

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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Minister



FEBRUARY 11, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Transfiguration 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.*

BAND PRELUDE "Find Us Faithful" Jon Mohr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

HAND BELL CHOIR INTROIT "We Bow Down" Twila Paris

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

All: **Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.**

One: Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

All: **We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary but when we leave today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

† HYMN 514 "I Love to Praise Him"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

HAND BELL CHOIR ANTHEM "How Majestic Is Your Name" Michael W. Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Thy Word" Michael W. Smith

† 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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2-9

SERMON "Well-Placed Wonder"

† HYMN 716 "Jehovah Jireh"

† BENEDICTION

† HAND BELL CHOIR RESPONSE "Give Thanks" Henry Smith

† POSTLUDE "Organ Postlude in D"

Congratulations to parents, Sarah and John Hayes; brother Jack; grandparents, Dale and Cathy Hawk; Aunt Amanda and Uncle John; and cousins, Riley and Lacey, on the birth of baby girl, Ella Rose Hayes, on Monday, February 5, 2018!

Joining the church – Interested in joining Strongsville UCC? Join Pastor Heidi today in the Parlor following worship. We'll get to know one another a bit and discuss what happens next. Hope to see you there!

Retreat – Those attending the Retreat will have a brief organizational meeting TODAY in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Trustees will meet Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday worship is at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary this Wednesday, February 14, when the season of Lent begins.

Chancel Choir will rehearse at Columbia United Methodist Church on Thursday, February 15, at 7:45 p.m. Please note that Bell Choir will NOT rehearse that evening.

Lenten Study featuring the movie, *The Shack*, will begin next Sunday, February 18, in Pilgrim Hall. The first week will be simply viewing the movie; following weeks will be our chance to discuss, digest and explore together. A light lunch will be provided. Interested? Please let us know who and how many on the attendance card found in your bulletin.

The students of our Sunday School voted that February's Penny Sunday money will go to Providence House, a crisis pregnancy center that serves families in the Cleveland area.

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.

Photo Directory – Please contact Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk today to get your picture re-taken **if your first picture was taken before September.**

The Wednesday Lunch Program really needs volunteers especially now when four regular volunteers went south for the winter. To help, please contact Betty Craig or call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you!

Grocery bags are needed in the church kitchen.

The sign-up charts for Greeters, Ushers, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Hour for 2018 are on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Please sign up to help in these areas if you are able. Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated!

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 you can call the church, (440) 238-6697. If you are already a part of the prayer chain, there is no need for you to inform us again. Thank you!

Profit from the Swiss Steak Dinner on February 3 was \$1,336.76. Thanks again to all who supported the dinner in any way!

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

CONCERT SERIES

Jim's Little Big Band and Tanis Merimee, Cello
Sunday – March 4, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

Strongsville United Church of Christ

13740 Pearl Road – Northwest Corner of Routes 42 and 82

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

After worship today, you may purchase tickets in Pilgrim Hall.
\$10 – Adult \$4 – 6 to 12 years Free – 5 years and under



Pastor Heidi would like to take a group to Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to experience the interfaith Passover Seder. Reservations must be made by Sunday, February 18. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Heidi, or make a note as soon as possible on your attendance card. Thank you.

Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
Good Friday – March 30, 2018 – 8:15 p.m.
at Columbia United Methodist Church

25453 Royalton Road in Columbia Station
 (Southeast Corner of Royalton + West River Roads)

*Our Chancel Choir will sing in the combined choir with orchestra
 for the presentation of the cantata, "Song of the Shadows."*

A reception will follow the service.

Please note:

*Our congregation will join our friends at Columbia United Methodist Church.
 There will be no Good Friday service at Strongsville UCC.*



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, Paul Hirt at Northwestern Health Care Center in
 Berea, Irene Jannsohn, Bruce Keenen, Martha Liebert, Sandra
 Manos (mother of Eli), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and
 Lauren), Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen), Leah
 Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's
 grand-daughter), Donna Briggs (mother-in-law of Judi Pavisich's
 daughter), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman
 (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung),
 Sue Grunenwald (friend of the Heinrichs), Sam Harteis (friend of the
 Reeds), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of
 Dan), Muriel McKeever, (mother of Pastor Heidi), Carrol Riley (father
 of Marjorie Morrison), the Sink family (friends of Judy Pavisich's
 granddaughter), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank
 Toth (father of Rob), Sheena Toth (mother of Dale), Joe Valli
 (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

S E R V I N G

Today – February 11, 2018 Next Sunday – February 18, 2018

Bruce Keenen	Liturgist	To Be Determined
Judy Carte	Greeter	Billie Jo Cantrell
Volunteers Needed	Ushers	Volunteers Needed
Ted and Kelly Bickley	Coffee Hour	Myron Costin

FEBRUARY 2018

- 11 Sun Retreat Organizational Meeting, after worship
- 13 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Ash Wednesday Worship in our sanctuary, 7pm
- 15 Thu Newsletter Deadline
 No Bell Choir Rehearsal
 Chancel Choir rehearsal at Columbia Methodist Church, 7:45pm
- 16-18 Winter Retreat at Temples Hills
- 18 Sun Deadline to make reservations for the interfaith Passover Seder
 Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim
 Hall
- 20 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
 Fit Club, 7pm
 Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Sun Penny Sunday
 Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim
 Hall
- 27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
 Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
 Fit Club, 7pm

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Band (Adults and Students in Grades 6-12) – 8pm on Wednesdays

Bell Choir – 7pm on Thursdays

Chancel Choir – 8pm on Thursdays

*For information about our church's music program, please see
 Elena Taylor, Director of Music*

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 2/4/2018	<u>\$3,391.25</u>
Difference	(\$258.06)



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

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

Moderator	Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator	Bill Schneider
Treasurer	Lori Kovatich *
Clerk	Karen Morgan
Sunday School Superintendents	Irene Joyce, Jamie Trinckes

Board of Trustees		
Ed Bond *	Jim Dettmer	Jim Heinrich
Lloyd Bridle	Greg Dickson	Bob Kovatich *
Mike Clotworthy*	Tom Gaumer *	Ed Sobek
Myron Costin *	Dale Hawk	

Endowment Fund Subcommittee		
Irene Jannsohn *	Joyce Reed *	

Diaconate		
Serena Abruzzino *	Gina Cathcart	Sarah Hayes
Jennifer Barry	Kristen Clotworthy	Linda Plain
Kelly Bickley	Judy Gaumer *	Dawn Rolland *
Barbara Camp	Cathy Hawk *	Marty Winch

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

Music Committee		
Ingrid Dickson	Pam Keenen *	Elena Taylor
	Ken Mehalko	

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

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

A special thank you to all persons who completed their terms.

