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Sunday, August 13, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.



## 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 "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Great is the Lord" arr. Rosenhaus

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Lord God, and be with us in this hour.

People: Too often our cares and our worries keep us at a distance from our God.

Leader: Come, Lord God, and speak a word of comfort to your troubled people.

People: Help us hear your voice, Lord God, in the quietness of these moments.

† HYMN 33 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 85:8-13  
(English Standard Version)

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness  
and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

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 "You Are My All in All" Jernigan

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" arr. Schrader

† 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 OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 19:9-18  
(The Message)

Then the word of God came to him: "So Elijah, what are you doing here?"

SERMON "Right Where You Belong"

† HYMN 589 "Here I Am, Lord"

† BENEDICTION Sara Dunning Lambert  
In the spirit of God's unchanging love, may you live the stories of faith we have heard this morning. In the melody of God's song within us, may we sing of the faith we have received this day. In the hope of God's unfailing help, may we share the grace that has touched us here. Go now, and tell the world what God is doing in your life. Amen.

† RESPONSE/POSTLUDE "Flower Duet from *Lakmé*" Delibes

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**.

## SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 13		NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 20
Barbara Toth	<b>Greeters</b>	Sharon Heinrich
Dan Winrod	<b>Liturgist</b>	Herb Hampson
Wayne & Bobbi Cook	<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteers needed
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>Sound</b>	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Carol Konet, Lisa Heinrich	<b>Special Music</b>	Megan Denman
Elaine Coffey	<b>Summer Sunday School</b>	Sharon Heinrich



## A NOTE OF THANKS—

We thank our special guests, **Lisa Heinrich and Carol Konet**, along with **Sharon Heinrich, Tom Foley**, and **Mike Elkins** for their music today.

The altar flowers are given—

*In Celebration of the wedding of Nicole and Brett Wade*  
The Giuliano Family

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Anniversary to Bill & Pam Craig on August 19<sup>th</sup>!*



With love, Mom

*In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn*

*In loving memory of Aimée J. Jannsohn*

The Jannsohn/Dickson/Joyce family

Happy Birthday today to Katelyn Boden!



## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family and friends of our former choir director, **Henry (Hank) Klink**, who passed away on July 28, 2023. He was 94 years old.



## MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to church member **Nicole (Giuliano) and Brett Wade**, who were married in our church on August 12, 2023! Nicole is the daughter of **Beth and Bill Giuliano** and the sister of **Luke Giuliano**.

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## ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN!

Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a name to the prayer chain.



## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



Are you interested in joining our congregation? Pastor Heidi will be offering brief membership classes after worship on **August 27<sup>th</sup>** and **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, with new members being received on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Please contact her or the church office if you would like to become a member of the Strongsville UCC.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Sunday School is underway -- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to teach a lesson this summer!



**PENNY SUNDAY- Save those coins, dollars and checks to UCC!** The next Penny Sunday will be on **August 27, 2023**. Money collected will go to the Berea City School District Backpack project.



## RALLY DAY IS COMING!

Mark your calendar for **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, when we begin a new Sunday School year of learning and growing together!



**ATTENTION SINGERS & RINGERS: CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> & BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Can you carry a tune? There's room in the choir loft for YOU! Can you read music? Come ring with us in Bell Choir! Please see Tom Foley or Mike Elkins if you'd like to be a part of our Music Ministry.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Laurie Meister, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Maggie Struhar

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Barb Camp, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Carole Kapcar, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Bruce Lerch, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Bill Schneider, Peter Smith, John Toth, Sharon Wilson, Dave Williams, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

**Extended Church Family:** Edward and Sharon Acton (Sally Herzog's friends), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Angie Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothe's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), Don Wills (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by natural disasters

**OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.** h.e.denman@gmail.com



### THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are being accepted during those

hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. **Thanks, as always, to our dedicated volunteers!**

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,617.01  
Last Week's Offering Received \$14,449.25  
Difference +\$10,832.24

**Thank you very much for your support.**



**PLEASE BE AWARE:** Due to a bank change, all checks to the church should be made out to **United Church of Christ or UCC or United Church of Christ (Congregational)**. Please do not use "Strongsville" or "SUCC" in the "Pay to the Order of" line. Thanks!

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **August 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



### BEE A BUSY BEE IN 2023—August - November

New sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for your name to be added as a greeter or usher. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know! Everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



## COMING IN THE FALL...

### A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

It's time for a new photo-directory. Each family that is photographed for the directory will receive a free 8x10 of their photo and a free copy of the directory. So much has changed since our last pictorial directory and this is an excellent opportunity to have a studio portrait of you or your family. We would like **EVERYONE** to be included!

Do you know someone who would like their senior or engagement photos taken? There is NO COST except if you would like to purchase photos. Anyone can sit for portraits, even if they are not a part of the directory.

We will have in-person and online scheduling available so that you can come when it's convenient. Dates for photography will be:

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 2 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. Please see Irene Joyce if you can help.



ALSO, IF YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE CHURCH HAS YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION—THANKS!

### ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))
- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- Enter your church code **oh2687**  
Enter your church password **photos**
- Click on the Enter button
- Click on the desired photography date
- Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk \*)
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name

- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment.**
- PLEASE NOTE: Online scheduling is disabled on the weekends to allow for in-person sign-ups.**



### FREE LUNCH FOR ALL—

**Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
Our Free Lunch for All Program welcomes everyone to enjoy a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.

### CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2023 \*Elected January 29, 2023

**Moderator:** Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry

**Treasurer:** Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

#### Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Linda Elkins Mary Densmore\*

#### Board of Trustees

Diana Creecy Chris Goff\* Herb Hampson Cathy Hawk

Sarah Hayes Cheryl Sobek\* Dan Winrod\*

Laura Winrod\* Rachel Zielinski

#### Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson Linda Stepan Dave Williams\*

#### Diaconate

Teri Barbish Jean Bittinger\* Elaine Coffey

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Carole Kapcar\* Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle Cherie Teagno

Barbara White\* Mary Ellen Zimmerman\*

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Serena Abruzzino\* Mary Densmore\*

Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

#### Music Committee

Richard Densmore Ingrid Dickson

Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko\* Mike Willis\*

*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

#### Stewardship Committee

Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider\* Richard Taylor

Rob Toth Mary Willis\*

#### Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte\* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak Lora Rung\*

Jennifer Sekorky Peter Smith\* Bev Wehr

Mary Ellen Zimmerman\*



**IMPORTANT INFO**—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.