

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

(Congregational)  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136



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**Worship at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday**

**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Minister

**AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**We've got to start someplace.**



Summertime is upon us. And while most of us earnestly make our resolutions in January, the slower pace of summer can also be a great time for trying something new to

wake up your spiritual lifestyle. (It's always a good time, when attempting change, to enlist a friend to help you stay on track.)

Have you been thinking you'd like to read the Bible more often, but it seems like it's too *hard*, or *challenging*, or *irrelevant* and *hard to understand*? You may be doing it wrong. If the only Bible you've ever tried to read is the *King James Version*, filled with lovely (but old-fashioned) *Thees* and *Thous*, consider a newer translation, like the *Common English Bible*, *New Living Translation* or my personal favorite, Eugene Peterson's *The Message*. The Bible has topped the best-seller lists for ages-- but what good is a book if no one reads it? (I can help you narrow the field.)

Maybe you are really dialed in to technology. There are many, many good apps out there, for desktops, laptops and smart phones, designed to help you get more out of the time you spend in Bible study. (Let's look at some apps together. You might teach me something!)

But—whatever you do, please *don't* start with a 30-day, read-it-all project. The Bible's purpose is to bring us closer to the Divine in time spent together, not time spent dashing through. Think baby steps, not marathons, and commit yourself to reading smaller passages, but seeking to understand them better. (What's that old riddle? How do you eat an elephant? *One bite at a time.*)

And remember: the Bible is not a single book; rather, it's a collection of books, and doesn't have to be read through in order. There is a better way. (I can help you find a flow that works better for you.)

Spiritual fitness, like physical fitness, is a commitment you make to improve yourself. It takes time. It can be challenging. And you may just *love* the results. Let's get started!

Peace,  
Pastor Heidi

The Butterfly Effect is a life theory that anything happening anywhere can affect everything, everywhere. For instance, if a butterfly flutters its wings in Tokyo, the air moves in Chicago. We experienced a bit of that effect recently.



Every Wednesday, folks gather around 10:00 to prepare our Free Lunch for All. It's a labor of love; the fruits of that labor are laughter, smiles, and full tummies. It's a simple enough thing. Little did we know: our "flutter" would be felt-- in Florida.

Merritt Island, Florida, is home to Bryan Roub. Bryan's mother Pearl was a longtime member of Strongsville UCC, active in women's groups and Sunday school. She was also the first woman to serve on the Board of Trustees. Pearl Roub was quite a woman! And her influence lives on.

After Pearl died, Bryan set up a foundation to honor his mother's memory. Bryan remains a member of Strongsville UCC and receives our newsletter every month. So when Pearl's great-granddaughter decided she wanted to help feed hungry people this year instead of having a birthday party with lots of gifts, Bryan remembered reading about . . . our Free Lunch for All. And in honor of his mother and her legacy, The Roub Family Foundation has made a sizable gift to help us continue providing food and fellowship to folks who need it. We are very, very grateful for the support.

You never, ever know how a butterfly's flutter might change the world. . . .

# WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY – AUGUST 5 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Guest minister: Rev. Larry Craig**

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Sacrament of Communion*



**Liturgist:** Lora Rung

**Greeter:** Linda Plain

**Ushers:** Linda Plain, Marty Winch, the Bickleys

**Coffee Hour:** Myron Costin

**Special Music:** Ken Mehalko and Mike Elkins

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**SUNDAY – AUGUST 12 – 10:00 A.M.**

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Congregational Meeting after worship**

**Liturgist:** Ted Bickley

**Greeter:** Judy Carte

**Usher:** Roy Merkle

**Coffee Hour:** Myron Costin

**Special Music:** Tom Foley

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**SUNDAY – AUGUST 19 – 10:00 A.M.**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Recognition and Farewell Reception**

**Liturgist:** Lynne McCray

**Greeter:** Lola Millhoane

**Usher:** Volunteers needed

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers needed

**Special Music:** Strongsville UCC Band

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**SUNDAY – AUGUST 26 – 10:30 A.M.**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Penny Sunday*

**Liturgist:** Jennifer Barry

**Greeter:** Judi Pavisich

**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers needed

**Special Music:** Satori Winds

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## MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville UCC, please contact Pastor Heidi or call the church office, 440-238-6697.



