

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

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

March 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 Change My Heart, O God Eddie Espinosa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

People: More food, more money, more power, more life!

Leader: “What could it hurt?” we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

People: More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.

Leader: So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of “more”:

People: And to celebrate that we do not need “more” when we have everything in Christ.

Leader: Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God’s Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

People: Thanks be to God!

† HYMN 513 Thank You, Lord

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 John Carter

CHORAL ANTHEM Anthem for Lent Jay Alhouse

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY All Hail King Jesus Dave Moody

† DOXOLOGY 166 Tune: Lasst uns erfreunen
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 Luke 28:41-51

SERMON Children in Church

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

† HYMN 232 God Be with You

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

† POSTLUDE

This morning’s altar flowers are given—

In Celebration of Elena Joyce's 20th Birthday on March 3
The Joyce Family

Thank you to all who supported yesterday’s Roast Pork Dinner.

Worship Committee will meet this morning after worship.

Jesus and the Movies II is a Lenten Study on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. that includes a light meal of soup and bread. The study begins TODAY and goes through April 9. 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. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

Journey in Faith Mini-series Membership Class is on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church. New members will be received into the church on Palm Sunday, April 9. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you plan to attend.

The memorial service for Susan Stevenson Tressa will be held this Saturday, March 11, at 4:00 p.m. at Middleburg Heights Community Church, 7165 Big Creek Parkway (at Bagley Road). A combined choir, comprised of members from Strongsville UCC and Middleburg Heights Community Church, along with friends who were touched by Susan’s talent, will sing. The choir will be directed by Tom Foley, under whom Susan joyfully served as accompanist at our church for many years. Susan Stevenson Tressa faithfully was our Church Organist and Choir Accompanist for 30 years—from 1984 to 2014.

Choir rehearsals for Susan’s memorial service are as follows:

5:45 p.m. at Middleburg Hts. UCC on Wednesday, March 8

7:40 p.m. at Strongsville UCC on Thursday, March 9

Choir director, Tom Foley, requests choir members to be at Middleburg Hts. UCC on March 11 at 3:00 p.m.—an hour before the 4:00 memorial service begins.

Women’s Fellowship will not make candy for Easter because of the lack of help.

Easter Lilies – To place a lily on the altar for Easter Sunday, please complete a form from the table in the Gathering Area and slide your order with payment under the church office door. Orders are due March 19.

The Thrift Shop

END-OF-WINTER 2017 BAG SALES

Thursday – March 9 – \$7 / bag – 10am to 4pm

Thursday – March 16 – \$6 / bag – 10am to 4pm

Closed March 23 and 30, 2017 Reopen April 6, 2017

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice. Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra.

Excluded are jewelry, cards, St. Patrick’s Day and Easter items.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 2/26/2016	<u>\$2,745</u>
Difference	-\$1,120

SERVING TODAY

Greeter – Barbara Bridle
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
Liturgist – Lora Rung
Coffee Hour – Ed and Cheryl Sobek
Director of Music – Elena Taylor
Accompanist – Joe Williams
The Chancel Choir
Clarinet/Native American Flute/Saxophone – Ken Mehalko
Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson
Electric Guitar – Jake Williams
Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth
Drum Set – Mike Soltis
Sound System – Jim Heinrich

ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

and

THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Sunday – March 19, 2016 – 3:00 P.M.

presents

The Satori Winds

4 Guys with 4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes

and

Broadway Bound

Featuring BW Music Theatre Majors—

Gillian Han, Jason Goldstone and Alyssa Kay Thompson

Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following the Concert



Wing Nite is 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 will make a basket, a sign-up sheet is posted in Pilgrim Hall to write your name and the type of basket you will provide.

