

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

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor



SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 13, 2016 – 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 "Better Is One Day" Matt Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,
than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
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My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me. I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You – to You. *(Short Music Interlude)*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN 772 "When We All Get to Heaven"

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the day dawns anew,
People: so do our lives.
Leader: As our community gathers,
People: so does our spirits.
Leader: As we are awoken by newness,
**People: we are a holy people of a new heaven and earth.
And so it is!**

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 "Teach Me to Pray" Jessie Mae Jewitt

CHORAL ANTHEM "A Joyful Psalm" Lloyd Larson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Therefore the Redeemed of the Lord" Ruth Lake

† 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 Luke 21:5-19 New Testament, p. 74

SERMON "What's Coming?"

† HYMN 774 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

† BLESSING

† RESPONSE "God Be with You" William G. Tomer

† POSTLUDE "The King Is Coming" William Gaither

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Memory of Our Parents
Mark and Barbara Camp*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday Today to Zach Craig
With love, Grammy*

*In Memory of Our Mother, Lorna Robinson
Becky and Bill*

Welcome back to Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson from their vacation!

Our annual Stewardship Campaign began last Sunday, November 6.
If you do not yet have your Stewardship mail, please get it today in the
Gathering Area. Thank you.

December Newsletter Deadline is this Tuesday, December 15. You may
want to leave your article(s) in the Church Office today.

Orders for poinsettia plants on the altar for Christmas Eve are due
Sunday, November 27. Order forms (with envelopes) are on the
rectangular table in the Gathering Area.

Gift Cards – CHRISTMAS IS COMING! You can easily get your Christmas
gift-giving handled while helping your church by using gift cards purchased
from the Organ Restoration Fund. We have a large variety of cards from
restaurants, department stores, grocery stores, home improvement stores,
clothing stores, sporting goods stores, and even hair salons. Truly
something for everyone! We are trying a new participant in the program:
Honey Baked Ham. We have a limited amount to see if they sell, but we
can easily order more for your holiday celebrations. We can also order
from hundreds of other retailers, even if we don't ordinarily carry them in
stock. Come to the table in Pilgrim Hall to see the list and place your order
with Jim Joyce. Please don't wait until it's too late--get a jump start on your
Christmas shopping. You'll be glad you did! **Christmas special orders
need to be placed no later than December 4.**

Thanksgiving Food Collection continues through November 20. Our goal
is 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Each week we will
bring the following designated items:

- Oct. 16 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 23 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 30 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and
cans of icing
- Nov. 6 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 13 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh
potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 20 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 complete the information on the back of your
attendance card. Thank you for your support of this benevolent project.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900
Weekly Offering Received 11/06/2016 2,168
Difference - \$1,732

Decorating for Christmas will take place after worship today. Help is needed – please join in the fun! Pizza will be provided after decorating.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Monday: Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday: Advertising Meeting, 7 p.m.
Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday: Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fitness Club, 7 p.m. – All are welcome.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
Band Rehearsal (for adults and children), 8 p.m.
Thursday: Thrift Shop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Women's Fellowship will meet tomorrow—**Monday, November 14—at 10:00 a.m.** to plan programs for the coming year and to decide a definite day for meetings.

Women's Fellowship will NOT make or sell Christmas Candy this year due to the lack of workers.

Women's Luncheon is Tuesday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m. upstairs at Pomeroy Restaurant. Please see or call Lola Millhoane, (440) 238-3037, by Sunday, December 4, to make your reservation. All ladies are welcome!

SERVING TODAY

Greeter – Peg Weakley
Morning Announcements – Sally Herzog
Liturgist – Lynne McCray
Coffee Hour – Gina Cathcart
Director of Music – Elena Taylor
Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder
The Chancel Choir
Choir Accompanist – Sharon Heinrich
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson
Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett
Electric Guitar – Jake Williams
Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth
Drum Set – Mike Soltis
Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn
Sound System – Jim Heinrich

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Greeter – Roy Merkle
Morning Announcements – Volunteer Needed
Liturgist – Gina Gigliotti
Ushers – Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed

The Mitten Tree will be in the Gathering Area from November 13 to December 4, 2016, for collecting donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for Brookside Center. Brookside is an ecumenical center that provides clothing and necessities to the poor and needy and is located on Pearl Road in Cleveland. After worship on December 4, the Mitten Tree items will be removed. 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 be part of the Christmas decorations each year. **Please do not bring expensive heirloom ornaments.** Thank you for celebrating with your church family in both the Mitten Tree and the Family of Faith Tree!

The memorial service for Chris Morgan will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at **our church**. After the service a luncheon in celebration of Chris' life will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the **VFW Hall, 25742 Royalton Road in Columbia Station**. Donations of desserts would be appreciated. Please contact Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz at (440) 554-4367 or email her at anchormate1@yahoo.com if you will provide a dessert. Thank you.

New Choir Robes – The Music Committee, along with the Endowment and Memorial Fund, is having a drive to purchase new choir robes. To support this drive, please pick up a Sponsorship Form from the rectangular table in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your support.

If you are donating for a choir robe, a separate check should be written to the UCC Memorial Fund as these funds are handled separately. Thank you.
Lori Kovatich, Financial Secretary

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

Children's Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. **Children interested in being part of the Band** may stay for 8:00 p.m. Band rehearsal.



Holiday Open House is Sunday, November 20. Help is needed. To help, please mark the back of your attendance card or sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Thank you!

*To my church family,
Thank you to all for your cards, thoughts, and prayers for my family and me on the passing of my wife Betty. I truly appreciated them all.*

Don Kovach

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, Bill Kato at Hospice of Medina, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Dolores Mhlack at Southern Hills, Harvey Pincombe, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie, Trudie Taylor at Royal Oak Nursing and Rehab Center, Howard Wilson

Church Family: Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Bri Brostek, Thom Cerny, Dylan Churnega, Zachary Crouse, Audrey Curry, Angie Dickinson, Edie Deitcher, Kim Filiatraut, Elizabeth Fulford, Matthew Geletka, Dan Karoly, Sue Mason, Pat Masuga, Debbie Morey, Tonette Putrino, Carrol Riley, Keith Stewart, Kathleen Wickline

NOVEMBER 2016

13 Sun Decorate the church for the Christmas season, after worship
Begin Mitten Tree Collection
Music Rehearsal in Pilgrim Hall, 5-7pm
14 Mon **Women's Fellowship Organizational Meeting, 10am**
15 Tue Newsletter Deadline
Advertising Meeting 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
16 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
17 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
20 Sun Dedication of food collected for Thanksgiving
Holiday Open House, 5-8pm
21 Mon Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets in Pilgrim Hall, 9am
Distribute Baskets in the afternoon
23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at **Methodist Church**, 7:30pm
24 Thu Thanksgiving Day
26 Sat Memorial Service for Chris Morgan, 11:30am **in our sanctuary**
Funeral luncheon at VFW Hall, 25742 Royalton Road in
Columbia Station at 1pm
27 Sun First Sunday in Advent – Hanging of the Greens
Bell Choir plays for worship
Poinsettia Order Deadline
29 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

DECEMBER 2016

4 Sun Deadline for Women's Luncheon Reservations
Deadline for Special Orders for Gift Cards for Christmas

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

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