## FROM THE PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

After an exhaustive and thorough process of searching for our settled pastor, and prayerful consideration, your Pulpit Search Committee has chosen a candidate to lead our church. The Committee received almost fifty profiles which were carefully and diligently investigated. Through countless meetings, emails and most importantly, lots of prayer, it became clear to us that God had sent us the minister who is the best fit for our congregation. It is with great joy that we recommend to extend the call to **Reverend Heidi Denman McDougall** to be our settled pastor.

To that end, a **Congregational meeting** will take place on **August 12, 2018**, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of voting to accept the Search Committee's recommendation. There will also be a "meet and greet" (for most of us, just a "greet") on **Saturday, August 11** from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. to welcome and talk with Pastor Heidi and her husband Chuck.

The Committee would like to thank the congregation for its ongoing support, patience and prayers these past thirteen months, as we determined whom we would unanimously choose to recommend.

Your Pulpit Search Committee: Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy, Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, and Bill Schneider

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## ABOUT REV. HEIDI DENMAN MCDUGALL

Pastor Heidi came to pastoral ministry later in life. She entered Ashland Theological Seminary at the age of . . . fifty . . . and discovered, with a little coaxing, the brain still worked well enough to complete her Master of Divinity in 2011, graduating With Honors. She became the Minister of Pastoral Care at University Circle United Methodist Church, serving alongside friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. Ken Chalker. After five years there, God saw fit to open a door in a new direction, and Heidi and her husband Chuck followed God's leading to Strongsville United Church of Christ. Together, they are the proud parents of seven grown children and twelve grandchildren. They are excited about what God might have planned next for their lives together and for their church—together.

## Unsung Heroes

Did you know that Rosemary Bechtel and Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz (plus Jim and Linda Dettmer, who fill in) pick up the bakery donations from Panera every week? Thank you for keeping the congregation well stocked on our carbs!

Did you know that Betty Craig sat at the entrance to our parking lot and collected donations from folks attending the Rib Cook-Off in June and the Strongsville Homecoming in July? The money she collected went to the Free Lunch for All program. Thanks, Betty, for being willing to give of your time and effort!

Did you know that Sandy Gleichauf lent her design expertise to the church on several projects, including new lighting, painting, and carpeting in the sanctuary? Thanks for sharing your talent, Sandy!

Did you know that Jim Heinrich risked life and limb replacing lightbulbs over the stairway to the Thrift Shop, along with other bulbs? Thank you, Jim, and Thanks also to Ted Bickley for being Jim's "spotter."

*Please submit any suggestions for "Unsung Heroes" to the church office. Our church is grateful for our members and friends who go the extra mile, beyond their regular duties or routine tasks to help the church.*



**In Sympathy**—Strongsville UCC extends our deepest sympathy to Joyce Reed and her family. Joyce's brother, Dale Mlincek, passed away

in his sleep on June 26. His funeral was held on June 29 in Kentucky.

For many years, **Jeff Thompson** has been the face of UCC Outdoor Ministries. First at Pilgrim Hills, then at Temple Hills, Jeff was the go-to guy. Suddenly and tragically, he was called home to the Lord on June 29. Our love and prayers go out to his wife, Carolyn and son, Greg and to everyone whose life he touched with his kindness, humor, and gentle spirit.

## 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, summer Sunday School teacher, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



## A HUGE THANK YOU

goes out to everyone who got up very early, braved the heat and humidity, and worked really hard to beautify the church's rental property on Royalton Road on June 30. **Rosemary Bechtel, Gina Cathcart, Mike Clotworthy, Myron Costin, Betty Craig, Dayna Czarnecki, Greg Dickson, Bob Gross, Sue Gross, Dale Hawk, Cathy Hawk, Jack Hayes, Sarah Hayes, Jim Heinrich, Ryan Heinrich, Sharon Heinrich, Irene Joyce, Jim Joyce, Bob Kovatich, Lori Kovatich, Chuck McDougall, Rev. Heidi McDougall, Doug Thorn, and Clay Williams** did chores ranging from weeding, trimming, sweeping, ripping out bushes, and mulching to cleaning the church's refrigerator and shampooing the Royalton Road house's carpet. After the work was finished, we ate lunch and enjoyed the feeling of a job well done. The house looks so much better and is ready to be painted and then rented.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

**July altar flowers** were given

**July 1** - *In loving memory of James Habart on the occasion of his birthday*

from his family, Josh, Jamie, and Christian.

