

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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October 18, 2015 9:45 A.M. Pentecost 21

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Air in F Major* G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *I Was Glad* Albin Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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Many: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

† **HYMN 56** *To God Be the Glory*

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 *Amen* Lloyd Larson

ANTHEM *Arise, Shine* Sterling/Machen arr. Swaim

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Madison Rebecca Bell
Parents: Erhardt and Denise Bell Sponsors: Stacy and Christian Dabney

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Madison, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise Madison our love, support, and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Sleepers. Awake* J. S. Bach

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Job 38:1-7 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 447
Mark 10:35-45 New Testament, p. 40

SERMON *Being Tested*

HYMN 436 *Freely, Freely*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *May the Peace of God Surround You* Gary Matheny

† **POSTLUDE** *When We All Get To Heaven* Emily D. Wilson

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.

All are invited to have coffee and baked goods in Pilgrim Hall after our worship service today.

Worship Accompanist
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Technical Setup and Operation
Sound System
Liturgist
Greeters

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Doug Thorn
Jim Heinrich
Lynne McCray
Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

31 *Here I Am To Worship*
41 *I Love You Lord*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

36 *How Excellent Is Thy Name*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Lord Be Glorified

THE WORD OF GOD

Job 38:1-7 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 447
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MEDITATION

Being Tested

SONG

40 *I Love To Praise Him*

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SERVING TODAY

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 – Praise Band Director, Voice, Keyboard
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Voice
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola
Betty Craig – Liturgist
Vicky Masuga – Graphics Operation
Doug Thorn – Sound System, Technical Setup and Operation

OCTOBER 2015

- 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 Advertising Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
- 25 Sun Dedication of Memorials
Sunday School Pumpkin Painting during Class Time
- 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, 12 noon to 2pm

NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 Sun All Saints Sunday
- 7 Sat Turkey Dinner and Diaconate Purse Fundraiser
- 22 Sun Church Open House – in conjunction with the City of
Strongsville’s Holiday Lighting – Baked goods are needed.

DECEMBER 2015

- 11 Fri Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Sun Diaconate Holiday Cookie Sale
- 18 Fri Strongsville City Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Sun Children’s Pageant and Potluck Meal, 5pm

Strongsville Women’s League will host a **BLOODMOBILE tomorrow—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. Thank you.

Serving Next Sunday – October 25, 2015

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| Liturgists | 9:45 Lora Rung | 11:15 Dan Masuga |
| Greeter | | Ginny Dangelo |
| Ushers | | Volunteers Needed |
| Coffee Hour | | Cheryl Sobek |
| Graphics Operation for 11:15 | | Lori Kovatich |

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 18, 2015

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The altar flowers are given this morning—

*In Celebration of Granddaughter Gabby’s Birthday on October 18
and Grandson Grant’s Birthday on October 24
Grandparents George and Joyce Reed*

In Celebration of Kenn and Ginny’s Seventh Wedding Anniversary

The steeple will light the sky this week—

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

Happy Birthday today to Millie LaFave!
Happy Anniversary today to Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz!

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

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy 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 took place on October 14 at Baker Funeral Home in Berea.

A Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, October 25, immediately after the 9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – at about 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to get congregational approval for the urgent repair of our parking lot. The Board of Trustees will present the options of what we can do and how we will finance the project. Also at this meeting, we will discuss the remodeling of the ladies room in the Gathering Area to become a handicap-accessible restroom. Your attendance is greatly encouraged.

Last call for November Newsletter articles! You may leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you!

All are welcome to coffee and baked goods that are available in Pilgrim Hall after the 9:45 service today.

Offering Received 10/11	Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190
	Only one worship service 2,521
	Difference (\$ 669)

Tuesday Meetings: Advertising Team at 7:00 p.m.
Trustees at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are welcome to 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 – Please be sure to put your donations in our NEW collection area in Pilgrim Hall, alongside our glass display case. ALL your donations are gratefully received and transported to our distribution center.

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.

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 Dianne Maringer. Thank you for your donations.

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday – November 7, 2015

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

Adults - \$10 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 – Free



Tickets are available for purchase on Sunday mornings between the worship services. Help is needed for Friday and Saturday. 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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CANDY SCHEDULE (DEPENDS UPON WHETHER THERE IS 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

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

Betty Craig, Candy Chairman

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), 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)

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: _____

