



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Sunday – August 26, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Penny Sunday

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 "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Let My People Go" Afro-Semitic Traditional

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning, O Lord, to abide in your presence;

People: **To find strength in you, to worship you together in this place.**

Leader: We gather this morning, O Lord, to challenge the darkness in the world by shining your Light;

People: **To bring healing to those who hurt, to offer hope to those who see only hopelessness.**

Leader: We follow Jesus to learn the Way of living;

People: **Help us set aside our old gods, to seek your Holy Spirit in everything we do. Help us listen to your voice. Give us courage to follow. Amen.**

† **HYMN 384** "Spirit Song"

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 Ken Mehalko

ANTHEM "Shenandoah" American Folk Song
Satori Winds

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Oh Freedom" Traditional

† **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 6:10-20

SERMON Dressed for Success

† **HYMN 410** "Standing on the Promises" (verses 1, 4, and 5)

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" Afro-American Spiritual

SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 26

Ingrid Dickson
The Clotworthy Family
Chuck McDougall
Gina Cathcart
Michele Mhlack
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 2

Liturgist Pastor Heidi
Greeters Linda Plain
Ushers Bickleys/Plain/Winch
Coffee Hour Volunteer needed
Summer Sunday School Sharon Heinrich
Director of Music Tom Foley
Assistant Director of Music Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

*In remembrance of our aunt, Rhea Clements,
on her birthday August 28
Becky and Bill Robinson*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Congratulations to Chase Masuga and Lauren Hanna
on their marriage on August 25, 2018
Chase is the grandson on Lola Millhoane
and son of Dan and Vicky Masuga*

The Official Board will meet this Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

Music Ministry –Thank you to the Satori Winds: Ken Mehalko,
Mike Sherwood, Ed Lichtenberg, and Richard Ingersol for
providing special music for today's worship.

Happy Birthday today to Sue Gigliotti, and Marie Rady!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2



Celebrate God's creation on our own church
property adjacent to the parking lot. **Bring
your own lawn chair** and enjoy a casual, but
meaningful, service with your SUCC friends!

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, Richard Mack and Keith Stewart.



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), Jeff Stimson
(friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-
law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



RALLY DAY IS COMING SOON!

Join us for the start of a new, exciting school year on
September 9!

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 \$2,328.00
(Difference -\$1,324.31)



**Giving Statements for the first half of the year are in the
Gathering Area for pick up. Grab yours today and save a
stamp! 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 September 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.**



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 to Michele Mhlack for teaching today!**

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

Singers, players, and ringers are welcome to join in the fellowship and praise!

-If you can read music (even if you’re rusty), the Bell Choir has a few openings and their rehearsals will begin Thursday, **September 20** at 6:30 p.m.

-There is room in the loft for you, sopranos, altos, tenors, basses! The Chancel Choir practices every Thursday evening at 7 p.m., then moving to 7:30 p.m. on September 20.

-Instrumental musicians are invited to join the SUCC Band. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

-Children’s Choir will begin Sunday, **September 16**, immediately following Sunday School classes.



Thanks to everyone who participates in our **Penny Sunday** program! Today’s Penny Sunday collection will help our Sunday School provide supplies, programs, and scholarships for our families.

AUGUST 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

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 DATES TO REMEMBER

2 Sun Outdoor worship on our grounds 10am
3 Mon Labor Day
5 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 7pm
6 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm BAG SALE!
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm
8 Sat Garage Sale & Bake Sale 9am-2pm
9 Sun Worship 10am
RALLY DAY
11 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
12 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
13 Thurs Thrift Shop CLOSED
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm
16 Sun Worship 10am
18 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
19 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 7pm
20 Thurs Thrift Shop CLOSED
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
23 Sun Worship 10am
Membership Meeting
25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
26 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 7pm
27 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men’s Luncheon 11:30am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
30 Sun Worship 10am
Children’s Choir Rehearsal 11:15am



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

August 30: \$7 per bag and September 6: \$6 per bag

Then on **Saturday, September 8 at the Garage Sale: \$6 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?



accept clean, usable household items, small electronics, lamps, toys, books, furniture, and anything else that is not a liquid.

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

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR SET UP on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 and on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, and of course, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 during the sale and for clean-up afterward.

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN DURING THE GARAGE SALE!



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 7th or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, September 8th. 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 196th 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.

Our sympathy goes out to **Carol Woodward** and family on the passing of her cousin, **Keith Stewart**. Keith died on August 17, 2018 after a long battle with cancer. He had been on our prayer list for a while; services were held in Pennsylvania.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

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.

From August 28 through May 7, the church office will open at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please leave a message if you call prior to that time and your call will be returned promptly.