

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
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Minister

Sunday – April 1, 2018 – 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.

BRASS PRELUDE Andante and Menuetto W. A. Mozart

BELL PROCESSIONAL Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT Easter Call to Worship Ralph Grosvenor

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

People: The day our tears are wiped away,
The day our hearts are healed.
The day our fears are replaced with unbounding joy!

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

People: The tomb is empty! Death has lost its power over us!

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

† HYMN 367 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Native American Flute

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

CHORAL ANTHEM On the Third Day Allen Pote

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

CHORAL OFFERTORY A Gaelic Easter Celebration
Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur, 15th century, adapted by Michael Praetorius 1609
Arranged by Patti Drennan

† 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

SECOND LESSON Mark 16:1-8

SERMON Back to Galilee

† HYMN 362 Celebrate Jesus

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE Our Strength and Our Song Mark Petterson

† POSTLUDE HYMN 39 Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah" Handel
The congregation is invited to sing with the Chancel Choir and instruments.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday today to Rob Wentz
With love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to John Kornick!

We welcome and thank our guest musicians this morning:

Jonathan McAvinue – Trumpet I, Kirby Suntala – Trumpet II,
Paige Ochocki – Trombone I, Lamar Logan – Trombone II, and
Clarence Barber – Timpani

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, April 2.

Women's Fellowship meets Wednesday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. After the
meeting, the ladies are welcome to enjoy the Free Lunch Program. As
always, all ladies are invited to the meeting. We will have a book to read for
the May meeting. The book is Forgiveness by Desmond Tutu. We will also
have a Tea Party on May 2 to celebrate May and Spring. Rosemary
Bechtel is the new Women's Fellowship chairman.

S E R V I N G

Today—April 1 – 10am	Next Sunday—April 8
Pam Keenen	Liturgists Kelly Bickley
Linda Plain	Greeters Chuck McDougall
Linda Plain	Ushers Chuck McDougall
Doug Thorn	Coffee Hour Michele and Allen Mhlack

The Thrift Shop will be closed on the Thursdays of April 5 and 12 for
the changeover to their spring and summer merchandise.

Thank you to everyone who supported the March 4 Benefit Concert for our
Music Ministry programs. The first half of music by cellist, Tanis Merriman,
and violinist, William Merriman, was sublime. The second half was a whole
lot of toe tapping fun by Jim's Little Big Band featuring vocalist, Cindy
Smith. \$866 was raised and donated to the Organ Restoration Fund.
Special thanks to the Dicksons, Keenens, Joyces, Heinrichs, and Irene
Jannsohn for organizing the reception, with assistance from wine servers,
Jennifer Barry and Kristen Clotworthy. Thanks also to Ken Mehalko for
coordinating the concert and performers. Plus, thanks to our refreshment
contributors and helpers—Bobbie Krisak, Bonnie Khavaran, Linda Elkins,
and Marty Winch. The next benefit concert is on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m.
featuring the Satori Winds and Broadway Bound. Tickets will once again be
\$10 for adults, \$4 for 6 to 12 years, and free for 5 years and under.

Penny Sunday – Thank you to everyone who donated their pennies,
dimes, nickels, quarters, and dollars to our March Penny Sunday collection.
\$116.45 will be given to the Metanoia Project of St. Malachi's, which
provides food, shelter, clothing, showers, and other assistance to homeless
men and women in Cleveland. The April Penny Sunday collection will be
on April 29 and will go to the Strongsville Food Bank.

Strongsville United Church of Christ
All You Can Eat!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Benefits the Restoration of Our Pipe Organ

Sunday – April 15, 2018
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

\$8.00 Adult – Ages 13 and over
\$5.00 – Ages 6-12
Free – Children under 6 years



Many of us have prayed for Nicole and Tiffany
Ashforth on their journey to parenthood. They are
now happily expecting a baby on July 12! If you are
interested, a Baby Shower will be held for them on
Sunday, April 22, 2018, at our church in Pilgrim Hall at
2:00 p.m. They are registered at Target. Please
R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 15, to Tiffany's mom,
Denise, at (828) 447-4816.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 3/25/2018 \$3,699.00
Difference \$49.69



ADULT SOCIAL CLUB UPDATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these Sunday events!

- April 29** - Brunch at the Perk-Up Cafe in Berea, 12:30 p.m.
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 (Site to be determined)
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)

As always, all adults are welcome. Details will follow.
The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church.
For details, please see Adria or Eddy Bond.

