

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Joseph Santomen
Guest Minister

AUGUST 20, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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 *Breathe* Marie Barnett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

† CALL TO WORSHIP Kelly Bickley

Leader: God has done mighty things in history
because people have responded to His call.

People: **We remember Moses
and the promise God made to him
with the call to go to a new land.**

Leader: God still calls people to participate in His salvation
by following His directions.

People: **We believe God is calling us.
We pray He will help us to hear and to follow.**

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

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

RESPONSE Native American Flute

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Simple Song from Mass* Leonard Bernstein

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Santomen

THE OFFERING *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte

† 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

SCRIPTURES Exodus 3:1-12

SERMON *Who? Me?* Rev. Joseph Santomen

† HYMN 667 *Lord, Speak to Me*

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE Native American Flute

† POSTLUDE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Folk Tune

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*To Celebrate the Birthdays Tomorrow of
Elena Taylor, Erin Butler, Ingrid Dickson and Irene Joyce
The Dickson / Joyce Family*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Madison Wentz on August 22
Happy Birthday to Joe Craig and Nate Johnson on August 24
With love, Grammy and Mom*

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Len Lane and family
on the passing of his wife Bev on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. There is
no visitation, and the graveside service will be private.

This morning we thank Rev. Joe Santomen for leading us in worship,
and we welcome back his wife **Betsey** and daughter **Kristy**.

We also thank **Connie Gunn** for her special vocal music this morning.

Official Board meets Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Garage Sale is Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m.
to 2:00 p.m. Donations are now being accepted. Our Thrift Shop will be
open, and Sunday School will have a Bake Sale and will sell hot dogs.

Children's Messages – If you are interested in providing Children's
Messages during this time of substitute ministry, please call Diaconate
chairman, Cheryl Sobek, at 440-539-0394 or email her at
Cherylsobek@gmail.com Please leave a message that you are interested
in doing a Children's Message, and Cheryl will contact you about what
dates you are available, depending upon the ministers we have. Thank you
for your help.

Stewardship Committee will meet next Sunday, August 27, at 9:30 a.m.

To make past services easier to view on the web, we started a YouTube
channel. To access it, go to the <http://strongsvilleucc.com/> website.
Click on WORSHIP and then SERVICE VIDEOS. Once you get to
YouTube, search for the service you wish to see and click on it.
Alternately, you can go directly to YouTube and search for "Strongsville
UCC". Most services from the beginning of 2017 have already been
uploaded. To see an older service, please contact Jim Heinrich to see if it
is available.

WEDNESDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

NEW SERVING HOURS
Begin Next Month: **SEPTEMBER 2017**

Lunch will be served from 11:30 A.M. to **12:30** P.M.

Updating Our Website and TVs – If you have updates for our church
Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mihlack 216-324-9799 or m.mihlack@gmail.com or
Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or ij3e@sbcglobal.net

Adult Social Club Trip to
CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO
Sunday – September 10, 2017

Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

We will carpool and leave after worship.

Adults \$13.25 Seniors (age 62 and over) \$11.95

Tram makes two stops—at top of hill and at bottom of hill.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 8/13/2017 **\$5,610**
Difference \$1,745



SERVING TODAY

Director of Music: Elena Taylor

Greeters: The Bickley Family

Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce

Liturgist: Kelly Bickley

Ushers: Ted and Kelly Bickley

Summer Sunday School: Ingrid Dickson

**STRONGSVILLE UCC
200th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

Sunday, October 15, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Rec Center

Tickets are available for purchase in Pilgrim Hall on Sundays from either Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer through September 10. Ticket prices are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children (6-12 years).

*Because of limited seating,
we recommend you get your tickets as soon as possible.*

LUNCHEON MENU

Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala with Sauce,
Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce,
Roasted Red Potatoes, Au Gratin Potatoes,
Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Salad with a variety of dressings,
Cake

What the Church Means to Me! The Anniversary Committee is asking everyone to fill out a paper with what the Strongsville United Church of Christ means to them. Please pick up a sheet in the Gathering Area. We are planning on displaying these prior to the Anniversary Sunday and at the Luncheon. They will also be placed in our time capsule. Please take the time to fill one out and leave in the basket in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please speak with Rachel Zielinski. Thank you.

200th Anniversary Cookbooks – We still have cookbooks available for purchase. They make great gifts, and your purchase helps support the Anniversary celebration. The current cookbook costs \$12, but we also have some cookbooks from 2006 for \$10 each. Please contact either Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed if you are interested in purchasing one or more of these books. Thank you!

Mission and Outreach Committee has several baskets ready for our upcoming “Around the World” silent auction on October 22. You will soon be seeing them on the TVs in Pilgrim Hall and the Gathering Area in the lobby. It has been interesting sharing our ideas. If you have a cultural heritage that you would like to share, let us know. It is an opportunity to share with your family as well. The minimum value is only \$25. Thus far, we have baskets for Poland, Germany, Mexico, Great Britain, China, Italy, and Czechoslovakia. We plan to have two baskets for the children also.

THRIFT SHOP BAG SALES

Thursday – August 24 – \$7 / bag – 10am to 4pm
Thursday – August 31 – \$7 / bag – 10am to 4pm
Thursday – September 7 – \$6 / bag – 10am to 4pm
Saturday – Sept. 9 – Garage Sale – \$6 / bag – 9am to 2pm

September 14 – CLOSED September 21 – REOPEN

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice. **Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra.**

Excluded are jewelry, cards, and dolls.

A half-day Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 P.M. at Avon Lake United Church of Christ, 32801 Electric Boulevard, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. Check-in and on-site registration begin at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to attend, please see the signup sheet and more information on Pilgrim Hall’s bulletin board. Cost is \$15 per person, or \$50 per congregation (for four or more people). Your cost will depend upon how many people attend from our church. This workshop will feature three sessions: 1) ministering to those experiencing grief, 2) an introduction to Stephen Ministry, 3) how to care in a distinctively Christian way.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Hospitals no longer provide names of members who are patients. 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, Margot James, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Tom Gaumer, The Grabski/Williams Family, Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mhlack, Eileen Pincomb, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), 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)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 27, 2017

Greeters: The Rolland Family
Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce
Liturgist: Sharon Heinrich
Ushers: Volunteers Needed
Summer Sunday School: Tom Gaumer
Coffee Hour: Joyce Reed

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UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Your Pulpit Search Committee has continued to meet weekly and finished our church profile. Thank you to all who completed the demographic survey; we received responses from approximately 68 family units. These responses have been tabulated and incorporated into the church profile. The Committee presented the completed profile for final review to the Official Board at its July meeting, and it was approved to send on to the UCC Conference. We will continue the process.

This process will be ongoing for many months and we would ask to renew our request for prayers as we diligently proceed in searching out God's will and finding our new minister to lead us. We are grateful for the support the congregation has shown us for the very important task to which we have been entrusted. Our church continues to be strong and vibrant even in this time of transition, our deepest gratitude to all for being a part of that.

Please do not hesitate to bring any questions or concerns to any one of us.

Your Pulpit Search Committee

Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy,
Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

AUGUST 2017

22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club 7pm
Band Rehearsal, 8pm
27 Sun Penny Sunday
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 9:30am
30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Rehearsals resume for Children's Choir, 7:30-8:00pm
Band Rehearsal, 8pm
31 Thu Rehearsals resume for Bell Choir, 6:45-7:45pm
Chancel Choir, 8:00-9:30pm

SEPTEMBER 2017

4 Mon Labor Day
6 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-**12:30pm** – Notice new hours.
9 Sat Church Garage Sale and Thrift Shop Open, 9am to 2pm
10 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School
Special Offering for Sunday School
Chancel Choir sings for worship.
Deadline to purchase Anniversary Luncheon tickets
15 Fri October Newsletter Deadline
17 Sun Children's Choir sings for worship.
24 Sun Bell Choir rings for worship.

OCTOBER 2017

15 Sun Strongsville UCC's 200th Anniversary Luncheon, 1pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet Hall
22 Sun Mission and Outreach “Around the World” Silent Auction