



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Sunday – September 8, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Rally Day and Communion 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 "Ten Thousand Reasons" Myrin/Redman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Ask, Seek, Knock" Larson

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** **Psalm 1**

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or
take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**People: But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law
they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield
their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all
that they do, they prosper.

**People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind
drives away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor
sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**People: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

† **HYMN 550** "I Want to Be Like Jesus"

FIRST READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 139: 1-6

† **HYMN 640** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

PRAYING IN SILENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Threefold Amen" Traditional

ANTHEM "I Saw the Light" Williams, arr. Foley

RALLY DAY INTRODUCTIONS



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Kristen Clotworthy

PRIMARY CLASS Grades Pre-K - 2

Linda Elkins, teacher

Anna Greene Stevens Jack Hayes Oliver Zielinski
Riley Hawk Penny Zielinski

INTERMEDIATE CLASS Grades 3 - 5

Serena Abruzzino, teacher

McKenzi Abruzzino Rowan Garcia* Luke Giuliano Aidan Hurtig
Christopher Abruzzino Lilly Greene Stevens Tilly Sekorky*

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS Grades 6 - 8

Lora Rung, teacher

Ian Rolland Richard Greene Stevens Summer Zoscak
Christian Scott Gabby Grace Autumn Zoscak
Alex Metivier Oliver Sekorky

POST-CONFIRMATION Grade 9 & up

Irene Joyce, teacher

Clara Barry Bobby Foley Jordyn Miller
Ben Clotworthy Rachel Kovatich Alysha Rolland
Emma Clotworthy

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore Bobbie Krisak Suzi Foley

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Irene Joyce Jim Joyce

**Receiving a Bible today*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Angel Band" Stanley, arr. Stevenson Tressa

† **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**

SECOND READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 18: 1-11

SERMON Pottery in Progress

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: We speak of sin, giving it many names - failures, mistakes,
intended acts; yet Scripture reminds us that we are stubborn-hearted,
wanting only *our* way. But if we pause to listen to God, if we open our
mouths (and our hearts) to confess our sin, God will teach us *God's*
way, filling our empty spaces with forgiveness and hope. Let us pray
together:

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**People: We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you
notice how we try to attract attention to ourselves and our good
deeds. We can seem so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy
to pretend we are superior to the poor. We are so busy (continued)**

completing our 'To Do' list each day, and we forget to do good
when we have the chance. Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our
emptiness with your grace and humility, so that we might spend
our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, serving the poor,
the broken, the lost, the prisoner, and the oppressed. (*silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: We are new people, graced and forgiven
by our loving God. **People: Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our
God, guide us to offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone
we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP "How Beautiful" Paris
Vocalist: Sarah Keenen

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper,
or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.*

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.**

† **HYMN 591** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

† **POSTLUDE** "Bourrée in G" J.S. Bach

SERVING

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 8 **NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15**

Linda Ponstingle	Liturgist	Judi Pavisich
Billie Cantrell	Greeters	Elaine Coffey
Bill Schneider	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Volunteers 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

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**.*

The altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of Chuck and Debbie Miller
Barbara and John Toth*

*In loving memory of our mom and grandma, Karen Morgan
With love, Rachel, Gary, Penny and Ollie Zielinski*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday today to Stacie Sauter and to Eli Sauter on
September 12! With love, Grammy*

Happy Anniversary today to Kelly and Paul Haney!

The Trustees will meet this Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m.



IT'S RALLY DAY!

The start of a new, exciting school year! We will have a special offering to supplement the purchase of curriculum for our Sunday School classes. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for caring about the future of our church!



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Karen Morgan**, who passed away on September 1. Karen will be remembered for her many years of service as clerk, as

a choir/bell choir member, board member, Sunday School teacher, Thrift Shop helper, Women's Fellowship member, supporter, and friend.

Our love and prayers are with **Rachel, Gary, Penny, and Ollie Zielinski, Grant, Terri, Kennedy, Madison, and Reagan Morgan, Phyllis Kurz**, and to all of us who knew and loved Karen.

In her memory and in recognition of her service to SUCC, a Cleveland pear tree will be planted on church grounds.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Dakota (Brammer)** and **Chad Andexler**, who were married on September 7, 2019 in Aurora. Granddad Kenn Oerkfitz officiated at the ceremony!



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, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields



Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Dolores Bail, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, 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 Mihlack, Karen Morgan, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, 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.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OR HELPED WITH THE SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS



Would you like to become an official member of the Strongsville UCC congregation? Pastor Heidi is hosting a membership class following worship next **Sunday, September 15** and receiving those folks who wish to join into membership on **Sunday, September 22** during worship. Please contact the church office or Pastor Heidi if you are interested.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,122.00
(Difference -\$ 1,670.81)



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Music Ministry –Today's music is dedicated to the memory of our dear friend and alto, **Karen Morgan** for her many years as a singer and ringer.

Basses: **Bruce Keenen, Rob Toth, Richard Densmore, Clay Williams, Dave Williams**; Tenors: **Gary Hackett, Evan Joyce, Chuck McDougall**; Altos: **Barb Fraunfelder, Sarah Keenen, Irene Jannsohn, Dawn Rolland**; Sopranos: **Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Pam Keenen, Sharon Maresco, Sandy O'Shea, Sarah Toth**



Singers, players, and ringers are welcome to join the fellowship and praise! -If you can read music (even if you're rusty), the Bell Choir has a few openings and their rehearsals will begin Thursday, **September 12** at 7 p.m. -There is room in the loft for you, sopranos, altos, tenors, basses! The Chancel Choir practices every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. -Instrumental musicians are invited to join the SUCC Band. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. -Children's Choir will begin Sunday, **September 15**, immediately following Sunday School classes.



BIBLE STUDY IN THE FALL

Our 7 week Bible Study, "Uppity Women of the Bible," will be on Wednesdays at 1 pm, starting on **September 18**, following the Free Lunch. Please see **Linda Elkins** if interested.

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.



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop will be closed on Thursday, September 12. Please hold your donations for a week while we restock for Fall/Winter with a new selection of merchandise. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: If you had Lifetouch directory photos sent to the church, please see Irene in the church office for pick up. Thanks!

SEPTEMBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

8	Sun	Worship 10am—Communion, Rally Day Coffee Hour
10	Tues	Trustee Meeting 7pm
11	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
12	Thurs	Thrift Shop CLOSED Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
15	Sun	Worship 10am Membership Class following worship CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour
17	Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm Safety Forces Prayer Service at St. Joseph 7pm
18	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
19	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
22	Sun	Worship 10am, New Members Welcomed CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour
24	Tues	Official Board Meeting 7pm
25	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
26	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
29	Sun	Worship 10am—Penny Sunday CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour



SAFETY FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

"In support of those who serve"

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church

12700 Pearl Road (Strongsville)



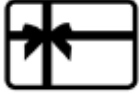
All are welcome to gather in offering prayerful support and appreciation to those who serve our communities. Personnel are invited to wear their uniforms and to bring their families. A light reception will follow.

STYLE SHOW IN OCTOBER!

You've always wanted to walk the catwalk and strut your stuff, right? You ARE model material!

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. We need runway models—men, women, kids—to show off the ensembles. We will put together an outfit and our models will wear them down the runway. We have 16 slots available, so sign up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall right away! We can't wait to see you "Make it work!"





PLEASE PURCHASE GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL, 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.