

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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Minister



Sunday – April 15, 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.

BAND PRELUDE “Love Divine” Jon Egan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Give Thanks” Henry Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When fear and doubts stroll through our doors,
People: God stands beside us, whispering of peace.
Leader: When we toss and turn late at night,
People: God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.
Leader: When we stumble through the shadows of sin,
People: God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.
Whatever comes to pass in our lives,
God's loving presence never leaves us alone.
ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

† HYMN 21 “O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

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 “Amen”

ANTHEM “Lord of the Dance” Sydney Carter and Joseph Brackett
Gary Hackett, Soloist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

BAND OFFERTORY “You Are Good and Forgiving” Joel Payne

† 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

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 3:1-16

SERMON I didn't do it!

† HYMN “It's Me, O Lord”

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

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† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “Lord, Be Glorified” Bob Kilpatrick

† BAND POSTLUDE “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

The altar flowers are given—

A Special Happy Birthday to Bobbie Krisak,
who sacrifices everything and anything for others—especially her family

In Honor of Gary and Rachel's Wedding Anniversary on April 21

In honor of these church attendees who, like me, have April birthdays—
Gordon Cockrell, Jamie Trinckes, Allison Miller,
Barb Fraunfelder, Carol Woodward, Betty Craig,
Bruce Keenen, Beth Giuliano, Dianne Maringer, Lynne McCray,
Aidan Hurtig, Bobbie Krisak, Linda Plain, Evan Joyce, Irene Jannsohn,
Jennifer Barry, Barb Camp, John Struhar and Judi Pavisich
Linda Plain

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday, Mom
I am, without a doubt, extremely blessed that God has given you
to me and my children.
Love, Serena

In Honor of Gary and Rachel Zielinski's 6th Wedding Anniversary
Karen Morgan

Happy Birthday today to Bobbie Krisak!

Our congratulations to parents Chad and Brittany and big brother Cole on
the birth of Owen Raymond Johnson on Wednesday, April 4, 2018!

TODAY is the deadline for the May Church Newsletter. If you wish, you
may leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you!

Diaconate meets Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Strongsville United Church of Christ
All You Can Eat!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Benefits the Restoration of Our Pipe Organ

TODAY – 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**
next 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 **TODAY** to Tiffany's
mom, Denise, at (828) 447-4816.

S E R V I N G

Today – April 15		Next Sunday – April 22
Jim Studer	Liturgists	Bruce Keenen
Roy Merkle	Greeters	The Costin/Barry Family
Roy Merkle	Ushers	Volunteers Needed
Ted and Kelly Bickley	Coffee Hour	Cathy Hawk

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 2018 Spring concert on Sunday, April 29, at 3:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. This year's performance, entitled *A Journey Through American Musicals*, features former church choir leader Tom Foley as director, accompanist Carol Konet, and church singers: Irene Joyce, Ingrid Dickson, Sarah Keenen, Pam Keenen, Gary Hackett, new choir member David Williams, Bruce Keenen and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under. We like looking into the audience and seeing our fellow church members. So, please attend.

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)

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church. As always, all adults are welcome to the events and meetings. 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.
- Donations of food for the reception would be greatly appreciated. Please see Ingrid Dickson or Sharon Heinrich or mark your attendance card. Thank you!



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 continues until mid-May. A 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)	

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: Mary Carey, 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 at Parkside Villa, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth, 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)



- APRIL 2018
- 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 collection for Strongsville Food Bank
Farewell Reception for Lloyd and Barbara. after church
Adult Social Club goes to Perk-Cup Café in Berea, 12:30pm

- MAY 2018
- 2 Wed Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm
- 4 Fri Wing Nite at Grindstone Tap House in Berea, 6:30-9:30pm
- 6 Sun Strongsville United Methodist Church uses Pilgrim Hall, 7:30-10am
Sacrament of Communion
Concert Series, 3pm with reception after
- 8 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 9 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm
- 15 Tue June Newsletter Deadline
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Sun Adult Social Club departs for Hard Rock Casino at noon from the Senior Center.
- 22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm
Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am
- 27 Sun Penny Sunday
- 30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm

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THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop will re-open this Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with their new Spring/Summer merchandise.

If you drop off donations, please inform the Church Office.

Please know that donations cannot be left on the Royalton Road landing, on the steps, or on the railings. If the fire marshal sees items in those places, the Thrift Shop will be fined. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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 *

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

