



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

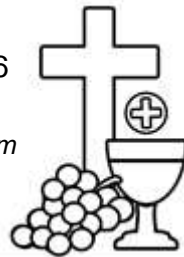
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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Pastor



**Sunday – February 3, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Sacrament of Communion**  
**Installation of Elected Officers**

**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, 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** "10,000 Reasons" Redman/Myron

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**CHILDREN'S INTROIT** "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" Foley

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates;

**People: Be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates;

**People: Lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

**People: The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory!**

† **HYMN 215** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (verses 1,2,4)

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

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Lord, Listen to Our Prayer" Foley

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM** "Always Remember" Sewell

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours, to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership and to assist you so that together, we may be the faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you, in Strongsville United Church of Christ and in the world. Send your Holy Spirit on them and on us all, that our service may be diligent and faithful. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name alone. Amen.**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "In Christ Alone" Stanfill

† **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 4: 21-30

**SERMON** "The Inside Story"

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF CONFESSION, RECONCILIATION AND PARDON**

Pastor: Arrogance, envy, harsh words, empty hands, pleasure in doing what we know is wrong – these are what we often use to fill our lives. Christ calls us to confess in faith, trusting in the hope that God's love restores us and makes us whole. Let's pray together:

**People: Lord God, we struggle to speak words of hope, when all we hear are voices of fear. We struggle to be loving when all around us, people resort to ridicule and anger. We struggle to be faithful to you, while all around us, the voices of false prophets entice us with their simple, alluring thoughts.**

**But you have shown us how to forgive. God of kindness, we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us. [silent prayer]**

Pastor: Hear the Good News: in God, we find a safe place in the midst of our chaotic lives. In God's forgiveness, we find the healing our hearts so desperately desire.

**People: In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP** "How Beautiful" Paris  
Sarah Keenen, vocalist

*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.**

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† **HYMN 415** "We Are Called to Be God's People"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "He is Exalted" Paris

**SERVING**

**TODAY – FEBRUARY 3**

Dave Williams  
Linda Plain  
Linda Plain/Marty Winch  
Volunteer needed  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins

**NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 10**

**Liturgist** Bruce Keenen  
**Greeters** Billie Cantrell  
**Ushers** Volunteers needed  
**Coffee Hour** Volunteer needed  
**Director of Music** Tom Foley  
**Associate Director of Music** Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn—*  
from the Jannsohn-Dickson-Joyce Families

*Happy Birthday to Rebecca Deertz!—Love, Grandma Marty Winch*

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

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

*In loving memory of David Halley, brother of their son-in-law*  
Jim and Linda Dettmer

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy.

**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, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Dan Davis, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Harvey Pincombe, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Ray Suttle, Barbara Toth, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward



**Extended Church Family:** Adams Family (friends of Judi Pavisich), Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), 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), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

**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.



**COMING SOON...Lenten Study with Pastor Heidi.** Plan to participate in this meaningful 5-week course, *Interfaith: Being Love in the World*, starting March 10 at noon. A light lunch will be provided each Sunday for those who attend the studies.

**THE THRIFT SHOP** is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. WE NEED HELP! If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop. **Also, 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 either on Wednesdays or Thursdays.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**CHILD SPONSORSHIP**

Our church sponsors Caroline Y. in India. For only \$30, you can provide for her for a month, through the UCC Global Ministries. Please sign up on the yellow sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you can support this important international outreach.



**FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

It is not too late to serve on a board or committee for the coming year! Please see Rachel Zielinski, Bill Schneider, Kristen Clotworthy, Sharon Heinrich, or Pastor Heidi if you would like to volunteer.



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!**

**Plan to attend this delicious home-style, all-you-can-eat meal! \*\*\*RESCHEDULED\*\*\***



**SWISS STEAK DINNER**

**Saturday – March 3, 2019  
Seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.**

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198  
**Adults: \$14, Kids 6-12: \$6, 5 & Under: Free**

**Help is needed** – especially on Friday for browning meat. The sign-up sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall's board. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers during the serving hours. Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them.  
**THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN WITH A SPECIAL SALE.**

**ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT**

**February 15 - 17, 2019** Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio  
**Sign up is now closed.** If you are one of the few attendees who has not yet paid, please turn in your payment immediately in order to hold your reservation.



