



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday – October 21, 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 "How Majestic is Your Name"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT "God's Pie" Foley

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God's Pie" Foley

God's love is deeper than the ocean, more boundless than the sky. For everything that He gives us, Save Him a piece of your pie, save Him a piece of your pie.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There are many places we could choose to be this morning.

People: But we choose to be here, learning how to live in God's Kingdom.

Leader: You are welcome in this place, filled with music, filled with prayer—filled with hope.

People: Sometimes God's wisdom is hard to understand, but together we study and learn.

Leader: Welcome to God's House. There is no place like it.

People: Together, we talk about God. Together, we talk with God. Together, we listen in the silence for God's call to discipleship.

ALL: Welcome to God's House! Welcome to worship!

† **HYMN 372** "Our God Reigns"

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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Folk Song

BELL ANTHEM "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller/Jackson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM **Owen Raymond Johnson**

Parents: Brittany Leigh and Chad Edgar Johnson

Sponsors: Raymond William Garsteck and Sarah Lynne Garsteck

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY WORDS

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FROM THE FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

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 the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ? **(We promise our love, support and care.)**

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

Christ be with you. **(And also with you)**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy with the gift of Jesus. Bless this child, Owen Raymond; fill him with your strength and courage for life's journey; joy for all to see; freedom of love; hope for a new life. May he never be ashamed to confess his personal faith in you. Bless us, O God, that we, too, may be faithful to your Word, united in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† **HYMN 465** "Baptized in Water"

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

† **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: 35-45

SERMON God's Taking Orders?

† **HYMN 589** "Here I Am, Lord"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BELL RESPONSE** "I Exalt Thee" Bettcher

† **POSTLUDE** "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

SERVING

TODAY – OCTOBER 21 **NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 28**

Jennifer Barry	Liturgists	Tom Gaumer and Aidan Hurtig
The Rolland Family	Greeters	The Clotworthy Family
Roy Merkle	Ushers	Jim Dettmer
Volunteer needed	Coffee Hour	Linda and Jim Dettmer
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins

The rose on the altar this morning is placed in celebration of the baptism of Owen Raymond Johnson.

The altar flowers are given—
In Celebration of our 10th Wedding Anniversary
Ginny and Kenn Oerkfitz
Remembering Don's birthday
Betty Babics, Pat & Mark Kubancik, Sue & Lou Gigliotti

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Kristina Craig
With Love, Grammy
In loving memory of Chris Morgan
from his family

The Official Board will meet Tuesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.

Happy Birthday today to Arleigh Wiler-Martin!

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

Our most heartfelt sympathy to the **Maringer** family on the death of **Dianne's** mother, **Leola Higham**, who passed away on Friday, October 12. A memorial service was held on Thursday. Deepest condolences to **Carol Woodward, Steven and Kyle** and their families and friends. **David "Woody" Woodward** died on October 18. Visitation is today from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Jardine's Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held here tomorrow at 11 a.m.



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, Karen Rak at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Rita Budd, Mindy Carte (daughter of Judy), Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Christopher Dragony, 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, Doris Soucie, Linda Stepan, Barbara Toth, Kyle Woodward, the family and friends of Leola Higham and David 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), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), 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)

201st ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK TODAY!

Share your favorite dish & side, salad or dessert with your church family, following worship. Tableware and beverages are provided.





NEIGHBORS IN NEED, a special project of the UCC, continues throughout the month of October. Envelopes are available in the pews.

THE THRIFT SHOP has reopened for business on Thursdays, 10 a.m. until 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

- 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 field trip to the Opera
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
- 28 Sun **Worship 10am—Children's Choir sings!**
All Saints Sunday
Penny Sunday
Sunday School Pumpkin Party
Children's Choir
- 31 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
No Fit Club
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm



Free Fall Family Party
October 28
12 PM - 3 PM

Come one, come all to celebrate fall
Join us for
- Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot
- Family friendly movie and popcorn in Pilgrim Hall
- Family Game Day! Bring your favorite tabletop games

Help will be needed for this fun event, specifically for the trunk or treat and with donations of candy. Please see Jamie Trinckes if you can help.

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.**



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
Wednesday, November 21. Our church is hosting this year! More information coming soon!

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 continues 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
- Nov. 4 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 11 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound 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-can-eat 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!**



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,229.25
(Difference -\$ 420.06)



DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

If you would like to provide financial assistance to victims of Hurricane Michael in Florida and other states, you may do so via the offering plate by writing a check to Strongsville UCC and writing "Disaster Relief" in the memo line or contributing cash in an envelope and marking "Disaster Relief." http://www.ucc.org/hurricanes_2018_ucc_response

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 Ushers.

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



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.



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** hosts Dr. David Pilgrim, founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia He will give a one hour presentation on "The Power of Honest Conversation About Race" followed by refreshments, then an hour of "engagement time" in small groups led by Dr. Pilgrim. The event is free and open to the public, and is appropriate for ages 12 and older. **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.