



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday –September 15, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

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 "Deck Thyself, Thy Soul with Gladness" J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "It Is Well with My Soul" Bliss

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The foolish ones say, "There is no God."

People: We are here, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice, and the presence of the God who loves us.

Leader: The scoffers ask, "Why do you seek after God? In our modern world, who needs God?"

People: We are here because we need God. God's grace fills our everyday lives. We come because God's grace is too wonderful not to share.

Leader: The hopeless around us wonder, "Who cares about people like me?"

People: We are here because we care, and because Jesus cares. Jesus has found us and brought us home. Thanks be to God!

† **HYMN 668** "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 98: 1-5

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Three Fold Amen" Traditional

ANTHEM "When We Worship God Through Music" Butler

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Firm Foundation" Gordon/Harvill

† **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**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 15: 1-10

SERMON "I Found It!"

† **HYMN 479** "Softly and Tenderly"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Go Now in Peace" Besig

† **POSTLUDE** "You Are My All in All" Jernigan, arr. by Larson

SERVING

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 15

Judi Pavisich
Elaine Coffey
Volunteers needed
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Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Richard Densmore

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

Dave Williams
The Rolland Family
Teri Barbish
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich

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**.

The altar flowers are given—

*In memory of my parents, Pat and Dutch Schultz
and my husband, Richard Washington
Patty Sasala
Happy Birthday to my sweet and wonderful husband!
Kathie Paul*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In memory of my parents, Pat and Dutch Schultz
and my husband, Richard Washington
Patty Sasala
Happy Birthday to Claire Wills on September 20
from her family
Happy Birthday to Abby Craig on September 21
With love, Grammy*

Happy Birthday today to Connie Rebar and Roger Citino!

The **Diaconate** will meet this Tuesday, September 17 at **6 p.m.** at the home of Eddy and Adria Bond.

ALTAR FLOWERS: DATES AVAILABLE FOR 2019: 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, and 12/1. Only \$15 per vase! (Contact the office.)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Would you like to become an official member of the Strongsville UCC congregation? Pastor Heidi is hosting a membership class following worship **today** and receiving those folks who wish to join into membership next **Sunday, September 22** during worship. Please contact the church office or Pastor Heidi if you are interested.



OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. 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, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, 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, 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.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,586.00
(Difference \$ 63.98)
includes \$414.00 for Rally Day

RALLY DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

The start of a new, exciting school year has begun. We will have a special offering throughout September to supplement the purchase of curriculum for our Sunday School classes. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for caring about the future of our church!



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Singers, players, and ringers are welcome to join the fellowship and praise!

-If you can read music (even if you're rusty), the Bell Choir has a few openings and their rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

-There is room in the loft for you, sopranos, altos, tenors, basses! The Chancel Choir practices every Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

-Instrumental musicians are invited to join the SUCC Band. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.

-Children's Choir will begin today, immediately following Sunday School classes.



CALLING ALL KIDS! IT'S TIME TO MAKE OUR OWN MUSIC!

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 going to be a terrific time of singing, praise, and fun!

BIBLE STUDY IN THE FALL

Our 7 week Bible Study, "Uppity Women of the Bible," will be on Wednesdays at 1 pm, starting this Wednesday, **September 18**, following the Free Lunch. Please see **Linda Elkins** with questions.



SEPTEMBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

15 Sun	Worship 10am Membership Class following worship CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour
17 Tues	Diaconate Meeting 6pm at the Bonds' house Safety Forces Prayer Service at St. Joseph 7pm
18 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
19 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
22 Sun	Worship 10am, New Members Welcomed CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour
24 Tues	Official Board Meeting 7pm
25 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
26 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
29 Sun	Worship 10am—Penny Sunday CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour

DIACONATE MEETING THIS WEEK

Diaconate members, please be aware that this board will be meeting at **6 p.m.** this coming Tuesday, **September 17** at the home of Eddy and Adria Bond (11545 Coopers Run in Strongsville), prior to the **Safety Forces Prayer Service** at St. Joseph church.

SAFETY FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

"In support of those who serve"

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

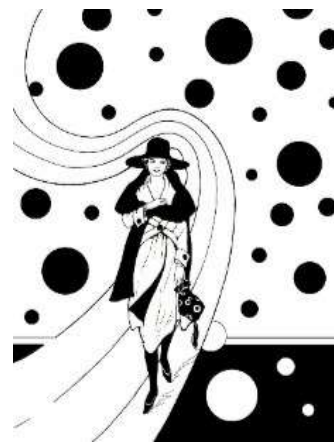
St. Joseph Catholic Church

12700 Pearl Road (Strongsville)



All are welcome to gather in offering prayerful support and appreciation to those who serve our communities. Personnel are invited to wear their uniforms and to bring their families. A light reception will follow.

STYLE SHOW IN OCTOBER!



You've always wanted to walk the catwalk and strut your stuff, right? You ARE model material!

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. We need runway models—men, women, kids—to show off the ensembles. We will put together an outfit and our models will wear them down the runway. We have 16 slots available, so sign up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall right away! We can't wait to see you "Make it work!"

PLEASE PURCHASE GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL, GIFT GIVING, AND EVERYDAY NEEDS!



The Strongsville UCC gift card program continues to support the maintenance of our beautiful pipe organ, but we can't do it without you! Please see Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall following worship to see the plethora of gift card choices—something for everyone!

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!



LOVE AND TRANQUILITY



A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is still available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native American Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. **Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15. CDs are available through the church office. We have fewer than a dozen CDs left!**

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.

UCC DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRIES

Hurricane Dorian has devastated the Bahamas and has wrought extensive damage to cities along the U.S. Atlantic coast. If you would like to make a financial contribution to assist victims, you may do so directly at https://www.ucc.org/donate_to_disaster_relief or place your donation in the offering plate with "UCC Disaster Ministries" in the memo line.



FUNDRAISING SEASON IS UPON US!

The fall fundraising season has begun! We have a number of folks raising money for scouts, band, school, and other civic organizations. As a congregation, we love supporting good causes. However, **please limit any selling to Pilgrim Hall before or after worship.** Thank you!

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop will be reopen on Thursday, September 19. Come and see our new Fall/Winter selection of merchandise. Hope to see you then!

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE:



All photos and information have been submitted. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: If you had Lifetouch directory photos sent to the church, please see Irene in the church office for pick up.

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!



SAVE THOSE CENTS FOR SANYUKA!



The Penny Sunday on **September 29** will go to Sanyuka Children's ministries. This uplifting choir comprised of Ugandan orphans visited our church on September 7 and inspired everyone who attended. Watch the video on our church's YouTube channel, and you will see what we mean!