



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday –September 29, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Penny Sunday

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 "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" arr. Albrecht

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Poor Man Lazarus" Hairston

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

People: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

People: Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

People: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

† HYMN 486 "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 146

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 "Native Flute Fantasy" Mehalko

ANTHEM "Restless" Assad

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday Collection

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Give Thanks" Smith

† 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 16: 19-31

SERMON Gated Community

† HYMN 63 "All Creatures of our God and King" (vv 1-4)

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace" Besig

† POSTLUDE "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual

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.

SERVING

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 29		NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 6
Jim Studer	Liturgist	Kenn Oerkfitz
Judi Pavisich	Greeters	Linda Plain
Volunteers needed	Ushers	Linda Plain
Volunteer needed	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Ken Mehalko	Woodwinds	
Sarah Keenen	Soloist	

The altar flowers are given—

In celebration of my son's wedding anniversary this month...Marissa and Mike McNabb ..congratulations and wishing you many many more years together. We love you both.....Ginger and Ronnie RotheL.

In loving memory of our brother, uncle, and godfather, Rick Pinkney
11/2/52 – 9/23/80

The Krisak/Abruzzino Families

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In loving memory of Mary L. Joyce-Smith on her first birthday in heaven, October 1st

Happy Birthday to Betty Dickson on October 1st.

Love, their sons and daughters-in-law

Women's Fellowship will meet next Tuesday, October 1 at 10 a.m.

The Worship Team will meet next Sunday, October 6 at 11:30 a.m.

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

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office. 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, Jen Barry, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., 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, John and Maggie Struhar, 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 \$1,701.00
(Difference -\$1,821.02)
includes \$20.00 for Rally Day



RALLY DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

This is the last Sunday of our special collection for the Sunday School curriculum. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for caring about the future of our church!



REMINDING ALL KIDS!

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 a terrific time of singing, praise, and fun!



PEAR TREE WATERING

The Cleveland Pear tree that was purchased in memory of Karen Morgan has been planted. It needs to be watered 3 times a week throughout the month of October. If you could water Karen's tree ONE time, please sign up on the calendar in Pilgrim Hall. Thanks!



PENNY SUNDAY

Today's Penny Sunday collection 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! (Go to Worship on our website and select Service Videos.)



OCTOBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

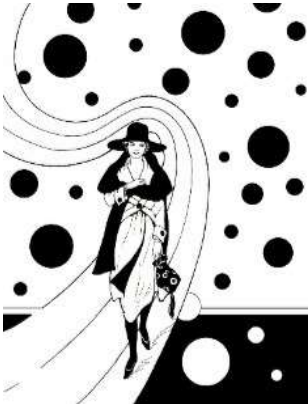
6	Sun	Worship 10am—Communion Coffee Hour Worship Team
8	Tues	Trustee Meeting 7pm
9	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
10	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
13	Sun	Worship 10am —start Thanksgiving basket collection Anniversary Potluck & Style Show
15	Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
16	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
17	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
20	Sun	Worship 10am CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour
22	Tues	Official Board Meeting 7pm
23	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
24	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
27	Sun	Worship 10am—Penny Sunday CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour
30	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
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OUR CHURCH’S 202nd ANNIVERSARY

During worship, we will recognize our new 50 year members, followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring an entrée, along with a side, salad, or dessert to share. Tableware will be provided.



STYLE SHOW IN OCTOBER!



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**.

If you have signed up to be a model, please **meet after worship TODAY to choose outfits. Child models, please come AFTER Children’s Choir.**



PLEASE PURCHASE GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR 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!



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

Many areas have been affected by recent severe weather events. 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!



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!



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 only a few CDs left!**

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:



- Oct. 13 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 20 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 27 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 3 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 10 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 17 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 write the information on your attendance card, or tell Pastor Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP



Next Meeting –
Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor at church. **Please bring a bag lunch.** After our meeting, we will make pumpkin planters with **Linda Elkins** and then enjoy lunch and fellowship together. **Barbara Toth** will provide devotions and refreshments. As always, all ladies (and friends) are welcome.

COMING UP: NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Envelopes will be in the pews throughout October for this special UCC offering, which supports ministries of justice and compassion around the United States. This program awards grants to churches working in needy communities. Our church is a 5 for 5 church, participating in all the special offerings of the UCC.

