

THIS WEEK

Monday:	Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets in Pilgrim Hall, 9 a.m. Deliver/Pick Up Baskets, after 12 noon
Wednesday:	Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fitness Club will <u>NOT</u> meet at 7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 p.m. at Strongsville United METHODIST Church
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed
Friday:	Church Office Closed.

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!

Gift Cards – CHRISTMAS IS COMING! You can easily get your Christmas gift-giving handled while helping your church by purchasing gift cards 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. 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.**

Thank you to all who decorated the church for Christmas this past week.

Official Board – Profit from the Turkey Dinner on November 5 was \$2,006.39. Thank you to all who bought tickets and to all who worked on Friday and/or Saturday. It was nice to see new faces helping along with our regulars.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter – Roy Merkle
Morning Announcements – Sally Herzog
Liturgist – Gina Gigliotti
Ushers – Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed
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 27, 2016

Greeters – Lynn McCray, Sharon Heinrich
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
Liturgist – Kelly Bickley
Ushers – Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
TODAY ~ 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

The Mitten Tree will collect hats, gloves, mittens and scarves until December 4 for Brookside Center, which provides clothing and necessities to the poor and needy. After worship on December 4, the Mitten Tree items will be removed. The tree will become the Family of Faith Tree, which is decorated with Christmas ornaments donated by members and friends. If you have not yet donated an ornament or 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. Your ornament will **NOT** be returned to you. Also, please do not bring expensive heirloom ornaments. 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.

Church Christmas Mail Box – To send Christmas greetings to fellow members and friends, the church “mail box” will again be available in Pilgrim Hall. Please remember to check the box for greetings you receive. **Also, please do not put cards into the box for those who are not in town for Christmas**, because the church office cannot mail personal Christmas greetings. Cards left in the box after Christmas will be discarded. Thank you.



Adult Social Club is changing their meeting day from the second Wednesday of the month to the third Wednesday of month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. All are welcome to the meetings. Please mark your calendar for the Adult Social Club Game Night on Saturday, January 14, at the church.

“Reap What You Sow” Basket Raffles – The drawings for the two “Reap What You Sow” baskets will take place on Sunday, December 4, in the sanctuary after the last hymn of the worship service. The congregation is requested to take their seats after the last hymn.

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 2016 Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. This year's performance, entitled *Count Your Blessings*, features former church choir leader Tom Foley as director; Carol Konet, accompanist; and church singers—Irene Joyce, Ingrid Dickson, Pam Keenen, Gary Hackett, Jack Stephenson, Bruce Keenen and UCC guest singer Craig Hardy. You'll enjoy the music, and we'll get you in the Christmas mood. We like looking into the audience and seeing our fellow church members. So, please attend. Thank you! Tickets are available at the door and cost \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

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

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, Edie Deitcher, Hollie Paine Dodge, Kim Filiatraut, Elizabeth Fulford, Matthew Geletka, Dan Karoly, Sue Mason, Pat Masuga, Debbie Morey, Tonette Putrino, Carrol Riley, Keith Stewart

NOVEMBER 2016

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 December Newsletter Pickup
29	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
30	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am

DECEMBER 2016

4	Sun	Deadline for Women’s Luncheon Reservations Deadline for Special Orders for Gift Cards for Christmas
9	Fri	Blue Christmas Worship Service of Remembrance, 7:30pm
16	Fri	Strongsville City Jazz Christmas Concert, 7:30pm
18	Sat	Children’s Christmas Pageant with potluck afterward, 5pm
24	Sat	Christmas Eve Worship, 7:30pm and 11pm
25	Sun	Christmas Morning Worship, 10am
27	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
31	Sat	Annual Reports are due!

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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