



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, October 9, 2022 – 10 A.M.

Celebrating our 205th Anniversary

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.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

BELL PRELUDE “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Service Judi Pavisich

BELL INTROIT “Draw Me Closer” arr. Bettcher

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Whether we live in an apartment or a house; if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

People: God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Leader: Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

People: God says, “when you search for me, you will find me.”

Leader: Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

People: God says, “I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.”

† HYMN 90 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 100

(New Revised Standard Version)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

BELL ANTHEM

“Rondo Capriccioso”

Hagler

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Betty Jacobson (03/03/1972)

Valerie Hopkins (03/26/1972)

Vicky Masuga (03/26/1972)

Dave Matchett (03/26/1972)

Becky Robinson (03/26/1972)

Barb Bridle (03/30/1972)

Lola Millhoane (03/30/1972)

Richard Sullen (03/30/1972)

Sharon Wilson (03/30/1972)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. You are the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the world.

OFFERTORY

“Voluntary”

Zeuner

† 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.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 4:4-9

(New International Version)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

SERMON

So much to celebrate!

† HYMN

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy

Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus

Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus

Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!

I've got the peace that passeth understanding

Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart.

I've got the peace that passeth understanding

Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!

† BENEDICTION

Be glad in the Lord always! Focus your thoughts on all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. And the peace of God— peace that goes far beyond anything we can comprehend— that peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. So go from here with confidence and joy, to serve the Lord. Amen.

† RESPONSE

“Amen”

Elkins

† POSTLUDE

"Praeludium"

Bach

SERVING

TODAY – OCTOBER 9

Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt

Dave Williams

Volunteers needed

Oliver & Matilda Sekorky

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich

Bell Choir, Richard Densmore

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 16

Greeters

Liturgist

Ushers

Acolytes

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Organist

Sound

Special Music

Judi Pavisich

Rick Teagno

Judi Pavisich

Chris Abruzzino/Riley Hawk

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich

Chancel Choir

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, select Worship, and click on Service Videos.



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Today we thank the Richard Densmore, the Bell Choir, and extend special thanks to Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich for sharing their music with us today.

The altar flowers are given—

To honor and remember all those affected by the devastating hurricanes in Florida--Peter Smith



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy, happy anniversary to my favorite Pastor's Wife!

Love, Pastor Heidi

Happy “Special” Birthday on October 7th to Lola Millhoane!

In memory of Alfred “Jiggs” Graves—Roberta Carpenter



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Donations will be accepted for this UCC special offering throughout the month of October.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.



CHRISTMAS FOR VETERANS

Our congregation is providing a small gift for our military veterans of

Cuyahoga County that are served by Church Street Ministries of Berea, helping those with needs, especially those transitioning from homelessness. We include two pairs of socks, along with candy bars. Our Bombas Socks annual gift has been delayed this year. Mission Outreach would appreciate your help with donations of men's crew socks (Med./Lg./XL) or regular sized candy bars THROUGH OCTOBER 30th, deposited in the container in the Gathering Area. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate, labeled “VETERANS.”



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Lidiya Dordzhiyeva, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfritz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozielski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Cherie Teagno, Autumn Schneider, Tracey Seneff, Peter Smith, Maggie Struhar, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldridge, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by severe weather

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

PHONE A FRIEND!

Are you interested in praying for others, but don't use email? Your Church Family Care Team has a number of folks who are willing to call you, typically once a week, to share with you the prayer requests Pastor Heidi shares via email. Please let Linda Ponstingle know.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$3,531.55
Difference	-(\$ 117.82)

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65



ATTENTION ELECTRONIC GIVERS:

Our new online giving platform, Zeffy, is live! If you would like to give electronically, please go to www.strongsvilleucc.com

and click on the donate button. The MyEoffering service has been terminated. Please see Mike Elkins with any questions. Thank you for giving.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR! Immediately following Sunday School classes, students are to report upstairs for a brief rehearsal with Mr. Foley. (Choir is part of the Sunday School curriculum.)



PENNY SUNDAY

Please remember to save those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and yes, DOLLARS for our next Penny Sunday collection, **October 30th for UCC Disaster Ministries.**

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN WITH OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th immediately following Coffee Hour in the church parking lot. Decorate your vehicle, bring some candy to share, and wear a costume, if you'd like! **Don't forget, we'll be decorating pumpkins and doing crafts during Sunday School class time!**



COMING SOON...Thanksgiving "Basket" project



We will not be collecting actual food items for those in need, but we still want to provide food assistance to those who may require it, so we will be accepting monetary donations or donations of food gift cards for the families on our list. If you would like to contribute, please give the gift cards to the church office or place a check in the offering plate, labeled "THANKSGIVING." **Also, if you know of someone in need, please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office.**

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **October 11th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **October 18th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **October 25th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.



Insider tip: On October 12th, we will be serving everyone's favorite: Gourmet Grilled Cheese Sandwiches!



TODAY our church celebrates our 205th ANNIVERSARY!

Please join us in Pilgrim Hall for cake and conversation!

A TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT AMERICAN SONG BOOK

to benefit SCT Scholarship Fund
Presented by Strongsville Community Theatre
Friday, October 28th & Sat. October 29th
at the Center for Innovation and Growth at Baldwin Wallace University

Many familiar Strongsville UCC faces will be participating in this event featuring music and food. **Call 440-879-8817 or www.strongsvillecommunitytheatre.com for reservations and ticket purchases.**



GIFT CARDS

GET YOUR GIFT GIVING AND PERSONAL SHOPPING DONE AND BENEFIT THE CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



DO YOU LIKE TO PARTY? ARE YOU A WHIZ AT ORGANIZING EVENTS? The church is looking to form a committee to oversee our many celebrations. If you're even a little bit intrigued, please indicate your interest on the back of your attendance card and place it in the offering plate.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a whole new line of fall/winter merchandise. **THERE IS A MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL OCTOBER 20th. Please hold your items until then.**



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WE'D LIKE TO INCLUDE ALL LADIES

Women's Fellowship wants to include all interested ladies of the church in its activities, and plans to offer additional day and time options for its programs. If you'd like to participate but cannot attend the current weekday, daytime programs, please complete this form; and you will be contacted with more information.

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Thank you for your interest in Women's Fellowship.
Please turn in this form to the church office.

