



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
*Minister*

**Sunday – August 12, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.**

**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** "Jazz Song #2" Robert Foley

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Sally Herzog

**INTROIT** "Walk with Me" Tom Foley

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** You, O Lord, are the one for whom we search, wandering deserts and plains, seeking your presence.

**People:** **We come to worship you because while we searched for you, you had already found us.**

**Leader:** Your presence, O Lord, carries the hope for which we yearn.

**People:** **We choose to follow you, to serve alongside you in love.**

**Leader:** Yours is the peace that calms us. Your presence quiets our restless souls.

**People:** **Fill us, Lord. Mend our brokenness with your loving touch. Bring us rest.**

† **HYMN 219** "Surely the Presence" (Sing Twice)

**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** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Hatch/Jackson

**ANTHEM** "Be Still My Soul (Finlandia)" Sibelius  
Tom Foley and Mike Elkins

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Impromptu" Mike 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**

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Kings 19: 1-8

**SERMON** Unexpected Good News

† **HYMN 434** "Revive Us Again"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "You're Still Speaking" Tom Foley

† **POSTLUDE** "Days of Elijah" Robin Mark

**SERVING**

**TODAY – AUGUST 12** **NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 19**

Ted Bickley	<b>Liturgist</b>	Lynne McCray
Betty Craig	<b>Greeters</b>	The Costin/Barry Family
Chuck McDougall	<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck McDougall
Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Volunteer needed
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Summer Sunday School</b>	Evan Joyce
Elena Taylor	<b>Director of Music</b>	Elena Taylor
Mike Elkins	<b>Worship Accompanist</b>	Mike Elkins
	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley

**The altar flowers** are given—

*In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn*  
From his family

*In celebration of Tom and Suzi Foley's Anniversary*

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—

*In gratitude to members of the Boards for their hard work and dedication to our church and its mission*

**The Board of Trustees** will meet this Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m.

**Music Ministry** –Thank you to Tom Foley, Bobby Foley, and Mike Elkins for providing music for today's worship.

**Happy Birthday** today to Eileen Pincome and Dave Payne!

**Happy Anniversary** today to Suzi and Tom Foley!

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Outdoor Worship area yesterday and to those who attended the Meet & Greet!

**From the Pulpit Search Committee:** After an exhaustive and thorough process of searching for our settled pastor, and prayerful consideration, your Pulpit Search Committee has chosen a candidate to lead our church. The Committee received almost fifty profiles which were carefully and diligently investigated. Through countless meetings, emails and most importantly, lots of prayer, it became clear to us that God had sent us the minister who is the best fit for our congregation. It is with great joy that we recommend to extend the call to **Reverend Heidi Denman McDougall** to be our settled pastor.

To that end, a **Congregational meeting** will take place **today**, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of voting to accept the Search Committee's recommendation.

The Committee would like to thank the congregation for its ongoing support, patience and prayers these past thirteen months, as we determined whom we would unanimously choose to recommend.

Your Pulpit Search Committee: Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy, Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, and Bill Schneider



**"Revive Us Again" Summer Sunday School combined classes continue** –Classes will meet in the Confirmation classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. **Thanks to Kelly Bickley for putting together the lessons, based on "Fruit of the Spirit," and Sharon Heinrich for teaching today!**

**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, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Eddy Bond, Lloyd Bridle, Mindy Carte (daughter of Judy), Gordon Cockrell, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Dan Davis, Keana Dickson (daughter of Greg and Ingrid), Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, 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), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Jeff Stimson (friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



**Membership** – If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville UCC, please contact Pastor Heidi or call the church office, (440) 238-6697.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
 Last Week's Offering Received \$3,393.25  
 (Difference -\$ 256.06)



**Giving Statements for the first half of the year are in the Gathering Area for pick up. Thank you for giving.**

**Stewardship** – Just a reminder that the church still has expenses during the summer months when you may be away and church activities slow down. If possible, please continue your regular giving by mailing your offering to the church: Strongsville UCC, 13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. For your convenience, church-addressed mailing envelopes are available in the Gathering Area on the cabinet. Another option is electronic giving (myEoffering) for anyone interested. Instructions for myEoffering are in the August Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church. **Also, if you miss attending church on a Sunday and would like a copy of the bulletin e-mailed to you, please notify the church office.**

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Next Sunday, August 19** --Botanical Gardens and Dinner in Little Italy  
**Friday, September 14** – The Platters (Dinner and Show) at Carrie Cerino's  
**Sunday, September 16** – Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City  
 Please see Linda Plain to make reservations.

**INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP**

We will be taking a tour of The Grand Mosque on Thursday, September 6th around 6:30 pm. **If you are interested, please write "mosque" on the back of your attendance card or notify the church office.** Everyone is welcome! More details will follow.

**MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

**Elena Taylor's** last Sunday as our Music Director will be next week, August 19. On that day, we will have a reception for her to wish her and her family well on her new adventures as they move to New Jersey! We have truly enjoyed Elena's talent, faithfulness, and musicianship during her time with us, first at Organist, then as Music Director. She will be missed, but we know that she will continue to bring glory to God no matter where she goes.



The Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the Music Committee, has voted to hire **Thomas M. Foley** as our Music Director. Tom will begin his service with us next week, August 19. Tom and his wife, Suzi, are residents of Strongsville and are members here at Strongsville UCC, with Tom having served as Music Director here from 1998 – 2007. The Foleys have three children: Jimmy, a future freshman at Ohio University, Jackie, a future freshman at the University of Cincinnati, and Bobby, a rising junior at Strongsville High School. We welcome Tom and his family back to Strongsville UCC! **The first meeting of the Chancel Choir and any interested singers will be on Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m.**

Thanks to everyone who participates in our **Penny Sunday** program! On July 29, we collected \$90.78 for our Sunday School programs and scholarships. The next **Penny Sunday** is August 26!

**AUGUST 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 12 Sun Worship 10am**  
**Congregational Meeting**
- 14 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am – 4pm  
September 2018 Newsletter Deadline  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm**
- 19 Sun Worship 10am**  
**Farewell Reception for Elena Taylor**
- 21 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
**No Band Rehearsal**
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
**No Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- 26 Sun Worship 10am**
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm



**FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND:**  
**Friday, August 17 at 7:30 PM on The Strongsville Commons.** The summer concert series will conclude with a musical journey- "Around The World In 80 Minutes" with songs from around the world. Trumpet Soloist, Jack Brndiar of Baldwin Wallace University and vocalist Cindy Smith will be guest artists. (In case of rain the concert will held at the Ehrnfel Senior/Recreation Center).



**Frequently Asked Question: Is the church having a Garage Sale this year?**

**Answer: Yes, the Official Board is planning to have our annual fun fundraiser on Saturday, September 8 from 9 am – 2 pm.**



*Naturally, donations will be needed, but we are asking our dear members and friends to **hold their donations until after Sunday, August 19** (Elena Taylor's farewell reception). Please remember we accept clean, usable household items, small electronics, lamps, toys, books, furniture, and anything else that is not a liquid. The Thrift Shop will be open. Also, the Sunday School will have a Bake Sale during the Garage Sale as their main fundraiser for the year. We appreciate your cooperation and support!*



**DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S BAKE SALE!** Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, and cakes are needed to sell. This is our main fundraiser and everyone's support is appreciated. Please bring wrapped baked goods to the church any time on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**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.



**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018**

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

<b>Moderator</b>	Rachel Zielinski
<b>Vice-Moderator</b>	Bill Schneider
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lori Kovatich *
<b>Clerk</b>	Karen Morgan

**Sunday School Superintendents** Irene Joyce, Jamie Trinckes

**Board of Trustees**

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

**Endowment Fund Subcommittee**

Irene Jannsohn \* Joyce Reed \*

**Diaconate**

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

**Christian Education Committee**

Kelly Bickley	Sandy O'Shea	Jamie Trinckes
Irene Joyce	Lora Rung	

**Music Committee**

Ingrid Dickson	Pam Keenen *	Elena Taylor
	Ken Mehalko	

**Stewardship Committee**

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

**Mission and Outreach Committee**

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