



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

Rev. Joseph Santomen, Guest Minister

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**AUGUST 6, 2017 – 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** *Blessed Assurance* Fanny J. Crosby

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Michele Mihlack

Leader: God is a great God  
who has made all people in His own image.

**People: We are the children of God,  
brothers and sisters to the people of all nations.**

Leader: The fatherhood of God and brotherhood of nations  
require us to love God above all else,  
and love each person as ourselves.

**People: May God's grace enable us to be loving children  
toward God, and toward each other.**

† **HYMN 87** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**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** *Hear My Prayer, O Lord* George Whelpton

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Teach Me* Sandy O'Shea

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Rev. Santomen

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost* Sandy O'Shea

† **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** John 21:15-19

**SERMON** *Feed and Care for My Flock* Rev. Santomen

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper,  
or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.*

**MUSIC** during Communion *Love Divine* Jon Egan

† **HYMN 688** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *You Are Good and Forgiving* Joel Payne

† **POSTLUDE** *Be Strong in the Lord* Tom Fettke

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—

*In Celebration of Family Birthdays*  
Jim and Sharon Heinrich

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

*In Honor of Len and Bev Lane*

**This morning we welcome and thank . . .**

**Rev. Joseph Santomen**), his wife **Betsey**, and daughter **Kristy**  
**Sandy O'Shea** for her special music

**Happy Birthday today** to Rob Stepan!

**Happy Belated Birthday** to Rosemary Bechtel last Sunday, July 30!

**Women's Retreat** is Friday through Sunday, August 11-13, at Stanford  
House in Peninsula, Ohio. Thirty ladies are welcome to attend! **After**  
**worship today, a meeting of those attending the retreat will take place**  
**in the Parlor.**

**Adult Social Club** will visit the Winery at Wolf Creek in Barberton on  
Thursday, August 17. A sign-up sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin  
board. We will meet in the church parking lot to carpool – at 11:30 a.m.  
Please bring your own food. Only snack foods like pretzels and chips will  
be provided. Indoor shelter is first come / first served. No cost. All adults  
are welcome.

**Strongsville Food Bank** is very appreciative of our steady support. While  
all donations are welcome, this month they are in particular need of canned  
vegetables. Our collection basket is located in Pilgrim Hall alongside the  
glass display case. The collections are taken to their building weekly.

**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](mailto: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.

**To make past services easier to view on the web**, we started a YouTube  
channel. To access it, go to the <http://strongsvilleuucc.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.

**Our Church Garage Sale** is Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m.  
to 2:00 p.m. Please hold on to your treasures until Sunday, August 13,  
when we will begin accepting donations. We appreciate your patience and  
understanding. Thank you very much.

**Summer Sunday School** – Parents, Grandparents, Uncles,  
Aunts: **September 3** still needs a volunteer to teach the class. The sign-up  
sheet is on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and  
all materials are provided. Please see Irene Joyce if you have questions.  
**We thank Mrs. Kelly Bickley** for teaching the class today.

**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](mailto:m.mihlack@gmail.com)

or

Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or [ij3e@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ij3e@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you!

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
Weekly Offering Received 7/30/2017 \$1,510  
Difference (\$2,355)



**SERVING TODAY**

**Director of Music:** Elena Taylor

**Greeter:** Linda Plain

**Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce

**Liturgist:** Michele Mihlack

**Ushers:** Linda Plain

**Summer Sunday School:** Kelly and Ted Bickley

**Coffee Hour:** Judy Carte

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – We will celebrate our church’s 200th Anniversary this year with a Luncheon on October 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Rec Center. **Tickets are being sold in Pilgrim Hall by either Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer each Sunday through September 10. Because of limited seating, we recommend that you get your tickets as soon as possible.** Tickets will only be sold until September 10, as the caterer needs a head count in September. Ticket prices are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children (6 to 12 years).

**200<sup>th</sup> 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 \$12.00, but we also have some cookbooks from 2006 for \$10.00 each. Please contact either Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed if you are interested in purchasing one or more of these books. Thank you!

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, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, The Grabski/Williams Family, Steve Herzog, Bev Lane at Hospice on Drake Road, 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 13, 2017

- Greeters:** The Clotworthy Family
- Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce
- Liturgist:** Kenn Oerkfitz
- Usher:** Roy Merkle
- Summer Sunday School:** Irene Joyce
- Coffee Hour:** Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

AUGUST 2017

6	Sun	Stewardship Meeting, after church Sacrament of Communion Women’s Retreat Meeting, after church
9	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm Fit Club, 7pm Band Rehearsal, 8pm
11-13		Women’s Retreat at Stanford House in Peninsula, Ohio
13	Sun	Donations for the Church Garage Sale are accepted.
15	Tue	September Newsletter Deadline Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm Diaconate Meeting, 7pm Trustees Meeting, 7pm
16	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm Fit Club, 7pm Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm Band Rehearsal, 8pm
17	Thu	Adult Social Club trip to Wolf Creek Winery in Barberton
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
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	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am- <b>12:30pm</b> – Notice new hours.
9	Sat	Church Garage Sale, 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 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, 1pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet Hall
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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

FAITH COMMUNITY COALITION  
FOR STRONGSVILLE DRUG / ALCOHOL FORUM  
AND AFTERWARD

The City of Strongsville wants to bring education, awareness and resources to the community about drug and alcohol addiction. The Police Department, Fire Department and the City Management will come together in a three-part forum at the Strongsville Rec Center on the Tuesdays of September 12, 19 and 26, 2017, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. These groups will also consider ways they can help in an ongoing effort after the forum. Becky Zatezalo from Strongsville United Methodist Church is putting together a faith community of churches to help with the forum and to talk about ways to work together with ongoing resources for those affected by addiction -- both for the individual with the addiction and for their families and friends.

The next coalition planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-August. **If you would like to represent Strongsville UCC in planning and participating in this forum and afterward, please call the church office, (440) 238-6697.**

Just a reminder that the support group, Drug Induced Chaos, meets at our church on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All who need support for dealing with drug addiction in their families are welcome to attend the Drug Inducted Chaos meetings.

*Thank you so much for all the calls, cards and visits during my stay at Concordia at Sumner. Also thank you for all the birthday cards. I received close to 90 from friends, family, and members of our congregation. It’s a birthday I will always remember. The shingles are getting better but it’s a slow process. I have about 75% of my vision back and it’s getting better by the day. I am able to walk with a walker and hopefully I will be able to return to church very soon.*

*Again my thanks to all, Betty Babics*