

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Traditional Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday
Contemporary Worship 11:15 A.M. Sunday

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Sunday – See page 2.

Scriptures: Ruth 1:1-8

Sermon:
I Will Go with You

**Communion at
Both Services**

TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.

Liturgist: Jim Studer

Morning Announcements:
Kim McKenzie

Greeter: Linda Plain

Usher: Linda Plain

Coffee Hour: Bev Wehr

CONTEMPORARY 11:15 A.M.

Liturgist: Barb Fraunfelder

Morning Announcements:
Kim McKenzie

Greeters: Needed

Graphics Operation:
Rosemary Bechtel

Coffee Hour: Bev Wehr

NOVEMBER 8

Pentecost 24

Scriptures:
Mark 12:38-44

Sermon:
A Penny for Your Thoughts

TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.

Liturgist: Ted Bickley

Morning Announcements:
Irene Joyce

Greeters: Needed

Ushers: Needed

Coffee Hour: Rosemary Bechtel

CONTEMPORARY 11:15 A.M.

Liturgist: Lora Rung

Morning Announcements:
Irene Joyce

Greeters: Needed

Graphics Operation:
Lori Kovatich

Coffee Hour: Rosemary Bechtel

NOVEMBER 15

Pentecost 25

Scriptures:
Isaiah 6:1-5

Sermon:
Here I Am

Decorate Outside for Christmas

TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.

Liturgist: Pam Keenen

Morning Announcements:
Barb Fraunfelder

Greeters: Lloyd and Barbara Bridle

Ushers: Lloyd and Barbara Bridle

Coffee Hour: Gina Cathcart

CONTEMPORARY 11:15 A.M.

Liturgist: Betty Craig

Morning Announcements:
Barb Fraunfelder

Greeters: Needed

Graphics Operation:
Vicky Masuga

Coffee Hour: Gina Cathcart

NOVEMBER 22

*Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Baskets Dedicated
Stewardship Sunday
Set Up Mitten Tree*

Scriptures: Luke 21:1-4
Sermon: *Giving to Feel Good*

*Open House with Live Nativity
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.

Liturgists:
Michael Fischer and Dale Hawk

Morning Announcements:
Denise Bell

Greeters: Dale and Cathy Hawk

Ushers: Needed

Coffee Hour: Ginny Oerkfitz

CONTEMPORARY 11:15 A.M.

Liturgist: Jim Nicoulin

Morning Announcements:
Denise Bell

Greeters: Needed

Graphics Operation:
Vicky Masuga

Coffee Hour: Ginny Oerkfitz

NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday of Advent

Scriptures:
Luke 21:25-36

HANGING OF THE GREENS

TRADITIONAL 9:45 A.M.

Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz
Morning Announcements:
Kim McKenzie
Greeter: Ginny Dangelo
Ushers: Needed
Coffee Hour: Beth Giuliano

CONTEMPORARY 11:15 A.M.

Liturgist: Dan Masuga
Morning Announcements:
Kim McKenzie
Greeter: Ginny Dangelo
Usher: Ginny Dangelo
Graphics Operation:
Sharon Heinrich
Coffee Hour: Beth Giuliano

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 1, 2015

For All Saints Sunday on November 1, 2015, we will remember our loved ones who have passed. If you have not already submitted names on your attendance card, please call the church office, 440-238-6697, with the names of persons you want to remember.

On November 1 their names will be printed in the bulletin, and a tea light candle will be lit in each person's memory.



Join Us at Strongsville UCC for Our Annual
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, November 22, 2015
5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

featuring a live animals, music, and refreshments!
Bakery donations are requested.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday – November 25, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
12700 Pearl Road in Strongsville

Several of our Chancel Choir members will sing in the Ecumenical Choir for the service, and our own Pastor Becky will provide the message.
All are welcome!



BLUE CHRISTMAS
Service of Remembrance

Friday – December 11, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.
in our Sanctuary

Blue Christmas is a worship service remembering those who have passed away, while seeking hope for all of us during the Christmas season.

You are not alone . . . we welcome you.
Come, join us in fellowship.



After the service, a reception will be held in Pilgrim Hall.

Save the Date !

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
at the
Parsonage

Saturday – December 12, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.



All are welcome!

Save this Date, too !

