

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE "Jehovah-Jireh" Merla Watson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 571 "Trust and Obey"

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Life that is really life!

All: Comes from the One we trust.

Leader: Life that is really life!

All: Comes from the Presence we call.

Leader: Life that is really life!

All: Comes from the Foundation of goodness and sharing.

Leader: Life that is really life!

All: Comes to us now in this moment.

Let us take hold of Life that is really Life!

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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 "Trio in G Minor" Josef Rheinberger

BELL ANTHEM "Ring Joyous with the Sound" Douglas E. Wagner
based on the hymn tunes, "Laudes Domini" and "Nicaea"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" Kirk Dearman

*** DOXOLOGY 166** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Tune: "Lasst uns erfreuen"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 694

SERMON "Trust in the Future"

† **HYMN 575** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BELL RESPONSE** "As the Deer" Martin Nystrom
arr. Peggy Betcher

† **POSTLUDE** "Berceuse" Louis Vierne
(sur Les Paroles Classiques)

Happy Birthday today to Doris Soucie and Bill Robinson!

Happy Anniversary today to Allison and Matthew Miller!

Thank you to all who cleaned the church kitchen yesterday!

SERVING TODAY

Morning Announcements – Denise Bell

Liturgist – Michele Mhlack

Director of Music – Elena Taylor

Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder

The Bell Choir

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett

Electric Guitar – Jake Williams

Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Vocalist – Clay Williams

Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn

Sound System – Jim Heinrich

Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel

Greeters – Lynne McCray, Sharon Heinrich

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900

Weekly Offering Received on 9/18/2016 1,901

Difference - \$1,999

Total Rally Day Offering to date \$629

After worship this morning, **please join us for coffee and fellowship** in Pilgrim Hall.

Today's altar flowers are given—

*Congratulations to Bill and Dorothy Ritchie
on their wedding anniversary – 64 years together!*
Love, Gina

*In Loving Remembrance of Red Kircher
The Kircher Family*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Abby Craig on September 21
With love, Grammy*

200th Anniversary Church Cookbooks – Please see Joyce Reed, Dianne Maringer, or Marty Winch in the Parlor to get your copy. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an additional \$3 per book.

Strongsville UCC October Newsletter – For those who get paper newsletters, please pick up your copy this morning in the Gathering Area. Special thanks to all who get theirs by email.

Pictorial Directory – For those who have not yet had their picture taken or provided a photo, **pictures will be taken TODAY after church.** Please see Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk.

This Week at Strongsville UCC—

Tuesday: New Testament Study, 12:00 noon
Official Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m. – All are welcome.
Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: Thrift Shop, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: Decorate the church for the fall season, 10:00 a.m.

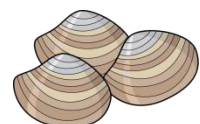
Bible Study – Pastor Becky will lead a five-week study on the New Testament. The study will take place at the church at 12:00 noon on the five consecutive Tuesdays from September 27 to and including October 25. Please bring your Bible and a lunch. All are welcome!

Fall Decorating – We will decorate the church for the fall season this Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. Help is needed. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Baby Shower for the upcoming arrival of twin baby boys in the Bell Family will be held next Sunday, October 2, 2016, in Pilgrim Hall immediately after the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. Denise and Erhardt are registered at Babies R Us.

Brunch – To kick off our church's 200th Anniversary in 2017, our Diaconate will furnish a brunch in Pilgrim Hall on Sunday, October 9, 2016, after our worship service. All are welcome to partake of this free meal.

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
CLAMBAKE**



Saturday – October 15, 2016 – 4:00 to 9:00 P.M.

at the home of
Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson
2214 Substation Road in Brunswick Hills
(Southwest Corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads)

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, (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Eric Brand, Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Harvey Pincombe, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields (friend of Pastor Becky), Doris Soucie, Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan) at Royal Oak Nursing and Rehab Center

Church Family: Chris Morgan, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Bri Brostek (friend of Gina Cathcart), Ryan Brubeck, Thom Cerny (friend of Bob Kovatich), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O'Boyle), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Matthew Geletka (grandson of Barbara O'Boyle), Dan Karoly (friend of The Thrift Shop ladies), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 25 Sun Bells play for worship
Photos taken for Pictorial Directory, after church
Newsletter Pickup
- 27 Tue 5-week New Testament Study at 12noon begins
Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Fitness Club, 7pm
- 29 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm

OCTOBER 2016

- 1 Sat Decorate church for the Fall season, 10am
- 2 Sun Baby Shower for the Bell Family's twin boys, after the church service
- 9 Sun Diaconate Brunch Kickoff for the 200th Anniversary
Recognition of New 50-Year Members
- 15 Sat Adult Social Club Clam Bake – details are forthcoming
- 16 Sun Begin collecting for Thanksgiving baskets
- 23 Sun Bells play for worship, ORC Pancake Breakfast
- 30 Sun Communion, All Saints Sunday, dedicate memorials

Thanksgiving Baskets – Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins Sunday, October 16. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 16 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 23 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 30 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 6 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 13 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 20 turkeys or hams

To make a cash donation instead, please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**. On the memo line, write **Thanksgiving Basket**. \$20 covers the cost of the turkey or ham; \$40 covers the cost of a whole basket. All financial donations will be gratefully accepted, whatever the amount. If you know someone who would appreciate a basket, please complete the information on your attendance card, or tell Pastor Becky. Thank you for your support of this benevolent project.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2016

Graphics Operation – Lori Kovatich
Greeter – Linda Plain
Morning Announcements – Sally Herzog
Liturgist – Betty Craig
Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed



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WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today.
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!