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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, February 13, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME!

For the safety and protection of your church family, please continue to wear a mask before, during, and after worship. Thank you.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Finds
Matt Horwich, Mike Elkins, Brian King, Robert Foley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce
We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

INTROIT "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" Yanerella

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in God!

People: We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

Leader: Blessed are those whose hope is in God!

People: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

Leader: Blessed are those who find delight in God's Word!

People: We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

† **HYMN 43 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (verses 1, 3, & 4)**
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 1
(New International Version)

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.
Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;
People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

ANTHEM "Praise is What I Do" Murphy
Matt Horwich, Mike Elkins, Brian King, Robert Foley

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Densmore

OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

<https://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

OFFERTORY "To God Be the Glory" R. Foley

† **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.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 6:17-26
(New International Version)

Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

SERMON "But What About NOW?"

† **HYMN 572** "Blessed Assurance"
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

† BENEDICTION

Now may the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that wherever you are, God is with you. Amen.

† **RESPONSE** "Father, Give Thy Benediction" Moore

† **POSTLUDE** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Parry, arr. Cassler

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 13	NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 20
Laura & Dan Winrod	Greeters Elaine Coffey
Dave Williams	Liturgist Lynne McCray
Lynne McCray	Ushers Elaine Coffey
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Matt Horwich/Brian King/R. Foley	Special Music Tom, Mike, and Sharon

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, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

The altar flowers are given—

In celebration of our Granddaughter Hilary's Birthday on Valentine's Day. Love Always, Grandpa George & Grandma Joyce
Celebrating Christ's love for us—Happy Valentine's Day!
Pastor Heidi & Chuck



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Barbara Craig on February 18th!

Love, Mom

Happy Valentine's Birthday to Valerie Hopkins & Vicky Masuga, the "bestest" daughters ever—Love, Mom (Lola Millhoane)



Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Pastor Heidi will offer three opportunities for those who wish to receive ashes. The Sanctuary will be open **6:45-7:30 A.M.** for quiet meditation and to receive a blessing and the mark of the Cross. **Come and go as you wish.** Then at

10:00 A.M., Women's Fellowship will meet for fellowship, but will begin their time together with a brief service and imposition of ashes for those who desire to participate. At **7:00 P.M.**, Pastor Heidi will lead a meditative service, culminating in the reception of ashes. All are welcome to join us.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning **Wednesday, March 9**, Pastor Heidi, along with Linda Elkins, will be leading a six-week Lenten Bible Study called, "**Reading Between the Lines: Exploring Our Story through Biblical Stories.**" We will meet from

1:00-2:00 p.m., in Pilgrim Hall. Materials will be provided; if you wish to bring your Bible, please do so. The study will center around the Lectionary passages from Luke. Feel free to email Pastor Heidi with any questions. If you are interested in joining us, please let Pastor Heidi or the church office know.



WE NEED YOU IN 2022!



Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or bread/pastry sorter. Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed

and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.

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 Committee 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.) Watch for more details to come!

Today, there will be a Special Meeting of the congregation to vote on the installation of new windows in the Sunday School wing (upstairs & downstairs) following the worship service. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary.

All are invited to attend this meeting, but only members are eligible to vote.

A NOTE OF THANKS—

Welcome and thank you to our special guests, **Matt Horwich**, on alto saxophone, **Brian King** on bass, and **Robert Foley** on percussion and piano. We also appreciate the musical contributions of our **Chancel Choir**, **Tom Foley**, **Mike Elkins**, and **Sharon Heinrich**.



Our most heartfelt sympathy to **Margaret Stayrook** and **Blain Stayrook** and family on the loss of their brother, **John D. Stayrook**, on February 6, 2022. John served on the Medina County Drug Task Force. Our prayers go out to his wife, **Pam**, and their two children, **Jacqueline** and **Adam**. He had been a member here since 1975. He was 60 years old. A celebration of John's life will take place at the Performing Arts Center 3581 Center Road in Brunswick on Sunday, February 20, 2022 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Linda Elliott, Tom Foley, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, George Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Judi Pavisich, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen & Bob Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Ron Adams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Jerry Cergol, (Barb Fraunfelder & Dennis Smith's friend), Hunter Colao (Barb & Mark Camp's grandson), Lou Conté (Diana Creecy's partner), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,824.00
Difference \$ 174.63

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 61



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.

THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS

The 3rd Thursday of the month,
February 17, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(We're still open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP

Statements of giving are in the Gathering Area in the alphabetized Church Family Mailbox. Please take yours today.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, February 15th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, February 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



ANNUAL ALL-FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

February 18 - 20, 2022--Templed Hills Camp



COMING NEXT WEEKEND. Please see Rachel

Zielinski or Irene Joyce with any last minute questions or concerns.



PENNY SUNDAY

Please save those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and yes, DOLLARS for our next Penny Sunday collection, February 27th! All money collected will go to Heifer Project, International.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389
(To-go meals will be available.)

Reminder: When the Strongsville City Schools are closed for weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served that day. We love you and want you to stay safe.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

Elected January 30, 2022

* = 1 year term



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