

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

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

February 5, 2017 – 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** *I Love to Praise Him* Jennifer Randolph

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let the Mystery of God draw us in:  
**Many: Beautiful, Just, Merciful!**  
One: Let the Wisdom of God surprise us:  
**Many: Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!**  
One: Let the Glory of God shine through our work:  
**Many: Salty, Bright and Good!**  
One: In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God  
**All: Let us worship!**

† **HYMN 418** *Make Us One*

### INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Response: **We pledge to work with you, whom we have chosen,  
to lead us to further the work and ministry of our church.  
Together we will seek to discover what God is calling us to do.  
As we worship, work, study and serve together, we pray that  
God will enlighten us by the Spirit and give us strength to do  
the work of ministry in this place. 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.**

**RESPONSE** *Amen* Charles Yannerella

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *Someone is There* Jay Althouse

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *Lord, Be Glorified* Bob Kilpatrick

† **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** Matthew 5:13-20

**SERMON** *Salt of the Earth*

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper,  
or Pastor Becky will come to you if you wish.*

**MUSIC** during Communion *No Other Name* Robert Gay

† **HYMN 433** *Rise Up, O Church of God*

### † BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Thank You, Lord* Seth and Bessie Sykes

† **POSTLUDE** *O Lord, Our Lord* Jean Sibelius

### SERVING TODAY

Greeter – Linda Plain  
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce  
Liturgist – Lora Rung  
Ushers – Linda Plain  
Coffee Hour – Cathy Hawk  
Director of Music – Elena Taylor  
Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder  
The Chancel Choir  
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson  
Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett  
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson  
Electric Guitar – Jake Williams  
Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth  
Drum Set – Mike Soltis  
Sound System – Jim Heinrich

**Happy Birthday** today to Carol Merkle!

**Thank you** to all who supported yesterday's Swiss Steak Dinner.

**2017 All-Family Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills** – The sign-up for the Church Retreat is closed and all space has been reserved. Thank you to everyone who signed up to attend. If you haven't paid, please contact Charles Jannsohn to make payment arrangements. **The planning meeting will be next Sunday, February 12, 2017, after the service** in the sanctuary. Those attending, please continue signing up to bring items and volunteer for various Retreat weekend activities prior to the planning meeting. Looking forward to another fun Retreat with plenty of snacks and games, but (hopefully) no hamloaf! As always, any questions, comments, or concerns should be directed to Charles Jannsohn.

**Church Sign-up Charts for 2017** are posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please sign up to greet, prepare/serve at coffee hour, provide altar flowers, or usher if you are able. Volunteers are needed!

**Can you help?** The Sunday School is looking for a few items for our costume stash:

- Old graduation gowns--any color, any size
- Striped/earth-tone skinny ties (from the 80's)
- Pieces of soft rope for belts (about 2 feet long)
- Winter scarves--plain or with rustic/earth-tone patterns/stripes

Please bring your items to Irene Joyce when you have a chance.  
Thanks for cleaning out your closets to benefit the Sunday School!

**Wing Nite** has a new venue! It will be held Friday, May 5, 2017, at the Grindstone Tap House at 826 Front Street in Berea. It is on one floor (no steps to a dark basement), and will include pizza, pasta, wings, salad, 5 types of domestic beer, well drinks, and wine. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from any Diaconate member. We are also looking for anyone interested in donating a theme-based basket to auction at this event. If you would like to make a basket, a sign-up sheet will be posted in Pilgrim Hall for you to write your name and the type of basket you will be providing.

**Diaconate "Show and Tell"** – The Diaconate will have a "Show and Tell" at their March 14 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to see what their duties are. Anyone interested may attend the meeting.

**Coffee Hour** – Please see a Diaconate member if you are interested in learning how to do coffee hour. You do not have to be a Diaconate member to do this. We can train you after church on the Sunday of your choice.

**Journey in Faith Mini-series** – This membership class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The first class is on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and will be held after the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. The mini-series will conclude on April 5. (All other classes will be at 7:00 p.m.) New members will be received into the church on Palm Sunday, April 9.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
Weekly Offering Received 1/29/2016 \$3,046  
Difference -\$819

*Special thanks to those who have given their pledge a year in advance.*

## THIS WEEK

Wednesday Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Fitness Club, 7 p.m.  
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.  
Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Thrift Shop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Sunday Retreat Meeting after worship

**Jesus and the Movies II** is a Lenten Study on Sunday evenings that includes a light meal of soup and bread. The study begins on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. Together we will explore the life of Jesus as portrayed in the movies. We will compare the movies with the Gospel accounts and our life experiences. Possible movies include *Ben Hur*, *The Young Messiah*, *Risen*, *Godspell*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Jesus of Nazareth* (selected sections), *Last Temptation*, or others. Movie suggestions are welcome.

