



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday –October 6, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

World Communion 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	“Adagio”	Bach
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Irene Joyce
INTROIT	“Siyahamba”	South African Song

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

People: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

People: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

Leader: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

People: For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

† HYMN 530 “I Will Call Upon the Lord” (sing twice)

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Lamentations 3: 19-26

PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Sanctuary” Scruggs

ANTHEM “In Christ Alone” Getry/Townend

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Beautiful Savior” German Folk Melody

† 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

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

SERMON

Seems like forever...

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: Before we speak a word, God knows our needs; yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray,

People: Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor; yet we shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us, Compassionate One. Heal us in our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might offer hope and love to others. Help us offer to others, the grace, peace, and joy we have received. (Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, and the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving others as God has forgiven us.

People: We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION “As We Gather at the Table” Hatch

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.

† HYMN 139 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “May the Mind of Christ, my Savior” Barham-Gould

† POSTLUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” Bach

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**.

SERVING

TODAY –OCTOBER 6

Kenn Oerkfitz
Linda Plain
Linda Plain
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

Liturgist
Greeters
Ushers
Coffee Hour
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Supplemental Organist

NEXT SUNDAY –OCTOBER 13

Pam Keenen
Billie Cantrell
Volunteers needed
Anniversary Potluck
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

In celebration of our 5th wedding anniversary
Heidi and Chuck McDougall

In loving memory of my Mom, Margaret Haught
Jennifer Barry

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In loving memory of Alfred “Jiggs” Graves
Love, his daughter Roberta Carpenter

Happy 5th Anniversary to Pastor Heidi & Chuck!

Happy Anniversary today to Kristine and Gary Fischer!

The Trustees will meet next Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.

The Worship Team will meet in the Parlor today at 11:30 a.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, Sharon Wilson, 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), 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), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Judy & Bob Stenger (friends of Judi Pavisich), 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.



PENNY SUNDAY

Last Sunday's Penny Sunday collection of \$168.33 went to **Sanyuka Children's Ministries**. This uplifting choir comprised of Ugandan orphans visited our church on September 7 and was so inspirational.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,109.50
(Difference -\$1,412.52)
includes \$20.00 for Rally Day

REMINDING ALL KIDS!

All students in the Sunday School are to report upstairs immediately following class to meet with Mr. Tom Foley. Rehearsal will be around 30 minutes or so. It's a terrific time of singing, praise, and fun!



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!

OCTOBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

6	Sun	Worship 10am—Communion Children's Choir, Coffee Hour Worship Team
8	Tues	Trustee Meeting 7pm
9	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
10	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
13	Sun	Worship 10am –Recognize 50 year members start Thanksgiving basket collection Anniversary Potluck & Style Show
15	Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
16	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club to see <i>Turandot</i> 6:30pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
17	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
20	Sun	Worship 10am Sunday School Pumpkin Party Children's Choir, Coffee Hour
22	Tues	Official Board Meeting 7pm
23	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
24	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
27	Sun	Worship 10am—Penny Sunday Children's Choir, Coffee Hour
30	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
31	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm

OUR CHURCH'S 202nd ANNIVERSARY

During worship next Sunday, we will recognize our new 50 year members, followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring an entrée, along with a side, salad, or dessert to share. Tableware will be provided.



STYLE SHOW NEXT WEEK!



In conjunction with our church's 202nd Anniversary Potluck on October 13, the Women's Fellowship is hosting a **STYLE SHOW** with fashions from our own **THRIFT SHOP**.

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.



CONSTRUCTION ON THE INTERSECTION OF PEARL & ROYALTON ROADS CONTINUES! Please take extra care when travelling to and from church in the coming months and don't let these obstacles keep you from enjoying worship with us!

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PUMPKIN PARTY

Make sure your child doesn't miss out during class time on **Sunday, October 20** for decorating pumpkins and enjoying fun and fellowship.

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!



PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE:



We have received an electronic proof to review prior to printing. Final edits will be sent in tomorrow. The printed directories should arrive sometime around Thanksgiving. If you were not photographed by Lifetouch, you may purchase a directory through the church office for \$5 each when they arrive. Folks who were photographed at the photo sessions in August receive a copy at no charge.

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

Starting today! Envelopes will be 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.



COMING SOON...TURKEY DINNER



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 will be posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.