



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

(Congregational)  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall  
Guest Minister

**AUGUST 13, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**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** Lord, Be Glorified Bob Kilpatrick

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Kenn Oerkfitz

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.  
Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All: The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

† **HYMN 583** You Are My All in All

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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** Native American Flute

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Breathe Marie Barnett

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Rev. McDougall

**THE OFFERING** Thy Word Michael W. 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**

**SCRIPTURES** Matthew 14:22-33

**SERMON** Risky Business Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

† **HYMN 571** Trust and Obey

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** Amazing Grace

† **POSTLUDE** Organ Postlude in E

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—  
*Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Riley on August 17 and  
Happy Birthday to Amanda on August 19*  
The Hawk Family

**The steeple** will light the sky this week—  
*Happy Anniversary to Bill and Pam Craig on August 19*  
With love, Mom  
*In Memory of Ruth Saylor*

**Happy Birthday today** to Katelyn Deertz!

**This morning we thank Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall for leading us in  
worship,** and we welcome back her husband, **Chuck McDougall.**

**We thank Ken Mehalko** for his clarinet, saxophone, and Native American  
flute music this morning.

**Our love and prayers** are extended in sympathy to the family of Ethyl  
Jeglie on the occasion of her passing on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. The  
funeral was held at the Donald A. Faulhaber Funeral Home in Broadview  
Heights on Thursday, August 10. Rev. John King officiated at the service.

**Fourteen ladies** from our church are attending the **Women's Retreat** at  
Stanford House in Peninsula, Ohio, this weekend.

**On Tuesday, August 15,** three church organizations are meeting at  
7:00 p.m.: **Advertising Committee, Diaconate, and Trustees.**

**The September Church Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, August 15.**  
You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today.

**Adult Social Club** will visit the Winery at Wolf Creek in Barberton this  
Thursday, August 17. A signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin  
board. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. to carpool.  
Please bring your own food. Only snack foods like pretzels and chips will  
be provided. Indoor shelter is first come / first served. There is no cost.  
All adults are welcome.

**Our Church Garage Sale** is Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m.  
to 2:00 p.m. Donations are now being accepted. Our Thrift Shop will be  
open, and Sunday School will have a Bake Sale and will sell hot dogs.

**Strongsville Food Bank** is very appreciative of our steady support. While  
all donations are welcome, this month they are in particular need of canned  
vegetables. Our collection basket is located in Pilgrim Hall alongside the  
glass display case. The collections are taken to their building weekly.

**Children's Messages** – If you are interested in providing Children's  
Messages during this time of substitute ministry, please call Diaconate  
chairman, Cheryl Sobek, at 440-539-0394 or email her at  
[Cherylsobek@gmail.com](mailto:Cherylsobek@gmail.com). Please leave a message that you are interested  
in doing a Children's Message, and Cheryl will contact you about what  
dates you are available, depending upon the ministers we have. Thank you  
for your help.

**To make past services easier to view on the web,** we started a YouTube  
channel. To access it, go to the <http://strongsvilleucc.com/> website.  
Click on WORSHIP and then SERVICE VIDEOS. Once you get to  
YouTube, search for the service you wish to see and click on it.  
Alternately, you can go directly to YouTube and search for "Strongsville  
UCC". Most services from the beginning of 2017 have already been  
uploaded. To see an older service, please contact Jim Heinrich to see if it  
is available.

**Updating Our Website and TVs** – If you have updates for our church  
Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mihlack 216-324-9799 or [m.mihlack@gmail.com](mailto:m.mihlack@gmail.com) or  
Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or [ij3e@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ij3e@sbcglobal.net)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
Weekly Offering Received 8/6/2017 \$2,945  
Difference (\$920)



**SERVING TODAY**

**Director of Music:** Elena Taylor  
**Greeters:** The Clotworthy Family  
**Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce  
**Liturgist:** Kenn Oerkfitz  
**Usher:** Roy Merkle

**Summer Sunday School:** Irene Joyce  
**Coffee Hour:** Kenn Oerkfitz, Ginny Churnega, and Judy Carte



**We will celebrate our church's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Luncheon on Sunday, October 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Rec Center.** Tickets are on sale in Pilgrim Hall by either Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer each Sunday through September 10. Because of limited seating, we recommend you get your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will only be sold until September 10, as the caterer needs a head count in September. Ticket prices are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children (6-12 years).

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks** – We still have cookbooks available for purchase. They make great gifts, and your purchase helps support the Anniversary celebration. The current cookbook costs \$12, but we also have some cookbooks from 2006 for \$10 each. Please contact either Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed if you are interested in purchasing one or more of these books. Thank you!