**Capital Punishment** – The United Church of Christ denomination historically has opposed capital punishment and has postcards opposing the state's use of the death penalty. The postcards will be mailed to Ohio governor, John Kasich. For those wishing to support this belief, the postcards are on the rectangular table in the Gathering Areas and require your printed name and your city of residence. The church will mail your card if you slide it under the church office door.

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

**Women's Fellowship Candy Sale** – In order to have a Candy Sale for Easter, there must be volunteers willing to make candy and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up. Tentative dates are: Monday, March 13; Friday, March 17; Monday, March 20; and Friday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. until lunch or cleanup is done. Tentative sale dates are the Sundays of March 26 and April 2. These dates have not yet been approved by Official Board.

**Gordon Food Service** – A reminder that GFS gives the church a rebate on purchases. When you check out, just tell them you are from Strongsville United Church of Christ (not to be confused with Strongsville United Methodist Church).

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Greeter – Cathy Hawk  
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce  
Liturgist – Greg Dickston  
Ushers – Bobbie Krisak and Serena Abruzzino  
Coffee Hour – Allen and Michele Mhlack

## STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## 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 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, Harvey Pincombe, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie

**Church Family:** Shirley Brand, Betty Craig, Steve Herzog, Michele Mhlack, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Leah Tressa Forget, Sharon Wilson, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Bri Brostek (friend of Gina Cathcart), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O'Boyle), Hollie Paine Dodge (friend of Betty Craig), 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), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli, Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

## FEBRUARY 2017

8 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club, 7pm

12 Sun Retreat Planning Meeting in Sanctuary, after church

14 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm

15 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm

17-18-19 Friday through Sunday – Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills

21 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7:30pm  
Trustees Meeting, 7pm

22 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,  
Fit Club, 7pm

26 Sun Adult Social Club trip to Rocksino

28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30pm

20 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,  
Fit Club, 7pm

## MARCH 2017

1 Wed Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
Journey in Faith Mini-series begins

5 Sun First Lenten Study, 5:30pm

## MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Children's Choir - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays  
Band (for adults and children) – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays  
Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays  
Chancel Choir – 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays

## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2017

*Officers elected on January 29, 2017, have an asterisk\* by their names.*

<b>Moderator</b>	Rachel Zielinski*
<b>Vice-Moderator</b>	Bill Schneider*
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kenn Oerkfitz*
<b>Clerk</b>	Karen Morgan*
<b>Sunday School Superintendents</b>	Jamie Habart*, Irene Joyce*

<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
Ed Bond	Lloyd Bridle*	Jim Dettmer*
Greg Dickson*	Bill Giuliano	Dale Hawk*
Jim Heinrich*	Bob Kovatch	Ken Mehalko
Ed Sobek		

<b>Endowment Fund Subcommittee</b>	
Irene Jannsohn*	Joyce Reed*

<b>Diaconate</b>		
Jennifer Barry*	Kelly Bickley*	Adria Bond
Barbara Camp*	Gina Cathcart*	Virginia Churnega
Kristen Clotworthy*	Dan Davis	Cathy Hawk
Sarah Hayes*	Linda Plain*	Cheryl Sobek
Marty Winch*		

<b>Christian Education Committee</b>		
Kelly Bickley*	Jamie Habart	Irene Joyce
Sandy O'Shea*	Lora Rung*	

<b>Music Committee</b>		
Ingrid Dickson*	Pam Keenen	Elena Taylor
Barb Fraunfelder	Ken Mehalko*	

<b>Stewardship Committee</b>		
Rosemary Bechtel	Barbara Bridle*	Sue Gigliotti*
Laurie Meister*		

<b>Mission and Outreach Committee</b>		
Judy Carte*	Brandi Garsteck*	Michele Mhlack*
Gary Paul*	Lora Rung	Bev Wehr*

*A special thank you to all persons who completed their terms.*

