

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136



Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Designated Minister

FEBRUARY 4, 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.*

BAND PRELUDE "In Your Presence"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

CHOIR INTROIT "What You Have Done for Me" Tony Alonso

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Good people of the church,
Lift up your eyes and see.

**All: Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God greets us here.**

One: Good servants of the Most High,
Open your ears to hear.

**All: Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God meets us here.**

One: Good children of the light
Open your hearts
and know what it means to delight in God.

**All: For we have seen, heard and known
From the beginning to the end,
Our God...is.**

† **HYMN 514** "I Love to Praise Him"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Anthony Showalter

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

BAND OFFERTORY "Indescribable" Laura Story

† **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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:29-39

SERMON "Waiting on Jesus"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus taught his disciples: "Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry? Listen to me, and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all. Come to me, and you will have life! For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am, in the midst of them."

Let us confess our sins together:

God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors; we waste opportunities to do good; we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for the strength to follow in your way, to love all your people with that perfect love that casts out all fear. Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance:

Trust in God that your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew living a life in harmony with God and all God's children. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit, created all things and called them good . . .

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

MUSIC during Communion

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 531** "Unto Thee, O Lord"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **CHOIR RESPONSE** "May the Lord Go with You" Nancy Price

† **POSTLUDE**

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn
From Irene A. Jannsohn, the Joyces and the Dicksons*

Worship Committee will meet after worship this morning.

Officers elected at our Annual Meeting last Sunday will be installed today during our worship service.

Joining the Church – If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville UCC, we will meet next Sunday, February 11, in the parlor following worship.

Lenten Study featuring the movie, *The Shack*, will be offered Sundays at noon, beginning February 18 in Pilgrim Hall. The first week will be simply viewing the movie; following weeks will be our chance to discuss, digest and explore together. A light lunch will be provided. Interested? Please let us know who and how many on the attendance card found in your bulletin.

Grocery bags are needed in the church kitchen.

Nursery – Helpers are needed because of the increase in number of children. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please contact Amanda Hawk, Sarah Hayes, or Kelly Bickley.

Photo Directory – Please contact Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk today to get your picture re-taken **if your first picture was taken before September.**

The Wednesday Lunch Program really needs volunteers especially now when four regular volunteers went south for the winter. To help, please contact Betty Craig or call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you!

The sign-up charts for Greeters, Ushers, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Hour for 2018 are on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Please sign up to help if you are able. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

Retreat – Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Annual Winter Retreat! Reservations are now closed. Please sign up for items to bring on the yellow sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. **We will have a brief organizational meeting next Sunday, February 11, immediately following the worship service.**

Do you know that our church has a Prayer Chain? If you would like to be part of the email or telephone prayer chain, please let us know on the back of your attendance card, or you can call the church, (440) 238-6697. If you are already a part of the prayer chain, there is no need for you to inform us again. Thank you!

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

CONCERT SERIES

Jim's Little Big Band and Tanis Merimee, Cello
Sunday – March 4, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.



Strongsville United Church of Christ
 13740 Pearl Road – Northwest Corner of Routes 42 and 82

\$10 – Adult \$4 – 6 to 12 years Free – 5 years and under

Pastor Heidi would like to take a group to Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to experience the interfaith Passover Seder. Reservations must be made by Sunday, February 18. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Heidi, or make a note on your attendance card as soon as possible. Thank you.

Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
Good Friday – March 30, 2018 – 8:15 p.m.
at Columbia United Methodist Church

25453 Royalton Road in Columbia Station
 (Southeast Corner of Royalton + West River Roads)
Our Chancel Choir will sing in the combined choir with orchestra for the presentation of the cantata, "Song of the Shadows."
 A reception will follow the service.



S E R V I N G

Today – February 4, 2018	Next Sunday – February 11, 2018
Lynne McCray	Liturgist Bruce Keenen
Linda Plain	Greeters Judy Carte
Linda Plain	Ushers Volunteers Needed
Myron Costin	Coffee Hour Ted and Kelly Bickley

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, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Dan Davis at Parkside Villa, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt at Northwestern Health Care Center in Berea, Irene Jannsohn, Bruce Keenen, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Joyce Reed, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen), Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Bev Wehr, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Donna Briggs (mother-in-law of Judi Pavisich's daughter), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sue Grunenwald (friend of the Heinrichs), Sam Harteis (friend of the Reeds), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), the Sink family (friends of Judy Pavisich's granddaughter), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Sheena Toth (mother of Dale), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

FEBRUARY 2018

- 7 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
- 11 Sun Retreat Organizational Meeting, after worship
- 13 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Ash Wednesday Worship Service in our sanctuary, 7pm
- 15 Thu Newsletter Deadline
- 16-18 Winter Retreat at Templd Hills
- 18 Sun Deadline to make reservations for the interfaith Passover Seder
Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim Hall
- 21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Sun Penny Sunday
Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim Hall
- 27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

- Band** (Adults and Students in Grades 6-12) – 8pm on Wednesdays
- Bell Choir** – 7pm on Thursdays
- Chancel Choir** – 8pm on Thursdays

For information about our church's music program, please see
Elena Taylor, Director of Music

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 1/28/2018	\$2,997.00
Difference	(\$652.31)



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

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

Moderator	Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator	Bill Schneider
Treasurer	Lori Kovatich *
Clerk	Karen Morgan
Sunday School Superintendents	Irene Joyce, Jamie Trinckes

Board of Trustees

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

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	Irene Joyce	Lora Rung
Jamie Trinckes	Sandy O'Shea	

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

A special thank you to all persons who completed their terms.

