adults are welcome! Adria and Eddy Bond
Phone (440) 572-5871 or Email ad.bond@sbcglobal.net

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 8/21/2016 2,961
Difference -\$ 939

THE THRIFT SHOP END-OF-SUMMER BAG SALE

Sept. 1 – \$7.00 Sept. 8 – \$7.00 Sept. 15 – \$6.00

September 22 – closed for changeover September 29 –reopen

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice.

Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra.

Excluded are jewelry and cards.

NO RETURNS – Shop Early for Best Selection



Pastor Becky will teach a 12-week Journey in Faith Membership Class at church on Thursdays beginning September 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Members and potential members are welcome to attend and will enjoy the knowledge Pastor Becky shares and the camaraderie. To register, please mark your Attendance Card or the signup sheet.

200th Anniversary Church Cookbook is at the printer, due to arrive in late September. Only 200 books were ordered. **Joyce Reed, Dianne Maringer, and Marty Winch are taking pre-orders now** because we anticipate high interest in what will probably be the last paper copy of this special edition cookbook. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an additional \$3 per book. Prepayment is appreciated when you order; but if you prefer just to pre-order, payment is due upon delivery.

Women's Fellowship will meet Friday, September 9, (not this Friday, but the following week) at 10:00 a.m. The program is a craft project. Please notify Claire Wills today if you plan to attend the meeting, so that the correct quantity of craft supplies can be purchased. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Pictorial Directory – For those who have not yet scheduled their photo session, pictures will be taken on the Sundays of **September 11 and 25 after church.**

Donations for Coffee Hour are very important. While the pastry, bagels, and bread are free—the coffee, tea, creamers, sweeteners, butter, and cream cheese cost money, as do the napkins, plastic bags and carry-out containers. So when you are enjoying that cup of coffee or tea with some goodies, please consider what they may cost elsewhere and donate to the cause. Thank you.

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

On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank you for your cards and emails of sympathy on the occasion of my mother's recent passing. She had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years ago. She had not recognized us for the past 2-3 years. She died quietly and without pain. Your prayers and concern are appreciated. *Bruce Keenen*

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

Today's altar flowers are given—

Celebrating August Family Birthdays
Lloyd and Barbara Bridle

In Honor of Betty Bushea's Birthday on August 27
From Her Family

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday – September 10, 2016 – 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

(the day before Rally Day)

Bounce House – Crafts – Music – Dancing – Face Painting

Free Refreshments

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Rally Day is Sunday, September 11, when a new year begins for our Sunday School. Children will sit together in church, and classes will be introduced in worship. A special offering will be received for Sunday School to help defray the cost of the curriculum.

Box Lunch Auction is a Sunday School fundraiser on Rally Day (September 11) after church. If you donate a box lunch, you bring it to church that Sunday morning. After worship, the box lunch treasures are displayed in Pilgrim Hall for everyone to see and to choose their favorites. Once the auction starts, the auctioneer reads the description of the box lunch (that you wrote and attached to your box lunch) and your name. As the bidding increases, so does the fun and fellowship. All funds raised will go to our Sunday School. Once you win a box luncheon during the auction, you can eat it then or take it home for eating later. We hope you will donate a lunch and join in the fun for this worthwhile fundraiser for our Sunday School!

SERVING TODAY

Band Director and Worship Accompanist – Elena Taylor

Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett

Electric Guitar – Jake Williams

Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Vocalist – Clay Williams

Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn

Sound System – Jim Heinrich

Graphics Operation – Michele Mhlack

Greeters – The Bickley Family

Morning Announcements – Denise Bell

Liturgist – Betty Craig

Sunday School Teacher – Irene Joyce

Ushers – Ted and Kelly Bickley

Coffee Hour – Cathy Hawk

AUGUST 2016

28 Sun Church Newsletter Pickup

30 Tue Christian Ed Committee Meeting, 7pm

31 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Fitness Club, 7pm

SEPTEMBER 2016

3 Sat Adult Social Club at Blossom for 8:30pm performance

5 Mon Labor Day – Church Office Closed

6 Tue Tuesday Varieties Bowling Club at Fairview Lanes, 12noon

8 Thu Journey in Faith Class begins, 7:00 p.m.

9 Fri Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am – Please notice the **FRIDAY** meeting day and advise Claire if you'll attend.

10 Sat Free Family Fun Day, 10am to 2pm

11 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School
Photos taken for Pictorial Directory, after church
Box Lunch Auction Fundraiser, after worship

14 Wed Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm

24 Sat Kitchen Cleaning, 9am – Please join the fun!!!!

25 Sun Photos taken for Pictorial Directory, after church

27 Tue 5-week New Testament Study at 12:00noon begins

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 Oerkfitz), 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), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), 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)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Graphics Operation – Michele Mhlack

Greeters – The Bickley Family

Morning Announcements – Denise Bell

Liturgist – Betty Craig Sunday School Teacher – Irene Joyce

Ushers – Ted and Kelly Bickley Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed