



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Sunday – November 11, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Veteran’s Day
Stewardship Sunday

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 Tell the Story” Fischer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT “God’s Pie”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “God’s Pie” Foley

God’s love is deeper than the ocean, more boundless than the sky.

For everything that God gives us,
Save Him a piece of your pie, save Him a piece of your pie.

Surrounded by His blessings, We often wonder why,
Why can’t we be more willing

To share a piece of our pie? To share a piece of our pie?

Return those gifts that He gave us; It’s easy if you try.

Now is the time to promise

To share and to serve God’s pie. To share and to serve God’s pie.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come
from?

People: My help comes from the Lord, creator of heaven and
earth.

Leader: The Lord watches over you. The Lord is your shade at your
right hand.

People: The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will
watch over your coming and going, both now and
forevermore. Thanks be to God.

HYMN 10 “Majesty”

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 2: 1-5

SPECIAL MUSIC “Symphonia on Hyfrydol” arr. McChesney

SHARING 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 “Hear Our Prayer, Lord” Foley

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 2: 14-18

ANTHEM “Going Home/America the Beautiful” arr. Elkins

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Eddy Bond

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Oh, How I Love Jesus” arr. Childers
The EKCO Ringers

DOXOLOGY HYMN 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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we offer back to you our gifts of time, talents, and treasures. We
know and believe that we are all necessary and important parts of
your kingdom, each one adding something no one else can
offer. Bless our time, that we might serve you faithfully; bless our
talents, that we might glorify you alone; and bless our treasures that
we would use them to accomplish your will for our community. Bless
our ministries within these walls: our worship; our many outreach
ministries; our Sunday school and Christian education programs; our
music ministry; our Free Lunch for All; our Thrift Shop; the dinners we
host to nourish body and spirit; our fellowship with one another, and
the many forms this takes. Fill us with the fruit of your Holy Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control. In all that we do, help us to be your
church in the world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “The House I Live In” Robinson
Dave Williams, Vocalist

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 5

HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony



Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev’ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
(continued)

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
CCLI Song # 93690 Jill Jackson | Sy Miller

BENEDICTION AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Lutkin

POSTLUDE “God of Our Fathers” Warren

SERVING

TODAY – NOVEMBER 11 NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 18

Michele Mihlack Liturgists Greg Dickson
The Costin-Barry Family Greeters The Clotworthy Family
Kenn & Ginny Oerkfitz Ushers Roy Merkle
Cathy Hawk Coffee Hour Myron Costin
Tom Foley Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

In Memory of our Parents,
Warren & Hallie Strine and Harold & Louella Camp
Mark and Barbara Camp

In Memory of Dr. Frank L. Weakley
Peg Weakley

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday on November 13th to Zach Craig!
With Love, Grammy

The Diaconate will meet Tuesday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

Happy Birthday today to Leah (Tressa) Forget!
Happy Anniversary today to John and Pam Stayrook!

Strongsville UCC joyfully welcomes the handbell duo, The EKCO
Ringers, Ed Krzes and Cheryl Onesky, to our worship service today!

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are videotaped each week and
posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy.

IT’S NEXT WEEK!

Don’t forget to sign up for the Open House
and Live Nativity! Be a part of our church’s
extravagant hospitality and keep the Christ in
Christmas! Sign-up sheets are in Pilgrim Hall
and there is a place for everyone to help. In fact,
if you have some time today, please stay
after the service (and pie) to help decorate!



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP SERVICE
Wednesday, November 21 at 7 p.m. Our
church is hosting this year! Five
Strongsville churches, choir and clergy, are
participating in the service.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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:** Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Doris Soucie, Linda Stepan, Barbara Toth, Kyle Woodward, the family and friends of Rita Budd

**Extended Church Family:** Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Jeff Stimson (friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



**THE THRIFT SHOP** is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m.

until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. WE NEED HELP! If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop. **Also, an additional person is needed to work with us for 2 hours on the second**

**Wednesday of the month. Please contact the church office if you can help either on Wednesdays or Thursdays.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENT

Carrie Cerinos: Dinner & Show featuring "A BRANSON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS (with a Special Tribute To Our Veterans)"

When: **Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm**

Cost \$49.75 per person (if we get 16 or more people)

Note: Show Only \$38.50

Own Transportation (let us know if you need a ride)

Reservations to **Linda Plain** (e-mail)

Lindaplain416@aol.com or 440-668-4848 **(We only have seats for 30 people)** Check payable to: Linda Plain **NO LATER THAN TODAY.**



## 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, or nursery helper! **Help is especially needed to pick up the donations from Panera on Monday or Friday mornings.** No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



## NOVEMBER 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

**11 Sun Worship 10am--Stewardship Sunday, Veteran's Day**

Children's Choir

13 Tues Adult Social Club to Carrie Cerino's

14 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm

Band Rehearsal 8:15pm

15 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

**18 Sun Worship 10am--Dedicate Thanksgiving Baskets**

Children's Choir

**Open House & Live Nativity 5pm**

20 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm

21 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7pm**

22 Thurs Thanksgiving Day

(Thrift Shop Closed)

**25 Sun Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**

Children's Choir

27 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm

28 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm

Fit Club, 7pm

Band Rehearsal 8:15pm

29 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Men's Luncheon 11:30am

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm



## THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection continues today. Each week we will bring to church these items: Previous week items include: 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), cans of icing.

**TODAY:** cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix

**Nov. 11:** boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5lb bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams **Nov. 18:** 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 Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31

Last Week's Offering Received **\$3,906.00**

(Difference \$ 256.69)



**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE GATHERING AREA.**



**Additional Estimate of Giving Cards are available in the pews if you have not yet returns yours. PLEASE JOIN THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IN PILGRIM HALL FOR APPLE PIE FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO CELEBRATE OUR 2019 CAMPAIGN!**

## FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Many offices in the church will be available for the coming year. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve. Some of the positions that are available include serving on the:

**Moderator**, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community

**Vice-Moderator**, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee, and enlists volunteers for dinners and other Official Board events.

**Diaconate**, which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

**Board of Trustees**, which oversees the finances and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning.

**Mission & Outreach**, which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

**Stewardship**, which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

**Christian Education**, which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

**Music Committee**, which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry



## MITTEN TREE ~ FAMILY OF FAITH TREE



The **Mitten Tree** will be in the Gathering Area from November 11 to December 8 for collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for Strongsville Food Bank. .

On December 8, 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!

## TURKEY DINNER

Thank you to everyone who supported the Turkey Dinner. The profit was \$1,862.07 for the Official Board and its work in the church.



**Mission Outreach** has assembled and delivered 100 comfort kits to the Church Street Ministry for the Veterans they serve. Your generous donations supported the entire project. This, as always, is an amazing "Can Do" congregation and we are so grateful for your help.

On **Sunday, November 18th, 3:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church, Strongsville** hosts Dr. David Pilgrim for a presentation about race. Call 440-238-7890 or pastorchuck1@gmail.com.