**July 8** – *In honor of our 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

from Linda and Mike Elkins

*In memory of our Retreat Buddy, Jeff Thompson*

from the Strongsville UCC Retreat Crew

**July 15** - *In celebration of our Birthdays—*

*July 15 and July 16*

George and Joyce Reed

**July 22** – Church Picnic

**July 29** - *In memory of Lynne Golden's birthday*  
*(Daughter of Carol Merkle, sister of Sandy Pogozelski)*



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. As of this printing, below are dates when vases are still needed so that two vases are on the altar for Sunday worship.

September 9 – 2 vases

October 14 – 1 vase

December 9 – 2 vases

Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

## FIT CLUB



We continue to meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Our group is small, but enthusiastic and we welcome anyone, of any age or fitness level to join us and get moving.

**You do not have to be fit to be a part of Fit Club!**

## THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for their cards, prayers, and well-wishes. I have finished my treatments and am starting to build up my strength.

Karen Morgan

Thank you very much for the scholarship that I received in June. This will be a big help to me in my college experience and it is greatly appreciated.

Lisa Pogozeleski

Thank you to all the decorators, marchers, riders, and candy-donors who represented our church in the Strongsville Homecoming Parade last month! Special thanks to the Clotworthy, Hawk/Hayes, and Morgan/Zielinski families for overseeing this fun event!

**A heartfelt thank you** to the Roub Family Foundation in Merritt Island, Florida, for their generous gift of \$1000 to our Free Lunch For All program. This gift will help us continue to offer nutritious meals every Wednesday and foster a strong sense of caring community among those who attend. (Obviously, news of our program has traveled beyond our community!) Thanks be to God for such generosity of spirit. --Pastor Heidi

*Pearl Roub was a longtime active SUCC member, Sunday School teacher, bell ringer, apple dumpling baker, sock doll maker, and "Grammy." Her son, Bryan, is a 50 year SUCC member who lives in Florida.*

Dear church family,

Your appreciation and recognition of me on July 15 for my retirement as church secretary was fabulous! Pilgrim Hall looked gorgeous, the two cakes and assortment of wonderful food was extraordinary, and your personal gifts touched my heart. I will use the attractive square platter (with its signatures from friends) for gatherings at my home. I will proudly wear the lovely treble clef/keyboards pin (from Official Board) in honor of our church's fine music program. The adorable grand piano clock (from Music Ministry) is on top of my piano to help me keep track of the time I practice. The pretty Forget-me-not Willow Tree figurine and card (from Sunday School) remind me of the beautiful children in our church. The pages and cards in the Memory Book are sentimental remembrances of your friendship, cooperation, and support.

Thank you very much for your kind wishes on my retirement and for your past, devoted work with me toward the mission of Strongsville United Church of Christ.

Fondly, Sharon Heinrich



Are you an online shopper? 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, Ohio from the drop-down list of charities.
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.

And since you're in a shopping mood...you can benefit the church even more by buying Amazon (or many other) **gift cards** from Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall prior to whipping out that credit card.



to Great Grandmother **Lola Millhoane**, Grandparents Valerie and Dale Hopkins, and Parents Heidi and Keith Davis on the birth of their little girl, **Amelia Lynn Davis**, who was born on June 26.

**Congratulations** to Nicole and Tiffany Ashforth, whose son **Everett Anthony Ashforth** was born on June 27! He weighed 6 lbs, 4 oz. and was 18.25 inches long!

**Congratulations** to our former Music Director, **Joshua Konow** and his wife, **Rebecca**, who welcomed their daughter, **Ariana Lian Konow** to the world on July 14.

### ARE YOU A FACEBOOK USER?

"Like" our page at Strongsville United Church of Christ and get the latest updates, links to videos of our worship services, and fun connections to your church family!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



### Summer Sunday School combined classes continue

Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our

combined class on a Sunday in the summer. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help. 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." Thank you to our July teachers: Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Sharon Heinrich and Elena Joyce!**

**Penny Sunday** – Thank you so much to everyone who contributes to our Penny Sunday collections. On June 24, our students collected \$139.72 for scholarships and programs. Start saving that change for our next Penny Sunday collection on August 26. Money will go toward our own Sunday School programs and scholarships.