STRONGSVILLE CITY JAZZ SWING BAND
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
in our
Sanctuary

Friday – December 18, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

Fundraiser for the
Music Ministry of Strongville UCC



IN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to three families on their recent losses:

To Sally Kline and family on the passing of her son Markus Doychak on September 21, 2015. (Markus was also the grandson of the late Rev. Charles and the late Lois Kline. Rev. Kline was minister of Strongsville UCC from 1968 to 1996.) The funeral was held September 27 at Jenkins Funeral Chapel, 2914 Dover Center Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145. If you wish to send a card to the family, please send it c/o Jenkins Memorial Chapel at the address above.

To the Williams and Grabski family on the passing of Richard Bislich on October 1.

Richard was the father of Nancy Grabski and the grandfather of Clay and Jake Williams. The funeral took place October 7 at Jardine's Funeral Home.

To Bill and Becky Robinson and their family on the passing of their aunt and our church member, Rhea Clements, on October 9, 2015. The funeral was held October 14 at Baker Funeral Home in Berea.



KFC PENNY SUNDAYS

Penny Sunday dates for the remainder of the year are November 29 and December 27.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Make someone happy; make gift-giving easy; help the church!

You can pre-order your gift cards, including hundreds of merchants that we don't usually carry in stock! Please see Jim Joyce for information, a list of retailers, and an order form!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting – The ladies will meet Wednesday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the classroom across from the Parlor. The program will be election of new officers and sharing ideas for 2016's meetings. Claire Wills will lead devotions. After the meeting, those who wish are welcome to enjoy the Wednesday Free Lunch in Pilgrim Hall. As always, all ladies are invited to attend the meeting.

Candy Schedule – will depend upon whether we have enough help.

Make Candy – from 9:00 a.m. to noon or later
Monday, November 9 Friday, November 13
Monday, November 16

Package Candy – from 10:30 a.m. till finished
Friday, November 20

Sell Candy – between the two services
Sunday, December 6 Sunday, December 13

*** IF YOU CAN HELP ***
*** PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (440) 238-6697. ***
Thank you.

Betty Craig
Candy Chairman



BIRTH

Congratulations to great-grandmother, Lola Millhoane; grandparents, Valerie and Dale Hopkins; and parents, Cory and Kelsea Routh, on the birth of baby girl Decklynn on October 13, 2015!



CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

(in alphabetical order)

and their chairmen / contacts

Advertising Committee – Dale Hawk

Bell Choir – Barb Fraunfelder, Director

Chancel Choir – Joshua Konow, Director

Children’s Music Program – Elena Taylor, Director

Christian Education Committee – Jamie Habart

Diaconate – Denise Bell

Endowment Fund and Memorial Fund – Greg Dickson

Free Lunch Program – Pastor Becky Stephenson

Mission and Outreach Committee – Kelly Bickley

Music Committee – Pam Keenen

Official Board – Kim McKenzie, Moderator

Organ Restoration Committee – Jim Heinrich

Praise Band – Elena Taylor, Director

Stewardship Committee – Natalie Daniels, Darla Wickline

Sunday School – Irene Joyce, Jamie Habart

The Thrift Shop – Lola Millhoane

Trustees – Gary Paul, Rachel Zielinski

Women’s Fellowship – Lola Millhoane

Women’s Retreat – Kim McKenzie



THE THRIFT SHOP

Fall has arrived in the shop, and before we know it, so will winter and Christmas. Check the shop in November for holiday décor and clothing.

Please remember that the shop will be open during the Turkey Dinner. Stop in and check out some of the best shopping in Strongsville as far as bargains go.

Think of the shop when you are taking out your winter clothing. We can always use shoes, boots, coats and accessories. Children's clothing and jewelry are always good sellers.

We are open on Thursdays, except Thanksgiving Day, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Stop in to shop, donate or visit.



FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that our church has partnered with my EOffering's online giving system. Similar to online bill pay, members may opt to have their financial contributions to the church withdrawn directly from their credit, debit, checking, or savings account in lieu of bringing cash or paper checks each Sunday. Please note that online giving is optional and that members may still use envelopes or set something up with their banks.

If you are interested in using my EOffering, please be assured that their site is safe and user friendly. You can customize a completely individual method of giving, based on how and when you receive your income – whether it be bi-weekly, monthly, or semi-monthly. We hope that by offering this service that members have an additional avenue to plan their giving. We also hope this helps in the church's efforts to grow and move forward.

