



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

(Congregational)

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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**Sunday – August 25, 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 Saints Go Marching In" arr. Niehaus

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**INTROIT** "Oh Freedom" Spiritual, arr. Graef

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Even before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,

**People: God was waiting for us, welcoming us with God's grace.**

Leader: When we are unsure what to do next, when we hesitate before we act,

**People: We listen for God's voice, listening for the One who will teach us all we ever need to know.**

Leader: When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when fears cripple our souls and paralyze our actions,

**People: God delivers us with steadfast love; we are set free, certain we are God's beloved children. Thanks be to God!**

† **HYMN 713** "Seek Ye First"

**A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 1: 4-10

**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** "Spiritual Sounds of Nature" Mehalko

**ANTHEM** "Simple Gifts" Shaker Melody, arr. Villanueva

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Spiritual, arr. Graef

† **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 13: 10-17

**SERMON** Never on Sunday?

† **HYMN 602** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Spiritual, arr. Graef

† **POSTLUDE** Hymns of F. J. Haydn Haydn

**SERVING**

**TODAY, AUGUST 25**

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Jennifer Barry	<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Keenen
Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt	<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Plain
Volunteers needed	<b>Ushers</b>	Linda Plain
Volunteer needed	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Supplemental Organist</b>	Sharon Heinrich
Mary Densmore	<b>Summer Sunday School</b>	Outdoor worship
Satori Winds	<b>Special Summer Music</b>	Tom Foley & Mike Elkins

**The altar flowers** are given—

*Remembering our Aunt Rhea Clements on her birthday August 28*

Becky and Bill Robinson

*In honor of Betty Bushea's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on August 27.*

With love, your daughter, Barb Fraunfelder

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

*In celebration of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig's*

*50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 30*

Rev. Larry and Christina Craig

**Happy Anniversary today** to Debbie and Lee Krause!

**The Official Board** will meet Tuesday, August 27 at 7 p.m.

**HELP NEEDED**

**Sign-up sheets for ushers, greeters, communion servers, and coffee hour helpers are located in Pilgrim Hall on the bulletin board. Please consider being a part of the life of our church by volunteering for one or more of these jobs.** We also need volunteers to pick up the bread and pastries on Friday and/or Monday mornings as back-up to our regular pick-up people. If no one picks up the baked goods, we won't have any baked goods! Contact the church office to help.



**Today is PENNY SUNDAY! Money collected will go to our Christian Education program for refurbishing the upstairs. Thank you to everyone who supports our children's ministry.**

**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 on 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.

**THANK YOU TO THE OVER 100 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR PHOTO DIRECTORY!**



Directories should arrive around Thanksgiving time. If you were not available to be photographed during our assigned times, please call Lifetouch at **866-756-0281** for information about other venues. If you did not get photographed by Lifetouch, please contact the church office to submit a photo.

**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, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Josh Trinckes, Sally Vetovitz, Sharon Wilson, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** 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.**

**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.



## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02  
 Last Week's Offering Received \$2,046.22  
 (Difference -\$1,475.80)



As you can see, the church often faces a summertime shortfall. Please remember to keep up with your offerings and pledges as the church's expenses do not take a summer break. Thank you for your support!

## SUMMER MUSIC

We thank the Satori Winds: Ken Mehalko, Mike Sherwood, Ed Lichtenberg, and Richard Ingersol for providing special music for today's worship.



## 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 fewer than a dozen CDs left!



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME  
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 at 8 p.m.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME  
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 7p.m.

We have room for singers and ringers! Please see Tom Foley if you are interested in joining our music ministry.



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP LABOR DAY WEEKEND

(Weather permitting)

Give thanks and praise for the last throes of summer as we worship outdoors on our church property on Sunday, **September 1** at 10 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair.



## RALLY DAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>!

Hope to see you for a new, exciting year of Sunday School classes!



## CONSTRUCTION ON THE INTERSECTION OF PEARL & ROYALTON ROADS STARTS TOMORROW!

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!

## AUGUST 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 25 Sun **Worship 10am—Penny Sunday**
- 27 Tues Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 29 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

## SEPTEMBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Sun **Outdoor Worship on our property 10am**  
Coffee Hour
- 2 Mon Labor Day
- 3 Tues Women's Fellowship Meeting 10am
- 4 Wed Free Lunch for All 11:30am-12:30pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 5 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am—4pm  
Chancel Choir 8pm
- 7 Sat Sanyuka Children's Choir Concert 3pm
- 8 Sun **Worship 10am—Communion, Rally Day**  
Coffee Hour  
Worship Team
- 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**  
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**  
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**  
Coffee Hour

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SAVED PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE CAPS!

The collection has been suspended and we are no longer saving them. Please go ahead and recycle them along with your plastic bottles in your regular recycling. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this project!



## 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 **Linda Elkins** if interested.

## SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our church will be hosting a concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda.



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 7** at 3 p.m. for an afternoon of music and celebration with children's voices and traditional instruments.

There will be no charge for the concert, but they will have a free will offering to benefit the Sanyuka Children's Ministries. The children will also have Ugandan handicrafts and CDs available for concert goers to purchase. [www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/](http://www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/).

**Help will be needed for the event.** For the Sanyuka performance at our church, food is needed for a meal for the children before the concert and also for the reception for everyone after the concert. To provide food, please either:

- see Sharon Heinrich to volunteer,
- call the church office,
- or write your **food donation** on the back of your attendance card.

Thank you very much for your willingness to help.

## 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!



## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## THRIFT SHOP END-OF SUMMER BAG SALES

Come down on these upcoming Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and score some terrific bargains, while helping your church!

**August 29:** \$6 per bag

**September 5:** \$5 per bag

BONUS:

**Wednesday, September 4:** \$6 per bag



We provide the bag and you fill it up!

**The Thrift Shop will be closed** for fall/winter change-over on **Thursday, September 12.**

## 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!

