



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CONGREGATIONAL)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 9, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME!

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

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

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Be the Centre" Michael Frye

Jesus, be the centre. Be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the centre. Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sales.
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision. Be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sales.
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

(Instrumental Interlude)

Jesus, be the centre. Be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Be my source, be my light, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN 572 "Blessed Assurance"

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A word of encouragement came from prophet to
people;

People: **Live a life that is full—
build, plant, eat, love, multiply—**

Leader: Pray for your communities.

People: **Keep God in the center of all that is.**

Leader: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

People: **For something happens here
that reminds us that we can live as God desires.**

Leader: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

People: **and we can trust the promise.**

RECOGNITION OF NEW 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Betty Babics, Gina Cathcart, Madelyn Ewald,
Donna Skrant, Stanley Skrant, Ray Suttle

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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 "My Prayer" Don Humphreys, arr. William Stickles

ANTHEM "God Is My Rock" Allen Pote

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Jesus, Lead Us to the Father" Sam Hargreaves

† **DOXOLOGY 166** Tune: "Lasst uns erfreunen"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Luke 19:12-26 New Testament, p. 71

SERMON "Investing in the Lord"

† **HYMN 701** "God Is My Refuge"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "May the Peace of the Lord Go with You" Yannerella

† **POSTLUDE** "When I Look into Your Holiness" Wayne and Cathy Perrin

This morning's altar flowers are given—

In Honor and Memory of Family Wedding Anniversaries
Corrine Jackson

*In Honor of Our Church's 199th Anniversary—
Celebrating Our Past; Embracing Our Future*
The Zielinski Family

ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF



Home to Native Americans, Strongsville was only known as number five of range 14 in the Old Western Reserve, as designated in the governmental surveys. In February 1816, eight pioneers ventured forward from Connecticut and arrived in Strongsville.

They took steps to organize a church, and by the fall of 1817, the original eight people grew to 75 in number. October 12, 1817, the First Congregational Church of Strongsville was formed. As we begin our journey towards our 200th anniversary, we

remember those brave men, women, and children who recognized that "no community could be prosperous without the spiritual and religious side of man being provided for through teaching the word of God." Our church began with services being held in local homes. From there, several buildings were built—the log cabin, the Academy, the white church, and the church in which we currently worship. We experienced discord several times within our church. Some of the more notable times were those due to issues of slavery and from being a temperance church. Thanks be to God that we have seen our way through those times of discord. We have experienced many successes in spreading the word of God and in being God's servants. We have been active in communities locally and through world-wide outreach programs to support families and individuals in need. We thank God for all He has given to us, and for allowing us to be servants in Christ's name. We pray that we may continue to spread the Good News. As we cherish our past, we also look to the future in the spirit of Christ as our ancestors did who came before us.

After worship this morning, **please join us** in Pilgrim Hall. To kick off our church's 200th Anniversary festivities in 2017, our **Diaconate will furnish a 199th Anniversary Brunch** in Pilgrim Hall **TODAY** after our worship service. **All are welcome** to partake of this free meal.

200th Anniversary Church Cookbooks – Please see Dianne Maringer to get your copy. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an additional \$3.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Tuesday New Testament Study, 12:00 noon
Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m. – All are welcome.
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
Band Rehearsal (for adults and children), 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: Thrift Shop, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: Official Board Meeting, 11:15 a.m.
Clambake at the Parsonage, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900
Weekly Offering Received 10/2/2016 3,463
Difference - \$437

Bible Study – Pastor Becky is leading a five-week study on the New Testament on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon. The class began on September 27 and will conclude on October 25. Please bring your Bible and a lunch. All are welcome!

Children's Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. **Children interested in being part of the Band** may stay for 8:00 p.m. Band rehearsal.

November Church Newsletter Deadline is next Sunday, October 16. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you.

Harvest Party – Strongsville UCC will host a Harvest Party on Saturday, October 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at church. This family-friendly event is for the whole family to have fun. We need donations of baked goods or treats and also help with the activities. Please see the signup sheet in Pilgrim Hall. Spread the word! All kids are welcome!

