



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday – September 30, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Penny Sunday

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 “Jesus, Stand Among Us” Whitworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lora Rung

INTROIT “In His Presence” Tunney

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come from many directions, O God, to worship
you in this time and place.

People: **And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to
serve all people.**

Leader: We leave behind our insecurities; we seek to trust that
you will provide all that we need.

People: **And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to
live with all people.**

Leader: We leave behind all that holds us back, everything that
keeps us from following you in faith.

People: **And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to
love all people.**

Leader: We leave behind the fears that bind us, the hurts that have
damaged us, breaking our hearts.

People: **And we will walk with you, O God, offering your words
of peace to all people.**

† HYMN 586 “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

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” Foley

ANTHEM “We Are the Branches” Parker/Lantz

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Interlude” 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

† HYMN 207 “We Have Come to Join in Worship”

SCRIPTURE READING James 5: 13-20

SERMON All in this together

† HYMN 97 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “Go Now in Peace” Besig

† POSTLUDE “We Bow Down” Paris

SERVING

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 30	NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 7
Ben Clotworthy and Alysha Rolland	Liturgists Kenn Oerkfitz
Tom and Judy Gaumer	Greeters Linda Plain
Jim Dettmer	Ushers Linda Plain/Marty Winch
Myron Costin	Coffee Hour Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of John and the Soucie Family
Doris Soucie

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In honor of Luke’s 10th Birthday today
Love, Mom, Dad & Nicole
*Happy Birthday to our Mothers-in-law, Mary Lou Joyce-Smith and Betty
Dickson, tomorrow, October 1! From Irene Joyce and Ingrid Dickson*
Happy Birthday tomorrow to Dave Williams from the Choir!

The Worship Team will meet today after church.

Happy Birthday today to Luke Giuliano!

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, today’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, Bill
Ritchie, Doris Soucie, 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 \$1,589.19
(Difference -\$ 2,060.12)



PENNY SUNDAY

Today is Penny Sunday, and the students have voted to donate the money
collected to Hurricane Florence Relief efforts. Checks can be made to
SUCC and will be sent to the United Church of Christ Disaster Relief with
the Penny Sunday money.

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

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.



**OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN
THE GATHERING AREA ON THE BULLETIN CABINET.**

OCTOBER 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

3	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Band Rehearsal 7pm
4	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
6	Sat	Adult Social Club to Ohio Mart
7	Sun	Worship 10am with Communion New Members Received Children's Choir
9	Tue	Trustees Meeting, 7pm
10	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm No Fit Club Band Rehearsal 7 pm
11	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
14	Sun	Worship 10am Children's Choir ORGAN FESTIVAL 3pm
16	Tue	Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
17	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm Band Rehearsal 7pm
18	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
21	Sun	Worship 10am with Baptism Anniversary Potluck Children's Choir
23	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
24	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Band Rehearsal 7pm
25	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
28	Sun	Worship 10am All Saints Sunday Penny Sunday Sunday School Pumpkin Party Children's Choir
31	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm No Fit Club Band Rehearsal 7pm



CALLING ALL KIDS! IT'S TIME TO MAKE OUR OWN MUSIC!

All students in the Sunday School are to report to the sanctuary immediately following class to meet with Mr. Tom Foley. Rehearsal will be around 30 minutes or so. It's going to be a terrific time of singing, praise, and fun!

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.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS

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 see Linda Plain to make reservations.



201st ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK!

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

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Your **Mission Outreach** Committee, as part of this year's Veterans Day project, will be putting together **Comfort Kits** for distribution to local veterans in need during the month of November.

In conjunction with the Veterans Service Commission, Wade Park VA and the Berea Food Pantry, we have committed to assembling a total of **100 Comfort Kits** designed to meet the needs of local veterans. **The cost per kit is \$10**, based on a sample kit containing items purchased at The Dollar Tree.

Each kit, assembled in a drawstring bag, will contain:

- Two pairs of white socks
- 7 oz. Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- 6 oz. Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Razor
- 15 oz. Body Wash/ Shampoo
- Bath sponge



Items for the Comfort Kits will be collected starting October 7. The kits will be dedicated during worship on October 28, and delivered November 5.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

THE THRIFT SHOP will reopen for business on **Thursday, October 4** from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on **Wednesday, October 10** from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **An additional person is needed to work with us for 2 hours on the second Wednesday of the month. Please contact the church office if you can help.** We will be restocked with fresh merchandise for fall/winter. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the basement for painting and who are helping prepare the shop for its reopening!

ORGAN FESTIVAL!

This week, Leek Organ Company has wrapped 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 five area organists playing wide-ranging selections on our refurbished organ, followed by a free wine and cheese reception.



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

Officers elected on Jan. 28, 2018, have an asterisk* by their names.

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

Sunday School Superintendents

Kristen Clotworthy Jamie Trinckes

Board of Trustees

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

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

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

Christian Education Committee

Kelly Bickley Sandy O'Shea
Kristen Clotworthy Lora Rung Jamie Trinckes

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson Ken Mehalko
Pam Keenen* Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

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

Mission and Outreach Committee

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

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins Sunday, October 15. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 14 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 21 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 28 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 4 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 11 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 18 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 Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.