THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Sunday - October 14, 2018 - 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

"Andante"

Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Irene Joyce

INTROIT

"Jesus, Stand Among Us"

Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord God, even when we cannot see your face. People: You look upon us with compassion and grace. Leader: Even when we cannot muster a single word, People: You hear the deepest sighs of our souls, and

hold us close.

Leader: Even when life feels as though things are falling apart. People: You hold us together with your perfect grace. In your

holy presence, we find comfort. Under your steady

gaze, we know peace. Thanks be to God.

† HYMN 10

"Majesty"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, Lord"

Folev

ANTHEM "Go Ye into All the World"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Native Flute Song"

Mehalko/Elkins

Butler

† DOXOLOGY **HYMN 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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10: 17-23

SERMON

He didn't mean it--or did he?

† HYMN "When in Our Music God is Glorified" When in our music God is glorified

And adoration leaves no room for pride It is as though the whole creation cried

Alleluia

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How often making music we have found A new dimension in the world of sound

As worship moved us to a more profound

So has the Church in liturgy and song

In faith and love through centuries of wrong Borne witness to the truth in every tongue

Alleluia

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night When utmost evil strove against the light

Then let us sing for whom He won the fight

Alleluia

Let every instrument be tuned for praise Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise

And may God give us faith to sing always

Alleluia

CCLI Song # 2631390

+ BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

"Go Now in Peace"

Besig

† POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Lemmens

SERVING

TODAY – OCTOBER 14 NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 21 Dave Williams Liturgists Jennifer Barry Lola Millhoane **Greeters** The Rolland Family Kenn & Ginny Oerkfitz Ushers Roy Merkle Rosemary Bechtel **Coffee Hour** Volunteer needed Tom Folev **Director of Music** Tom Foley Mike Elkins **Associate Director of Music** Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich Organist

The altar flowers are given—

Happy 5th Anniversary! Deborah and Bill Schneider

In loving memory of Aimee J. Jannsohn The Dickson-Joyce-Jannsohn family

Our steeple will light the sky this week-

Happy Birthday on October 16 to Samantha Wentz! With Love, Grammy

With Special Thanks to everyone who helped with the major floor repainting project, especially take-down and set-up. The Thrift Shop

The Diaconate will meet Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Happy Birthday today to Rob Toth!

Happy Anniversary today to Kenneth and Elaine Heinzman and Richard and Tina Becka!

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are videotaped each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy.

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Betty Babics, Eddy Bond, Rita Budd, Mindy Carte (daughter of Judy), Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Linda Stepan, Barbara Toth, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Jeff Stimson (friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

ORGAN FESTIVAL!

Join us TODAY, for our ORGAN FESTIVAL, featuring five area organists



playing wide-ranging selections on our refurbished organ, followed by a free wine and cheese reception. Organists include our own Sharon Heinrich, Nick Cantello and Greta Pasztor from Baldwin Wallace University, Jarred Sorauf from Middleburg Heights Community Church, and Carmen Massaro from the Rocky River United Methodist Church. A free will offering will be received. Come and enjoy the fruits of nearly a decade of labor with the beautiful sounds of

music!

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.





201st ANNIVERSARY **POTLUCK NEXT** WEEK!

Bring your favorite dish & side, salad or dessert to share with

your church family on Sunday, October 21, following the worship service. Tableware and beverages will be provided.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

THE THRIFT SHOP has reopened for business on Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. An additional person is needed to work with us for 2 hours on the second Wednesday of the month. Please contact the church office if you can help.

OCTOBER 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

14 Sun Worship 10am Children's Choir

ORGAN FESTIVAL 3pm

16 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm

17 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm

Fit Club, 7pm

Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm Band Rehearsal 8:15pm

18 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

21 Sun Worship 10am with Baptism

Anniversary Potluck Children's Choir

23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm

24 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

Fit Club, 7pm

Band Rehearsal 8:15pm

25 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Men's Luncheon 11:30am

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Worship 10am

All Saints Sunday

Penny Sunday

Sunday School Pumpkin Party

Children's Choir

Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

No Fit Club

Band Rehearsal 8:15pm

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31 Last Week's Offering Received \$4,517.50 (Difference \$ 868.19)



SUNDAY SCHOOL PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY! Sunday, October 28 during class time. Don't forget, October 28 is also All Saints Sunday and Penny Sunday, with the collection benefiting Together We Rise for foster children.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENT

Carrie Cerinos: Dinner & Show featuring "A BRANSON COUNTRY

CHRISTMAS (with a Special Tribute To Our Veterans)"

When: Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm

Cost \$49.75 per person (if we get 16 or more people)

Note: Show Only \$38.50

Own Transportation (let us know if you need a ride)

Reservations to Linda Plain (e-mail)

Lindaplain416@aol.com or 440-668-4848 (We only have seats for 30 people) Check payable to: Linda Plain NO LATER THAN NOV. 11th.

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Your Mission Outreach Committee have committed to assembling a total of 100 Comfort Kits designed to meet the needs of local veterans. The cost per kit is \$10. Each kit, assembled in a drawstring bag, will contain:

- Two pairs of white socks
- 7 oz. Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- 6 oz. Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Razor
- 15 oz. Body Wash/ Shampoo
- Bath sponge

The kits will be dedicated during worship on Oct. 28, and delivered Nov. 5.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins today. Each week we will bring to church these items:

- Oct. 14 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 21 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 28 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes,

or cookie mixes) and cans of icing

- cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of Nov. 4 corn muffin mix
- Nov. 11 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams

Nov. 18 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 write the information on your attendance card, or tell Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

TURKEY DINNER

Come on Saturday, November 3 for an all-you-caneat meal of roasted turkey with all the trimmings! Seatings are at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$12 for adults; \$5 for kids 6 – 10, and free for kids under 6. Please see Beth Giuliano to reserve your tickets or call her at 216-598-6198. Volunteers will also be needed for this dinner, so please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall!



THANK YOU FROM THE COCKRELL FAMILY

Thank you to the congregation for the cards and condolences on the recent passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, Gordon Cockrell. From Kathy, Susan, Brian, Jennifer, and family

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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 serving on the:

Moderator, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community

Vice-Moderator, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee,

and enlists volunteers for dinners and other Official Board events.

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

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.

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

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN STRONGSVILLE

The Christian group, Cornerstone Chorale and Brass, is going to present a concert in the **Strongsville United Methodist Church** Worship Center on Friday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. Cornerstone presents a powerful message of reconciliation, healing and social justice through narration with a wide variety of traditional music, focusing on our faith and God's call for us to follow Christ and serve those in need. There will be a freewill offering. Strongsville Mayor Tom Perciak will be narrating the Cornerstone program here. Plan to invite everyone you know who will enjoy and be blessed by this event! The address is 13500 Royalton Road in Strongsville.

On Sunday, November 18th, 3:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church, Strongsville is pleased to host Dr. David Pilgrim, founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia located on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. Dr. Pilgrim is also the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at Ferris State, and is one of the country's leading experts on multiculturalism, diversity, and race relations. Dr. Pilgrim will give a one hour presentation on "The Power of Honest Conversation About Race" using artifacts from the museum, followed by a brief break for refreshments, then we will have an hour of "engagement time" in small groups that will be led by Dr. Pilgrim. The event is free and open to the public, and is appropriate for ages 12 and older. Youth groups are particularly welcome. Please join us for what promises to be an enlightening and provocative discussion. First Lutheran Church is located at 19419 Royalton Road in Strongsville. For more information please contact Pastor Chuck Knerem at 440-238-7890 or pastorchuck1@gmail.com.