

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

**SUNDAY – APRIL 1, 2018 – 7:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**



**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.

**WELCOME**

Pastor Heidi

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

**People: The day our tears are wiped away,  
The day our hearts are healed.  
The day our fears are replaced with unbounding joy!**

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

**The tomb is empty! Death has lost its power over us!**

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

**All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

† **OPENING SONG**

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Morning has broken, like the first morning.  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven.  
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning.  
Born of the one light Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning;  
God's recreation of the new day.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

† **GATHERING SONG**

*"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;  
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.  
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of Joy.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;  
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.  
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of Joy.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:1-18

**MEDITATION**

Listen to the Women

† **CLOSING SONG**

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**BENEDICTION**

**Easter Breakfast** – After our sunrise worship, all are welcome to the scrambled eggs and ham breakfast in Pilgrim Hall.

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

*Happy Birthday today to Rob Wentz  
With love, Grammy*

**Happy Birthday today** to John Kornick!

**The Church Office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, April 2.**

**Women's Fellowship** meets Wednesday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. After the meeting, the ladies are welcome to enjoy the Free Lunch Program. As always, all ladies are invited to the meeting. We will have a book to read for the May meeting. The book is Forgiveness by Desmond Tutu. We will also have a Tea Party on May 2 to celebrate May and Spring. Rosemary Bechtel is the new Women's Fellowship chairman.

**The Thrift Shop will be closed on the Thursdays of April 5 and 12** for the changeover to their spring and summer merchandise.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the March 4 Benefit Concert for our Music Ministry programs. The first half of music by cellist, Tanis Merriman, and violinist, William Merriman, was sublime. The second half was a whole lot of toe tapping fun by Jim's Little Big Band featuring vocalist, Cindy Smith. \$866 was raised and donated to the Organ Restoration Fund. Special thanks to the Dicksons, Keenens, Joyces, Heinrichs, and Irene Jannsohn for organizing the reception, with assistance from wine servers, Jennifer Barry and Kristen Clotworthy. Thanks also to Ken Mehalko for coordinating the concert and performers. Plus, thanks to our refreshment contributors and helpers—Bobbie Krisak, Bonnie Khavaran, Linda Elkins, and Marty Winch. The next benefit concert is on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. featuring the Satori Winds and Broadway Bound. Tickets will once again be \$10 for adults, \$4 for 6 to 12 years, and free for 5 years and under.

**Penny Sunday** – Thank you to everyone who donated their pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters, and dollars to our March Penny Sunday collection. \$116.45 will be given to the Metanoia Project of St. Malachi's, which provides food, shelter, clothing, showers, and other assistance to homeless men and women in Cleveland. The April Penny Sunday collection will be on April 29 and will go to the Strongsville Food Bank.

**Strongsville United Church of Christ**  
*All You Can Eat!*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*Benefits the Restoration of Our Pipe Organ*

**Sunday – April 15, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

\$8.00 Adult – Ages 13 and over  
\$5.00 – Ages 6-12  
Free – Children under 6 years



Many of us have prayed for Nicole and Tiffany Ashforth on their journey to parenthood. They are now happily expecting a baby on July 12! If you are interested, a Baby Shower will be held for them on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at our church in Pilgrim Hall at 2:00 p.m. They are registered at Target. Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 15, to Tiffany's mom, Denise, at (828) 447-4816.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
Weekly Offering Received 3/25/2018 \$3,699.00  
Difference \$49.69



## ADULT SOCIAL CLUB *UPDATED* SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these Sunday events!

- April 29** - Brunch at the Perk-Up Cafe in Berea, 12:30 p.m.  
**May 20** - Hard Rock Casino (via Lakefront Bus) Depart from Senior Center at Noon (\$20 in Free Play given)  
**June 24** - Cleveland Aquarium (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)  
**July 22** - All Church Picnic (Site to be determined)  
**August 19** - Botanical Gardens (via Lakefront Bus) Dinner in Little Italy  
**September 14** - The Platters (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's  
**September 16** - Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City  
**October 7** - The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Mansion (via Lakefront Bus)  
**November 13** - A Branson Country Christmas (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's  
**December 12** - Downtown Holiday Lights Tour (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)

As always, all adults are welcome. Details will follow.

