

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Pastor

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" –Mary Oliver

Mono-tasking

So much to do in our lives, and so little time, it seems! It's not enough simply to talk on the phone or work at our computers; we need to do both at once—while watching one TV program and recording a second one for later! We have our cell phones, voicemail, email, forwarding—all so we won't miss out on a single thing.

We have convinced ourselves that we can (and must!) "do it all," yet sometimes we miss the moment, precisely because we are mentally someplace else, thinking about the next item on our To Do List and missing the Christ dwelling in our midst.

We have become a society of ridiculous multi-taskers-- and FOMO has become a very real thing!

Maybe it's time we slowed down a bit. Like Martha (Luke 10:38-42), we can become so distracted by the many tasks and "stuff" in our lives that we have difficulty focusing on "the better thing."

For many of us, summer has been a chance to slow down a little, stay up late or sleep in, maybe take a trip. As summer draws to a close, as life ramps up again, seek to create time and space to spend time in the presence of the Almighty, the "better thing" that cannot be taken from us.

Peace (and quiet),
Pastor Heidi

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 – 10 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

Greeter: Linda Plain

Liturgist: Elaine Coffey

Ushers: Teri Barbish, Roz Fotos

Special Music: Dick K. Ingersoll

Summer Sunday School: Volunteer needed



SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 – 10 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters: Cathy & Dale Hawk

Liturgist: Lynne McCray

Ushers: Roz Fotos

Special Music: The Keenens, Satori Winds

Summer Sunday School: Cathy Hawk

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 – 10 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Judi Pavisich

Liturgist: Dave Williams

Ushers: Judi Pavisich

Special Music: Carol Konet and Patty Skvoretz

Summer Sunday School: Volunteer needed

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 – 10 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

PENNY SUNDAY

Greeter: Elaine Coffey

Liturgist: Linda Ponstingle

Ushers: Elaine Coffey, Roz Fotos

Special Music: Kelly Wilson

Guest Minister: Rev. Bert Ambrose

Summer Sunday School: Volunteer needed



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**, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**. **HERE'S THE LINK TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos>



**GIFT CARDS
THE PERFECT WAY TO
STOCK UP FOR BACK-
TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING AND AN EASY WAY TO
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.**

PANERA PALS

Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters and sorters:

Judy Carte, Neal & Cathy Flowerman, Maria Graeff, Linda Elkins, Linda & George Kapcar, Sharon & Jim Maresco, Sharon Lempner, and Rick & Cherie



Teagno, who continue to make the Panera Bread ministry possible! Also, thanks to **Pastor Heidi & Chuck, Cathy Hawk** and **Irene Joyce** for delivering the bread downtown when needed.

MUSIC NOTES



Many thanks to **Jackie Foley, Cindy Smith, EKCO Ringers/We 3 Ring (Ed Krzes, Cheryl Onesky, and Nicki Haire), Ken Mehalko, Bernie Parker, Irene Joyce, Dave Williams**, along with **Tom Foley, Sharon**

Heinrich, and Mike Elkins for their music in July.

ATTENTION SINGERS & RINGERS: CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN AUGUST 25th & BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SEPT. 8th.

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Nancy Taylor** on the death of her brother, **Albert Papes** on June 29, 2022. He was 94 years old.



Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of church member **Janet Kato**, who passed away on July 15, 2022. Services were held on July 21, 2022 at St. Paul in Valley City. She was 89 years old.

Our deepest condolences to **John** and **Martha Hattery** and their son, **Joe**. John's dad, **John Hattery, Sr.** died Monday, July 25, 2022 at the age of 80.

**Marriage
Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Nick & Courtney Gigliotti**, who were married on July 16, 2022 in Cleveland! Congratulations also to proud parents of the groom **Lou & Sue Gigliotti!**



**CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP**

Are you interested in joining our congregation?

Pastor Heidi will be offering a membership class **August 7th and 14th**, with welcoming of new members on **August 21st**. Please contact her or the church office if you would like to become a member of the Strongsville UCC.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Diana Creecy has **HP940XL inks** to anyone who can use them. (The expiration date is Jan 2023)

See her after church or email her at cr33cy53@gmail.com.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office. Thank you.

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 Dordzhivaya, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, 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 Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), 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 and victims of violence

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.

h.e.denman@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM



If you like to cook . . . or bake . . . or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate is organizing a Pastoral Care Ministry Team and would LOVE

to have you take part! (You do not need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)

From our Friends at Strongsville Community Band--2022 Concert Schedule

Friday, August 5 7:30 p.m.

Strongsville Middle School Lawn

Friday, August 12 7:30 p.m.

Strongsville Middle School Lawn

Friday, August 19 7:30 p.m.

Bad Weather Make-up Concert

Strongsville Middle School Lawn



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Who Do YOU Say I Am?

Investigating the Mystery of Jesus Using Detective Work and Mystery Solving We still have some Sundays open in August, so please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Lesson plans and materials provided and no experience is required. Any questions? Please contact **Linda Elkins, (440) 655-8891**, or the church office.

Thank you to our June teachers: **Linda Elkins, Mary Densmore, Cathy Hawk, and Mary Ellen Zimmerman.**



RALLY DAY IS COMING!

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

PENNY SUNDAY

Save those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and yes, DOLLARS for our next Penny Sunday collection, **August 28th**!



NEW WINDOWS INSTALLATION

Thank you to everyone who lent a helping hand to make this much-needed project happen. Thank you to A.J. Jaffary and Smart Choice Windows, as well! The windows look beautiful and they *sound* even better! The next step is window treatments and bids are currently being evaluated. New windows for the offices off the Gathering Area have been ordered and are awaiting arrival and installation.



