

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

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Minister



Sunday – April 22, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Earth Day

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 "Appalachian Folk Melody"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "I Was Glad" Albin C. Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will speak about you, Creator,
and about your beloved Creation;
we will bless your name forever and ever.

People: **Every day, we will honor you in word and deed;
we bless your name and work forever and ever.**

Leader: Great are you, Living God, and greatly to be praised;
we bless your name and work forever and ever.

People: **One generation shall declare your works to the next,
that each generation will experience your boundless
love for all people.**

Leader: One generation shall declare the glorious splendor of your
majesty, that each generation will remember your glory
and goodness.

People: **One generation shall declare the might of your
awesome deeds,
that each generation will remember, and bow down.**

ALL: **Together, we celebrate your abundant goodness,
that every generation will experience the beauty of
your creation.**

† HYMN 63 "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Verses 1-3 only*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.

INSTRUMENTAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Sing Hallelujah"
Linda Stassen-Benjamin

CHORAL ANTHEM "Here I Am" Allen Pote

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

BAND OFFERTORY "Praise and Adoration Medley" arr. by Pethel

† 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 Psalm 23

SERMON Dayenu

† HYMN 750 "Peace Like a River"

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace" Whitworth

† BAND POSTLUDE "He Is the King of Kings" Virgil Meares

The altar flowers are given—

To Celebrate All Our April Birthdays
Ingrid and Greg Dickson

Thank You, Eddie, for 12 Wonderful Years of Marriage
Cheryl Sobek

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Remembering Allan and Barbara
The Jim Dettmer Family

*A special and HUGE thank you to our Thrift Shop ladies
for their extra volunteer hours and effort the past two weeks
to get the shop cleaned and ready
for the new spring and summer line of merchandise!*

Happy Birthday today to Kris Fischer!

Happy Anniversary today to Ed and Cheryl Sobek!

Our congratulations to
Great-Grandma, Lola Millhoane
Grandparents, Dan and Vicky Masuga and
Parents, Kyleen (Masuga) and Joe Avramovich
on the birth of Luke Daniel Avramovich on April 12, 2018!



The Baby Shower for Nicole and Tiffany Ashforth is today at
2:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

Official Board meets Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Greetings from your Pulpit Search Committee! As we continue in our
mission to place our settled pastor, it seems as if it is taking a very long
time. Please keep in mind that a typical search usually lasts anywhere from
12 to 18 months, or more. Your committee has been diligently evaluating
over 40 ministerial profiles. It is only fair and right to give each profile its
due process and thorough investigation. This takes time. We are
committed to follow the process set by the UCC, and to ensure that we are
fulfilling our obligation with due diligence. The Committee is exceedingly
grateful for your continued patience, support and prayers. Many thanks,
Your Pulpit Search Committee

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

Child Sponsorship Presentation – As you may know, church members
support the monthly child sponsorship in India with their private donations.
Ms. Anita Grace Paul, Sponsorship Administrator, will talk about her work in
the Family Village Farm in Vellore, India, on Tuesday, April 24, from 12:00
to 1:30 p.m. at the UCC office downtown. To attend the presentation,
please inform Judy Carte (440-238-8283) or call the church (440-238-6697)
today. Please bring your own sandwich. Salads and drinks will be
provided.

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present
their 2018 Spring Concert next 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.

ORC Pancake Breakfast – Thank you to all who supported the breakfast
for the renovation of our pipe organ last Sunday, April 15. We collected
\$807 from ticket sales, \$160 from Key Stop sales, and \$1,310 in donations
for a grand total of \$2,277! In addition, we thank all volunteers who worked
at the breakfast: Clara Barry, Myron Costin, Judy Gaumer, Bill Giuliano,
Jim Heinrich, Jim Joyce, Bruce Keenen, Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Bob
Kovatich, John Maringer, Sandy O'Shea, Christian Scott, Ed Sobek, Doug
Thorn, Josh Trinckes, and Clay Williams.

S E R V I N G

Today – April 22		Next Sunday – April 29
Bruce Keenen	Liturgists	Olivia and Emma Clotworthy
The Costin/Barry Family	Greeters	The Clotworthy Family
Ray Suttle	Ushers	Volunteers Needed
Cathy Hawk	Coffee Hour	Sharon Heinrich

Next Sunday after church, we will have a farewell reception for our long-time members, Lloyd and Barbara. All are welcome.

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 at Volunteer Park on West Lunn Road
- 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!



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 4/15/2018	<u>\$2,671.00</u>
Difference	(\$978.31)



Thrift Shop – Due to overwhelming donations and limited space, please hold your donations for the Thrift Shop until further notice. Please do not leave donations 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.

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) are 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: Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Lynne McCray, 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

- 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
- 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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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