#### 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. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.*



**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea, Margot James, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Tom Gaumer, The Grabski/Williams Family, Steve Herzog, Bev Lane at Hospice on Drake Road, Martha Liebert, Michele Mihlack, Eileen Pincomb, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward, Rachel Zielinski

**Extended Church Family:** Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiautraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

#### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 20, 2017

**Greeters:** The Bickley Family  
**Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce  
**Liturgist:** Kelly Bickley  
**Ushers:** Ted and Kelly Bickley  
**Summer Sunday School:** Ingrid Dickson  
**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers Needed

**Mission and Outreach Committee** has several baskets ready for our upcoming "Around the World" silent auction on October 22. You will soon be seeing them on the church display boards in Pilgrim Hall and the Gathering Area in the lobby. It has been interesting sharing our ideas. If you have a cultural heritage that you would like to share, let us know. It is an opportunity to share with your family as well. The minimum value is only \$25. Thus far, we are doing Poland, Germany, Mexico, Great Britain, China, Italy, and Czechoslovakia. We plan to have two baskets for the children also.

#### AUGUST 2017

- 11-13 Women's Retreat at Stanford House in Peninsula, Ohio
- 13 Sun Donations for the Church Garage Sale are accepted.
- 15 Tue September Newsletter Deadline  
Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm  
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm  
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal, 8pm
- 17 Thu Adult Social Club trip to Wolf Creek Winery in Barberton
- 22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club 7pm  
Band Rehearsal, 8pm
- 27 Sun Penny Sunday
- 30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Rehearsals resume for Children's Choir, 7:30-8:00pm  
Band Rehearsal, 8pm
- 31 Thu Rehearsals resume for Bell Choir, 6:45-7:45pm  
Chancel Choir, 8:00-9:30pm

#### SEPTEMBER 2017

- 4 Mon Labor Day
- 6 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm – Notice new hours.
- 9 Sat Church Garage Sale and Thrift Shop Open, 9am to 2pm
- 10 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School  
Special Offering for Sunday School  
Chancel Choir sings for worship.  
Deadline to purchase Anniversary Luncheon tickets
- 15 Fri October Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Sun Children's Choir sings for worship.
- 24 Sun Bell Choir rings for worship.

#### OCTOBER 2017

- 15 Sun Strongsville UCC's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, 1pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet Hall

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#### UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Your Pulpit Search Committee has continued to meet weekly and finished our church profile. Thank you to all who completed the demographic survey; we received responses from approximately 68 family units. These responses have been tabulated and incorporated into the church profile. The Committee presented the completed profile for final review to the Official Board at its July meeting, and it was approved to send on to the UCC Conference. We will continue the process.

This process will be ongoing for many months and we would ask to renew our request for prayers as we diligently proceed in searching out God's will and finding our new minister to lead us. We are grateful for the support the congregation has shown us for the very important task to which we have been entrusted. Our church continues to be strong and vibrant even in this time of transition, our deepest gratitude to all for being a part of that.

Please do not hesitate to bring any questions or concerns to any one of us.

#### Your Pulpit Search Committee

Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy,  
 Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

**A half-day Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop** will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 P.M. at Avon Lake United Church of Christ, 32801 Electric Boulevard, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. Check-in and on-site registration begin at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to attend, please see the signup sheet and more information on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Cost is \$15 per person, or \$50 per congregation (for four or more people). Your cost will depend upon how many people attend from our church. This workshop will feature three sessions: 1) ministering to those experiencing grief, 2) an introduction to Stephen Ministry, 3) how to care in a distinctively Christian way.

#### FAITH COMMUNITY COALITION FOR STRONGSVILLE DRUG / ALCOHOL FORUM AND AFTERWARD

The City of Strongsville wants to bring education, awareness and resources to the community about drug and alcohol addiction. The Police Department, Fire Department and the City Management will come together in a three-part forum at the Strongsville Rec Center on the Tuesdays of September 12, 19 and 26, 2017, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. These groups will also consider ways they can help in an ongoing effort after the forum. Becky Zatezalo from Strongsville United Methodist Church is putting together a faith community of churches to help with the forum and to talk about ways to work together with ongoing resources for those affected by addiction -- both for the individual with the addiction and for their families and friends.

The next coalition planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, at 3:00 p.m. at Strongsville United Methodist Church. **If you would like to represent Strongsville UCC in planning and participating in this forum and afterward, please call the church office, (440) 238-6697.**

Just a reminder that the support group, Drug Induced Chaos, meets at our church on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All who need support for dealing with drug addiction in their families are welcome to attend the Drug Induced Chaos meetings.