

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Congregational)  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136  
Phone: (440) 238-6697



**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Minister

**Sunday – April 8, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.**  
*Holy Humor Sunday*

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### 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!

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† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

### PIANO PRELUDE

Mike Elkins, Pianist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *In His Presence* Dick and Melodie Tunney  
Mike Elkins, Soprano Saxophone and Gary Hackett, Acoustic Guitar

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of Life."

**People: Created in God's image,  
we, too, are the light of the world.**

Leader: Help us, Holy Spirit, to shine our light brightly,  
chasing back the darkness.

**People: We are called to let the light in our hearts shine  
before men and women.  
When others see our light,  
may they be reminded of you, O God,  
and praise your holy name.**

### † HYMN 209

*This is the Day*

This is the day, *This is the day,*  
That the Lord has made *That the Lord has made.*  
We will rejoice, *We will rejoice,*  
And be glad in it, *And be glad in it.*  
**This is the day that the Lord has made.**  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**  
This is the day, *This is the day,*  
**That the Lord has made.**

This is our church, *This is our church,*  
That the Lord has made *That the Lord has made.*  
We will rejoice, *We will rejoice,*  
And be glad in it, *And be glad in it.*  
**This is our church that the Lord has made.**  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**  
This is our church, *This is our church,*  
**That the Lord has made.**

### 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.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Sacred Sounds*

Ken Mehalko, Native American Flute and Mike Elkins, Piano

### DEDICATION OF NEW SANCTUARY WINDOWS

*Insert*

### HYMN

*O God of Light, May Our Light Shine*

O God of light, may our light shine In ways that serve and honor you.  
May we be loving, just and kind, Proclaiming Christ in all we do.

God, where your people are oppressed And where they cry out in despair,  
Make us your light — to heal, to bless — A witness, Lord, that you are there.

O Spirit, in this world of doubt, We often sin and drift away;  
When our own faith is flickering out, Shine on our path and light our way.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington

Ken Mehalko, Clarinet and Mike Elkins, Keyboard

#### † 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 20:19-31

### SERMON

Beyond the Shadow

### † HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

African-American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### † BENEDICTION

### † RESPONSE

Ken Mehalko, Clarinet and Mike Elkins, Keyboard

### † PIANO POSTLUDE

Mike Elkins, Pianist

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The altar flowers are given—

*In Honor of Irene and Jim's 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Today*  
*Erik, Evan, and Elena Joyce*

*Happy Birthday to Betty Craig Today!*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In Memory of My Dad, Arthur Hirt,*  
*on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death on March 28*  
*Love, Paul*

**Happy Birthday** today to Betty Craig, Martha Liebert, and Karen Bushea!

**Happy Anniversary** today to Jim and Irene Joyce!

**Trustees** meet Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.

**The Thrift Shop is closed Thursday, April 12,** for the changeover to their  
spring and summer merchandise.

**Next Sunday, April 15, is the deadline for the May Church Newsletter.**  
If you wish, you may leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank  
you!

### S E R V I N G

#### Today – April 8

Kelly Bickley  
Chuck McDougall  
Chuck McDougall  
Michele and Allen Mhlack

**Liturgists**  
**Greeters**  
**Ushers**  
**Coffee Hour**

#### Next Sunday – April 15

Bruce Keenen  
Roy Merkle  
Roy Merkle  
Ted and Kelly Bickley

**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.

**Strongsville United Church of Christ**

*All You Can Eat!*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*Benefits the Restoration of Our Pipe Organ*

**Next 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.

**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. Thank you.

**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.



**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.*

**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.

**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. **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:** 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, 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**

- 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 is 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
- 29 Sun Penny Sunday collection for Strongsville Food Bank  
Adult Social Club goes to Perk-Cup Café in Berea, 12:30pm

**STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Email:** strongsvilleucc@gmail.com

**Website:** strongsvilleucc.com

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
Offerings Received 3/29 and 4/1 **\$5,519.53**  
Difference \$1,870.22



## 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 |

### 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

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|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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

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

