

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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October 11, 2015 11:15 A.M. Church Anniversary Sunday

† *Those who are able may stand.*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE *I Will Follow* Chris Tomlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *I Was Glad* Albin Whitworth

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*adapted from Hebrews 4:12-16*) Kyra Krause

One: The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it can judge our thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

Many: We cannot hide for we are naked and laid bare to the one whom we must render an account.

One: Let us hold fast to our confession before Jesus, who was tested as you and I, and yet was without sin.

Many: We approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary* Sing 3 times.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

† **HYMN 209** *This Is the Day*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Naida Hearn

ANTHEM *A Lord-Built House* Roger Lentz

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come Just as You Are* Joseph Sabolick

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN 621 *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:17-31 Gina Gigliotti
New Testament, p. 40

SERMON *198 Years*

† **HYMN 602** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *A Parting Prayer* Albin Whitworth

† **INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE** *Thy Word* Amy Grant

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Minister
Worship Accompanist
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Praise Band Director
Sound System
Liturgists
Greeters
Ushers

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson
Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Elena Taylor
Jim Heinrich and Doug Thorn
Kyra Krause and Gina Gigliotti
The Bickley Family
Bruce and Gayle Sperber

OCTOBER 2015

- 12 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
13 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
15 Thu Newsletter Deadline
18 Sun Begin Collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets
Kindred Spirit Singles arrival 1pm, meeting 2pm
19 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
20 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
25 Sun Dedication of Memorials, Sunday School pumpkin painting
26 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
27 Tue Official Board Meeting 7pm
28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
31 Sat Harvest Festival for children and families, noon to 2pm

November Newsletter Deadline is this Thursday, October 15. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today.

Strongsville Women's League will host a **BLOODMOBILE on Monday, October 19, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph and John Church**, 12700 Pearl Road in Strongsville. For information, please call Marlene Martin, (440) 238-7123.

Dedication of Memorials and Honorariums will take place Sunday, October 25.

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2015, we will remember loved ones who have passed. On the back of your Attendance Card, please write the names of those you want to remember. On November 1 their names will be printed in the bulletin, and candles will be lit in their memory. Please place ALL attendance cards into the offering plate.

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. Purses should be **new or like new**. Pricing for regular size purses will begin at \$5.00. For additional information, please see Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer. Thank you for your donations.

Serving Next Sunday – October 18, 2015

Liturgists	9:45 Lynne McCray	11:15 Betty Craig
Greeters		Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour		Rosemary Bechtel
Graphics Operation for 11:15		Vicky Masuga

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 11, 2015

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The altar flowers are given this morning—

*In Loving Memory of the Taylor / Roberts Families
Doris Soucie*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

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

Happy Birthday today to Sue Hawk and to Matt Minnick!

Happy Anniversary today to Ginny and Matt Basenback!

Neighbors in Need special offering for the United Church of Christ denomination will be received throughout this month of October. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Your support is appreciated.

After worship **all are welcome to the Anniversary Meal** in Pilgrim Hall.

Tuesday Meeting: Diaconate at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are invited to enjoy this free weekly lunch, which is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

Wednesday Rehearsals: Children's Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Praise Band at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Rehearsals: Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Instrumental at 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

Strongsville Food Bank – The word from the Food Bank this month is PASTA. Apparently they are having trouble keeping it in stock. Please be sure to put it in our NEW collection area in Pilgrim Hall, along with any other items you have to contribute. ALL your donations are gratefully received and transported to our distribution center. The Mission Outreach Committee has moved the donation area alongside our glass display case— to increase visibility and make it more easily accessible.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 10/4	Traditional \$2,509 Contemporary \$270
	3,868
	Difference \$ 678

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.

The Thrift Shop can use baby's and children's clothing in all sizes. Please leave your donations in the shop. Thank you!

Donations for the Thrift Shop – When you bring donations to the church, please write **Thrift Shop** on your bag. Thank you!

Classroom by Pilgrim Hall (which was the old office of the minister) was cleaned and is now the Preschool Sunday School classroom. Please do not use the room for storage. 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 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: Lloyd Bridle, 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 Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter 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), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), 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)

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

Ingrid Dickson
Gary Hackett
Sarah Herzog
Irene Jannsohn
Irene Joyce
Bruce Keenen
Pam Keenen
Sarah Keenen
Joshua Konow – Director
Karen Morgan
Kenn Oerkfitz
Jack Stephenson
Elena Taylor – Accompanist



OUR PRAISE BAND

Rita Budd – Tambourine
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Voice
Aidan Hurtig – Drum Pads
Rachel Kovatich – Voice
Kyra Krause – Voice
Toni Newborn – Voice
Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar
Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Voice
Elena Taylor – Director, Voice, Keyboard
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Voice
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola

Strongsville United Church of Christ

presents

Harvest Festival



Come one, come all to celebrate fall!

Strongsville UCC will host a Harvest Festival Saturday, October 31, at church. This family friendly event is for the whole family to have fun before trick or treating! The event is 12PM-2PM.

The Harvest Festival features fun, not-so-scary crafts and games for the whole family!

Spread the word! All the kids in the community are invited!
Strongsville United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136
(Northwest Corner of Pearl and Royalton Roads)

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD COLLECTION – 2015

Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins next 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: _____