Thanks!**FEBRUARY 10, 2019: Retreat planning meeting after worship.**

**FROM THE KITCHEN:**

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. Thanks!



**EXCHANGE STUDENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Rotary Club of Strongsville has the opportunity to host a Rotary Exchange Student next year. A student from the country of Brazil has expressed an interest in coming to Strongsville as an exchange student for the next school year. She is 15 and a dancer. They would need 2-3 families willing to host her for 4-5 months at a time. Host families must live in Strongsville. If you are interested, please contact Jay Dzurilla at [dzperson@aol.com](mailto:dzperson@aol.com) or (440)268-6749 (and leave a message if the phone call is not immediately picked up).

**FEBRUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 3 Sun Worship 10am with Communion  
Installation of Officers**  
Children's Choir
- 6 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm**  
Fit Club 7:15pm  
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 7 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm**  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 10 Sun Worship 10am  
Retreat meeting after worship**  
Children's Choir
- 12 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm**
- 13 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm**  
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm  
Fit Club, 7:15pm  
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 14 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm**  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 15 Fri Retreat at Templed Hills through 2/17**
- 17 Sun Worship 10am**
- 18 Mon President's Day**
- 19 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7pm**
- 20 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm**  
Fit Club 7:15pm  
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 21 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm**  
Men's Lunch 11am  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 24 Sun Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**  
Children's Choir
- 26 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm**
- 27 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm**  
Fit Club 7:15pm  
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
- 28 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm**  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL**



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

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

*(If the Strongsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served.)*

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,552.02  
Last Week's Offering Received \$4,409.00  
(Difference \$886.98)



**END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Gathering Area in the Church Family Mail boxes following worship today. Please take yours.**

**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019**

*Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk\* by their names.  
\*\*Appointed by the Official Board*



**Moderator** Rachel Zielinski\*  
**Vice-Moderator** Rob Toth\*  
**Treasurer** Sally Herzog\*  
**Clerk** Karen Morgan\*

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Kristen Clotworthy\*

**Board of Trustees**

Mike Clotworthy Myron Costin Greg Dickson\*  
Tom Gaumer Bill Giuliano\* Dale Hawk\*  
Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozeleski\*  
Ed Sobek\* Linda Stepan\* Rob Stepan\*

**Endowment Fund Subcommittee**

Irene Jannsohn\* Joyce Reed \*

**Diaconate**

Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry\* Eddy Bond\* Barbara Camp\*  
Kristen Clotworthy\* Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk  
Sarah Hayes\* Linda Plain\* Linda Ponstingle\*\*  
Nicole Rachid\* Dawn Rolland Marty Winch\*

**Christian Education Committee**

Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore\* Linda Elkins\*  
Suzi Foley\* Sandy O'Shea\* Lora Rung\*

**Music Committee**

Ingrid Dickson\* Ken Mehalko\*  
Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins

**Stewardship Committee**

Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti\* Beth Giuliano Bill Schneider\*\*

**Mission and Outreach Committee**

Judy Carte\* Bobbie Krisak\* Tony Koussa\*\*  
Michele Mhlack\* Gary Paul\* Lora Rung Bev Wehr\*

**We sincerely thank these fine folks, who have finished their terms, for their service to our church and its mission:**



Bill Schneider, Vice Moderator  
Lori Kovatich, Treasurer  
Jamie Trinckes, Sunday School Co-Superintendent  
Eddy Bond, Jim Dettmer, and Kenn Oerkfitz, Trustees  
Gina Cathcart and Kelly Bickley, Diaconate  
Adria and Eddy Bond, Sharon Heinrich, and Laurie Meister Stewardship  
Brandi Garsteck, Mission and Outreach

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

For those who have chosen to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, the February edition is available in the Gathering Area in the Church Family Mailboxes.

**PENNY SUNDAY**—Last Sunday's Penny Sunday collected \$139.50 for Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in Ravenna. [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org)

