



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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STEWARDSHIP
A way of life

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Sunday –November 10, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Stewardship Sunday

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT "A Rainbow of Giving"

INTROIT "We Give Thee But Thine Own" How

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred,
People: Let me sow love.

Leader: Where there is injury,

People: Let me sow pardon.

Leader: Where there is doubt,

People: Let me sow faith.

Leader: Where there is despair,

People: Let me sow hope.

Leader: Where there is darkness,

People: Let me sow light.

Leader: And where there is sadness,

People: Let me be joy. Amen

† **HYMN 788** "Now Thank We All Our God"

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5

DEDICATION OF ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

Please come forward as you are led and deposit your Estimate of Giving card in the Rainbow of Giving box.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple.

The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

(Repeat refrain)

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,

All colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

(Repeat refrain)

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,

There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

(Repeat refrain)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Hear Our Prayer" Elkins

ANTHEM "I Will Sing Praise" Barnhouse III

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "This is My Father's World" Traditional

† **DOXOLOGY 815** Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17

SERMON Thank God!

† **HYMN 424** "The Servant Song"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Go Now in Peace" Besig

† **POSTLUDE** "Partita IX" Bach

SERVING

TODAY – NOVEMBER 10	NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 17	
Judi Pavisich	Liturgist	Bruce Keenen
Betty Craig	Greeters	Elaine Coffey/Teri Barbish
Volunteers needed	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Sharon Heinrich	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

Happy Birthday to Linda on November 13th

Mike and Linda Elkins

In loving memory of two souls married and meant to be together, torn apart by death on 11/10/59 reunited by death on 11/10/10 We miss you Wilda and Emerson
Love you, Familia Krisak/Abruzzino

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Jim Joyce and to Gina Gigliotti on November 12th

God Bless our Giving

Happy Birthday to Zach Craig on November 13th

With love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Doug Thorn, Jack Stephenson, John Marshall and Allan Heinzman!

The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Dolores Bail, Jen Barry, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Kay Konicek, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sally Vetovitz, Bill Williamson, Sharon Wilson, Marty Winch, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Ron & Yvonne Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Joanne Gigliotti (mom of Lou), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN "A Rainbow of Giving."



Just like the many beautiful colors of a rainbow, we have many beautiful gifts to share in our church. Today, we dedicate our Estimate of Giving cards and we will have cake after worship to celebrate. The Stewardship Committee thanks you very much for your support.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,971.50
(Difference \$449.98)



The next Penny Sunday will be **November 24** for the **National Youth Advocacy Program** helping foster children in Cuyahoga County.

DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Please see Irene in the church office to pick up your directory. If you had professional photographs taken, there is no charge. Others can purchase a directory for \$5. Thanks!





Women's Fellowship will host a **Christmas Tea** in Pilgrim Hall on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, December 1, at 1:30pm. All ladies of the church are welcome. Please sign up (even if you are a "maybe") on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall, for planning purposes. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:



It's not too late to bring: cans of green beans, cans of corn, boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy, dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing, cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
 Nov. 10 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
 Nov. 17 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 write the information on your attendance card, or tell Pastor Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 9 A.M.? WE NEED HELP PUTTING TOGETHER THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR DISTRIBUTION. PLEASE COME FOR AN HOUR OR SO AND HELP PACK THE FOOD!



**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
 November 27 at 7 p.m.**

This year, First Evangelical Lutheran church (just down Royalton Road) is hosting the community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Worship with fellow Christians as we give Thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Our own Pastor Heidi will be delivering the message.

Clergy and choir members from our sister churches here in Strongsville will be participating in the service. Won't you join your fellow Christians for a time of gratitude and praise?

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & LIVE NATIVITY
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 5 P.M. – 8 P.M.**



Join the Strongsville Community, your church family, and their furry friends for the Live Nativity and Open House. Bask in the glow as the City of Strongsville lights the town square and our church welcomes families and friends into our worship home for cookies and hot cider. There are many ways to be involved in this major event: There is a sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall where you can sign up to be a part of inviting the community into our church with fellowship, warmth, music, and celebration.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. **Help will be needed in January/February/March to pick up Panera bakery donations on Monday mornings. Please see Kenn Oerkfitz to volunteer.**



MITTEN TREE ~ FAMILY OF FAITH TREE



The **Mitten Tree** will be in the Gathering Area through December 8th for collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for Strongsville Food Bank. . On December 9th, the hats, gloves, mittens and scarves will be removed, and the tree will become the **Family of Faith Tree**, which we will decorate with Christmas ornaments donated by members and friends. **If you have not yet donated an ornament –**

or – if you'd like to donate an additional ornament, please bring it to the church office and include your name. Official Board will prepare a tag with your name, attach the tag to your ornament, and hang the ornament on the Family of Faith Tree. Please know that **your ornament will NOT be returned to you**, but it will become part of the Christmas decorations each year. **Please do not bring expensive heirloom ornaments.**

Thank you for celebrating with your church family in the Mitten Tree, as well as the Family of Faith Tree!

**CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT
 Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.**

Join the Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band for an evening of your favorite Christmas tunes with a little toe-tapping swing! Tickets are only \$10, \$5 for kids 6-12 and Free for kids under age 6 **Followed by a wine & cheese reception!**



(Donations of finger foods will be needed for the reception. Please see **Ingrid Dickson** or **Pam Keenen** if you can help.)



Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, tuna, and canned fruit. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board. Thanks, as always, to everyone who donates and especially to **Sharon** and **Karl Kuhlenschmidt** who transport all the food to the Food Bank every week.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE NOW
If you are one of the folks who have chosen to receive a printed version of the newsletter and have not yet picked up your November edition, please take yours from the table in the Gathering Area today. Thanks!

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – The Musical

at Brecksville Theatre, 49 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio
 The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world—so when they crash Sunday school and demand parts in the Christmas pageant, the whole town panics. Soon everyone in town is calling for reluctant director Grace Bradley to cancel the whole thing. It's up to Mrs. Bradley and the Reverend Hopkins (played by our own **Dave Williams**) to help their community see the Christmas story and the Herdman kids through new eyes in this musical adaptation of the funny and touching holiday classic. Written by Jahna Beecham Directed by Kim Eskut
 Remaining performance dates:
 Sunday November 10 at 2:00 p.m.;
 Friday and Saturday November 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m.

TURKEY DINNER



Thank you to everyone who prepared the food, served the food, ate the food, or cleaned up after the Turkey Dinner yesterday!

ALTAR POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Order deadline is Sunday, November 17, 2019. **This is an earlier date than in the past.** Please complete this form and place it to the Church office with your cash or check payment. The cost is \$7.00.

Wording for bulletin: _____



Given by: _____

Number of plants: ____ x \$7.00 / plant = \$_____

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and place it with your order in the offering plate, under the office door, or mail it to:

**Strongsville United Church of Christ
 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136**

Thank you for placing a poinsettia plant on the altar!

For Church Treasurer's Records 2019 Christmas Poinsettia

Total number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____

Offering envelope number: _____

Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

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