

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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October 25, 2015 9:45 A.M. Pentecost 22

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Major* J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Come Before His Presence with a Song* Albin Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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Many: God is gathering the people!
One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:
Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!
One: Those who are weeping, God will console;
Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.
One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

† **HYMN 530** *I Will Call upon the Lord*

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.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE *Lord, Be Glorified* Bob Kilpatrick
Gary Hackett, Jack Stephenson, Rob Toth, Elena Taylor

ANTHEM *I Will Praise the Lord All the Days of My Life* Dave Fischer

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *How Excellent Is Thy Name* Smith/Tunney

DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS Irene Joyce

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Joy of My Desire* Jennifer Randolph
Ken Mehalko

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Mark 10:46-52 New Testament, p. 41

SERMON *Open My Eyes*

HYMN 563 *Open My Eyes that I May See*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Go, Ye Who Bear the Word* Albin Whitworth

† **POSTLUDE** *Jehovah Jireh* Merla Watson

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
Greeter
Morning Announcements
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Doug Thorn
Jim Heinrich
Lora Rung
Ginny Dangelo
Kim McKenzie
Cheryl Sobek

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2015

11:15 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

SONGS

31 *Here I Am to Worship*
40 *I Love to Praise Him*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

41 *I Love You, Lord*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE WORD OF GOD Mark 10:46-52 New Testament, p. 41

MEDITATION

Open My Eyes

SONG

36 *How Excellent Is Thy Name*

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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
Doug Thorn – Sound System, Technical Setup and Operation
Kim McKenzie – Morning Announcements
Dan Masuga – Liturgist
Lori Kovatich – Graphics Operation

OCTOBER 2015

- 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, 7:30pm
13 Sun Diaconate Holiday Cookie Sale
18 Fri Strongsville City Jazz Concert, 7:30pm
20 Sun Children's Pageant and Potluck Meal, 5pm

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 providing recipes.

The Strongsville Community Band, under the direction of Ken Mehalko, will present a free concert with the Baldwin Wallace Symphonic Band on Sunday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in Kulas Auditorium at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea. All are welcome.

Serving Next Sunday – November 1, 2015

Liturgists	9:45 Jim Studer	11:15 Barb Fraunfelder
Greeter		Linda Plain
Morning Announcements		Kim McKenzie
Usher		Linda Plain
Coffee Hour		Bev Wehr
Graphics Operation for 11:15 Service		Rosemary Bechtel

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 25, 2015

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.

The altar flowers are given this morning—

*Happy Birthday today, Vic! Thank you for everything.
Karen Rak*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Anniversary on October 29 to Tracey and Natalia Hill and
Happy Birthday on October 31 to Gabe Sauter
With love, Grammy*

*Symbolizing the Healing Energy for Amanda Hover
Betty Kircher*

A Congregational Meeting will be held today 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. In addition, we will discuss the remodeling of the ladies room in the Gathering Area to become a handicap-accessible restroom. Your attendance is highly encouraged.

Dedication of Memorials and Honorariums will take place today during both worship services.

For All Saints Sunday next week on November 1, 2015, we will remember our loved ones who have passed. On the back of your Attendance Card today, please write the names of those you want to remember. Next Sunday 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.

All are invited to have coffee and baked goods that are available in Pilgrim Hall after 9:45 worship today.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 10/18	Traditional \$2,508 Contemporary \$262 2,770
	Difference (\$ 420)

Tuesday Meeting: Official Board 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.



Harvest Festival for Children and Families –

Come one, come all to celebrate fall! Strongsville UCC will host this fun event on Saturday, October 31, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the church. This event is for the whole family to have fun before trick or treating! We will have not-so-scary crafts and games! All children and families are welcome!

Strongsville Food Bank – Please be sure to put your donations in our NEW collection area in Pilgrim Hall, which is alongside our glass display case. ALL your donations are gratefully received and transported to our distribution center.

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.

Reservations: (216) 598-6198

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: 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), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), 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)

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD COLLECTION – 2015

Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection began on 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: _____



Strongsville United Church of Christ DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS October 25, 2015

In Loving Memory of:
Rhea Clements, Nancy Cochran, Markus Doychak,
James Habart, Paul Mhlack, Ron Steen

2014-2015 Memorial Donors:
Mrs. Helen Bennett
Michael and Joni Blake
Clifford and Sharon Bryant
Betty Craig
The Dickson Family
Leo Dunning
Edward J. and Lois Eiseman
Bernadette and Gerald Grammes
Margot James
The Jannsohn Family
Irene A. Jannsohn
The Joyce Family
Darlene and Jon Keeney
Kenneth and Harriet Mack
Joe and Marge Martin
William and Dorothy Ritchie
Doris Soucie

Purchased Using 2014-2015 Memorials:
New Outdoor Steeple Lighting,
Re-framing of Gathering Area Artwork,
Veterans of the Cross (for low-income, retired ministers)

For the Restoration of Strongsville UCC's Pipe Organ

In Memory of Marge Tressa
Fred and Betty Holmer

In Honor of Sarah Keenen
Adrianne Bailey