Due to being hired as church secretary, long-time Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce will be stepping aside after a quarter century of service. Kristen Clotworthy has been appointed by the Official Board at their July meeting and will join Jamie Trinckes as Co-superintendent. The Sunday School is truly in good hands!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR RALLY DAY, the start of a new, exciting school year! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9!**



### NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

All refrigerators and freezers have been cleaned. Please date and label items or they will disappear. Betty Craig

**Also, donations of plastic grocery bags are needed for the Free Lunch for All Program.** Please bring them to the kitchen. Thanks!

### ORC UPDATE

More Good News! The final phase of the nearly decade long organ restoration project has begun! On June 19, technicians from Leek Organ Company began work on phase 12 of 12. Work will continue throughout the summer months and should be completed by September. Thank you to everyone for their patience, enthusiasm, and generous support of this huge undertaking.



## NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND

### Upcoming Concerts:



#### Friday, August 3 at 7:30 PM at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center.

This concert will be part of the Strongsville Rotary Picnic and will include many of songs of yesterday including the Salute to the Armed Forces.

#### Friday, August 10 at 7:30 PM at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center.

The Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band will present jazz and swing classics from the Great American Songbook.

#### Friday, August 17 at 7:30 PM on The Strongsville Commons.

The summer concert series will conclude with a musical journey- "Around The World In 80 Minutes" with songs from around the world. Trumpet Soloist, Jack Brndiar of Baldwin Wallace University and vocalist Cindy Smith will be guest artists.

(In case of rain the concert will held at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center).

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**Elena Taylor's** last Sunday as our Music Director will be August 19. On that day, 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 wherever 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 will begin his service with us on August 19.

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 joyfully welcome Tom and his family back to Strongsville UCC!

**The first meeting of the Chancel Choir and any interested singers will be on Thursday, August 23 at 7 p.m.**

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### 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, Gordon Cockrell, Joe Craig, Rev. Larry & Christina Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward

**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), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), 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)

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### CALL FOR DONATIONS

We know you've been holding on to your treasures all summer, but it's getting to be time to part with them. Please donate household items, sporting goods, décor, kitchen items, small electronics, books, toys, furniture, and any usable item that is not a liquid to the

### STRONGSVILLE UCC



**Saturday, September 8, 2018  
9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

The church will accept Garage Sale donations beginning **Sunday, August 19, 2018.**

Thank you for your cooperation to hold on to your donations until then!



### 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!

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### ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Their next meeting is June 20.

**Please note:** We will carpool to these events. There will **not** be any buses.



#### August 19 – Sunday

Botanical Gardens and Dinner in Little Italy

#### September 14 – Friday

The Platters (Dinner and Show) at Carrie Cerino's

#### September 16 – Sunday

Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City

#### October 7 – Sunday

The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Mansion

#### November 13 – Tuesday

A Branson Country Christmas (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's

#### December 12 – Sunday

Downtown Holiday Lights Tour

*To make reservations for any of these events, please contact Linda Plain at (440) 668-4848*

*For more information please contact Adria or Eddy Bond.*

*As always, all adults are welcome to the meetings and events!*

**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL  
WEDNESDAYS 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**



Whenever Jesus gathered folks together to teach, there was food. You are invited to support the Free Lunch for All as you are able, whether by coming to eat, coming to serve, praying for us or giving a cash donation to continue the mission. (Checks can be made to *Strongsville UCC*. On the memo line, simply write *Free Lunch*.)

Thank you to everyone who supports the Free Lunch for All program in any way!

**NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Adria Bond

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **June 17 through July 15, 2018.**

This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.

Offering Needed	\$18,246.60 for 5 Sundays
Offering Received	18,019.20
Difference	( -227.40)



**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 for anyone interested. You can customize your giving based on how, when, and how much through E-Offering. Log on to our church website at [www.strongsvilleucc.com](http://www.strongsvilleucc.com) and click "Donate Now". You will be taken to the church's myEoffering page. Simply click on the "Sign-up" button and you will then fill in your personal information and "Register". Follow the prompts to set up your payment, one-time or ongoing.

You can also set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website.

**STEEPLE LIGHTING**

**Week of July 1, 2018**

*In celebration of the baptism of Ella Rose Hayes from her "cousins," the Dicksons, Joyces, and "Oma" In honor of Peg Weakley's birthday on June 29.*

from Bill and Dorothy Ritchie,

**Week of July 8, 2018**

*Happy Anniversary to Joe and Barbara Craig on July 14*  
With love, Mom

**Week of July 15, 2018**

*Thank you to Dayna Czarnecki, Jan Stough, and Irene Joyce for the clean refrigerators and freezers with love, "Grammy"*

**Week of July 22, 2018**

*to celebrate Karen Morgan's birthday on July 20*  
with love from her family

**Week of July 29, 2018**

*In appreciation of everyone who organized the picnic and the parade!*

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



**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 during worship or notify the church office.** Everyone is welcome! More details will follow.