Wing Nite is Friday, May 4, 2018, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Grindstone Tap House, 826 Front Street in Berea. The event is on one floor and includes pizza, pasta, wings, salad, 5 types of domestic beer, well drinks, and wine. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Kristen Clotworthy or any Diaconate member. To pay for tickets by check, please make your check payable to *Strongsville UCC*, and on the memo line write *Wing Nite*. We are looking for donations of theme-based baskets to auction at this event. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall for you to write your name and the type of basket you will provide. **All baskets must be at the church by Sunday, April 29.** Thank you for your support of this Diaconate fundraiser.



STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY – MAY 6, 2018 – 3:00 P.M.

The Satori Winds
4 Guys with 4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes
and
Broadway Bound
Featuring BW Music Theatre Majors—
Gillian Han and Friends



\$10 – Adult \$4 – 6 to 12 years Free – 5 years and under
Following the concert, a reception with refreshments will be held in Pilgrim Hall.

Mission and Outreach continues transporting all food donations to the Strongsville Food Bank. At their most recent Strongsville Food Bank Board Meeting, the Administrator, Kelly Kling, stated that because of an overall decline in food donations, she now has to buy more of the needed provisions. Outside of yearly food drives by various community groups, our church provides a steady weekly supply. You will see their letters of thanks posted in the back of Pilgrim Hall on our Bulletin Board. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS PROJECT

Women's Fellowship Spring Project will be 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 begins next Sunday, April 8, and continues until mid-May.
Collection boxes will be 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, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Steve Herzog, Margot James, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Christian Scott, 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)



Fit Club will not meet this week on Wednesday, April 4.

Nursery – Helpers are needed because of the increase in number of children. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please contact Amanda Hawk, Sarah Hayes, or Kelly Bickley.

Volunteers Wanted – There is a new senior facility called Vitalia Living Center on Route 82 near the tracks. They are looking for folks who might be interested in helping to lead worship or a Bible study occasionally (once a month). Sound interesting? Please speak with Pastor Heidi for more information.

Do you know that our church has a Prayer Chain? If you would like to be part of the email or telephone prayer chain, please let us know on the back of your attendance card or call the church at (440) 238-6697. If you are already a part of the prayer chain, there is no need to inform us again. Thank you!

APRIL 2018

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| 1 | Sun | Easter Worship at 7am and 10am
Breakfast of scrambled eggs and ham in Pilgrim Hall, 8-9:30am |
| 4 | Wed | Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm
NO Fit Club |
| 5 | Thu | Thrift Shop closed for season changeover of merchandise
No Bell Choir Rehearsal, No Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| 8 | Sun | Collection begins for Tote Bags |
| 10 | Tue | Trustees Meeting, 7pm |
| 11 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm
Fit Club resumes at 7pm |
| 12 | Thu | Thrift Shop closed for season changeover of merchandise |
| 14 | Sat | ORC setup for Pancake Breakfast, 9-12noon |
| 15 | Sun | ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9-12noon
May Church Newsletter Deadline |
| 17 | Tue | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm |
| 18 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm |
| 19 | Thu | Thrift Shop re-opens with spring and summer merchandise |
| 22 | Sun | Baby Shower in Pilgrim Hall, 2pm |
| 24 | Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 25 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm
Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm |
| 29 | Sun | Penny Sunday
Adult Social Club goes to Perk-Cup Café in Berea, 12:30pm |

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

Officers elected on January 28, 2018, have an asterisk* by their names.

Moderator	Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator	Bill Schneider
Treasurer	Lori Kovatich *
Clerk	Karen Morgan
Sunday School Superintendents	Irene Joyce, Jamie Trinckes

Board of Trustees

Ed Bond *	Jim Dettmer	Jim Heinrich
Lloyd Bridle	Greg Dickson	Bob Kovatich *
Mike Clotworthy*	Tom Gaumer *	Kenn Oerkfitz
Myron Costin *	Dale Hawk	Ed Sobek

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn *	Joyce Reed *
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Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino *	Gina Cathcart	Sarah Hayes
Jennifer Barry	Kristen Clotworthy	Linda Plain
Kelly Bickley	Judy Gaumer *	Dawn Rolland *
Barbara Camp	Cathy Hawk *	Marty Winch

Christian Education Committee

Kelly Bickley	Sandy O'Shea	Jamie Trinckes
Irene Joyce	Lora Rung	

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson	Pam Keenen *	Elena Taylor
	Ken Mehalko	

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel *	Barbara Bridle	Sharon Heinrich
Adria Bond	Sue Gigliotti	Laurie Meister
Ed Bond	Beth Giuliano *	

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte	Michele Mhlack	Lora Rung *
Brandi Garsteck	Gary Paul	Bev Wehr

