

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
(CONGREGATIONAL)

13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor



SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 6, 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 “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” Cleavant Derrick

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in,  
and then a little light from heaven filled my soul;  
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above,  
and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole. **Refrain.**

**Refrain** Now let us have a little talk with Jesus,  
Let us tell Him all about our troubles,  
He will hear our faintest cry,  
and He will answer by and by;  
now when you feel a little pray'r wheel turning,  
and you know a little fire is burning,  
you will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right. *It makes it right.*

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer,  
and then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day;  
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,  
but just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. **Refrain.**

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,  
but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;  
I go to Him in pray'r; He knows my ev'ry care,  
and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. **Refrain. Refrain.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† HYMN 667 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good;  
People: His love is eternal.  
Leader: Come to God that you might learn to show mercy.  
People: Let the Lord teach us how our hearts can love –  
with all our soul and strength and mind.

**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 “Give Me Jesus” Spiritual  
Bruce Keenen, Soloist arr. Benjamin Harlan

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY “There Is None Like You” Lenny Leblanc

† 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 10:25-37 New Testament, p. 62

SERMON “What We Will Do!” Rev. Joseph Santomen

† HYMN 667 “Lord, Speak to Me”

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “God Be with You” William G. Tomer

† POSTLUDE “Now Unto Him” David Morris

**This morning's altar flowers are given—**

Remembering Papa on His and Grandma's 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
From the Kids and Grandkids

**Happy Birthday today** to Richard Bennett, Sally Grega, and Brett Martin!

**Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson are on vacation, so we welcome back Rev. Joseph Santomen and his wife Betsey this morning.** We thank Rev. Santomen for leading us in worship today. Rev. Santomen is the retired minister from Strongsville United Methodist church, where he served for 10 years. Rev. Santomen has been retired 21 years; this is the 55<sup>th</sup> year of ordination in the United Methodist Church. For the past 19 years, Rev. Santomen has been preaching in the Adirondacks at Caroga Lake, New York. In addition, Rev. Santomen is a long-time Rotarian; he is the president of the Strongsville Food Bank Board; and for the past four years he has been teaching the Bible Study class at the Strongsville United Methodist Church. On September 6, Rev. and Mrs. Santomen celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to Don Kovach and family on the passing of his wife Betty on Thursday, November 3, 2016. Betty used to teach Sunday School, and she volunteered many years in The Thrift Shop. Visitation is today from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Jardine's Funeral Home. The funeral is tomorrow, November 7, at 11:00 a.m. at our church. Because Pastor Becky is away, Rev. Erv Koch will officiate at the service. A luncheon will be held in Pilgrim Hall immediately after the service. Donations of side dishes and bakery are needed. If you can provide a side dish or bakery, please contact Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz at (440) 554-4367 or email at [anchormate1@yahoo.com](mailto:anchormate1@yahoo.com)

**Thank you** to all who supported yesterday's Turkey Dinner.

**Our annual Stewardship Campaign begins today.** Please pick up your Stewardship mail in the Gathering Area this morning. Thank you!

**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.

**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 10/30/2016 2,435  
Difference - \$1,465

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Monday:	Memorial Service for Betty Kovach, 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon in Pilgrim Hall
Tuesday:	Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m.
Wednesday:	Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fitness Club, 7 p.m. – All are welcome. Adult Social Club Meeting, 7 p.m. 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.
Friday:	Dinner Preparation in Pilgrim Hall
Saturday:	Turkey Dinner

**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.

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.

SERVING TODAY

- Greeter – Linda Plain
- Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
- Liturgist – Dan Masuga
- Usher – Linda Plain
- Coffee Hour – Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz
- Director of Music – Elena Taylor
- Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder
- The Chancel Choir
- Choir Accompanist – Sharon Heinrich
- Ken Mehalko – Clarinet
- 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 13, 2016

- Greeter – Peg Weakley
- Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
- Liturgist – Lynne McCray
- Ushers – Volunteers Needed
- Coffee Hour – Gina Cathcart

**Basics of Yoga** – Are you a yoga novice? A professional pretzel? Or somewhere in between? Fit Club is hosting a live "Basics of Yoga" session, HERE at the church, on Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m., taught by Lauren Joy Fraley, certified yoga instructor from Puma Yoga. This class is totally free and geared toward anyone who would like to find out more about yoga. Bring water and a yoga mat. (If you don't have a mat, let us know and we will provide one for you!) After our session, we plan to go to Core Life Restaurant on Royalton Road for a healthy meal together. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall or you can see Kelly Bickley or Irene Joyce, and let us know that you are interested. This is the day after the Turkey Dinner, so we will be extra motivated to get up and get moving.

**Women’s Fellowship** changed their Organizational Meeting to **Monday, November 14** (*instead of tomorrow*) at **10:00 a.m.** to plan programs for the coming year and to decide a definite day for meetings.

**Women’s Fellowship candy making will only take place if we have enough help to make candy on the Mondays of November 21 and 28.** Please tell Claire Wills or Betty Craig if you will be there. Thank you. The tentative candy schedule is:

Make	9:00 a.m.	November 21, 28
Package	10:30 a.m.	December 2
Sell	after church	December 4, 11

Candy will be sold after church during Coffee Hour on December 4 and 11. No candy will be sold before those dates, and no advance orders will be taken.

**Decorating for Christmas will take place after worship next Sunday, November 13.** Help is needed. Pizza will be provided after decorating.

**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!

**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



**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!

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 Cleveland Clinic, 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 Filiautraut, Elizabeth Fulford, Matthew Geletka, Dan Karoly, Sue Mason, Pat Masuga, Debbie Morey, Tonette Putrino, Carrol Riley, Keith Stewart, Kathleen Wickline

NOVEMBER 2016

8	Tue	Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
9	Wed	Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
10	Thu	Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
13	Sun	Decorate the church for the Christmas season, after worship
14	Mon	<b>Women’s Fellowship Organizational Meeting, 10am</b>
17	Thu	Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
20	Sun	Thanksgiving Baskets Dedicated in worship Holiday Open House, 5-8pm
21	Mon	Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets, 9am in Pilgrim Hall Women’s Fellowship Candy Making, 9am in Pilgrim Hall
23	Wed	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at <b>Methodist</b> Church, 7:30pm
24	Thu	Thanksgiving Day
26	Sat	Memorial Service for Chris Morgan, 11:30am <b>in our sanctuary (Funeral luncheon at VFW Hall, 25742 Royalton Road in Columbia Station)</b>
27	Sun	Bell Choir plays for worship Poinsettia Order Deadline First Sunday in Advent – Hanging of the Greens
28	Mon	Women’s Fellowship Candy Making, 9am in Pilgrim Hall

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

- Children’s Choir - 7:30pm on Wednesdays
- Band (for adults and children) - 8pm on Wednesdays
- Bell Choir - 7pm on Thursdays
- Chancel Choir - 8pm on Thursdays

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