

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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September 13, 2015 9:45 A.M. Pentecost 16

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Rejoice in the Lord* John Horman

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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One: We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago. To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children!

Many: May we learn to love all children as if they were our own!

HYMN 185 *Jesus Loves Me*

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 *Beautiful Savior* M. Ryan Taylor

RALLY DAY INTRODUCTIONS Irene Joyce and Jamie Habart
Sunday School Superintendents

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)
* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN 447 *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

SCRIPTURES Luke 18:15-17 New Testament, p. 70
Proverbs 22:6, 22-25 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 567

SERMON *The Year of the Child*

† **HYMN 688** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *We Go in His Strength* Albin Whitworth

† **POSTLUDE**

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.

We welcome back our Chancel Choir after their summer hiatus!

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Chancel Choir Director	Joshua Konow
Bell Choir Director	Barbara Fraunfelder
Liturgist	Kenn Oerkfitz
Greeter	Bev Wehr
Usher	Bev Wehr
Coffee Hour	Gina Cathcart

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

6 *Better Is One Day*
37 *How Majestic Is Your Name*

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SONG 12 *Change My Heart, O God*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING *Strongsville UCC Blues Jam*

THE WORD OF GOD Luke 18:15-17 New Testament, p. 70
Proverbs 22:6, 22-25 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 567

MEDITATION

The Year of the Child

SONG

71 *Shout to the Lord*

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SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

Vocalists – Gary Hackett, Rachel Kovatich, Kyra Krause, Toni Newborn, Jack Stephenson, Elena Taylor, Clay Williams

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Acoustic Guitar II – Julia Soltis

Acoustic Guitar III – Gary Hackett

Electric Guitar – Herbert Parker

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Flute – Kelly Bickley

Violin – Julia Soltis

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Julia Soltis

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Tambourine – Rita Budd

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Liturgist – Barb Fraunfelder

Graphics Operation – Lori Kovatich

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 13 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School
Special Offering Received for Sunday School
High School Party at the Parsonage, 2pm
- 15 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 20 Sun Junior High Party at the Parsonage, 2pm
- 21 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
- 22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
- 26 Sat Set up for ORC Pancake Breakfast, time to be determined
- 27 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9am-12:30pm
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive at 1pm, meeting at 2pm
- 28 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
- 30 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm

PIG ROAST and \$750.00 REVERSE RAFFLE

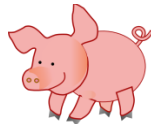
Fund Raiser for

Our Wednesday Lunch Program and Youth Missions

Saturday – October 3, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. – at Our Church

Dinner and Raffle Ticket: \$35.00 per person

For tickets please see Beth Giuliano, (440) 238-8192.



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.

Serving Next Sunday – September 20, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Bill Schneider	11:15 Jack Stephenson
Greeter		Needed
Ushers		Needed
Graphics Operation		Michele Mhlack
Coffee Hour		Ginny Oerkfitz

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 13, 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.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

In Celebration of Our 45th Wedding Anniversary on September 12
Bruce and Pam Keenen

In Celebration of Our Fourth Wedding Anniversary on September 17
Gary and Kathie Paul

Happy Birthday today to Donna Dickinson and to Pastor Becky Stephenson!

Today is Rally Day, when a new year begins for our Sunday School. A special offering will be received to help defray the cost of our Sunday School curriculum. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Children will meet in Pilgrim Hall today at 9:30 a.m.

Cakes in Pilgrim Hall – After worship today, all are welcome to have cake in celebration of Rally Day and our Sunday School, and also for Pastor Becky's birthday!

Tuesday Meetings this week at 7:00 p.m.: Trustees
Advertising Team

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.

The Thrift Shop will re-open this Thursday on September 17. Shop hours are 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

	Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 9/6	Traditional \$3,631	Contemporary \$907 4,538
		Difference \$1,348

Youth Parties – In an attempt to grow our Youth Group, Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson will graciously host two youth parties at their home:

Senior High Youth

TODAY – September 13 – 2:00 p.m.

Junior High / Middle School Youth

Next Sunday – September 20 – 2:00 p.m.

All youth **and their friends** in these age groups are invited and encouraged to attend their respective party. Activities will include swimming in a heated pool, hot tubbing, fishing in a large pond stocked with bass, volleyball, corn hole, and a meal of hamburgers and hot dogs.

Membership Class – Pastor Becky will teach a Journey in Faith class on Mondays for 11 weeks beginning September 21, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church. 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.

Church's Anniversary – On Sunday, October 11, we will celebrate our church's 198th anniversary with **one worship service at 11:15 a.m.**, followed by a potluck meal. The Diaconate will provide ham, so please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, plus your own table service.

Strongsville Food Bank has a hard time during the summer months with donations. Please think of what you can bring in to our church to help. Right now the Food Bank requests canned fruit, but any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th 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.

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.

**All-You-Can-Eat
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*Fundraiser for the
Pipe Organ Restoration Fund*

Sunday –September 27, 2015 – 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

\$8.00 Adult – Ages 13 and over \$5.00 – Ages 6-12 years

Free – Children under 6 years



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, Millie LaFave, Michele Mhlack, 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), 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)