

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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September 20, 2015 9:45 A.M. Pentecost 17

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* Traditional Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *I Saw the Light* Hank Williams

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy Wisdom of God, You call to us from the depths of our hearts,

People: where we long for connection with you and with one another.

Leader: You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods,

People: Where human pain and possibility are most urgent.

Leader: You call to us from our sacred stories,

People: where God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit create, challenge, and comfort.

Leader: Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, and

People: help us see with your eyes the ways which lead to beloved community,

All: where Christ Jesus is at the center.

† **HYMN 778** *Sweet By and By*

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 *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*

ANTHEM *Soon and Very Soon* Crouch/Schrader

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Do Lord* Spiritual

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

HYMN on insert *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

SCRIPTURES 2 Samuel 22:50 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 278
Psalm 117 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 528

SERMON *Sing Out Loud*

† **HYMN 327** *The Old Rugged Cross*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Rejoice in the Lord* John Horman

† **POSTLUDE** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Spiritual

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Worship Accompanist
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Liturgist
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Bill Schneider
Ginny Oerkfitz

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

3 *Almighty*
16 *Days of Elijah*

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SONG

46 *Jehovah - Jirah*

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GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Strongsville UCC Blues Jam

THE WORD OF GOD

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Psalm 117 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 528

MEDITATION

Sing Out Loud

SONG

7 *The Name of the Lord*

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SERVING TODAY

Rita Budd – Tambourine

Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads

Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Voice

Aiden Hurtig – Drum Pads

Rachel Kovatich – Voice

Kyra Krause – Voice

Toni Newborn – Voice

Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar

Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet

Mike Soltis – Drum Set

Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Voice

Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Voice, Keyboard

Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion

Clay Williams – Voice

Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola

Jack Stephenson – Liturgist

Lori Kovatich – Graphics Operation

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 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

OCTOBER 2015

- 11 Sun 1 Worship Service at 11:15am, followed by Anniversary Potluck Meal

PIG ROAST and \$750.00 REVERSE RAFFLE

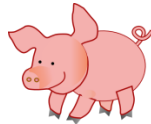
Fund Raiser for

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 27, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Sarah Hawk Hayes	11:15 Tom Gaumer
Greeter		Ginny Dangelo
Usher	9:45 Roy Merkle	11:15 Ginny Dangelo
Graphics Operation		Rosemary Bechtel

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

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The altar flowers are given this morning—

In Honor of Rachel Kovatich's Birthday
Love, Mom and Dad

Celebrating Our Littlest Grandson Weston's Birthday on September 24
Grandparents George and Joyce Reed

The steeple will light the sky this week—

In Memory of My Dear Friends
Sally Vetovitz

Happy Birthday today to Lori Greenland, Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit, and Rachel Kovatich!

Youth Party – In an attempt to grow our Youth Group, Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson will graciously host a party for **Junior High / Middle School Youth** TODAY, September 20, at 2:00 p.m. All youth **and their friends** in this age group are invited and encouraged to attend this 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, which begins tomorrow—September 21—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.

		Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 9/6	Traditional	\$2,937	Contemporary \$192
			3,129
		Difference	(\$ 61)

Tuesday Meeting this week: Official Board at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Men's Luncheon will meet on Wednesday at European's Best Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. As always, all men are welcome.

Thursday Rehearsals: Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Instrumental at 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

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.

New Location for Food Bank Donations – Many thanks to the congregation for their continuing support of the Food Bank donations. With the approval of the Trustees, the Mission Outreach Committee has moved the donation area. It is now located in Pilgrim Hall alongside our glass display case. This was done to increase visibility and also to make it more easily accessible.

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.

The Thrift Shop needs baby and children's clothing.

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 Hagemeier (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)

"Come One, Come All to Celebrate FALL!"

The Strongsville UCC will host a Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 31, here at church. We're looking for volunteers to donate baked goodies or candy and also to help man the activities. Spread the word! All the kids in the community are invited! Look for more information to follow, such as a flyer you can pass out in your neighborhood or at work or school."

