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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**  
**Sunday, April 24, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Holy Humor Sunday**  
**Penny Sunday**

**WELCOME!**

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** "Good Old Days" Shield

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**INTROIT** "Comedy Tonight" (adapted) Sondheim

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Oliver Sekorky

Leader: We believe in God, who made us in His image.

**People: We live, we love and we laugh, because we are like Him.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**People: Jesus had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

**People: Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - God is our joy!**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**People: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† **HYMN** "The More We Get Together"

**The more we get together, together, together,**

**The more we get together the happier we'll be.**

**For your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends,**

**Oh the more we get together, the happier we'll be.**

**Oh, let's play the ukulele, let's all play it daily,**

**The more we play it daily the happier we'll be.**

**When I uke and you uke and we uke and they uke,**

**Yes, the more we play it daily the happier we'll be.**

**The more we pray together, together, together,**

**The more we pray together, the happier we'll be..**

**For when I pray and you pray and we pray and they pray,**

**Oh the more we pray together the happier we'll be.**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 150 Chris Abruzzino  
 (The Message)

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his magnificent greatness;  
 Praise with a blast on the trumpet; praise by strumming soft strings.  
 Praise him with castanets and dance; praise him with banjo and flute;  
 Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum;  
 praise him with fiddles and mandolin.  
 Let every living, breathing creature praise God!  
 Hallelujah!

**Leader:** The Word of God, for us, the people of God;  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER**

**THE 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.**

**ANTHEM** "What a Wonderful World" Weiss/Theil

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Ukulele Ladies and Matilda Sekorky

**OFFERING**

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

<https://www.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

**OFFERTORY** "Medley" arr. Elkins

† **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.

† **DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** **John 20: 19-31**  
 (The Message)

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

**SERMON** "Peace Be With You. Seriously!"

† **HYMN** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the whole wide world in His hands.**

**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.**

**He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.**

**He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.**

**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got you and me, sister, in His hands.**

**He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.**

**He's got all of God's Children in His hands.**

**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got a little ukulele in His hands.**

**He's got a little ukulele in His hands.**

**He's got a little ukulele in His hands.**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the whole world in His hands.**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**  
**He's got the whole world in His hands.**

† **BENEDICTION** Luke Giuliano

As you go forth from this place, may you be strengthened by God's glorious might: the kind of strength that not only endures the unendurable, but spills over into joy and thanksgiving to God! Go in the peace of Christ! **Amen.**

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "Happy Trails to You" Evans

TODAY – APRIL 24	SERVING	NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 1
Elaine Coffey	<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Plain
Confirmation students	<b>Liturgist</b>	Cherie Teagno
Confirmation students	<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteers needed
Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall	<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Giuliano/Aidan Hurtig
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Organist</b>	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	<b>Video/Sound</b>	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Ukulele Ladies, Music team	<b>Special Music</b>	Chancel Choir

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to [strongsvilleucc.com](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.



**A NOTE OF THANKS—**

Many thanks to the **Ukulele Ladies (Marsha Wonnacott, Charlotte Morar, Ann Painting, and Beverly Wehr), Dave Williams, Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, Rob Toth, Ken Mehalko, and our Confirmation kids** for sharing their talent with us today.

**The altar flowers** are given—

*Happy Birthday to Irene Jannsohn today!*  
 The Dicksons & the Joyces

*Celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 21<sup>st</sup>*  
 Gary and Rachel Zielinski



**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—

*In Loving Memory of Aimée J. Jannsohn*  
 Her family

*Celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in April*  
 Rev. Oommen and Leela Thomas

**Happy Birthday today to Irene Jannsohn and Henry Hayes!**

**PENNY SUNDAY TODAY!**

This morning's Penny Sunday collection will go to **Ukrainian Relief Efforts**. Our Sunday School students will be gathering your coins, cash, and checks (to Strongsville UCC).



**Irene (Oma) Jannsohn's family invites you to share birthday cake in Pilgrim Hall following the worship service today!**



**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022**  
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389**  
**(To-go meals will be available.)**

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

*Please provide updates for this list to the church office.*

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields



**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Linda Elliott, Tom Foley, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Bruce Keenen, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Owen Woodward, Mary Ellen Zimmerman

**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Jerry Carleton (Judi Pavisich's friend), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Jerry Cergol, (Barb Fraunfelder & Dennis Smith's friend), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend) Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby)

**Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. [h.e.denman@gmail.com](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)**

**THANK YOU NOTES**

Many thanks to **Dale & Cathy Hawk** for heading up the Easter Breakfast crew, which included **Myron Costin, John Hattery, John Maringer, Dan Masuga, Dave Matchett, and Ed Sobek**. The breakfast was terrific and around 77 folks were served.

