

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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October 5, 2014 9:45 A.M. Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Grace Alone* Scott Brown and Jeff Nelson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *My Lord* Joyce Eilers

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God

People: May our worship reflect God's glory.

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

One: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation
project the love of God.

† **HYMN 210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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.

PIANO RESPONSE *A Gentle Prayer* Dennis Eliot

ANTHEM *Lord of the Dance* Allen Pote

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*If you are seated in the alcove and would prefer sitting in the sanctuary,
please feel free to move to the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon.*

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* James Boeringer

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 665** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:32-35 New Testament p. 106

SERMON *The Giving Tree* Kenn Oerkfitz

† **HYMN 237** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Shaker Parting Song*

† **POSTLUDE** *Ride On, King Jesus!* Spiritual

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are
welcome here.

We thank Kenn Oerkfitz for leading worship in Pastor Becky's
absence this morning.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music
Worship Accompanist
Liturgist
Greeter
Nursery
Coffee Hour

Andrew Purdum
Elena Taylor
Bruce Keenen
Jim Studer
Rosemary Bechtel
Allen and Michele Mhlack

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 2014

11:15 A.M.

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OPENING SONG

52 *Let the River Flow*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

42 *I Will Celebrate*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

Hope of the Nations

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 4:32-35

New Testament p. 106

MEDITATION

The Giving Tree

Kenn Oerkfitz

SONG

25 *Grace Alone*

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

17 *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?*

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Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

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Serving Today

Music Director

Andrew Purdum

Keyboard

Elena Taylor

Song Leaders

Andrew Purdum, Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Lora Rung

Graphics Operation

Sharon Heinrich

Coffee Hour

Allen and Michele Mhlack

Neighbors in Need Offering TODAY! – Thank you for considering a generous gift for today's special offering for Neighbors in Need – the UCC-sponsored justice and compassion program which lives because of congregations like ours in the UCC receiving gifts from compassionate people. Kelly Bickley, chair of our Mission and Outreach Committee, will speak briefly today during the 9:45 service about some of the areas which this Offering touches with hope and light. Additional envelopes may be found in the pew racks. Thanks for your support. We are making a difference.....

– Mission and Outreach Committee

October 2014

- 5 Sun Neighbors in Need Offering
Trustees Meeting, after 9:45 a.m. worship
- 7 Tue Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Wed Church Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Molly McGhee's
- 12 Sun Communion at both services
Church Anniversary Dinner, 5:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
- 13 Mon *Heaven is For Real* Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Wed Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Sat ORC Clambake at the Parsonage, 5:00 p.m.
- 19 Sun Begin Thanksgiving Food Collection
Congregational Meeting is **CANCELED**.
- 20 Mon Women's Prayer Group Meeting with *Heaven is For Real*
Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Thu Men's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at European's Best Restaurant
- 25 Sat Decorate Sanctuary for Fall Season, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 Sun KFC Penny Sunday
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 27 Mon *Heaven is For Real* Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Fri Prepare for Turkey Dinner in Pilgrim Hall

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 12, 2014

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Lynne McCray	11:15 Sarah Hayes
Greeter for 9:45 a.m.		Linda Plain
Ushers for 9:45 a.m.	Linda Plain and Sharon Heinrich	
Nursery for 9:45 a.m.		Cheryl Sobek
Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m.		Michele Mihlack
Coffee Hour		Sharon Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 5, 2014

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. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

This morning's flowers are given—

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

*Happy 21st Birthday to Our Granddaughter Mallory on October 4
Grandparents, George and Joyce Reed*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*In Memory of Jiggs Graves on His 100th Birthday, October 9
Dan and Roberta Carpenter*

*Happy 6th Birthday, Luke, on September 30
Love, Mom, Dad and Nicole*

*Congratulations to My Grandson Cory Rutch and Kelsea
on their wedding on Saturday, October 4, 2014 in Indiana—
love and prayers to you both
Love, Banny*

Happy Birthday today to Grant Morgan!

The annual Neighbors in Need offering will be received today.

Trustees will meet this morning after the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Church Anniversary Dinner

Next Sunday – October 12, 2014 – 5:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
Please join us for a Chicken and Biscuit Meal and
a Year-in-Review Pictorial Presentation
Requested Donation – \$5.00 for Adults
All are welcome!



The Mission and Outreach Committee will meet Tuesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. at church.

Worship Team will meet on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Luncheon – Change in Venue – The luncheon will take place at **Molly McGhee's**, 13169 Prospect Road in Strongsville on Wednesday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m. Ladies will meet at the restaurant. (The original luncheon site was Italian Village.)

Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, October 12, at both worship services. We will commemorate our church's 197th anniversary and recognize our two new 50-year members during the 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service.