It is the committee's goal to have this option enabled by the end of November. Signing up will be as simple as going to www.strongsvilleucc.com and clicking on the "Donate Now" button. You'll register an account and within minutes you will be giving your first online donation. The steps are outlined below:

- After clicking "Donate Now", you'll be taken to our church's myEOffering page. Simply click the "Sign-up" button.
- Fill in your contact information, e-mail address, and password and click the "Register" button.
- You will receive an e-mail within a few minutes from myEOffering. Click that link to verify your e-mail address.
- Now you can log in with your e-mail address and the password that you chose.
- After you've logged in, it's as simple as clicking the "New Donation" button.
- Choose the amount and how often you'd like to give the offering.
- Enter your payment information and choose which fund to give to.
- And authorize the payment. Congratulations! You're now giving your offerings electronically!

If you have any questions about signing up or using the system, feel free to send an email to the address listed, below.

Natalie Daniels, Stewardship Chair
Danielsnatalie1@gmail.com



DIACONATE NEWS

Purse, Bag and Tote Bag Sale

This Diaconate fundraiser will take place the day of our Turkey Dinner—Saturday, November 7, 2015. If possible, please bring your donations to the church now so we can plan the space needed. However, we will accept donations until Sunday, November 1. Thank you for your donations.

Purses should be **new or like new**. Pricing for regular size purses will begin at \$5.00. For more information, please contact Dianne Maringer.



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Holiday Cookie Sale

Too busy to bake for the holiday season? The Diaconate will hold its ninth annual Holiday Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 13, in Pilgrim Hall. Come prepared to buy all your favorite cookies.

To provide bakery, there will be a sign-up sheet posted in Pilgrim Hall. On that day, please bring your treats in half-dozen or dozen packages.

All are welcome to participate!!



NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The following monthly report lists the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount actually received. This information also appears weekly in our Sunday worship bulletin.

For September 20 through October 11, 2015

	Offering Needed:	\$12,760
Offering Received:	(Sep. 21 through Oct. 11)	8,677
Traditional:	\$7,805	Contemporary: \$871
	Difference	(\$4,083)

Barb Fraunfelder



ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK



For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We want to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want new recipes you currently love! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch or Dianne Maringer, or place the envelope under the church office door. Thank you for sharing your recipes.

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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 at (440) 238-6697. This list is updated weekly. If you wish someone to remain on the list, please call the church, (440) 238-6697.

Long-Term Care or Homebound

Members: Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village



Church Family: Holly Elkins, Mick Jacobson (husband of Betty), Bill Kato, Michele Mhlack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, John Wood

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kay Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of October 4, 2015

*In Memory of My Mother, Mary Hirt,
on the 30th year anniversary of her passing
Paul Hirt*

Week of October 11, 2015

*In Loving Memory of Alfred "Jiggs" Graves
Roberta and Dan Carpenter
Happy 16th Birthday to Samantha Wentz on October 16
With love, Grammy*

Week of October 18, 2015

*Happy Birthday to Kristina Craig on October 22
With love, Grammy*

Week of October 25, 2015

*Happy Anniversary on October 29
to Tracey and Natalia Hill and
Happy Birthday on October 31 to Gabe Sauter
With love, Grammy
Symbolizing the Healing Energy for Amanda Hover
Betty Kircher*

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00.
Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.
Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted.
For more info, please call the church, 440-238-6697.
Thank you to all who light the steeple.



NEW LOCATION FOR DONATIONS for Strongsville Food Bank

Many thanks to the congregation for their continuing support of the Food Bank donations. With the approval of the Trustees, the Mission Outreach Committee has moved the donation area to alongside our glass display case in Pilgrim Hall.



Thanks again for your continued support of Strongsville Food Bank.

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD COLLECTION 2015

Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection began on Sunday, October 18. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 18 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 25 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Nov. 1 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 8 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 15 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 22 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.

Thank you for your support of this benevolent project.

If you know someone who would appreciate a basket, please provide Pastor Becky with the following information:

THANKSGIVING BASKET DISTRIBUTION – 2015

Name of Family:

Number of People in Family:

_____ Adults _____ Children

Address:

Telephone:

(_____) _____