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Sunday, November 13, 2022 – 10 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.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

BELL PRELUDE "Praise Him, Praise Him" arr. Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sally Herzog

BELL INTROIT "As the Deer" arr. Bettcher

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

People: This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

Leader: This day we dance in the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

People: This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

Leader: This day we sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

People: This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

† HYMN 196 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 98
(New International Version)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

DEDICATION OF ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

Please come forward as you are led with your Estimate of Giving card as we sing "I Am the Church" together.

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

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.

BELL ANTHEM "All Day Long" arr. Page

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Veterans' Day Herb Hampson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "America the Beautiful" Ward, arr. Elkins

† 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.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 21: 6-19
(The Message)

One day people were standing around talking about the Temple, remarking how beautiful it was, the splendor of its stonework and memorial gifts. Jesus said, "All this you're admiring so much—the time is coming when every stone in that building will end up in a heap of rubble."

SERMON Signs of the Times?

† HYMN 404 "Faith of Our Fathers"

† BENEDICTION

Let us see this day as a gift from God. Let us take it, enjoy it, make it our own and share it with others. Grant us strength to survive, Grant us grace to be generous. Grant us courage to stand tall for all that is good and fair. Amen

† RESPONSE/POSTLUDE "Semper Fideles" Sousa

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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, select Worship, and click on Service Videos.

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A NOTE OF THANKS—

Today, we thank the **Bell Choir, Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich,** and **Mike Elkins** for sharing their music with us today. Also, thank you to **Herb Hampson** for delivering the Children's Message.

SERVING

TODAY—NOVEMBER 13

Dale & Cathy Hawk	Greeters	Judi Pavisich
Mary Ellen Zimmerman	Liturgist	Herb Hampson
Bobbie Krisak, Cathy Hawk	Ushers	Judi Pavisich, Roz Fotos
Luke Giuliano/Aidan Hurtig	Acolytes	Riley Marshall/Chris Abruzzino
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Bell Choir	Special Music	Children's Choir, Chancel Choir

The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of Wilda Volchko. We miss you.

The Abruzzino-Krisak Familia

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Katie Lett on November 18th

and Adam Craig on November 20th!

With Love, Grammy

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Happy Birthday today to Linda Elkins!



ALTAR FLOWERS: Please pray for Marianne Grega-Knotek, our florist. She is experiencing health issues and is unable to provide fresh flowers for a while. We will be using silk arrangements in the meantime. If you have already paid for flowers, please contact the church office. Also, dedications in the weekly bulletins are still welcome.

The Mitten Tree...

We will collect hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for the needy this year. From **November 6th through December 4th**, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. After the 4th, the items will be given to the homeless shelter and the tree will become the **Family of Faith tree**. If you have not donated an ornament for yourself/your family, you may bring it to the church office and your ornament will join the others on our tree!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **November 15th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the *fifth* Tuesday of the month, **November 29th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. **(Please note date change.)**

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.

Many thanks to our hard-working volunteers, who make the lunch ministry possible!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	<u>\$4,724.00</u>
Difference	\$1,074.63

Thank you very much for your support.



NEW BABY!

Congratulations to **Katelyn** and **Vince Boden** on the birth of their daughter, **Emma Louise Boden**, on November 7, 2022. Congratulations also to big sister **Charlotte**, grandmother **Lori Deertz**, and great-grandmother **Marty Winch**!



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Sue Hawk, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozelski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Autumn Schneider, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Maggie Struhar, Sharon Wilson, Dave Williams, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Rachel Zielinski, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldridge, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by severe weather

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK! LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN HOUSE:

For this year's Open House on **Sunday, November 20th**, we will

offer an event similar to last year's and celebrate outside with the community. Once again, we will not be offering indoor hospitality but we will have our Live Nativity, complete with animals, including Charlie the Camel! We need volunteers to participate in the Live Nativity (in shifts). Easy to wear costumes are provided and all ages are encouraged to be a part of this wonderful tradition.

Please see **Dale Hawk** or **Rachel Zielinski** if you would like to help.



GIFT CARDS

GET YOUR GIFT GIVING AND PERSONAL SHOPPING DONE AND BENEFIT THE CHURCH!

You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings. ORDER EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!**



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS CONTINUE!

The Pageant will take place during worship on December 18th.

PENNY SUNDAY

The next Penny Sunday (and last one for the year) will be on **November 27th**. Please save those coins and dollars for our next collection.

LAST CHANCE: Thanksgiving "Basket" project

We are providing food assistance to those in need, and are accepting monetary donations or donations of food gift cards for the families on our list. If you would like to contribute, please give the gift cards to the church office or place a check in the offering plate, labeled "THANKSGIVING." **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROJECT. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.**



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP--UPCOMING EVENTS

The Women's Fellowship will be making candy in November and selling it to members of the congregation in December. We will make dark and light chocolate candies – chocolate with peanuts or raisins or coconut, pretzel bark,

and pecan bark. **If you are interested in helping, we will be making candy on two dates:**

- **Friday, 11/18, 10 am – 2 pm** (bring your own lunch if you wish)
- **Monday, 11/21, 7 pm - ?**

We will then package candy:

- **Monday, 11/28, 10 am – 2 pm** (bring your own lunch if you wish)

We will sell candy after our worship services:

- **Sunday, 12/4/22**
- **Sunday, 12/11/22**

All women of the church are welcome to join the fun and fellowship! Please contact **Barb Fraunfelder** with any questions – bfraunfelder@gmail.com or 440-227-9051

Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m. – Christmas Tea (Please note change in date.) Sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with freshly stocked fall/winter merchandise. We are once again accepting donations, but please make sure you are able to carry your items downstairs when you donate.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2 LIVE MUSIC EVENTS AT OUR CHURCH!

Sunday, December 11th at 7 p.m.: Swinging Sounds of Christmas Jazz Concert, featuring the Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band, followed by a wine reception. Tickets will be \$10 each.



Sunday, December 18th at 7 p.m.: Christmas Cantata "Peace"

Our Chancel Choir, in cooperation with the Columbia United Methodist Church choir, and special guest musicians will present this beautiful cantata. There is no admission charge for this program.



WOULD YOU LIKE A WAY TO SERVE GOD AND SERVE YOUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME? How about volunteering to serve on a church board or committee?

The Nominating Committee, through the Official Board, will be looking for church members to fill the many open positions on our boards.

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:

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 and Memorial/Endowment.

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

Remember the old but true saying, *Many hands make light work*. Plan to be a part of one of these boards or committees. Thank you for your consideration.

2022

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: S.O.C.K.S. Service, Offering, Community, Kindness, Sanctuary



Estimate of Giving (Pledge) cards will be collected starting today, but you may turn one in at any time.

Strongsville United Church of Christ 2023 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2023:

Name _____

Address _____

I plan to give \$_____ each

☐ week ☐ month ☐ other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$_____
Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$_____

☐ I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking account.

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____

