



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

**Rev. Mendle Adams**  
 Guest Minister

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**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** *Heal Our Land* Tom and Robin Brooks

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rachel Zielinski

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: To know the warmth of love,  
**People: To have the assurance that someone cares,**  
 Leader: To be confident of our worth,  
**People: To be bold to love in return,**  
 Leader: To be washed over with grace,  
**People: To be accepted as we are:**  
 Leader: This is to know a bit of God.  
**People: Then let us worship our God.**

† **HYMN 157** *The Love of God*

**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** Native American Flute

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Air in D Major* J. S. Bach

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Irene Joyce

**THE OFFERING** *Largo from Winter* Antonio Vivaldi

† **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** Jeremiah 15:16-21 and Matthew 16:21-28

**SERMON** *Turning Around . . . A Second Chance* Rev. Mendle Adams

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*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 *Breathe* Marie Barnett

† **HYMN 344** *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Arioso* J. S. Bach

† **POSTLUDE** *The Trees of the Field* Stuart Dauermann

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—  
*In Celebration of Our Sixth Wedding Anniversary*  
 Gary Paul  
*In Honor of the Thrift Shop Ladies and all they do for our church*

**The steeple** will light the sky this week—  
*Happy Birthday to Stacie Sauter on September 9*  
 With love, Grammy

**Happy Birthday today** to Sean Patrick!

**We welcome back Rev. Mendle Adams and his wife Charlene.**

**We thank Rev. Adams** for leading us in worship, **Jeffrey Schimelpfenig** for his special cello music, and **Irene Joyce** for her Children's Message.

**The Diaconate announces with great pleasure the hiring of Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall as our designated minister.** What is a designated minister, you ask? A designated minister has the opportunity to apply and be considered for the position of our settled minister. Rev. Heidi begins October 1, 2017. Welcome Rev. Heidi and her husband Chuck!

**SERVING TODAY**

**Director of Music:** Elena Taylor **Liturgist:** Bill Schneider  
**Greeter:** Linda Plain **Usher:** Linda Plain **Coffee Hour:** Myron Costin  
**Summer Sunday School:** Sharon Heinrich

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.

**WEDNESDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM**

**NEW SERVING HOURS begin this Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

Lunch will be served from 11:30am to **12:30pm**

**THRIFT SHOP BAG SALES**

**Thursday – September 7 – \$6 / bag – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Saturday – Sept. 9 – Garage Sale – \$6 / bag – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**September 14 – CLOSED September 21 – REOPEN**

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice. **Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra.**

**Excluded** are jewelry, cards, and dolls.

Strongsville UCC  
**GARAGE SALE – THRIFT SHOP – SUNDAY SCHOOL BAKE SALE**  
**This Saturday, September 9, 2017, 9am to 2pm**

Help is needed:  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7-9pm Saturday: 8am-3:30pm  
 Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.  
 Donations for the Garage Sale are now being accepted.

**The memorial service** for our church member, Dolores Matchett, will be held this Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

**To make past services easier to view on the web,** we started a YouTube channel. To access it, go to the <http://strongsvilleucc.com/> website. Click on WORSHIP and then SERVICE VIDEOS. Once you get to YouTube, search for the service you wish to see and click on it. Alternately, you can go directly to YouTube and search for "Strongsville UCC". Most services from the beginning of 2017 have already been uploaded. To see an older service, please contact Jim Heinrich to see if it is available.

**Updating Our Website and TVs –** If you have updates for our church Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mihlack 216-324-9799 or [m.mihlack@gmail.com](mailto:m.mihlack@gmail.com) or  
 Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or [ij3e@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ij3e@sbcglobal.net)

**HELP WANTED –** Sunday School Teacher Position Available! Some adorable little girls (Kindergarten-1st Grade) are in need of a teacher for their Sunday School class on Sunday mornings. Won't you be the one to love them and help them learn about Jesus each week? Curriculum is provided. Please see Irene Joyce or Jamie Trinckes if you are willing to be that someone special.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
 Weekly Offering Received 8/27/2017 \$2,184  
 Difference \$1,681



**Next Sunday is Rally Day**, when a new year begins for our Sunday School. Children will sit together with their classes, and classes will be announced in church. A special offering will be received to help defray the cost of our Sunday School curriculum.



**Adult Social Club Trip to CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO Sunday – September 10, 2017**

We will carpool and leave after worship.  
 Adults \$13.25 Seniors (age 62 and over) \$11.95  
 Tram makes two stops—at top of hill and at bottom of hill.  
**Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.**

**Mission and Outreach Committee** has several baskets ready for our upcoming “Around the World” silent auction on October 22. You will soon be seeing them on the TVs in Pilgrim Hall and the Gathering Area in the lobby. It has been interesting sharing our ideas. If you have a cultural heritage that you would like to share, let us know. It is an opportunity to share with your family as well. The minimum value is only \$25. Thus far, we have baskets for Poland, Germany, Mexico, Great Britain, China, Italy, and Czechoslovakia. We plan to have two baskets for the children also.

