



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CONGREGATIONAL)**
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2016
10:00 A.M. Worship

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 "In the Name of the Lord" McHugh, Gaither, Patty

Crowds have lined the narrow street
to see this man from Galilee;
Just a carpenter some say, leading fools astray,
yet many kneel to give Him praise.
And in His eyes they glimpse the pow'r
that sees the hearts of all men,
and He knows His Father's mind,
He speaks His Father's words,
for He comes in the name of the Lord.
And there is strength in the name of the Lord,
there is power in the name of the Lord,
there is hope in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

When my plans have fallen through
and when my strength is nearly gone;
When there's nothing left to do but just depend on You
and the power of Your name.
And when we call upon Your name
Your strength through weakness to show
we can know the Master's plan,
we can extend the Master's hand;
when we come in the name of the Lord.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN 289

"Adoration"

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come.
People: Let us be God's community.
Leader: Come with love.
People: The steadfast love of God never ceases.
Leader: Come with curiosity.
People: We are one body, one planet, one Church.
Leader: Come with hope.
**People: As we gather with the bread and the cup,
justice is served.**
Leader: Let us worship.

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

ANTHEM "A Clean Heart" Benjamin Harlan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "No Other Name" Robert Gay, arr. Stan Pethe

* **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 2 Timothy 1:1-7 New Testament, p. 187

SERMON "We Are One"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper,
or Pastor Becky will come to you if you wish.*

SOLO during Communion "In His Presence" Dick and Melodie Tunney

† HYMN 583 "You Are My All in All"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "May the Peace of the Lord Go with You" Yannerella

† **POSTLUDE** "Berceuse" Louis Vierne
(sur Les Paroles Classiques)

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

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
*For the marriage on October 7, 2016, of
Courtney Brownfoot and Jacob Scattergood*
Luv, Gram Jackson

Neighbors in Need offering will be received today and throughout the month of October. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

Baby Shower for the upcoming arrival of twin baby boys in the Bell Family will be held **TODAY** in Pilgrim Hall immediately after the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend.

200th Anniversary Church Cookbooks – Please see Joyce Reed, Dianne Maringer, or Marty Winch in the Parlor to get your copy. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an additional \$3 per book.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

- Tuesday:** **Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10:00 a.m.**
New Testament Study, 12:00 noon
Worship Team, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m. – All are welcome.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
Children's and Adult Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday:** Thrift Shop, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday:** Help with Girl Scout Gold Project, 10:00 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

- Morning Announcements – Sally Herzog
- Liturgist – Betty Craig
- Director of Music – Elena Taylor
- Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder
- The Chancel Choir
- Choir Accompanist – Sharon Heinrich
- Clarinet – Ken Mehalko
- 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
- Greeter – Linda Plain
- Usher – Linda Plain
- Coffee Hour – Cathy Hawk

Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. The program will be "Celebrating Autumn." All ladies are welcome. **Please note change of meeting day to TUESDAY.**

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 start on Wednesday, October 5, at 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.

Help Needed – I am looking for a few people to help lift heavy bricks next Saturday, October 8, at 10:00 am. We will be working on my Girl Scout Gold Project and could use a few extra hands. Please email me at suelouljig@aol.com if you are available to help for a bit. Thank you.
Gina Gigliotti

Brunch – To kick off our church's 200th Anniversary festivities in 2017, our Diaconate will furnish a brunch in Pilgrim Hall next Sunday, October 9, after our worship service. All are welcome to partake of this free meal. Also next Sunday, our new 50-year members will be recognized during worship.

New Ramp to accommodate a variety of wheel chair styles was purchased and is available for use between the Gathering Area and Pilgrim Hall.

Thanksgiving Baskets – Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins Sunday, October 16. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- 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.



Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received 9/25/2016	2,361
Difference	- \$1,539
 Total Rally Day offering to date	 \$710

Families and Kids – Let's get together at Baker Creek Farm in Columbia Station this Saturday, October 8, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to have some horse riding fun. Please let Kelly Bickley know TODAY (kelly.bickley@gmail.com or [330-461-4624](tel:330-461-4624)) if you can attend.

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!

Coffee Hour – To donate staples for Coffee Hour and the Free Lunch program, these items are needed: napkins, small recyclable cups for juice (7 or 9 oz.), Splenda, Sweet 'n Low, Equal, coffee, tea, powered mix for lemonade, iced tea, and hot chocolate. Please DO NOT donate styrofoam cups, plates, and bowls, as they are NOT recyclable. We are trying to go GREEN. Thank you.

Strongsville Food Bank especially needs canned fruit right now. In addition, the Food Bank started the power pack program to help feed 12 children at Muraski School on weekends, and the program maintains the children's privacy. The Food Bank will target other schools until all children who need the program are included.

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
C L A M B A K E
CHANGE OF DATE TO
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.**



at the parsonage – 2214 Substation Road in Brunswick Hills
(Southwest corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads)
Cost of \$20.00 for the Clambake includes
1 dozen clams, ½ chicken, sweet potato, corn, cole slaw, roll and butter.
\$8.00 each for additional dozen clams \$9.50 each for 5 oz. lobster tail
Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 12.
Also, Pastor Becky is making steamed shrimp and crab cakes.
A sign-up sheet will be passed around today; or please email Adria Bond at ad.bond@sbcglobal.net with how many are coming and what additional items you want.

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, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie, Trudie Taylor at Royal Oak Nursing and Rehab Center

Church Family: Chris Morgan, 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 Filiatraut, Elizabeth Fulford, Matthew Geletka, Dan Karoly, Sue Mason, Pat Masuga, Debbie Morey, Carrol Riley, Keith Stewart, Bob Tomko, Kathleen Wickline

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- 4 Tue Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Bible Study, 12noon
Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
- 5 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fitness Club, 7pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm
Children's Band Rehearsal, 8pm
- 6 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 9 Sun Recognition of New 50-Year Members
Celebrate Our Church's 199th Anniversary
Diaconate Brunch Kickoff for the 200th Anniversary
- 11 Tue Bible Study, 12noon
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fitness Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 16 Sun Begin collecting for Thanksgiving baskets
Official Board Meeting, 11:15am
Adult Social Club Clam Bake, 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 Setup for ORC Pancake Breakfast
- 23 Sun Bells play for worship, ORC Pancake Breakfast
- 25 Tue Final New Testament Bible Study, 12noon
- 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

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 9, 2016

Greeter – Gina Cathcart
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
Liturgist – Lora Rung
Coffee Hour – Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz

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