



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Designated Minister

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 – 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.*

PRELUDE "Love Divine" Jon Egan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INTROIT "I Love You, Lord"

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Pam Keenen

Leader: On this All Saints' Sunday, we pause to remember:

**People: The tender touch of loved ones,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

Leader: We remember and give thanks, O God:

**People: For the loyalty of friends;
the kindness of strangers;
the gentle strength of grandmothers;
the sacrifice of parents;
the joy of children.**

Leader: We remember and give thanks, O God:

**People: For the supreme, unconditional love of Jesus;
for the gift of his Spirit that shines brightly
in the lives of all his disciples,
throughout the ages and still today.**

Leader: We remember in every time and in every place
the saints of God who reveal God's heart to us.

**ALL: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!**

† **HYMN**

"Rejoice In God's Saints"

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
Our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs.

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to You.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-12

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE / TOLLING OF THE BELL

Pastor: Our family of faith has gathered this morning to worship, to praise, to remember and to pray. We know and believe that we are joined in spirit by those whom we have loved and lost in this life, joined in ways we do not yet understand but in which we hope. On this All Saints Sunday, we remember those who have been a part of this church, related in important ways to the life of this church for whom services of memorial were conducted this past year.

+ Howard Wilson + William Kato + Trudy Taylor +
+ Dolores Mhlack + Susan Stevenson Tressa + Shirley Brand +
+ Dennis Munson + Linda M. Dickinson Nicksick + Donald Kovach +
+ Zachary Williams + Dolores Matchett + Ethyl Jeglie +
+ Beverley Lane + Shirley Weinhold +

ANTHEM "Spirit of God" Dave and Jean Perry

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER / 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" in B Flat Major Don Besig

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Heidi

DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS Greg Dickson

THE OFFERING "No Other Name" Robert Gray

† **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**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:10-17

SERMON "They're everywhere!"

† **HYMN 767** "For All the Saints"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "May the Lord Go with You" Don Besig

† **POSTLUDE** "When the Saints Go Marching In" Traditional Spiritual

This morning's altar flowers are given . . .

*In Memory of Bill Fraunfelder
Barb Fraunfelder*

In Honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Chris and Karen Morgan

Our steeple will light the sky this week . . .

*In Remembrance of the Passing of
My Father (Nicholas) on November 5, 1994, and
My Mother (Peggy) on November 5, 2002
Gary Paul*

Happy Birthday today to Trevor Kuzmickas!

Thank you to all who supported yesterday's Turkey Dinner in any way.

Worship Committee meets this Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who participates in our Sunday School students' Penny Sunday collections. On October 29, we collected \$134.10 for Hurricane Relief for Puerto Rico, plus a \$10 check for the Strongsville Food Bank! The Sunday School added \$100 from their treasury and \$234.10 was sent to UCC Disaster Relief – Puerto Rico; the check went to the Strongsville Food Bank. The next Penny Sunday collection will be on November 26; and the students voted to give the money to the National Youth Advocacy Program (NYAP), which serves foster children in Cuyahoga County. Our Sunday School has supported this organization in years past through their Giving Tree program; and this year, the money will be used to provide a better Christmas to children who have been removed from their parents' care for a myriad of reasons. These children often enter the foster care system with little or no possessions to call their own and what little they do have is often stuffed into a garbage bag. We will provide duffel bags and/or backpacks along with Christmas wish list items for as many children as our funds allow. Please give generously on November 26.

Attention Fellow Church Members and Attendees: I am collecting Christmas gift (or money) donations for an inner-city Cleveland school. 90% of the students are below poverty level. The grades are Pre K through 3rd. If you would like to donate or would like more information, please see me after church or feel free to call me at 216-598-6198. Beth Giuliano

UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The work of your Pulpit Search Committee continues. We recently met with the Rev. Gary Halstead, the new person at the association office assisting churches with their Search and Call process. He gave us some more insights into the process and the pool of potential ministerial candidates. We will receive more profiles to discern and hope that God will guide us to find the right leader for our congregation. As our Designated Minister, Rev. Heidi is eligible to apply for the Settled Pastor's position, if and when she chooses to do so. The Committee appreciates the ongoing prayers and support of our Church Family.

Your Pulpit Search Committee

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

Hurricane and Earthquake Relief – Mission Outreach and Official Board have been approached by some church members regarding plans to provide help to those affected by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes. In our country, Houston has been greatly affected. Puerto Rico and so many Caribbean Islands have been devastated so badly that it will be years of recovery. The needs will continue for a long time and we, along with other church members, are investigating the most effective ways to help. You will be updated as information becomes available. Please see the poster board of information in the Gathering Area. Also, the UCC denomination has this link for helping with the relief programs:

http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_2017_relief

The Thrift Shop is back to accepting donations. Thank you for your support!

