

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

SUNDAY – MAY 14, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Joseph Santomen, Guest Minister



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 *Thy Word* Michael Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather as members of the family of God,
**People: Who long to be happy in the Lord
and with one another.**

Leader: We gather as members of the family of the earth,
**People: Who wish to be more loving in the Lord
and with one another.**

Leader: Bring us together in your family, O Lord,
that we might find happiness and peace in our family.
**People: Grant that the ties which bind us close to You
might bind us ever closer to one another. Amen.**

† **HYMN 453** *Happy the Home*

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 *Ask, Seek, Knock* Lloyd Larson

CHORAL ANTHEM *I'll Walk with God* Nicholas Brodzky
Ken Mehalko, Clarinet

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Santomen

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Last Spring* Edvard Grieg
Flavia Medlin, Violin

† **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 I Corinthians 13:4-7

SERMON *The Story of Dorothy* Rev. Joseph Santomen

† **HYMN 426** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

† **POSTLUDE** *You Are My Hiding Place* Michael Ledner

The flowers on the altar this morning are given—

*Happy Birthday to My Mother, Dorothy Ritchie, and my sister, Gina Cathcart
and Happy Mother's Day to All
Love, Sharon*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Wishing All Moms a Happy Mother's Day and
Happy Birthday to My Mom
Love, Gina and Chelsey*

*Happy Birthday, Gina, on May 15
Love, Mom and Dad*

Happy Birthday today to Jeff Peacock!

We welcome back Rev. Joseph Santomen and his wife Betsey, and we thank him for leading us in worship this morning.

Advertising Committee meets Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Diaconate meets Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Social Club meets Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. As always, all adults are welcome!

Next Sunday is Sunday School Appreciation, when we will all enjoy ice cream after our worship service.

Transition Team – Copies of their report dated April 24, 2017, are on the rectangular table in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to contact any member on the Transition Team if you have questions about the pastoral search process:

Kelly Bickley, Lloyd Bridle, Ginny Churnega, Tom Gaumer,
Cathy Hawk, Lora Rung

June Church Newsletter deadline is tomorrow. You may want to leave your article in the church office today. Thank you.

Adult Social Club will visit the Cleveland Museum of Art on Sunday, May 21. A minimum of 10 people is required for a group, with a maximum of 25. Cost is \$25 per group. The cost is divided by the number of people that go. Anything above 25 people requires a new group. Details of time to meet at the church and carpooling are yet to be determined. A signup sheet is on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board, or contact Adria or Ed Bond.

As part of the Paul Sherry lecture series, the South Euclid United Church of Christ extends an invitation to us for a worship service at their church on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Traci Blackmon, the Acting Executive Minister of Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC, will speak on "A New Civil Rights Movement." A reception and conversation with Rev. Blackmon will precede the service at 6:00 p.m. The bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall has additional information.

Summer Sunday School begins June 4. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided. Please see Irene Joyce if you have questions.

Our Church Garage Sale is Saturday, July 8. We will accept donations beginning Sunday, June 11, after worship.

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, would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office.

Collection continues until Sunday, June 4. The 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.

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)	

Thank you for your support of this outreach to our community.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 5/7/2017	\$3,622
Difference	(\$243)

Mission Outreach – Support for our child in India is covered for all months of 2017. Bev Wehr will remind our monthly donors. Please place cash or your check into an envelope marked *Child Sponsorship* and place it into the first weekly offering of your month. Please make your check payable to *Strongsville UCC*, with *Child Sponsorship* on the memo line. Sincere thanks to all of you for your support.



Our church celebrates its 200th Anniversary this year. As part of that celebration, we are planning an **Anniversary Luncheon on October 15**, right after the church service that Sunday. The luncheon will be held at the Strongsville Recreation Center banquet room.

We are currently finalizing details about special guests, menu, and out-of-pocket costs, if any. Once those are completed, we will let you know. In the meantime, if

you think you may attend the luncheon, please let Joyce Reed know by May 15. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall, where you can indicate your preliminary attendance and number of guests coming. Thank you.

The 200th Anniversary Committee

200th Anniversary Cookbooks – 45 cookbooks are still available at a cost of \$12.00 each. We also have six old church cookbooks from 2006 at a cost of \$10.00 each. If you got a cookbook and did not yet pay, please give payment to Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed, or place payment under the church office door. Thank you!

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Gina Cathcart, Dorothy Ritchie, Sharon Ritchie

Morning Announcements: Rachel Zielinski

Liturgist: Gina Gigliotti

Coffee Hour: Ginny and Kenn Oerkfitz

Director of Music – Elena Taylor

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 21, 2017

Greeter: Roy Merkle

Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce

Liturgist: Lora Rung

Usher: Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hour: Cathy Hawk

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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, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie

Church Family: Betty Babics at Akron General Hospital, Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Pam Peacock, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Sue Mason, Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), 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)

MAY 2017

- 16 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Sun Sunday School Ice Cream Party, after worship
Trustees Meeting, after worship
Adult Social Club visits the Art Museum
- 23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm
- 28 Sun Children rehearse at 9:30am and sing for worship
Recognition of Children's Choir and Special Music
- 31 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Fit Club, 7pm

JUNE 2017

- 4 Sun Recognition of Chancel Choir and Band
Summer Sunday School begins
- 7 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
- 11 Sun Graduates' Recognition
- 14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
- 15 Thu Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Sat Adult Social Club Lolly the Trolley
- 18 Sun Father's Day
- 20 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Sun Picnic Sunday: Worship at 10am outdoors,
followed by potluck picnic lunch, and games
- 27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm

GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, 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 and year at least): _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned _____

Future Plans: _____

The graduate _____ will _____ will not be in church on June 11.



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 28**. Thank you.

Strongsville Community Band will present "The Greatest Show in Strongsville"—a concert tribute to Barnum and Bailey next Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m. in the Ehrnfelt Senior / Recreation Complex. The program will feature music performed at circuses the world over including *Barnum and Bailey's Favorite*, *Entry of the Gladiators*, *The Circus Bee*, selections from the musical *Barnum* and many more. See live performances of jugglers, unicyclists, a jump rope team, and an animal balloon maker. The concert is free and is Rated G for people of all ages!

