



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday – September 23, 2018 – 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 "A Child is Born" Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" Hudson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of unsearchable mystery and light, your weakness is
greater than our strength;

People: **Your foolishness makes all our cleverness seem like
nothing. Your gentleness confounds the power we
believe we have.**

Leader: You call the first to be last and the last to be first;

People: **You call servants to be leaders, and rulers to be
servants to all.**

Leader: Pour into our hearts the wisdom of your Word and Spirit,

People: **Help us to understand your purpose and live to your
glory. Amen.**

† **HYMN 654** "Change My Heart, O God" (sing twice)

SHARING 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 "Hear our Prayer, Lord" Foley

ANTHEM "Christ is the Rock" Larson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Interlude #2" Elkins

† **DOXOLOGY** **HYMN 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**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9: 30-37

SERMON And the winner is...

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

† **BENEDICTION**

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

† **POSTLUDE** "My Redeemer Lives" Morgan

SERVING

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 23

Kelly Bickley	Liturgist	Ben Clotworthy and Alysha Rolland
Judi Pavisich	Greeters	Judi Pavisich
Volunteers needed	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Rosemary Bechtel	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 30

The altar flowers are given—

Happy 66 years Mom & Dad (Dorothy and Bill Ritchie)

Love, Gina, Lisa, Bill Jr., and Sharon

Honoring my daughter, Mindy Carte
Judy Carte

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Sally Herzog yesterday,
to Dale Hawk and Erik Joyce today, and to Judy Carte tomorrow!*

The Official Board will meet this Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.

Happy Birthday today to Dale Hawk, Erik Joyce, Devan Maringer, and
Cory Rutch!

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

If you would like to provide financial assistance to victims of Hurricane
Florence in the Carolinas, you may do so via the offering plate by writing
a check to Strongsville UCC and writing "Disaster Relief" in the memo
line or contributing cash in an envelope and marking "Disaster Relief."
Also, next week's **Penny Sunday** offering will go to relief efforts. You
may also go online and give directly at
http://www.ucc.org/hurricanes_2018_ucc_response

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, Karen Rak at Parkside Villa,
Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Eddy Bond, Rita Budd, Mindy Carte
(daughter of Judy), Rev. Larry and Christina Craig,
Christopher Dragony, Steve Herzog, Margot James,
Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon
Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan),
Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and
John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Linda
Stepan, Barbara Toth, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward



Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi
Pavisich's granddaughter), Michele Cortese (friend of the
Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister
of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen
Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of
Reeds), 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), Jeff Stimson
(friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-
law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,241.25
(Difference -\$ 1,408.06)



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS



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

-The Bell Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
-The Chancel Choir practices every Thursday evening
at 7:30 p.m.
-The SUCC Band rehearsals are on Wednesday
evenings at 7 p.m.

-The Children's Choir practices on Sundays, immediately following
Sunday School classes.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your
name** to be added as a communion server, greeter,
usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No
experience is needed and everyone is welcome to
be a part of our church life.



23	Sun	Worship 10am Children's Choir Rehearsal Membership Meeting Organ Festival Organizational Mtg.
25	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
26	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Band Rehearsal 7pm
27	Thurs	Thrift Shop CLOSED Men's Luncheon 11:30am Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
30	Sun	Worship 10am—Penny Sunday Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:15am Worship Team 11:30pm



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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

The photographic artwork of church member **Bob Kovatich** is on display at the Rocky River Nature Center through October 31. The exhibition, featuring Bob's photos of northeast Ohio landscapes, is open from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily at 24000 Valley Parkway in North Olmsted. The exhibition is free.

This week, Leek Organ Company will be wrapping up the final phase of our organ restoration. We need to celebrate the completion of this decade-long project! Please save the date **Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 3 p.m.** for our **ORGAN FESTIVAL**, featuring several area organists playing wide-ranging selections on our refurbished organ, followed by a free wine and cheese reception.



**SAFETY FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**



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.

Saturday, October 6 -- The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Mansion
Meet at the church at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 13 – A Branson Country Christmas
(Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's

Please hold your Thrift Shop donations for **2 more weeks** while our little store in the basement gets the floor painted and restocks for Fall/Winter with a new selection of merchandise. The scheduled date of reopening is October 4. Hope to see you then. Thank you!

Bring your favorite dish & side, salad or dessert
on **Sunday, October 21**, following the worship service.
Tableware and beverages will be provided.



Watch your bulletins and the October newsletter for details on a project putting together personal kits for needy veterans. Our goal is to put together 100 kits which include toiletries, socks, and personal care items to present to veterans by October 28, 2018.

Money from the October 28 Penny Sunday will go to **Together We Rise**. Information about that program will be available in the October Newsletter.

Moderator	Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator	Bill Schneider
Treasurer	Lori Kovatich*
Clerk	Karen Morgan

Tom Gaumer*	Eddy Bond*	Dale Hawk
Mike Clotworthy*	Jim Heinrich	Myron Costin*
Bob Kovatch *	Jim Dettmer	Kenn Oerkfitz
Greg Dickson	Ed Sobek	

Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Serena Abruzzino*	Judy Gaumer*	Jennifer Barry
Cathy Hawk*	Kelly Bickley	Sarah Hayes
Barbara Camp	Linda Plain	Gina Cathcart
Dawn Rolland*	Kristen Clotworthy	Marty Winch

Kelly Bickley
Kristen Clotworthy

Sandy O'Shea
Lora Rung Jamie Trinckes

Ingrid Dickson Ken Mehalko
Pam Keenen* Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Rosemary Bechtel* Sue Gigliotti* Adria Bond
Beth Giuliano * Ed Bond Sharon Heinrich
Laurie Meister

Judy Carte Gary Paul Brandi Garsteck
Lora Rung* Michele Mhlack Bev Wehr