All Saints Sunday is October 30, when we will remember loved ones who have passed. On the back of your Attendance Card, please write the names of those you want to remember. On October 30 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.

Memorials and Honorariums will be dedicated on Sunday, October 30.

Thrift Shop – You are welcome to shop in the Thrift Shop after hours, but please remember to put your envelope with payment under the church office door. Thank you.

New Choir Robes – The Music Committee, along with the Endowment and Memorial Fund, is having a drive to purchase new choir robes. To support this drive, please pick up a Sponsorship Form from the rectangular table in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your support.

**STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

A Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration
Sunday – October 23, 2016 – 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice
\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years
Tickets will be sold at the door.

SERVING TODAY

Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
Liturgist – Lora Rung
Director of Music – Elena Taylor
Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder
The Chancel Choir
Choir Accompanist – Sharon Heinrich
Clarinet – Ken Mehalko
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson
Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett
Electric Guitar – Jake Williams
Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth
Drum Set – Mike Soltis
Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn
Sound System – Jim Heinrich
Greeter – Gina Cathcart
Coffee Hour – Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz

Thanksgiving Baskets – Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins next Sunday, October 16. Each week we will bring the following designated items:



- Oct. 16 cans of green beans, cans of corn
Oct. 23 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
Oct. 30 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
Nov. 6 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
Nov. 13 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
Nov. 20 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 complete the information on your attendance card, or tell Pastor Becky. Thank you for your support of this benevolent project.

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
CLAMBAKE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.**



at the parsonage – 2214 Substation Road in Brunswick Hills
(Southwest corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads)
Cost of \$20.00 for the Clambake includes
1 dozen clams, ½ chicken, sweet potato, corn, cole slaw, roll and butter.
\$8.00 each for additional dozen clams \$9.50 each for 5 oz. lobster tail
Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 12.
Also, Pastor Becky is making steamed shrimp and crab cakes.
Please email Adria Bond at ad.bond@sbcglobal.net with how many are coming and what additional items you want.

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,
(440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.*

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Eric Brand, Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Dolores Mihlack at Southern Hills, Harvey Pincombe, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie, Trudie Taylor at Royal Oak Nursing and Rehab Center

Church Family: Chris Morgan at Parkside Villa, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Bri Brostek, Thom Cerny, Dylan Churnega, Zachary Crouse, Audrey Curry, Angie Dickinson, Edie Deitcher, Kim Filiatraut, Elizabeth Fulford, Matthew Geletka, Dan Karoly, Sue Mason, Pat Masuga, Debbie Morey, Carrol Riley, Keith Stewart, Kathleen Wickline

Thank you very much to Pastor Becky for her visits and to Women's Fellowship for their card.
Chris Morgan

OCTOBER 2016

- 11 Tue Bible Study, 12noon
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
12 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fitness Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
13 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
16 Sun Begin collecting for Thanksgiving baskets
Official Board Meeting, 11:15am
Adult Social Club Clambake, 4-9pm at parsonage
18 Tue Bible Study, 12noon
Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
19 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fitness Club, 7pm
20 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
22 Sat Set up for ORC Pancake Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall
23 Sun Bells play for worship, ORC Pancake Breakfast
25 Tue Final New Testament Bible Study, 12noon
Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
26 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fitness Club, 7pm
27 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
29 Sat Harvest Party in Pilgrim Hall, 2-4pm
30 Sun Communion, All Saints Sunday, Dedicate Memorials

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Children's Choir - 7:30pm on Wednesdays
Band (for adults and children) - 8pm on Wednesdays
Bell Choir - 7pm on Thursdays
Chancel Choir - 8pm on Thursdays

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday – November 5, 2016

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

Reservations: (216) 598-6198

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



Tickets are available for purchase on Sunday mornings. Help is needed. 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.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 16, 2016

Greeter – Ray Suttle
Morning Announcements – Natalie Daniels
Liturgist – Tom Gaumer
Coffee Hour – Gina Cathcart

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