UN Sung HEROES

Did you know that **Sarah Toth** donated a like-new microwave to the church's kitchen when our previous model starting making alarming noises? Thank you so much, Sarah!



Did you know that **Dale Hawk** once again patched holes in the parking lot (on a really hot day)? We appreciate your concern for people's safety, Dale!

Did you know that **Kristen Burgess, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, and Irene Joyce** put away the last of the 8' wooden tables after the Volunteers of America had picked up the remnants of the Garage Sale? Thank you for your hard work, ladies!

Did you know that **Jennifer Sekorky** repainted the baby Jesus from our outdoor Nativity scene (twice), with the supervision of her family? Thank you for sharing your artistry with us, Jennifer!

Did you know that **Linda Pongstingle** repainted the lectern and altar, as well as varnished the wood on the ends of every pew? Wow! Thank you, Linda!

Did you know that **Herb Hampson** and his friend Jared installed new railings on the building to assist folks using the sidewalk from the Pomeroy parking lot? Thanks a bunch, gentlemen!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH OUR OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY!



Wayne Cook, Roger & Judy Davis, Greg Dickson, Bill Giuliano, Dale & Cathy Hawk, Sarah, Jack, Ella, & Henry Hayes, Jim & Sharon

Heinrich, Pastor Heidi & Chuck, Sandy Pogozelski, Jennifer and Matilda Sekorky Cherie Teagno, Janis Williamson

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 Pogozelski 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.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 2022



REMINDER: Because of the return of the Free Lunch for All meals on Wednesdays from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., **Women's Fellowship will now hold their meetings at 1:00 P.M. in Pilgrim Hall, instead of 10:00 A.M.**

- September 7 – 11:00 A.M.**
Outdoor Picnic at East River Park in Olmsted Falls
 - October 5 – Program on Medical Ministry – 1:00 P.M.**
 - November 2 – 1:00 P.M. – Plan Our Christmas Tea,**
Plan Programs for Next Year, Elect Officers
 - December 4 – Sunday – Christmas Tea**
- As always, all ladies are welcome to attend all our events.**

MISSION-OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank has always been supported by our congregation. Please remember, we do not accept

expired goods. The needs for the food bank in August would be Soup, Tuna and Pasta.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who contributed, donated, or helped fill the Disaster Relief trailer with 26 Clean-up Kits, 34 School Kits, and 31 Hygiene Kits. Special thanks to **Dale & Cathy Hawk** for



hauling the trailer, to the Thrift Shop for funding, to the Penny Sunday givers in March, and to the UCC for our matching grant! Our church will have more opportunities to contribute to this worthwhile mission project in the future, as well as other ministries supported by our committee.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY

The altar flowers are given—

July 3rd --Happy Independence Day!



July 10th

Happy 3rd Anniversary to Casey & Kelly!
Elaine Coffey

July 17th

In celebration of the marriage of Nick & Courtney Gigliotti, who were married July 16th in Cleveland
The Gigliotti Family

In celebration of July Birthdays for George on the 15th, Joyce on the 16th, Granddaughter Alison on the 17th, and daughter on the Joyce Lynn 18th!
George & Joyce Reed

July 24th

Happy B-Day to my B-Day Buddy, McKenzi!
Serena Abruzzino

In loving memory of my fellow alto and dear friend, Karen K. Morgan

Irene A Jannsohn



You may provide fresh 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. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information or better yet, email the church at strongsvilleucc@gmail.com.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2022 IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL-

We still have several Sundays available, including Sept. 11 (1), Oct. 16, 30 (1), Nov. 13 (1), Nov. 20, and Dec. 4 & 11 (1)

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of July 3rd

Happy 4th Birthday to Alaya Hitchens on July 4th!
With love, The Joyces



Week of July 10th

Happy Anniversary to Joe & Barbara Craig on July 14th!
With love, Mom

Week of July 17th

Happy Anniversary today to Rev. Erv & Grace Koch!

Week of July 24th

Happy Birthday today to Frankie McKane!
Happy Birthday to Joey McKane on July 28th!
With love, Grammy

Week of July 31st

Happy Birthday to Isabella Jannsohn on August 1st
With love, "Oma" Irene Jannsohn

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Multiple dedications are welcomed for each week.

Please email the church at strongsvilleucc@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who lights our steeple!

**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
HAS ROOM FOR YOU!**
Every Wednesday
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on
Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
with lots of interesting merchandise.

Donations are being accepted, but you must call the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

**THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED
FOR VACATION
ON AUGUST 4th & 11th.**
(Donations will NOT be accepted
during those 2 weeks.)

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.

Special thanks to all our dedicated volunteers!

ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

If you move or change your phone number, please be so kind as to let the church office know—thanks!

Bob Heddleson

New Phone #: 234-350-0905

Louis Gigliotti III

2163 Chesterland Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

Nicholas & Courtney Gigliotti

1288 Hall Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

Sharon & Jim Maresco

11160 Cinnamon Blvd.
North Royalton, OH 44133
440-785-1838

Karen Rak

Joshua Tree
27500 Mill Road
North Olmsted, OH 44070



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **August 9th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- 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.

GIVING OPTIONS



If you are interested in giving electronically, you can set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website. **You may also mail a check to Strongsville UCC**

13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.

**FROM OUR FINANCIAL
SECRETARY—Mike Elkins**



Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **July 3 through July 24, 2022. Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.**

Offering Needed \$14,597.48 for 4 Sundays
Offering Received 10,327.75
-(\$3,969.73)

Pledge cards received to date: 65

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 Pogozelski* Dave Sekorky Ed Sobek*
Rachel Zielinski

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

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*



RIVER VALLEY PAPER

**KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER, MAGAZINES,
AND CARDBOARD (Please break down
cardboard.)**



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