



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday –October 27, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Penny Sunday

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Down by the Riverside" Traditional
Children's Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT "A Rainbow of Giving"

INTROIT "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Doerkson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: A day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

People: A time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

People: A life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

† **HYMN 184** "Thy Word"

A READING FROM THE WISDOM BOOKS Sirach 35: 12-17

SHARING OF 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 "Hear Our Prayer, Lord" Foley

ANTHEM "Glory! In Excelsis Deo" Ray

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday Collection

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Voluntary" T. Loud

† **DOXOLOGY 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**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 18: 9-14

SERMON Prayers from the Heart

† **HYMN 112** "Give to God Our Immortal Praise"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Two-fold Amen" Whitworth

† **POSTLUDE** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Converse

SERVING

TODAY –OCTOBER 27 **NEXT SUNDAY –November 3**

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| Sandy O'Shea | Liturgist | Greg Dickson |
| Elaine Coffey | Greeters | Linda Plain |
| Bill Schneider | Ushers | L. Plain, J. Pavisich, M. Winch |
| Volunteer needed | Coffee Hour | Volunteer needed |
| Tom Foley | Director of Music | Tom Foley |
| Mike Elkins | Associate Director of Music | Mike Elkins |
| Sharon Heinrich | Supplemental Organist | Sharon Heinrich |
| Richard Densmore | Guest Organist | |

The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of Chris & Karen Morgan

The Zielinski Family

In memory of my friend Ray Suttle

Hank Klink

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary to Hayley & Joey McKane on October 28th

and to Trace & Natalia Hill on October 29th

Happy 13th Birthday to Gabe Sauter on October 31st

With love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Paul Haney!

The Worship Team will meet next Sunday, November 3, at 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

WELCOME BABY BOYS!

Congratulations to Grandparents **Mary and Richard Densmore** and parents **Tonia Romano and Ben Densmore** on the birth of their son, **Quest Montgomery R. Densmore** on at 3:30 p.m. on October 20 at Fairview Hospital.

Congratulations also to Grandparents **Dawn and Ken Rolland** (Aunt **Alysha** and Uncle **Ian**, too) and parents **Emily Trill and Connor Crosby** on the birth of their son **Zacari Emmanuelle Crosby**, born last Sunday, October 20 at Fairview Hospital at 3:47 p.m.



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Dolores Bail, Jen Barry, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Kay Konicek, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sally Vetovitz, Bill Williamson, Sharon Wilson, Marty Winch, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Ron & Yvonne Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Joanne Gigliotti (mom of Lou), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.



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, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. **Help will be needed in January/February/March to pick up Panera bakery donations on Monday mornings. Please see Kenn Oerkfitz to volunteer.**



Today is Penny Sunday! Thank you for giving your coins, dollars, or checks (to UCC) for Disaster Relief ministries.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

"A Rainbow of Giving" is the theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign, which began last Sunday. Just like the many beautiful colors of a rainbow, together we have many beautiful gifts to share together in our church. For the next two weeks, we will explore creative ways of giving of ourselves. Our campaign will



conclude on Sunday, November 10, when we dedicate our Estimate of Giving cards and have cake, of course! The Stewardship Committee thanks you very much for your support.

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned off. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!





OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,207.56
(Difference - \$1,314.46)

Women's Fellowship will host a **Christmas Tea** in Pilgrim Hall on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, December 1, at 1:30pm. All ladies of the church are welcome. Please sign up (even if you are a "maybe") on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall, so quantities of food and supplies can be planned. Thank you.



PEAR TREE WATERING



If you signed up to water the Cleveland Pear tree that was purchased in memory of Karen Morgan, please remember your day. See Irene in the church office for instructions and watering can. Thanks!

Our church supports the **Strongsville Emergency Food Bank**. They are especially in need of **peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, tuna, and family meals**. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 13 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 20 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 27 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 3 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 10 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 17 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 Pastor Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED COLLECTION IN OCTOBER

Collection concludes today! Envelopes have been in the pews throughout October for this special UCC offering, which supports ministries of justice and compassion around the United States. This program awards grants to churches working in needy communities. Our church is a 5 for 5 church, participating in all the special offerings of the UCC.



RESERVE NOW...TURKEY DINNER



Come hungry and join us on **Saturday, November 9** 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; a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Reminder: for safety reasons, children under the age of 6 (with our without a parent) are not permitted to help during serving hours. Children ages 6 – 10 must have a parent helping them. Thanks!

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

November 27 at 7 p.m.



This year, First Evangelical Lutheran church (just down Royalton Road) is hosting the community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Worship with fellow Christians as we give Thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Our own Pastor Heidi will be delivering the message.

Clergy and choir members from our sister churches here in Strongsville will be participating in the service. Won't you join your fellow Christians for a time of gratitude and praise?

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & LIVE NATIVITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 5 P.M. – 8 P.M.

Join the Strongsville Community, your church family, and their furry friends for the Live Nativity and Open House. Bask in the glow as the City of Strongsville lights the town square and our church welcomes families and friends into our worship home for cookies and hot cider. There are many ways to be involved in this major event: Soon there will be a sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall where you can sign up to be a part of inviting the community into our church with fellowship, warmth, music, and celebration.



ALTAR POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Order deadline is Sunday, November 17, 2019. **This is an earlier date than in the past.** Please complete this form and place it to the Church office with your cash or check payment. The cost is \$7.00.

Wording for bulletin: _____

Given by: _____

Number of plants: ___ X \$7.00 / plant = \$_____

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and place it with your order in the offering plate, under the office door, or mail it to:

Strongsville United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, OH 44136

Thank you for placing a poinsettia plant on the altar!

For Church Treasurer's Records 2019 Christmas Poinsettia

Total number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____

Offering envelope number: _____

Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

Order deadline is Sunday, November 17, 2019.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Judy Carte is going to help pack and distribute meals with the Strongsville United Methodist Church's (13500 Royalton Road) Blue Bus project on **Wednesday, October 30 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.** and she is looking for someone to go with her. Please see Judy today following the worship service if you would like to participate in this worthwhile project next Wednesday.

