



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CONGREGATIONAL)**

13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 16, 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 **HYMN 654** “Change My Heart, O God”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **HYMN 727** “Faith Is the Victory”

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Some of us wonder what this faith is all about,

All: And come hoping to learn things useful and heart-full.

One: Some of us are confident in “what we have learned and
what we have believed.”

All: And come longing to share our heart-full knowledge.

One: We have all come to learn from each other
and from the words of scripture:

**All: You write your sacred texts, O God,
in scripture and on our hearts;
you welcome us into depths of understanding.
Meet us here and lead us deeper into you;
equip us for every good work.
Join our desire to learn
with your willingness to teach us your ways
of justice and joy.
For this purpose we gather, O Holy One. Amen.**

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 “My Prayer” Don Humphreys, arr. William Stickles

CHOIR ANTHEM “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” Robert J. Powell
Jim Studer and Sandy O’Shea, soloists

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “No Other Name”

† **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 Genesis 37:5-11 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 31

SERMON “Hey, Joseph!”

† **HYMN 231** “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** “Grace, Love and Fellowship” Tom Fettke

† **POSTLUDE** “When I Look into Your Holiness” Wayne and Cathy Perrin

This morning’s altar flowers are given—
In Loving Memory of John Soucie and the Soucie Family
Doris Soucie

The steeple will light the sky this week—
Happy Birthday today to Samantha Wentz
With love, Gram

After worship this morning, **please join us** in Pilgrim Hall for coffee and fellowship.

200th Anniversary Church Cookbooks – Please see Dianne Maringer to get your copy. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an additional \$3.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900
Weekly Offering Received 10/9/2016 5,413
Difference \$1,513

November Church Newsletter Deadline is TODAY. You may leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you.



Thanksgiving Baskets – Thanksgiving food collection begins today. Our goal is to prepare 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 your attendance card, or tell Pastor Becky. Thank you for your support of this benevolent project.

Clambake – For those who made their reservations, the Adult Social Club Clambake is today from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson, 2214 Substation Road in Brunswick Hills (southwest corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads).



THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

- Today:** Official Board Meeting, 11:15 a.m.
Adult Social Club Clambake at Parsonage, 4 to 9 p.m.
- Tuesday** New Testament Study, 12 noon
Advertising Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fitness Club, 7 p.m. – All are welcome.
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.
- Saturday:** Set up for ORC Pancake Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall

**STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration

Next Sunday – October 23, 2016 – 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice
\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years

Tickets will be sold at the door.

Bible Study – Pastor Becky is leading a five-week study on the New Testament on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon. The class began on September 27 and will conclude on October 25. Please bring your Bible and a lunch. All are welcome!

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.

Strongsville Community Band, under the direction of Ken Mehalko, will present a concert at Baldwin Wallace University this Friday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Gamble Auditorium of Kulas Musical Arts Building. The Symphonic Band of Baldwin Wallace University, under the direction of Brendan Caldwell, will also perform. All are welcome to this free concert.

Harvest Party – Strongsville UCC will host a Harvest Party on Saturday, October 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at church. This family-friendly event is for the whole family to have fun. We need donations of baked goods or treats and also help with the activities. Please see the signup sheet in Pilgrim Hall. Spread the word! All kids are welcome!

All Saints Sunday is October 30, when 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 October 30 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. Thank you.

Memorials and honorariums will be dedicated Sunday, October 30.

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday – November 5, 2016

Seatings: 4:30 P.M. 5:45 P.M. 7:00 P.M.

Reservations: (216) 598-6198

Adults - \$12 Ages 6-12 - \$6 Under 6 – Free



Tickets are available for purchase on Sunday mornings. Help is needed. A signup sheet is posted in Pilgrim Hall. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers in any capacity during the serving hours of 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children 6-10 years old must have a parent helping them.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter – Ray Suttle

Morning Announcements – Natalie Daniels

Liturgist – Tom Gaumer

Coffee Hour – Gina Cathcart

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

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.

Decorating for Christmas will take place after worship on 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 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 the last two years. **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.

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, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Dolores Mihlack at Southern Hills, Harvey Pincombe, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie, Trudie Taylor at Royal Oak Nursing and Rehab Center

Church Family: Chris Morgan at Southwest General, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Bri Brostek, Thom Cerny, Dylan Churnega, Zachary Crouse, Audrey Curry, Angie Dickinson, Edie Deitcher, Kim Filiatraut, Elizabeth Fulford, Matthew Geletka, Dan Karoly, Sue Mason, Pat Masuga, Debbie Morey, Carrol Riley, Keith Stewart, Kathleen Wickline

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- 16 Sun Begin collecting for Thanksgiving baskets
Official Board Meeting, 11:15am
Adult Social Club Clambake, 4-9pm at parsonage
- 18 Tue Bible Study, 12noon
Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fitness Club, 7pm
- 20 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 22 Sat Set up for ORC Pancake Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall
- 23 Sun Bells play for worship, ORC Pancake Breakfast
- 25 Tue Final New Testament Bible Study, 12noon
Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
- 26 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fitness Club, 7pm
- 27 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 29 Sat Harvest Party in Pilgrim Hall, 2-4pm
- 30 Sun Communion, All Saints Sunday, Dedicate Memorials
Kids for Christ "Penny Sunday"

NOVEMBER 2016

- 7 Mon **Women's Fellowship Organizational Meeting, 10am**
- 13 Sun Decorate the church for the Christmas season, after worship
- 19 Sat Decorate for Christmas – Help Needed
- 20 Sun Holiday Open House
- 24 Thu Thanksgiving

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!

Mark your calendar: Diaconate Cookie Sale is Sunday, December 4.

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2016

- Greeters – The Bickley Family
- Morning Announcements – Cheryl Sobek
- Liturgist – Jack Stephenson
- Ushers – Ted and Kelly Bickley
- Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed

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