**FROM THE TRUSTEES**

The Board has had a busy summer so far, with many projects completed, underway, and scheduled, including:

- Painting the interior of the sanctuary
- New carpet in the sanctuary
- New lighting adjacent to the sanctuary
- Cleanup of the Royalton Road property
- Exterior painting of the house on Royalton Road
- Painting several areas of the house interior
- Procuring new mats for the kitchen and hallway—**THANKS to the Thrift Shop for purchasing the mats!**
- Taking bids on painting the church entryway
- Securing a new tenant for the Royalton Road house for occupancy by the beginning of August
- Hiring three new staff members: Olivia Clotworthy, Irene Joyce, and Tom Foley

Thanks to everyone for their support.

**AUGUST 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 2 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 5 Sun Worship with Communion, 10am  
Special guest minister, **Rev. Larry Craig**
- 8 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 9 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 11 Sat Cleanup Outdoor Worship area 8am  
Meet & Greet Pastor Heidi & Chuck 3pm-5pm
- 12 Sun Worship 10am  
Congregational Meeting
- 14 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am – 4pm  
September 2018 Newsletter Deadline
- 19 Sun Worship 10am  
Farewell Reception for Elena Taylor
- 21 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm
- 26 Sun Worship 10am
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm



**THE THRIFT SHOP**

August is summer sale time in the shop. We will be open every Thursday in August and each week we will have a different sale. Check the church website for sale details, or even better, sign up for Thrift Shop emails. Our August sales are planned to help us clear our sales floor of summer merchandise. Before we know it we will be selling fall and winter items. We sincerely appreciate all your donations, but please be careful where you leave them. Any clothing on hangers can be left in the gathering area with a note that says, "Thrift Shop". Please do not block the stairs with boxes and bags. Safety is very important. We are open Thursdays from 10 am to 4 pm and hope you can stop in to visit, shop or donate.

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**HELP NEEDED!**



On Saturday, **August 11 at 8 a.m.**, we will have a quick cleanup of our Outdoor Worship space. General weeding and grooming is needed. Please sign up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall if you can help. (Don't worry, you will still have time to meet and greet Pastor Heidi and Chuck later in the day!)

**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018**

*Officers elected on Jan. 28, 2018, have an asterisk\* by their names.*

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| <b>Moderator</b>      | Rachel Zielinski |
| <b>Vice-Moderator</b> | Bill Schneider   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | Lori Kovatich *  |
| <b>Clerk</b>          | Karen Morgan     |

- Sunday School Superintendents**
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| Irene Joyce | Jamie Trinckes |
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- Board of Trustees**
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|                  | Tom Gaumer *   |
| Eddy Bond*       | Dale Hawk      |
| Mike Clotworthy* | Jim Heinrich   |
| Myron Costin *   | Bob Kovatich * |
| Jim Dettmer      | Kenn Oerkfitz  |
| Greg Dickson     | Ed Sobek       |

- Endowment Fund Subcommittee**
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| Irene Jannsohn * | Joyce Reed * |
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- Diaconate**
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| Serena Abruzzino * | Judy Gaumer *  |
| Jennifer Barry     | Cathy Hawk *   |
| Kelly Bickley      | Sarah Hayes    |
| Barbara Camp       | Linda Plain    |
| Gina Cathcart      | Dawn Rolland * |
| Kristen Clotworthy | Marty Winch    |

- Christian Education Committee**
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| Kelly Bickley | Sandy O'Shea   |
| Irene Joyce   | Lora Rung      |
|               | Jamie Trinckes |

- Music Committee**
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| Ingrid Dickson | Ken Mehalko  |
| Pam Keenen *   | Elena Taylor |

- Stewardship Committee**
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| Rosemary Bechtel * | Sue Gigliotti * |
| Adria Bond         | Beth Giuliano * |
| Ed Bond            | Sharon Heinrich |
|                    | Laurie Meister  |

- Mission and Outreach Committee**
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| Judy Carte      | Gary Paul   |
| Brandi Garsteck | Lora Rung * |
| Michele Mhlack  | Bev Wehr    |