Giving Statements – If you would like a to receive a year-to-date statement on the status of your pledge, please email Financial Secretary, Adria Bond, at succfinancialsecretary@gmail.com or call her at (440) 227-8410. Otherwise, we are just planning on sending the year-end statements in January.

All You Can Eat!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration

Next Sunday – November 12, 2017 – 9 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 10/29/2017 \$2,116
Difference (\$1,749)



SERVING TODAY

Director of Music: Elena Taylor

Liturgist: Pam Keenen **Greeter:** Linda Plain

Usher: Linda Plain **Coffee Hour:** Jim and Linda Dettmer

Adult Social Club will go to Stan Hywet Hall on Thursday, December 14, for "Deck the Hall 2017." We will meet at church to carpool at 4:00 p.m. Admission of \$18 per person includes: tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.; live music in the Music room – courtesy of area choirs and musicians; self-guided tour of Manor House; freshly baked gingerbread cookies, warm pretzels, cocoa, hot cider, beer and wine for purchase in the Courtyard; animated gingerbread bakeshop window; a 20-foot poinsettia tree in Corbin Conservatory; shopping for holiday gifts in Molly's Shop. A signup sheet is on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. For more information contact Adria or Eddy Bond, (440) 227-8410.

Thanksgiving Baskets – Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families. Each week we will bring to church the following items:

- Oct. 15 cans of green beans, cans of yams
- Oct. 22 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 29 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 5 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 12 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes or fresh yams
- Nov. 19 turkeys or hams

To make a cash donation instead, please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**. On the memo line, write **Thanksgiving Basket**. \$20 covers the cost of the turkey or ham; \$40 covers the cost of a whole basket. All financial donations will be gratefully accepted, whatever the amount. If you know someone who would appreciate a basket, please write the recipient's name, address and phone number on the back of your attendance card, or tell Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your benevolence.

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

Church Family: Betty Babics at Akron General Hospital, Gordon Cockrell, The Grabski/Williams Family, Lacey (daughter of Amanda Hawk), Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mhlack, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen) at Parkside Villa, Jan Stough, Rev. Oommen Thomas, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: The Brlas Family, Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sue Grunenwald (friend of Sharon Heinrich), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), 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), Karla Wood (daughter of John and Barbara Toth)

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY IN CELEBRATION OF 200TH ANNIVERSARY



As part of the 200th Anniversary Celebration, from October 15 through November 19, we are collecting small, gift-wrapped or bagged Christmas gifts for adults who use the services of the Food Bank. Please use the cloth or paper bags by the Christmas wrapped box in the Gathering Area to provide new gift items not exceeding \$5.00 for either a woman or man. Please indicate on the tag whether the gift is for a man or woman. The week of November 20, we will attach a Christmas message and a brief history of our church to each bag. The gifts will then be taken to the Food Bank for distribution in December. If you need ideas for this outreach opportunity, the dollar stores have many items that could be considered, or gift cards would be acceptable also. **If you took a gift bag for this outreach, please return it to the church with your gift by November 19.** Thank you for your support.

NOVEMBER 2017

- 7 Tue Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 8 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
- 12 Sun Stewardship Sunday
ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9am to 12noon
- 14 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed December Newsletter Deadline
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Sun Dedicate Thanksgiving Baskets
Deadline for 200th Anniversary Outreach Project Christmas Gifts
Holiday Open House with the City's Lighting, 5-8pm
- 20 Mon Assemble and Distribute Thanksgiving Baskets, 9am
- 23 Thu Thanksgiving Day
- 21 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 7pm
- 26 Sun Penny Sunday
Women's Fellowship Cheese Ball Tasting and Ordering
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm

DECEMBER 2017

- 8 Fri Strongsville City Jazz Concert, 7:30pm
- 15 Fri Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance and Healing, 7:30pm
- 24 Sun Christmas Eve Worship at 10am and 11pm (**no** 7:30pm service)

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Band (Adults and Students in Grades 6 through 12)
8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays

Chancel Choir – 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Liturgist: Dan Masuga
Greeters: The Clotworthy Family **Usher:** Roy Merkle

Wednesday Lunch Program really needs volunteers—especially in January when four regular volunteers will go south for the winter. If you can help, please see Kenn Oerkfitz or Betty Craig, or call the church at (440) 238-6697. Thank you!

Picture Re-take – Please contact Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk today to get your picture re-taken for our photo directory. Thank you.