



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Minister



**Sunday – August 19, 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.

**PRELUDE** "The Greatest Mystery" Rick Muchow

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Joyce Reed

**INTROIT** "Everyday" Rick Muchow

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Watch what God is doing; look for the ways God is loving us.

**People:** **Help us learn to live a life of love, seeking to live as God lives.**

**Leader:** See how the Christ loves us, not gingerly, but with extravagance!

**People:** **Teach us the ways of extravagant love, of loving without counting cost.**

**Leader:** Feel how the Spirit loves us, moving in our hearts, breathing love into our souls.

**People:** **Show us how to live our lives in the company of God, loving others as we have been loved. Amen.**

**† HYMN** "It's Me, O Lord"  
(Refrain)

*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.  
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.*

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

**SHARING 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 American Flute Solo Ken Mehalko

**ANTHEM** "Come, King Jesus" Dennis Jernigan  
Sandy O'Shea, Dave Williams, and the SUCC Band

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Midnight" Tom Payne

**† 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** Ephesians 5: 15-20

**SERMON** Lives of Praise

**† HYMN** "Put Your Hand in the Hand" Gene MacLellan  
(Refrain)

Put your hand in the hand of the man  
Who stilled the water  
Put your hand in the hand of the man  
Who calmed the sea  
Take a look at yourself  
And you can look at others differently  
Put your hand in the hand of the man  
From Galilee

My momma taught me how to pray  
Before I reached the age of seven  
When I'm down on my knees  
That's when I'm closest to heaven  
Daddy lived his life, two kids and a wife  
Well you do what you must do  
But he showed me enough of what it takes  
To get me through, oh yeah!

Put your hand in the hand of the man  
Who stilled the water  
Put your hand in the hand of the man  
Who calmed the sea  
Take a look at yourself  
And you can look at others differently  
Put your hand in the hand of the man  
From Galilee

**† BENEDICTION**

**† RESPONSE** "Holy is Your Name" Dennis Jernigan

**† POSTLUDE** "Sing His Praises" Rick Muchow

**SERVING**

**TODAY – AUGUST 19** **NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 26**

Lynne McCray	<b>Liturgist</b>	Jennifer Barry
The Costin/Berry Family	<b>Greeters</b>	The Clotworthy Family
Chuck McDougall	<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck McDougall
Jim Joyce/Myron Costin	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Volunteer needed
Kelly Bickley	<b>Summer Sunday School</b>	Michele Mhlack
Elena Taylor	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
	<b>Assistant Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins

**The altar flowers** are given—

*In celebration of Riley's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 17  
and Amanda's birthday today!*  
The Hawk Family

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Madison Wentz on August 22  
and to Joe Craig and Nate Johnson on August 24  
Happy Anniversary today to Bill and Pam Craig!  
With love Grammy/Mom*

**The Diaconate** will meet this Tuesday, August 21 at 7 p.m.

**Music Ministry** –Thank you to Elena Taylor for all her work with our music program; we have been blessed in the years she has been with us. Thanks also to Sandy O'Shea, Dave Williams, and the SUCC Band for providing music for today's worship.

**Happy Birthday** today to Amanda Hawk!

**Happy Anniversary** today to Pam and Bill Craig!

Congratulations to **Reverend Heidi Denman McDougall**, who is now our settled pastor, by congregational vote. Many thanks to our Pulpit Search Committee: Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy, Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog. and Bill Schneider for their dedication and hard work.



**Summer Sunday School combined classes continue** –Classes will meet in the Confirmation classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. **Thanks to Kelly Bickley for putting together the lessons, based on "Fruit of the Spirit," and for teaching today!**

## 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:** Betty Babics, Eddy Bond, Lloyd Bridle, Mindy Carte (daughter of Judy), Gordon Cockrell, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Keana Dickson (daughter of Greg and Ingrid), Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Linda Stepan, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward and the family and friends of Aimee Jannsohn and Richard Mack.



