

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)**

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**October 4, 2015 9:45 A.M. World Communion Sunday**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *We Are One with the Lord* Don Besig

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

**People: We are created for community!**

Leader: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

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Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

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Leader: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

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**† HYMN**

**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**

**ANTHEM** *O Living Bread from Heaven* Lani Smith

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\* DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURES** John 6:24-35 New Testament, p. 85

**SERMON** *We All Need a Little Leavening*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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**MUSIC** during Communion *As We Gather at the Table* Hatch

**† HYMN**

**† BENEDICTION**

**† RESPONSE** *O Lord, My Lord* John Carter

**† POSTLUDE**

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Worship Accompanist  
Chancel Choir Director  
Bell Choir Director  
Liturgist  
Usher  
Greeter

Elena Taylor  
Joshua Konow  
Barbara Fraunfelder  
Bruce Keenen  
Linda Plain  
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# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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## SONGS

22 *Glorify Thy Name*  
47 *Jesus, Be the Center*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

81 *This Is the Day*

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### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

*Sanctuary*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

*Come Just as You Are*

THE WORD OF GOD John 6:24-35 New Testament, p. 85

### MEDITATION

*We All Need a Little Leavening*

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### SONG

39 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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### SERVING TODAY

Rita Budd – Tambourine  
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads  
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Voice  
Aiden 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  
Jim Nicoulin – Liturgist  
Sharon Heinrich – Graphics Operation

## OCTOBER 2015

- 4 Sun World Communion Sunday
- 5 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
- 6 Tue Mission and Outreach Meeting, 7pm  
Worship Team Meeting, 7:30pm
- 7 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am  
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
- 10 Sat Stewardship Meeting at church, 8:30-11am
- 11 Sun **1 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:15AM**, followed by Anniversary  
Potluck Meal
- 12 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
- 13 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
- 15 Thu Newsletter Deadline
- 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 Trustees Meeting, 7pm  
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
- 25 Sun Dedication of Memorials, Sunday School pumpkin painting
- 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, noon to 2pm

Strongsville Women's League will host a **BLOODMOBILE on Monday, October 19, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph and John Church**, 12700 Pearl Road in Strongsville. The Red Cross needs healthy individuals, age 17 and older to donate. Persons over 65 may donate. Walk-in donors are welcome. The donation process takes about one hour. For information, please call Marlene Martin, (440) 238-7123.

**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 Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer. Thank you for your donations.

### Next Sunday – October 11, 2015 – 1 SERVICE ONLY – 11:15 a.m.

Liturgists	11:15 Gina Gigliotti, Kyra Krause
Greeters	The Bickley Family
Ushers	11:15 Needed
Graphics Operation for 11:15	Rosemary Bechtel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 4, 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—

*In Honor and Memory of Our Family Wedding Anniversaries*  
Corrine Jackson

*Happy Birthday Today to Our Granddaughter Mallory*  
George and Joyce Reed

**The steeple** will light the sky this week—

*In Memory of My Mother, Mary Hirt,*  
*on the 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of her passing*  
Paul Hirt

**Happy Birthday** today to Donna Skrant!

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to the Williams and Grabski family on the passing of Clay and Jake's grandfather, Richard Bislich, on October 1. Visitation is Tuesday, October 6, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jardine's. The funeral is 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, at the funeral home.

**ONE SERVICE ONLY NEXT SUNDAY!** For our Church's 198<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 11, we will celebrate with one worship service at 11:15 a.m., when our new 50-year member will be recognized. (There is NO 9:45 service next Sunday.) After the blended service, we will enjoy a potluck meal in Pilgrim Hall. The Diaconate will provide ham, so please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. All are welcome.

**Membership Class** – Pastor Becky is teaching a Journey in Faith class, on Mondays, which began on September 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at church. You may still join the class. Both members and nonmembers will enjoy the camaraderie within the group and the knowledge that Pastor Becky provides. To register, please mark that you would like to become a member on the front of your Attendance Card, tell Pastor Becky, call the Church at (440) 238-6697, or sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. After tomorrow, the class will be closed.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 9/27	Traditional \$1,359 Contemporary \$166
	Difference (\$1,665)

**Tuesday Meetings:** Mission and Outreach at 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Team at 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet Wednesday, October 7, at 9:45 a.m. in the classroom across from the Parlor. The Strongsville Fire Department will present a program on safety at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will follow the program, and Margot James will lead devotions. After the meeting, those who wish can have the Wednesday Free Lunch in Pilgrim Hall. As always, all ladies are welcome to attend the program and meeting.

**Wednesday Free Lunch** – All are invited to enjoy 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.

**Stewardship Committee** will meet Saturday, October 10, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

**Come One, Come All to Celebrate FALL!** Strongsville UCC will host a Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 31, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at church. We're looking for volunteers to donate baked goodies or candy and also to help man the activities. All the kids in the community are invited! The festival will feature fun, not-so-scary crafts and games for the whole family!

**Strongsville Food Bank** – The word from the Food Bank this month is PASTA. Apparently they are having trouble keeping it in stock. Please be sure to put it in our NEW collection area in Pilgrim Hall, along with any other items you have to contribute. ALL your donations are gratefully received and transported to our distribution center.

**New Location for Food Bank Donations** – Many thanks to the congregation for their continuing support of the Food Bank with donations. With the approval of the Trustees, the Mission Outreach Committee has moved the donation area. It is now located in Pilgrim Hall alongside our glass display case. This was done to increase visibility and also to make it more easily accessible.

**Cookbook** – For our church's 200<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Thrift Shop** can use baby's and children's clothing in all sizes. Please leave your donations in the shop. Thank you!

**Donations for the Thrift Shop** – When you bring donations to the church, please write **Thrift Shop** on your bag, so there is no question about your donation. Thank you!

**Classroom by Pilgrim Hall** (which was the old office of the minister) was cleaned and is now the Preschool Sunday School classroom. Please do not use the room for storage. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Thank you.

## 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, Ilene Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, 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), 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)