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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, August 14, 2022 – 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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elaine Coffey

INTROIT "Go Down Moses" Afro-Semitic Traditional

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

People: By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

Leader: We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

People: By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

Leader: We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

People: By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.

† HYMN 128 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 80:1-2
(New International Version)

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh.
Awaken Your might; come and save us.
Restore us, O God;
make Your face shine on us that we may be saved.

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 "Give Me Jesus" arr. Harlan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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. You are the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the world.

OFFERTORY "Oh Freedom!" Traditional

† 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 EPISTLES Hebrews 11:29-12:2
(New International Version)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON "Therefore..."

† HYMN 147 "How Great Thou Art"

† BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21 *The Message*
May God, who puts all things together, makes all things whole, who made a lasting mark through the sacrifice of Jesus, the sacrifice of blood that sealed the eternal covenant, who led Jesus, our Great Shepherd, up and alive from the dead, now put you together, provide you with everything you need to please him, make us into what gives him most pleasure, by means of the sacrifice of Jesus, the Messiah. All glory to Jesus forever and always!
Amen.

† RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller

† POSTLUDE "When the Saints Go Marching In" Traditional

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, select Worship, and click on Service Videos.

SERVING		
TODAY – AUGUST 14		NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 21
Dale & Cathy Hawk	Greeters	Judi Pavisich
Lynne McCray	Liturgist	Dave Williams
Bobbie Krisak, Roz Fotos	Ushers	Judi Pavisich
Aidan Hurtig/Luke Giuliano	Acolytes	Oliver & Matilda Sekorky
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Satori Winds/the Keenens	Special Music	Carol Konet/Patty Skvoretz
Cathy Hawk	Summer Sunday School	Linda Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

For all the children heading back to school this month

Roger & Judy Davis



Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Happy Anniversary to Bill and Pam Craig on August 19th!
With love, Mom

Happy Birthday today to Linda Dettmer and Tiffany Stayrook!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received \$5,227.00
Difference +\$1,577.63

Thank you very much for your support.



PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Many thanks to our musicians **The Satori Winds: Dick E. Ingersoll, Dick K. Ingersoll, Don Kubec, and Ken Mehalko**, to the **Keenens: Pam, Bruce, and Sarah**, and to **Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich** for sharing their music with us today.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

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

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Lidiya Dordzhiyeva, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joyce Glasgow (friend of the church), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mihlack'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), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by severe weather

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



MUSIC NEWS

Can you carry a tune? Why not share your voice in praise and worship with the Chancel Choir? A new season for 2022-23 begins with our first rehearsal on **Thursday, August 25th** at

7:30 p.m. We have a place for you! (Rehearsals will be at 8 p.m. starting on September 8th.)

Can't sing but can read music and ring? How about checking out the Bell Choir? Rehearsals begin on **Thursday, September 8th** at 7 p.m. Also, if you can play an instrument and are willing to play for worship, we would love to have you! Please see **Tom Foley** or **Mike Elkins** if you're interested in becoming a part of our Music Ministry.

IDEAS WANTED!



The Long Range Planning Committee is interested in your ideas on ways to make improvements for our Church. Some feedback already provided includes an extension of our parking lot and a new structure on the Royalton Road lot that could house outdoor gatherings. If you have any ideas, please email them to Sandy Pogozeleski at pogoze5@gmail.com. All ideas will be discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting for feasibility, funding and prioritization. Projects exceeding \$5,000 require approval by our Congregation.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Strongsville United Church of Christ? Pastor Heidi will be holding a New Member Orientation class **TODAY**, right after worship. Those wanting to join will be officially introduced and brought in next **Sunday, August 21**, during worship. Please grab a cup of coffee in Pilgrim Hall and then report to the Parlor for the orientation meeting.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is underway!

Who Do YOU Say I Am?

Investigating the Mystery of Jesus

Using Detective Work and Mystery Solving

We have a couple of Sundays still available to teach in August—please sign up in Pilgrim Hall. Please call **Linda Elkins, (440) 655-8891** with questions.



COMING SOON...

Penny Sunday will be on August 28th to benefit Backpack ministries. More information on ways to help will be provided soon.

Mark your calendar for **September 11th**, when we begin a new Sunday School year of learning and growing together!



THRIFT SHOP

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR VACATION THROUGH AUGUST 18th. (Donations will NOT be accepted during this time.)



HELP WANTED: Do you know anything about collectibles and/or antiques? If so, we need you!

From time to time, donations come into the Thrift Shop that may be worth selling online or in a consignment shop. If you have any knowledge in this area, please contact Cathy Hawk about how you can help.

GIFT CARDS

GET YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING DONE AND 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.**



DON'T FORGET!

Are you shopping online? If so, why not 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.

PHONE A FRIEND!

Are you interested in praying for others, but don't use email? Your Church Family Care Team has a number of folks who are willing to call you, typically once a week, to share with you the prayer requests Pastor Heidi shares via email. Please let **Linda Ponstingle** know.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The **Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **August 16th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The **Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **August 23rd** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

Remember all those Clean-Up buckets and personal hygiene kits our church put together for UCC Disaster Relief? They are headed to Kentucky and West Virginia to aid victims of the catastrophic flooding that destroyed so many communities and impacted so many lives. Thank you again to everyone who supported this project in any way.



ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS: NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



On **September 11, 2022**, immediately following the worship service, we will have a special congregational meeting to vote on the purchase and installation of new window blinds in the church building. Please plan to attend this brief meeting and cast your vote. (Non-members are welcome to stay for the meeting, but only official members are entitled to vote.)

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

*Elected January 30, 2022 * = 1 year term
**appointed by the Official Board*

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

Sunday School Co-Superintendents
Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

Board of Trustees

Myron Costin Diana Creecy Bill Giuliano*
Herb Hampson Dale Hawk Sarah Hayes
Sandy Pogozeleski* Dave Sekorky Ed Sobek*
Rachel Zielinski

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Greg Dickson Linda Stepan Joyce Reed*

Diaconate

Teri Barbish Barbara Camp* Elaine Coffey
Cathy Hawk* Linda Kapcar Bobbie Krisak
Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle Cheryl Sobek* Cherie Teagno
Barbara White* Mary Ellen Zimmerman**

Christian Education Committee

Serena Abruzzino* Mary Densmore
Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

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
Bill Schneider** Richard Taylor Rob Toth

Mission and Outreach Committee

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

UNCLAIMED ITEMS



A few dishes and platters are still left from last month's picnic. Please check the kitchen if you're missing yours. Also, if you are missing a black jacket or a tan raincoat, they can be found on the coat rack in the Gathering Area.