

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Minister



Sunday – May 13, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Mother's Day

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 in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

BAND PRELUDE "Hallowed Be Thy Name" Mason and Lawson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INTROIT "I Was Glad" Albin C. Whitworth

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD always; again I will say it: Rejoice!

People: Today, we choose to leave our troubles at the altar. Today, we come to rejoice. Today, we come together to worship you and give thanks.

Leader: We come seeking the peace of God that will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Today, we accept the peace God offers. Today, we place our trust in the LORD.

Leader: Today, we turn our hearts and minds to you, away from the distractions and disappointments of the world.

People: We immerse ourselves in the river of your unending love; we lift our hearts and voices to you, O God, in thanksgiving and praise.

ALL: We come with open hearts to receive your grace. We come to worship God alone.

† **HYMN 182** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Sing Hallelujah"

ANTHEM "O Lord, Most Holy" Cesar Franck

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "King of Kings" Ancient Hebrew Folk Song

† **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 Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON In Pursuit of Whatever

† **HYMN 450** "Lift High the Cross"
Verses 1-3, beginning and ending with refrain

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace" Whitworth

† **BAND POSTLUDE** "I'm Forever Grateful" Mark Altrogge

The altar flowers are given—

Happy Birthday to My Mom Dorothy and to My Sister Gina – Love You and Happy Mother's Day to All Mothers
Sharon Ritchie

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday, Dorothy
Love, Bill

Happy Birthday to Mom, Dorothy Ritchie
and Happy Mother's Day to All Moms
Gina Cathcart

In Loving Memory of John B. Millhoane
His Loving Family

Happy Birthday today to Ann Sullen!

Diaconate meets Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Social Club meets Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who participates in our Penny Sunday collections. Thanks to your generosity on April 29, we collected \$129.65 for the Strongsville Food Bank plus a check for \$10, totaling \$139.65. The funds will help provide food assistance to those in need in the community. The next Penny Sunday will be on May 27 and will go toward our own Sunday School programs and scholarships.

Giving statements for those who pledged are available for pickup in the Gathering Area after worship today and on Sunday mornings in May. If you do not pledge but you would like a statement, please contact Adria Bond at (440) 227-8410. Please know we will accept pledge cards at any time and not just during the Stewardship campaign.

Church Kitchen – Please check with Betty Craig before you leave donations for the kitchen, but know that donating to the coffee hour jar is the best way to ensure that needed supplies are purchased. Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

Cleaning of church freezers and refrigerator continues this week. Items that are not **dated** and **marked** may disappear. Please take time to check the freezers and refrigerator for unmarked items that belong to you or your group. Thank you. Betty Craig

Thrift Shop – Due to overwhelming donations and limited space, please hold your donations until further notice. Please do not leave donations on the Royalton Road landing, on the steps, or on the railings. If the fire marshal sees items in those places, the Thrift Shop will be fined. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

June Church Newsletter deadline is Wednesday, May 15.

Graduates within our church family will be recognized in church on Sunday, June 10. If someone is graduating within your family, please complete the form on this bulletin or the form on the top of the cabinet in the Gathering Area, and submit it to the church office by Sunday, May 27. Thank you.

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 will be in the June Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church.

News from the Corner Office – After more than 26 years as our faithful Church Secretary, Sharon Heinrich will be retiring in June. We are indebted to her for her service and devotion as she completes her many years of employment with us. The Board of Trustees voted to hire Irene Joyce as her replacement at their May 8th meeting. Irene will be training with Sharon for the next few weeks to assure a smooth transition. Thank you for your patience and prayers during this upcoming period of adjustment.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS PROJECT

Women's Fellowship Spring Project is to fill about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below or monetary donations (so we may purchase items) are appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office.

Collection continues until May 31. **A collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target.

PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE FAMILY-SIZE ITEMS.

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| soap (facial size or smaller) | small tissue packets |
| shampoo | small cars or trucks |
| body lotion | decks of cards |
| deodorant | activity books |
| tooth brushes | coloring books |
| toothpaste (small tubes) | small stuffed toys (no bigger than 8") |
| wash cloths | blowing bubbles (small bottles) |
| combs or brushes | sidewalk chalk |
| pencils | |
| crayons (16 or 24 count) | |

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: Eddy Bond at Altenheim, Rev. Larry Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Lynne McCray, Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, 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), Michele Cortese (friend of 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), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Muriel McKeever (mother of Pastor Heidi), 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)



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31
 Weekly Offering Received 5/6/2018 \$3,179.95
 Difference (\$469.36)



MAY 2018

- 15 Tue June Newsletter Deadline
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Sun Adult Social Club departs for Hard Rock Casino at noon
from the Senior Center.
- 22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
- 27 Sun Penny Sunday
Deadline for submitting graduate information
- 30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB UPDATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these Sunday events!

- May 20** - Hard Rock Casino (via Lakefront Bus) Depart from Senior Center at Noon (\$20 in Free Play given)
- June 24** - Cleveland Aquarium (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)
- July 22** - All Church Picnic at Volunteer Park on West Lunn Road
- August 19** - Botanical Gardens (via Lakefront Bus) Dinner in Little Italy
- September 14** - The Platters (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's
- September 16** - Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City
- October 7** - The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Mansion (via Lakefront Bus)
- November 13** - A Branson Country Christmas (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's
- December 12** - Downtown Holiday Lights Tour (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church. As always, all adults are welcome to the events and meetings.
Please see Linda Plain to make reservations for these events.

The memorial service bulletin for our former member, Millie Lantzer, is posted on the Pilgrim Hall bulletin board. A beautiful write-up about Millie's life is included in the bulletin.

Baby Shower for former Choir Director, Joshua Konow and his wife Rebecca – The choirs and staff of the Federated United Church of Christ invite you to a light luncheon on Sunday, May 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to shower Joshua and Rebecca with love and baby gifts! Kindly RSVP to Nancy Isham at nancy.isham@case.edu by Friday, May 11 (acceptances only). Federated UCC Fellowship Hall is located at 76 Bell Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. A pink invitation is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Community Seminar for a Safer Strongsville – The Strongsville Police Department will present a seminar on Tuesday, May 22, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. at Ehrnfelt Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Road in Strongsville. Residents are invited to learn about safety awareness in the community and at home. Officers will be on hand to answer questions and provide resources. Please register at tinyurl.com/safestrongsville

Thank you for all the cards after my knee surgery. I will be home for six weeks after the surgery, so I will not be back at church for a while. I am getting physical therapy at my home. Thanks again for your cards and prayers.
 Lynne McCray

The Strengthen the Church offering will be received on May 20. It supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 10, 2018, during worship.** Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

Name: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date (month at least): _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned _____

Future Plans: _____

The graduate _____ will _____ will not attend church on June 10.

In addition, we would like a **graduation announcement and photo of the graduate for our church graduation bulletin board** that will be displayed in June. The announcement and photo will be returned to you.

Please place graduation information in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information **by Sunday, May 27.**

