



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

StrongsvilleUCC@gmail.com
StrongsvilleUCC.com



Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday – August 18, 2019 – 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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "On Eagle's Wings" Joncas, arr. Larsen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "What A Wonderful World" Weiss and Theile

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The One who parted the waters calls us to be poured out for others.

People: By faith, we become rivers of peace, poured out to quench the fires of hatred.

Leader: The One who creates mercy and hope longs for a world of fair play and grace.

People: By faith, we let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness pour forth in an everlasting stream.

Leader: The One who is with us in every moment has composed a love-song, singing it in our hearts.

People: By faith, we teach God's love song to everyone we meet.

† **HYMN 340** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (sing twice)

FIRST READING FROM THE EPISTLES Hebrews 11: 29-40

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Native Meditation" Mehalko

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "How Great Thou Art" Hine

† 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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND READING FROM THE EPISTLES Hebrews 12: 1-2

SERMON Run, Faithful! Run!

† **HYMN 249** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "Impromptu" Elkins

† **POSTLUDE** "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" Parry, arr. Hustad

SERVING

TODAY, AUGUST 18

Greg Dickson
Elaine Coffey
Marty Winch
Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Kristen Clotworthy
Riley Sheppard
and Ken Mehalko

Liturgist

Greeters

Ushers

Coffee Hour

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Supplemental Organist

Summer Sunday School

Special Summer Music

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Jennifer Barry
Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt
Volunteers needed
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Mary Densmore
Satori Winds

The altar flowers are given—

In memory of Eric R. Jannsohn

Happy Birthday to the twins, Ingrid & Irene, on August 21

The Jannsohn, Dickson, and Joyce Family

In celebration of Katelyn Deertz's birthday on August 13

Love, Granny Marty Winch

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary to Bill & Pam Craig on August 19

Happy Birthday to Madison Wentz on August 22

Happy Birthday to Joe Craig and Nate Johnson on August 24

With love, Mom/Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Tony Koussa!

The Diaconate will not meet this month.

HELP NEEDED

Sign-up sheets for ushers, greeters, communion servers, and coffee hour helpers are located in Pilgrim Hall on the bulletin board. Please consider being a part of the life of our church by volunteering for one or more of these jobs. We also need volunteers to pick up the bread and pastries on Friday and/or Monday mornings as back-up to our regular pick-up people. If no one picks up the baked goods, we won't have any baked goods! Contact the church office to help.



Next week is PENNY SUNDAY! Money collected will go to our Christian Education program for refurbishing the upstairs.

IT'S PICTURE TIME... LIFETOUGH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS ARE THIS WEEK!



Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! If you haven't yet signed up, we still have a few additional times for **Wednesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 22** from 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. for our families and individuals to be photographed AT NO COST. Each family unit that is photographed will receive a FREE 8" x 10" photo of their directory pose and a copy of the completed directory. Of course, everyone will have the option to purchase photographs from Lifetouch. **You do not have to be a member to be photographed!** Please plan to make time to be included. Thanks! Here is the link to book online: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrddh1dc/> If you will not be available to be photographed during our assigned times, please call Lifetouch at **866-756-0281** for information about other venues.

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, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Dolores Bail, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Josh Trinckes, Sally Vetovitz, Sharon Wilson, Kyle Woodward
Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Judy & Bob Stenger (friends of Judi Pavisich), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.

Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, tuna, and family meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Vicky and Dan Masuga**, whose brother-in-law, **Joe Valli**, passed away last week. Joe had been on our prayer list for some time. The funeral was Wednesday, August 14.


OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,720.85
(Difference - \$ 801.17)




During the summer months, the church often faces a shortfall. Please remember to keep up with your offerings and pledges as you enjoy the gift of God that is summertime.

SUMMER MUSIC

 We thank Riley Sheppard and her granddad, Ken Mehalko, for sharing their musical talents with us today. Riley Sheppard holds a Bachelor's Degree in Bio Engineering and Master's Degree in Chemistry from Miami University. She presently works as a Systems Engineer with RoviSys. She is engaged to be married next fall. Coming next week: the **Satori Winds**, in addition to music from our own **Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and the SUCC Band**. Plan to attend worship every Sunday to be inspired!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

 A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is still available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native American Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15. CDs are available through the church office. We have fewer than a dozen CDs left!

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 at 8 p.m.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 7p.m.

We have room for singers and ringers! Please see **Tom Foley** if you are interested in joining our music ministry.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP LABOR DAY WEEKEND

(Weather permitting)

Give thanks and praise for the last throes of summer as we worship outdoors on our church property on Sunday, **September 1** at 10 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair.



RALLY DAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 8th!

Hope to see you for a new, exciting year of Sunday School classes!



CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned off. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!



AUGUST 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 18 Sun Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 19 Mon Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 20 Tues Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 22 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 25 Sun Worship 10am—Penny Sunday**
- 27 Tues Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 29 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

SEPTEMBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Sun Outdoor Worship on our property 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 2 Mon Labor Day
- 3 Tues Women's Fellowship Meeting 10am
- 4 Wed Free Lunch for All 11:30am-12:30pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 5 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am—4pm
Chancel Choir 8pm
- 7 Sat Sanyuka Children's Choir Concert 3pm
- 8 Sun Worship 10am—Communion, Rally Day**
Coffee Hour
Worship Team
- 10 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 11 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 12 Thurs Thrift Shop CLOSED
Bell Choir 7pm
Chancel Choir 8pm
- 15 Sun Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 17 Tues Diaconate Meeting 7pm
- 18 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 19 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir 7pm
Chancel Choir 8pm
- 22 Sun Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 24 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm
- 25 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 26 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Bell Choir 7pm
Chancel Choir 8pm
- 29 Sun Worship 10am—Penny Sunday**
Coffee Hour

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SAVED PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE CAPS!



The collection has been suspended and we are no longer saving them. Please go ahead and recycle them along with your plastic bottles in your regular recycling. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this project!

SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our church will be hosting a concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda.



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 7** at 3 p.m. for an afternoon of music and celebration with children's voices and traditional instruments.

There will be no charge for the concert, but they will have a free will offering to benefit the Sanyuka Children's Ministries. The children will also have Ugandan handicrafts and CDs available for concert goers to purchase. www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/.

Help will be needed for the event. For the Sanyuka performance at our church, food is needed for a meal for the children before the concert and also for the reception for everyone after the concert. To provide food, please either:

- see Sharon Heinrich to volunteer,
- call the church office,
- or write your **food donation** on the back of your attendance card.

Thank you very much for your willingness to help.



BIBLE STUDY IN THE FALL

Our 7 week Bible Study, "Uppity Women of the Bible," will be on Wednesdays at 1 pm, starting on **September 18**, following the Free Lunch. Please **Linda Elkins** if interested.

RAMP PROJECT

Architectural Drawings for the proposed ramp from the Gathering Area to Pilgrim Hall are in the Gathering Area for anyone interested in viewing them. Hiring a contractor is the next step in this complex project and we are in the process of gathering bids. In addition, our architect has sent some three-dimensional renderings which are also displayed.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

THRIFT SHOP END-OF SUMMER BAG SALES

Come down on these upcoming Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and score some terrific bargains, while helping your church!

August 22: \$7 per bag

August 29: \$6 per bag

September 5: \$5 per bag

BONUS:

Wednesday, September 4: \$6 per bag

We provide the bag and you fill it up!

The Thrift Shop will be closed for fall/winter change-over on **Thursday, September 12**