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church.

For details, please see Adria or Eddy Bond.

**Wing Nite is Friday, May 4, 2018**, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Grindstone Tap House, 826 Front Street in Berea. The event is on one floor and includes pizza, pasta, wings, salad, 5 types of domestic beer, well drinks, and wine. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Kristen Clotworthy or any Diaconate member. To pay for tickets by check, please make your check payable to *Strongsville UCC*, and on the memo line write *Wing Nite*. We are looking for donations of theme-based baskets to auction at this event. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall for you to write your name and the type of basket you will provide. **All baskets must be at the church by Sunday, April 29.** Thank you for your support of this Diaconate fundraiser.



## STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

### CONCERT SERIES

**SUNDAY – MAY 6, 2018 – 3:00 P.M.**

#### The Satori Winds

4 Guys with 4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes  
and

#### Broadway Bound

Featuring BW Music Theatre Majors—  
Gillian Han and Friends

**\$10 – Adult    \$4 – 6 to 12 years    Free – 5 years and under**

Following the concert, a reception with refreshments will be held in Pilgrim Hall.



**Mission and Outreach** continues transporting all food donations to the Strongsville Food Bank. At their most recent Strongsville Food Bank Board Meeting, the Administrator, Kelly Kling, stated that because of an overall decline in food donations, she now has to buy more of the needed provisions. Outside of yearly food drives by various community groups, our church provides a steady weekly supply. You will see their letters of thanks posted in the back of Pilgrim Hall on our Bulletin Board. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS PROJECT

Women's Fellowship Spring Project will be to fill about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below or monetary donations (so we may purchase items) would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office.

Collection begins next Sunday, April 8, and continues until mid-May. **Collection boxes will be under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target.

### PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE FAMILY-SIZE ITEMS.

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
body lotion	decks of cards
deodorant	activity books
tooth brushes	coloring books
toothpaste (small tubes)	small stuffed toys (no bigger than 8")
wash cloths	blowing bubbles (small bottles)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 or 24 count)	

### 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, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Steve Herzog, Margot James, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Christian Scott, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Donna Briggs (mother-in-law of Judi Pavisich's daughter), Michele Cortese (friend of 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), Muriel McKeever (mother of Pastor Heidi), 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)



### S E R V I N G

**Today – April 1 – 10am**

Pam Keenen  
Linda Plain  
Linda Plain  
Doug Thorn

**Liturgists**  
**Greeters**  
**Ushers**  
**Coffee Hour**

**Next Sunday – April 8**

Kelly Bickley  
Chuck McDougall  
Chuck McDougall  
Michele and Allen Mihlack

**Fit Club** will not meet this week on Wednesday, April 4.

**Nursery** – Helpers are needed because of the increase in number of children. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please contact Amanda Hawk, Sarah Hayes, or Kelly Bickley.

**Volunteers Wanted** – There is a new senior facility called Vitalia Living Center on Route 82 near the tracks. They are looking for folks who might be interested in helping to lead worship or a Bible study occasionally (once a month). Sound interesting? Please speak with Pastor Heidi for more information.

**Do you know that our church has a Prayer Chain?** If you would like to be part of the email or telephone prayer chain, please let us know on the back of your attendance card or call the church at (440) 238-6697. If you are already a part of the prayer chain, there is no need to inform us again. Thank you!

### APRIL 2018

- 1 Sun Easter Worship at 7am and 10am  
Breakfast of scrambled eggs and ham in Pilgrim Hall, 8-9:30am
- 4 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am  
Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
NO Fit Club
- 5 Thu Thrift Shop closed for season changeover of merchandise  
No Bell Choir Rehearsal, No Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8 Sun Collection begins for Tote Bags
- 10 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club resumes at 7pm
- 12 Thu Thrift Shop closed for season changeover of merchandise
- 14 Sat ORC setup for Pancake Breakfast, 9-12noon
- 15 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9-12noon  
May Church Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Thu Thrift Shop re-opens with spring and summer merchandise
- 22 Sun Baby Shower in Pilgrim Hall, 2pm
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm 29
- 29 Sun Penny Sunday  
Adult Social Club goes to Perk-Cup Café in Berea, 12:30pm

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