

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

**SUNDAY – MAY 21, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**

Rev. Mendle Adams, 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** *Fugue in D Minor* J. S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We long for community and the Presence of God.

**People: In whom we live and move and have our being.**

Leader: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone.  
An Advocate will share our journey.

**People: With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.**

Leader: May the ever present love of God be with you.

**People: And may the joy of Christ surround you.**

Leader: May we know the presence of the Advocate  
as we gather in this community of peace,  
continuing to share the cost of discipleship  
with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

**ALL: As an Easter People following a Risen Lord,  
may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us.  
Amen.**

† **HYMN 630** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### 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** *Lord, Be Glorified* Bob Kilpatrick

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *Lord of the Dance* Sydney Carter  
Shaker Tune

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Lora Rung

### THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *El Shaddai* John Thompson

† **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** John 14:15-21

**SERMON** *You Can't Handle the Truth!* Rev. Mendle Adams

† **HYMN 392** *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

#### † BENEDICTION

† **CHORAL RESPONSE** *You Are My Hiding Place* Michael Ledner

† **POSTLUDE** *God of Our Fathers* George W. Warren

**The flowers** on the altar this morning are given—

*In Celebration of Our 49th Wedding Anniversary on May 27*  
George and Joyce Reed

*In Remembrance of Nadine Burnand*  
Love, Ron and Ginger

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

*Happy Birthday on May 22 to Ryan Craig and Tracey Hill and*  
*Happy Anniversary on May 21*  
*to Stacie and Dan Sauter and to Adam and Kristina Craig*  
With love, Grammy

*In Celebration of Our Wedding Anniversary*  
Ron and Ginger Rothel

**We welcome back Rev. Mendle Adams and his wife Charlene, and we thank Rev. Adams** for leading us in worship this morning.

**Today is Sunday School Appreciation**, when we will enjoy ice cream after our worship service. All are welcome!

**Trustees** will meet after worship this morning.

**Transition Team Report** – 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 any questions about the pastoral search process:

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

**Adult Social Club** will visit the Cleveland Museum of Art today. We are meeting in the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. to carpool. All are welcome!

**Official Board** meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

### 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 ( <i>no bigger than 8"</i> )
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.

### 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 Concordia Rehab, Steve Herzog, Irene Jannsohn, 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, Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), 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)



### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 5/14/2017	<u>\$3,229</u>
Difference	(\$636)

**Update from the Pulpit Search Committee** – The Committee has met twice and has begun the task of completing our Local Church Profile. A survey is being developed to collect information from the congregation for the Profile. The survey will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. Your prompt completion and return of the survey will be appreciated. More information will be provided when the survey is distributed.

Committee Members:  
Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy, Ingrid Dickson,  
Jim Dettmer, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider



**Strongsville Community Band** will present “The Greatest Show in Strongsville”—a concert tribute to Barnum and Bailey **TODAY** 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!

**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 take place AT 6:00 p.m.-- before the service. 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. Help is needed. A signup sheet is on Pilgrim Hall’s bulletin board.

**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeter:** Roy Merkle  
**Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce  
**Liturgist:** Lora Rung  
**Coffee Hour:** Cathy Hawk  
**Director of Music** – Elena Taylor

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 28, 2017**

**Greeter:** Claire Wills  
**Morning Announcements:** Rachel Zielinski  
**Liturgist:** Kelly Bickley  
**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed  
**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers Needed

**STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Our church is celebrating 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 inform you. 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

**200<sup>th</sup> 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 your payment to Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed, or place payment under the church office door. Thank you!

**MAY 2017**

- 21 Sun Sunday School Ice Cream Party, after worship  
Trustees Meeting, after worship  
Adult Social Club to Art Museum, meet 1pm at church to carpool
- 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 in church on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, during worship.** Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We would like 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 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.