Heaven Is for Real is a study that Pastor Becky will lead on the Mondays of October 13, 20, and 27 at 7:00 p.m. at church. The movie is based on the book of the same name and will be shown during the study time, and discussion will follow. All are welcome.

Women's Prayer Group will participate in the *Heaven Is for Real* Bible Study by having their October meeting with the study on Monday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. at church. The study is led by Pastor Becky. Please join us for a night of learning, prayer, and fellowship with Pastor Becky.

Church Photos Needed – We are collecting photos for a "Year-in-Review" presentation at the Church Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, October 12 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring in your photos or email them to the church office, Cheryl Sobek, or Rachel Zielinski. Dinner details will be forthcoming.

Altar Flowers – We expanded our flower chart to accommodate multiple vases on Sunday mornings. To provide an additional vase (or more) on a Sunday that was already reserved for two vases, please write your name by the date you want on the new charts in Pilgrim Hall. (Previous reservations were transferred to the new charts.) Thank you for providing flowers.

Mission and Outreach – A beautiful **quilt**, handmade by Ha Bennett, will be raffled off on Sunday, **November 16**. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used by the Mission and Outreach Committee (of which Ha is a member) for a variety of programs we are supporting in mission work locally and globally. Raffle tickets prices are \$10 for one and \$15 for two, and they are available from members of the Committee:

Kelly Bickley, Lora Rung, Elizabeth Snook, Erv Koch, and Pastor Becky. Tickets are also available in the Church Office. The queen-size quilt will be on display each Sunday morning.

Attention Children! Children can play instruments with the Praise Band on Sunday mornings! Elena will work with those interested at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. In addition, a Children's Choir is being formed, and choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. All children are welcome!

Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Band members are needed! Please see Music Director, Andrew Purdum, or Worship Accompanist, Elena Taylor today for more information. Strongsville UCC's Music Ministry welcomes and wants YOU!

A Facilities Visioning Team is being formed. This team will begin the process of visioning what our church facilities might look like in the future. Perhaps it will include expanded parking, new Sunday School rooms, more storage space or a larger sanctuary. If you're interested in being part of the Facilities Visioning Team, please talk with Pastor Becky.

Paper Recycling – Please collapse boxes before placing them into the recycling bin. Thank you!

Strongsville UCC

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday – November 1, 2014

Seatings at

4:30 P.M. 5:45 P.M. 7:00 P.M.

Reservations Only – (440) 238-8192

Adults - \$10 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 – Free

Tickets are available for purchase every Sunday in October between the worship services

Help will be needed, and a signup sheet will be 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.

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN.

Christmas Candy – The Women's Fellowship enjoy making and selling candy every Christmas. However, we are finding it a bit harder to do! Due to health concerns not all of our women are able to continue to help in the same capacity.

How about you? (men and women) Could you lend us a hand?

We make candy in the church's kitchen:

Monday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 19
9:00 am until about noon

You may help us on both days, or just one, for the whole time or just an hour or two. If you wish, bring a brown bag lunch and we'll eat together and share in fellowship. It's truly a good time!

Sorry to say, but we need to know we have more help or we will NOT be making candy for Christmas. PLEASE see or contact any of the following to tell us you can help or ask for any clarification.

Betty Craig 440-238-5389 Lola Millhoane 440-238-3037
Barb Fraunfelder 440-331-3673

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. Please inform the church of updates to this list.*

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Marie Bury at Parkside Villa, Nancy Cochran at Pearlview Rehab in Brunswick, Dolores Matchett, Barbara Morgan

Extended Church Family: Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk), June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Godddaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Pam Doubell (friend of Sue Gigliotti), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Edward Taylor (brother-in-law of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

Pirate's Ball Clambake Fundraiser For Pipe Organ Restoration

Pirates and Little Scallwags are invited to set your compass to:

Stephensons' Harbor

2214 Substation Road in Medina
(Southwest corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads)

Saturday, October 18, 2014

The crew to meet at 5:00 pm. Dinner served in the galley at 6:00 pm.

Sea Faring Clambake = Booty \$25.00

Dozen Clam ½ Chicken
Sweet Potato Sweet Corn Cole Slaw
Roll and Butter Potluck Desserts
Coffee, tea, or milk included – other beverages will be available.

Scallwags = Hamburgers and Hotdogs = Booty \$5.00

Dress in Pirate Clothes (Start shopping at thrift stores now!)

Sideboard and 50/50 Raffles

We will be taking pictures of crews to be given for your treasure chests.
We will be looking for the best pirate clothes and fake tattoo.

RSVP to Pirate Sandy O'Shea by Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Phone: (440) 840-0639 Email: OSHEAS@ccf.org

