

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

13740 Pearl Road

Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

Minister

Sunday – April 29, 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 “Appalachian Folk Melody”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT “I Was Glad” Albin C. Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP Emma Clotworthy

Leader: Here in this house of worship,  
as a faith-filled congregation,  
People: We surrender our fears to you,  
and boldly sing God’s praise.

Leader: Here in the vineyard of the Lord,  
as sisters and brothers in the family of Christ,  
People: Grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting  
on their laps,  
surrounding them with the Love of Christ.

Leader: Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:  
People: May we be so filled with love  
that we will leave this place eager to serve others.  
Amen.

† HYMN 219 “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”  
Sing Twice

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE “Sing Hallelujah” Linda Stassen-Benjamin

CHORAL ANTHEM “Poor Man Lazrus” arr. Hairston  
Dave Williams, Reader

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PENNY SUNDAY COLLECTION

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “You’ll Never Walk Alone” Rogers and Hammerstein  
Gillian Han, Guest Vocalist

† 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 John 15:1-8 Olivia Clotworthy

SERMON Deep Roots

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The seeds of grace, hope, joy, and love are planted deep within us;  
yet we resist staying connected to the Vine, thinking we can flourish  
on our own. Let us confess our sins, so we can once more feel God  
abiding deep within us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we suffer today because of sin, both the  
sins we have chosen and the sins committed against us. We  
have done things we should not have done, and we have  
neglected to do those things we should have done. Save us  
from ourselves; save us from the forces of Evil in this world.  
(silence)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, again or for the first time: Yesterday and its  
missteps and misdeeds are behind us. Today and each day offers a  
fresh start. God’s boundless grace is available to all people. In the  
Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

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 “Let Us Break Bread Together”  
Ken Mehalko, Clarinet; Gillian Han, Vocalist; Mike Elkins, Piano

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

FAREWELL TO OUR FRIENDS

Leader: This church, this congregation is a family.

United by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our  
Savior, we are all brothers and sisters. And for a time, the  
Strongsville United Church of Christ is our home.

Like every human family, our church is formed and  
reformed over time: as members are born; as they die; as  
members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our  
congregation for a new home, in a different place.

For a time, Barbara and Lloyd have been a vital and  
beloved part of this family. We have walked with each other  
in good times and in bad; we have shared each other’s joys  
and sorrows; we have lightened each other’s heavy loads.  
We have laughed and cried, together. We have worshipped  
and praised God, together. We have lived and loved—  
together.

People: We feel sorrow as you leave us, yet we rejoice with you  
in anticipation of this new, exciting chapter of your  
lives. We will miss your love and support; yet we know  
there is a new church family awaiting you who will  
celebrate your gifts and enjoy your presence in their  
church family. You will add much to their lives, as you  
have added much to ours.

Leader: Let us pray together, for you and for the whole family of  
God:

People: O God, we know you are the strength and protector of  
your people. We humbly place Barbara and Lloyd in  
your caring hands as they leave our congregation.  
Keep and preserve them, O Lord, in health and safety  
of both body and spirit. We send you now, in the  
peace of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.  
(Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship)

† HYMN 426 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” All Verses

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Lutkin

† BAND POSTLUDE “He Is the King of Kings” Virgil Meares

The altar flowers are given—  
In Loving Remembrance of My Husband William and My Son Hershell  
Billie Jo Cantrell  
Happy Birthday Today to Judi Pavisich – Love, George  
With deep appreciation to Lloyd and Barbara for their abundant kindness  
in the sharing of their time, talents and treasure for the glory of God  
and for our church

Our steeple will light the sky this week—  
In Loving Memory of My Father, Don Bushea – Barb Fraunfelder  
In Loving Remembrance of My Father, George Norris,  
on His Birthday Today – Ginger Rothel  
God Bless Lloyd and Barbara in California

After worship, all are welcome to the Farewell Reception for Lloyd and  
Barbara in Pilgrim Hall, where cake and refreshments will be served.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion this morning.

Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary today to Mick and Betty Jacobson.

Adult Social Club will go to Brunch at the Perk-Up Cafe in Berea today at 12:15 p.m.

Worship Committee meets Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 2018 Spring Concert today—April 29, at 3:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

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.

Wing Nite is this 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  
NEXT 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!

S E R V I N G

TODAY—APRIL 29

Olivia and Emma Clotworthy  
The Clotworthy Family  
Volunteers Needed  
Sharon Heinrich

Liturgists  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Coffee Hour

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 6

Tom Gaumer and Aidan Hurtig  
Linda Plain  
Ted and Kelly Bickley  
Myron Costin

This morning we welcome our guest vocalist, Gillian Han. Gillian will be back with us next Sunday at our 3pm Concert, when she will sing with her BW Music Theatre friends in their ensemble, “Broadway Bound.”

Women’s Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. We will discuss the Book of Forgiving by Desmond Tutu. After the meeting all are welcome to enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall.

Pilgrim Hall – Strongsville United METHODIST Church will once again this year use Pilgrim Hall next Sunday, May 6, from 7:45 to 10:00 a.m. for their Confirmation Class Breakfast.

Giving statements for those who pledged are available for pickup in the Gathering Area after worship today and on Sunday mornings in May. If you do not pledge but you would like a statement, please contact Adria Bond at (440) 227-8410. Please know we will accept pledge cards at any time and not just during the Stewardship campaign.

May Church Newsletter – For those who get paper copies, please pick up your newsletter in the Gathering Area this morning.

Church Kitchen – Please check with Betty Craig before you leave material donations for the kitchen, but know that donating to the coffee hour jar is the best way to ensure that needed supplies are purchased. Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

Thrift Shop – Due to overwhelming donations and limited space, please hold your donations 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	
pencils	sidewalk chalk
crayons (16 or 24 count)	

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 4/22/2018	<u>\$2,706.50</u>
Difference	(\$942.81)



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 at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, 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, 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

29	Sun	Sacrament of Communion 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, 12:15pm
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MAY 2018

1	Tue	Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm
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 Rev. Oommen Thomas is our guest minister. Concert Series, 3pm with reception afterwards
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

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.  
Please see Linda Plain to make reservations for these events.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

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

<b>Moderator</b>	Rachel Zielinski	
<b>Vice-Moderator</b>	Bill Schneider	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lori Kovatich *	
<b>Clerk</b>	Karen Morgan	
<b>Sunday School Superintendents</b>	Irene Joyce, Jamie Trinckes	
<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
Ed Bond *	Jim Dettmer	Jim Heinrich
Lloyd Bridle	Greg Dickson	Bob Kovatich *
Mike Clotworthy *	Tom Gaumer *	Kenn Oerkfitz
Myron Costin *	Dale Hawk	Ed Sobek
<b>Endowment Fund Subcommittee</b>		
Irene Jannsohn *	Joyce Reed *	
<b>Diaconate</b>		
Serena Abruzzino *	Gina Cathcart	Sarah Hayes
Jennifer Barry	Kristen Clotworthy	Linda Plain
Kelly Bickley	Judy Gaumer *	Dawn Rolland *
Barbara Camp	Cathy Hawk *	Marty Winch
<b>Christian Education Committee</b>		
Kelly Bickley	Sandy O'Shea	Jamie Trinckes
Irene Joyce	Lora Rung	
<b>Music Committee</b>		
Ingrid Dickson	Pam Keenen *	Elena Taylor
	Ken Mehalko	
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>		
Rosemary Bechtel *	Barbara Bridle	Sharon Heinrich
Adria Bond	Sue Gigliotti	Laurie Meister
Ed Bond	Beth Giuliano *	
<b>Mission and Outreach Committee</b>		
Judy Carte	Michele Mihlack	Lora Rung *
Brandi Garsteck	Gary Paul	Bev Wehr