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: 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, Steve Herzog, Don Kovach at Southwest General, Carol Lesiak at Southwest General, Dan Masuga, Michele Mhlack, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, 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), Jean Mlincek (sister of Joyce Reed), 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 (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our church continues to sponsor Caroline Y from the Family Village Farm and School in Vellore, India. If you would like to sponsor her for a month, please sign up on the new chart for 2017 on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please make you check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ** and on the memo line and/or the envelope write: **Child Sponsorship** and the **month** you are sponsoring her. Please place your donation into the offering plate. Your \$30 a month gift will cover her tuition, fees, textbooks and other expenses. 100% of your gift goes directly toward her expenses at the school.



We thank our sponsors in 2016: Claudia Bader and Jim Nicoulin, Sunday School, Irene Joyce and Ingrid Dickson, Judy Carte, Gina Cathcart, the Gigliotti family, Bill and Dorothy Ritchie, Barbara O’Boyle, Doris Soucie, Schyler and Devin Thorn, Linda Plain, Erv and Grace Koch.

This program is part of Global Ministries, United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ Churches. We rejoice in your gift sent to undergird Christ’s mission in the world. Along with your giving, we covet your prayers that the deepest needs of all God’s children will be met. Thank you for your support.

The Mission and Outreach Committee

MARCH 2017

- 5

Sun

Worship Committee Meeting, after church
Transition Team Meeting with congregation, 11:30am
First Lenten Study, 5:30pm
- 6

Mon

Transition Team Meeting with congregation, 11am
- 8

Wed

Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Journey in Faith Class, 7pm
- 9

Thu

Thrift Shop, 9am-4pm
Bell Choir 7pm, Chancel Choir 8pm
- 11

Sat

Memorial Service for Susan Stevenson Tressa, 4pm **at Middleburg Heights Community Church**
- 14

Tue

Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm
- 15

Wed

Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm
Journey in Faith Class, 7pm
- 16

Thu

Thrift Shop, 9am-4pm
Bell Choir 7pm, Chancel Choir 8pm
- 19

Sun

Baptism Sunday
Transition Team Meeting with congregation, 11:30am
Concert, 3pm with reception afterward in Pilgrim Hall
- 20

Mon

Transition Team Meeting with congregation, 11am
- 21

Tue

Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22

Wed

Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Fit Club, 7pm
Journey in Faith Class, 7pm
- 23

Thu

Thrift Shop CLOSED
Bell Choir 7pm, Chancel Choir 8pm
- 26

Sun

Trustees Meeting, 11:30am
- 28

Tue

Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29

Wed

Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Fit Club, 7pm
Journey in Faith Class, 7pm
- 30

Thu

Thrift Shop CLOSED
Bell Choir 7pm, Chancel Choir 8pm

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2017

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

Moderator

Vice-Moderator

Treasurer

Clerk

Sunday School Superintendents

Rachel Zielinski*

Bill Schneider*

Kenn Oerkfitz*

Karen Morgan*

Jamie Habart*, Irene Joyce*

Board of Trustees

Ed Bond

Greg Dickson*

Jim Heinrich*

Ed Sobek*

Lloyd Bridle*

Bill Giuliano

Bob Kovatich

Jim Dettmer*

Dale Hawk*

Ken Mehalko

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn*

Joyce Reed*

Diaconate

Jennifer Barry*

Barbara Camp*

Kristen Clotworthy*

Sarah Hayes*

Marty Winch*

Kelly Bickley*

Gina Cathcart*

Dan Davis

Linda Plain*

Adria Bond

Virginia Churnega

Cathy Hawk

Cheryl Sobek

Christian Education Committee

Kelly Bickley*

Sandy O’Shea*

Jamie Habart

Lora Rung*

Irene Joyce

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson*

Barb Fraunfelder

Pam Keenen

Ken Mehalko*

Elena Taylor

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel

Laurie Meister*

Barbara Bridle*

Sue Gigliotti*

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte*

Gary Paul*

Brandi Garsteck*

Lora Rung

Michele Mhlack*

Bev Wehr*

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church Telephone (440) 238-6697

Website strongsvilleucc.com

Email strongsvilleucc@gmail.com

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!