**A half-day Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop** will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 P.M. at Avon Lake United Church of Christ, 32801 Electric Boulevard, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. Check-in and on-site registration begin at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to attend, please see the signup sheet and more information on Pilgrim Hall’s bulletin board. Cost is \$15 per person, or \$50 per congregation (for four or more people). Your cost will depend upon how many people attend from our church. This workshop will feature three sessions: 1) ministering to those experiencing grief, 2) an introduction to Stephen Ministry, 3) how to care in a distinctively Christian way.

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

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Tom Gaumer, The Grabski/Williams Family, Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mihalack, Eileen Pincomb, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), 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), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

**Liturgist:** Bruce Keenen  
**Greeters:** The Clotworthy Family  
**Usher:** Roy Merkle  
**Coffee Hour:** Cathy Hawk



**Special Worship Services** – On Sunday, October 8, we will celebrate our church’s past in worship; and on Sunday, October 15, we will embrace our church’s future in worship. For these two Sundays, please feel free to dress in clothing reflecting our history.

**200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, October 15, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Rec Center**

Only 12 tickets are left !  
 You may purchase tickets in Pilgrim Hall today  
 from either Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer.  
 Ticket prices are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children (6-12 years).

**LUNCHEON MENU**

Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala with Sauce,  
 Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce,  
 Roasted Red Potatoes, Au Gratin Potatoes,  
 Green Beans Almandine, Tossed Salad, Anniversary Cake

**What the Church Means to Me!** The Anniversary Committee is asking everyone to fill out a paper with what the Strongsville United Church of Christ means to them. Please pick up a sheet in the Gathering Area. We are planning on displaying these prior to the Anniversary Sunday and at the Luncheon. They will also be placed in our time capsule. Please take the time to fill one out and leave in the basket in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please speak with Rachel Zielinski. Thank you.

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks** – We still have cookbooks available for purchase. They make great gifts, and your purchase helps support the Anniversary celebration. The current cookbook costs \$12, but we also have some cookbooks from 2006 for \$10 each. Please contact either Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed if you are interested in purchasing one or more of these books. Thank you!

**Women’s Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. Randy French from the Strongsville Fire Department will present a program on safety, news, and fire extinguishers. As always, all women are welcome. After the meeting, all ladies are invited to enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall.

**Sunday School Bake Sale** will be held at our church Garage Sale this Saturday, September 9, 2017. Please bring your donations of baked goods either Friday evening (9/8) or Saturday morning (9/9) before 9 a.m. Thank you for supporting our church school!

**UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Your Pulpit Search Committee has continued to meet weekly and finished our church profile. Thank you to all who completed the demographic survey; we received responses from approximately 68 family units. These responses have been tabulated and incorporated into the church profile. The Committee presented the completed profile for final review to the Official Board at its July meeting, and it was approved to send on to the UCC Conference. We will continue the process.

This process will be ongoing for many months and we would ask to renew our request for prayers as we diligently proceed in searching out God’s will and finding our new minister to lead us. We are grateful for the support the congregation has shown us for the very important task to which we have been entrusted. Our church continues to be strong and vibrant even in this time of transition, our deepest gratitude to all for being a part of that.

Please do not hesitate to bring any questions or concerns to any one of us:  
 Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy,  
 Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

- 3 Sun Worship with Communion
- 4 Mon Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- 6 Wed Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10am  
 Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm – Notice new hours.  
 Garage Sale Setup 7-8pm – Help is needed.
- 7 Thu Garage Sale Setup 7-8pm – Help is needed.
- 8 Fri Garage Sale Setup 7-8pm – Help is needed.
- 9 Sat Garage Sale, Thrift Shop, Sunday School Bake Sale, 9am-2pm  
 Help is needed for the Garage Sale as early as 8am.  
 Memorial Service for Dolores Matchett, 4pm in the sanctuary
- 10 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School  
 Special Offering for Sunday School  
 Chancel Choir sings for worship.  
 Deadline to purchase Anniversary Luncheon tickets  
 Adult Social Club goes to the Zoo, after church
- 13 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm – Notice new hours.
- 14 Thu Thrift Shop Closed for Season Changeover of Merchandise
- 15 Fri October Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Sun Children’s Choir sings for worship.  
 Special Guest Speaker in Worship
- 19 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm  
 Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm – Notice new hours.  
 Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Thu Thrift Shop Reopens, 10am-4pm
- 24 Sun Bell Choir rings for worship.
- 27 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm – Notice new hours.

**OCTOBER 2017**

- 15 Sun Strongsville UCC’s 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, 1pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet Hall
- 22 Sun Mission and Outreach “Around the World” Silent Auction

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