**Extended Church Family:** Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Michele Cortese (friend of the 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), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Jeff Stimson (friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

**Membership** – For folks who are interested in joining our congregation, Pastor Heidi will be offering a one-session class discussing what it means to belong to the United Church of Christ. We will meet after church on September 23 in the Parlor for an hour or so. Please let Pastor Heidi or the church office know if you are interested. Church phone number: (440) 238-6697.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,765.20  
(Difference \$ 115.89)



**Giving Statements for the first half of the year are in the Gathering Area for pick up. Thank you for giving.**

**Stewardship** – Just a reminder that the church still has expenses during the summer months when you may be away and church activities slow down. If possible, please continue your regular giving by mailing your offering to the church: Strongsville UCC, 13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. For your convenience, church-addressed mailing envelopes are available in the Gathering Area on the cabinet. Another option is electronic giving (myEoffering) for anyone interested. Instructions for myEoffering are in the August Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church. **Also, if you miss attending church on a Sunday and would like a copy of the bulletin e-mailed to you, please notify the church office.**

### ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Friday, September 14** – The Platters (Dinner and Show) at Carrie Cerino's  
**Sunday, September 16** – Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City  
Please see Linda Plain to make reservations.

## INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP

We will be taking a tour of The Grand Mosque on Thursday, September 6th around 6:30 pm. **If you are interested, please write "mosque" on the back of your attendance card or notify the church office.** Everyone is welcome! More details will follow.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**Elena Taylor's** last Sunday as our Music is today. We will have a reception for her to wish her and her family well on her new adventures as they move to New Jersey! We have truly enjoyed Elena's talent, faithfulness, and musicianship during her time with us, first at Organist, then as Music Director. She will be missed, but we know that she will continue to bring glory to God no matter where she goes.



The Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the Music Committee, has voted to hire **Thomas M. Foley** as our Music Director. Tom and his wife, Suzi, are residents of Strongsville and are members here at Strongsville UCC, with Tom having served as Music Director here from 1998 – 2007. The Foleys have three children: Jimmy, a freshman at Ohio University, Jackie, a freshman at the University of Cincinnati, and Bobby, a junior at Strongsville High School. We welcome Tom and his family back to Strongsville UCC!

Thanks to everyone who participates in our **Penny Sunday** program! On July 29, we collected \$90.78 for our Sunday School programs and scholarships. The next **Penny Sunday** is next week August 26!

### AUGUST 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 19 Sun Worship 10am**  
**Farewell Reception for Elena Taylor**  
**Adult Social Club to Botanical Gardens**
- 21 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm  
22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
**No Band Rehearsal**
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm BAG SALE!  
**No Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- 26 Sun Worship 10am**  
28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm  
29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm-BAG SALE!  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm



### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 2 Sun Outdoor worship on our grounds 10am**

For the next several Thursdays, our **THRIFT SHOP** will be having their famous **BAG SALES!**

**August 23 and August 30: \$7 per bag**

**September 6: \$6 per bag**

Then on **Saturday, September 8 at the Garage Sale: \$5 per bag!**

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Garage Sale

**Frequently Asked Question: Is the church having a Garage Sale this year?**



**Answer: Yes, the Official Board is planning to have our annual fun fundraiser on Saturday, September 8 from 9 am – 2 pm.**

**DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!** Please remember we accept clean, usable household

items, small electronics, lamps, toys, books, furniture, and anything else that is not a liquid. The Thrift Shop will be open. Also, the Sunday School will have a Bake Sale during the Garage Sale as their main fundraiser for the year and the Thrift Shop will be open. We appreciate your cooperation and support!



### DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S BAKE SALE!

Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, and cakes are needed to sell. This is our main fundraiser and everyone's support is appreciated. Please bring wrapped baked goods to the church any time on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



**In Sympathy**—Strongsville UCC extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Aimee Jannsohn**, who died suddenly on August 12, 2018. Our love and prayers go out to **Charles, Isabella, and Nina** as well as the

**Russ family, Irene Jannsohn, the Joyce family, and the Dickson family.** Aimee was a treasured wife, daughter, sister, mother, and friend and she will be missed immensely by all who knew her. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family 4246 West 196<sup>th</sup> Street Fairview Park, OH 44126

Our heartfelt sympathy also to the family of **Richard Mack**, father of **Cathy Hawk**, father-in-law of **Dale Hawk**, grandfather of **Sarah Hayes** and **Amanda Hawk**, great-grandfather of **Jack** and **Ella, Riley** and **Lacey**, who passed away on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Please keep his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in your prayers.

*So you have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. John 16:22*