

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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September 27, 2015 9:45 A.M. Pentecost 18

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *I Will Praise Him* Bill Ingram

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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People: We are God's church together.

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Leader: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

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Leader: We need each other to be the church.

All: We are God's church together.

† **HYMN 408** *How Firm a Foundation*

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 *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech
arr. Peggy Bettcher

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN 572 *Blessed Assurance*

SCRIPTURES James 5:13-20 New Testament, p. 204

SERMON *The Visit*

† **HYMN 527** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Open Our Eyes* Bob Cull
arr. Peggy Bettcher

† 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.

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Chancel Choir Director	Joshua Konow
Bell Choir Director	Barbara Fraunfelder
Liturgist	Kenn Oerkfitz
Usher	Roy Merkle
Greeter	Ginny Dangelo

PENTECOST 18

September 27, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

3 *Almighty*
16 *Days of Elijah*

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7 *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*

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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

James 5:13-20 New Testament, p. 204

MEDITATION

The Visit

SONG

46 *Jehovah - Jirah*

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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

Tom Gaumer – Liturgist

Ginny Dangelo - Usher

Rosemary Bechtel – Graphics Operation

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 27 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9am-12:30pm
Penny Sunday
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

- 3 Sat Stewardship Meeting at church, 8:30-11am
Pig Roast at church, 5:30pm
4 Sun World Communion Sunday
5 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
6 Tue Mission and Outreach Meeting, 7pm
Worship Team Meeting, 7:30pm
7 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
10 Sat Stewardship Meeting at church, 8:30-11am
11 Sun **1 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:15AM**, followed by Anniversary
Potluck Meal
12 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
13 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
15 Thu Newsletter Deadline
18 Sun Begin Collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets
19 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
20 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
25 Sun Dedication of Memorials, Sunday School pumpkin painting
26 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
27 Tue Official Board Meeting 7pm
28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1:00pm
31 Sat Harvest Festival for children and families at church

Strongsville Women's League will host a **BLOODMOBILE on Monday, October 19, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph and John Church**, 12700 Pearl Road in Strongsville. The Red Cross needs healthy individuals, age 17 and older to donate. Persons over 65 may donate. Walk-in donors are welcome. The donation process takes about one hour. For information, please call Marlene Martin, (440) 238-7123.

Serving Next Sunday – October 4, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Bruce Keenen	11:15 Jim Nicoulin
Greeter		Linda Plain
Usher	9:45 Linda Plain	11:15 Needed
Coffee Hour		Cathy and Dale Hawk
Graphics Operation for 11:15		Sharon Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

The altar flowers are given this morning—

Happy Anniversary to My Mom and Dad
Love, Gina

Celebrating the Wedding Anniversary Today of
Our Daughter Holly and Son-in-Law Marty
George and Joyce Reed

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to the family of Markus Doychak, son of Sally Kline and Joe Doychak and grandson of the late Rev. Charles and the late Lois Kline. (Rev. Kline was minister of Strongsville UCC from 1968 to 1996.) Visitation is today from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Jenkins Funeral Chapel, 2914 Dover Center Road, Westlake, where a funeral service will be held at 6:00 p.m. today following visitation. If you wish to send a card to the family, please send it c/o Jenkins Memorial Chapel at the address above.

All-You-Can-Eat PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Fundraiser for the Pipe Organ Restoration Fund
TODAY – 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. – in Pilgrim Hall

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

Membership Class – Pastor Becky is teaching a Journey in Faith class on Mondays for 11 weeks, which began on September 21—from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church. You may still join the class if you would like. 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.

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.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190	
Offering Received 9/20	Traditional \$1,416 Contemporary \$435 1,851
	Difference (\$1,339)

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.

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.



Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday, when we will celebrate the sacrament at both the 9:45 and the 11:15 worship services.

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.

Come One, Come All to Celebrate FALL! 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.

New Location for Food Bank Donations – Many thanks to the congregation for their continuing support of the Food Bank with 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 can use baby's and children's clothing in all sizes. Please leave your donations in the shop. Thank you!

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.

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.

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, Michele Mhlack, Denzil Richards, Barb Staybrook, 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), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), 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)