Thank you to the greatest congregation!! Thank you doesn't seem enough—you sent cards and warm wishes and I got well over 140 cards! I am proud to be a member and have you all as my "family!"  
 Love, Grammy/Betty Craig

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37  
 Last Week's Offering Received \$5,359.70  
 Difference +\$1,710.33

*Thank you very much for your support.*

**PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 62**



**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING**

- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



**BEWARE!**

Just a reminder—if you receive a questionable text from "Pastor Heidi" requesting a mysterious "favor," please disregard. Pastor Heidi will ask you personally for any specific needs.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**The Southwest Community Chorus**, under the direction of **Tom Foley**, is returning with a concert entitled "Awaken the Music," on **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** at the Berea United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. Tickets will be available for purchase from choir members (\$12.50 pre-sale) or at the door (\$15.00). Our singers in the chorus include Ingrid Dickson, Craig Hardy, Irene Joyce, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sharon Maresco, and Dave Williams.



**DIACONATE "WING" NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**at the Grindstone Tap House in Berea.** It is \$25 per ticket. Ticket includes boneless wings, pizza, pasta, salad, draft beer, well drinks, wine, soda. There will be a basket raffle, sideboards, and a great chance to socialize. Tickets are available in Pilgrim

Hall after the service. Please provide cash or check only. In addition, we are looking for basket donations for wing night. There will be a sign up for your name and your themed basket on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.



**WE NEED YOU IN 2022!**

Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or bread/pastry sorter. Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. If you like to cook . . . or bake . . . or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate Committee is organizing a **Church Family Care Ministry Team** and would LOVE to have you take part! (You do not need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.) **Response forms are located in the Gathering Area.**



**GIFT CARDS! AN EASY WAY TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH!**



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order.

**Limited stock is available for purchase on**

**Sunday mornings.**

Thank you to those who continue to support this project by buying gift cards!



**Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. in Pilgrim Hall.** Our program is "Getting to Know You." Ten ladies will each make a five-minute presentation about their

hobbies, collections, careers, etc., so we all get to know each other better in a fun way. As always, all ladies are welcome!

**GRADUATES**

Our church would like to recognize our graduates, so please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. Send the following information and a **PHOTO** of your high school, college, or tech graduate.

Name of graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate's email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (month at least): \_\_\_\_\_

Church Family member: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to church member: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Diploma / Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Grandparents: \_\_\_\_\_



Please email the above information, **along with a photo of the graduate**, to the church office at [strongsvilleucc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleucc@gmail.com) by **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**.



## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must **call** the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

**THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS** The 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday** of the month,  
**May 19, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

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### CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

*Elected January 30, 2022 \* = 1 year term*

**Moderator** Greg Dickson    **Vice-Moderator** Jennifer Barry  
**Treasurer** Sally Herzog    **Clerk** Judy Gaumer

**Sunday School Co-Superintendents**  
Linda Elkins    Serena Abruzzino

#### Board of Trustees

Myron Costin    Diana Creecy    Bill Giuliano\* (Vice-chair)    Herb Hampson  
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Dave Sekorky    Ed Sobek\*    Rachel Zielinski (Chair)

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Teri Barbish    Barbara Camp\*    Elaine Coffey    Cathy Hawk\*  
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Serena Abruzzino\*    Mary Densmore  
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#### Music Committee

Richard Densmore    Ingrid Dickson  
Pam Keenen\*    Ken Mehalko\*    Rob Stepan  
*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich    Tom Foley    Mike Elkins

#### Stewardship Committee

Sue Gigliotti\*    Beth Giuliano\*    Judi Pavisich  
Richard Taylor    Rob Toth

#### Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte\*    Sarah Hayes    Bobbie Krisak  
Lora Rung\*    Jennifer Sekorky    Bev Wehr\*

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## COMING SOON

Plans are underway for our church to lead a community-wide project to put together Disaster Relief kits and fill a trailer with these much-needed supplies for victims of any sort of disaster.



Don't forget to benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church.