



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall  
Pastor

Sunday – February 17, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.  
Retreat 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, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Setting by Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Pie Jesu" Webber

† CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
People: Or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Leader: But their delight is in the law of the LORD,

People: And on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

† HYMN 65 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (v. 1,4,and 5)

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 17: 7-8

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 Sounds" Mehalko

ANTHEM "On Eagle's Wings" Joncas

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Gift of Love" Arr. Hopson

† 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

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 6: 17-26

SERMON Attitude is Everything

† HYMN 408 "How Firm a Foundation"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Tomer

† POSTLUDE "Son of God, Eternal Savior" Setting by Burkhardt

### SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 17	NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 24
Judi Pavisich	Liturgist Betty Craig
Judi Pavisich	Greeters Betty Craig
Bill Schneider	Ushers Volunteers needed
Jan Stough	Coffee Hour Cathy Hawk, Nicole Rachid
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist
Ken Mehalko	Woodwinds/Native American Flute
Brittany Fernandez	Guest Vocalist

The altar flowers are presented—

Happy 18th Birthday to Olivia Clotworthy!

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Barbara Craig on February 18 and  
to Pam Craig on February 22

Welcome Walter Jones McKane, born February 9, 2019  
Love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Olivia Clotworthy!

Special Thanks to our guest vocalist, Brittany Fernandez, a Baldwin Wallace University graduate, for sharing her voice with us this morning!

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy.

### 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! Another fun job is sorting and packing the bread and pastry donations from Panera on Mondays and Fridays. Please contact the church office and we will get you lined up with the right people! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



COMING SOON...Lenten Study with Pastor Heidi. Plan to participate in this meaningful 5-week course, *Interfaith: Being Love in the World*, starting March 10 at noon. A light lunch will be provided each Sunday for those who attend the studies. Please indicate your interest in participating on the back of your attendance card and place the card in the offering plate or beneath the office door.

### 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, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Dan Davis, Steve Herzog, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Harvey Pincombe, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Adams Family (friends of Judi Pavisich), Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)



Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Margot James**, who passed away on January 31, 2019. A memorial service will take place here next Saturday, February 23 at 3 p.m.

Heartfelt condolences also to the family and friends of **Ray Suttle**, who died on Thursday, February 14, 2019 after a brief illness. More information on arrangements will be forthcoming.

DID YOU KNOW? Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank.

Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board. Thank you to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week.



THE THRIFT SHOP is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. WE NEED HELP!

If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop. Also, an additional person is needed to work with us for 2 hours on the second Wednesday of the month. Please contact the church office if you can help either on Wednesdays or Thursdays.





## CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our church sponsors Caroline Y. in India. For only \$30, you can provide for her for a month, through the UCC Global Ministries. Please sign up on the yellow sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you can support this important international outreach. We still have a few openings in 2019.



## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

**Plan to attend this delicious home-style, all-you-can-eat meal!**

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## SWISS STEAK DINNER

**Saturday – March 2, 2019**

**Seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.**

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

**Adults: \$14, Kids 6-12: \$6, 5 & Under: Free**

**Help is needed** – especially on Friday for browning meat. The sign-up sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall's board. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers during the serving hours. Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them.

**THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN WITH A SPECIAL SALE.**



## ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

**62 (+10 on Saturday only) of our members and friends are away this weekend at Temple Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio. They are worshipping at the same time as we are and are together with us in spirit.**

## FROM THE KITCHEN:

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. Thanks!



## WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Congratulations to parents **Hayley (Craig) and Joey McKane** on the birth of **Walter Jones McKane** on February 9, 2019. Congratulations also to grandparents **Joe and Barbara Craig** and Great-Grammy, **Betty Craig!**



## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

*(If the Strongsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served.)*

## FEBRUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 17 | Sun   | <b>Worship 10am</b><br><b>Retreat Sunday</b>  |
| 18 | Mon   | President's Day   |
| 19 | Tues  | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm  |
| 20 | Wed   | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm<br>Fit Club (meeting at Bullfrogs)<br>Band Rehearsal 8:15pm           |
| 21 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm<br>Men's Lunch 11am<br>Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm |
| 24 | Sun   | <b>Worship 10am--Penny Sunday</b><br>Children's Choir   |
| 26 | Tues  | Official Board Meeting 7pm  |
| 27 | Wed   | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm<br>Fit Club 7:15pm<br>Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm                          |
| 28 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm<br>Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm                     |

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,552.02  
Last Week's Offering Received \$4,043.65  
(Difference \$521.63)



**END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in the Gathering Area in the Church Family Mail boxes following worship today. Please take yours. Thank you to everyone who supports the church with their gifts.

**As of this writing, we have received 74 pledges totaling \$127,712.00.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

**2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays, including 2 in March, are still available for this year!**

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



## PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS!

A friend of Amanda Hawk is making a memorial bench constructed of plastic bottle caps. A container for collecting them will be placed in Pilgrim Hall next week.

## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

*Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk\* by their names.*

*\*\*Appointed by the Official Board*



<b>Moderator</b>	Rachel Zielinski*
<b>Vice-Moderator</b>	Rob Toth*
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sally Herzog*
<b>Clerk</b>	Karen Morgan*

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Kristen Clotworthy\*

## Board of Trustees

Mike Clotworthy	Myron Costin	Greg Dickson*
Tom Gaumer	Bill Giuliano*	Dale Hawk*
	Bob Kovatich	Sandy Pogozelski*
Ed Sobek*	Linda Stepan*	Rob Stepan*

## Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn\* Joyce Reed \*

## Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino	Jennifer Barry*	Eddy Bond*	Barbara Camp*
Kristen Clotworthy*	Judy Gaumer	Cathy Hawk	
Sarah Hayes*	Linda Plain*	Linda Ponstingle**	
Nicole Rachid*	Dawn Rolland	Marty Winch*	

## Christian Education Committee

Kristen Clotworthy	Mary Densmore*	Linda Elkins*
Suzi Foley*	Sandy O'Shea*	Lora Rung*

## Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson*	Ken Mehalko*	
Pam Keenen	Tom Foley	Mike Elkins

## Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel	Sue Gigliotti*	Beth Giuliano	Bill Schneider**
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## Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte*	Bobbie Krisak*	Tony Koussa**	
Michele Mhlack*	Gary Paul*	Lora Rung	Bev Wehr*

**We sincerely thank these fine folks, who have finished their terms, for their service to our church and its mission:**

Bill Schneider, Vice Moderator  
Lori Kovatich, Treasurer  
Jamie Trinckes, Sunday School Co-Superintendent  
Eddy Bond, Jim Dettmer, Jim Heinrich, and Kenn Oerkfitz, Trustees  
Gina Cathcart and Kelly Bickley, Diaconate  
Adria and Eddy Bond, Sharon Heinrich, and Laurie Meister Stewardship  
Brandi Garsteck, Mission and Outreach

**PENNY SUNDAY—**The next Penny Sunday will be next week, **February 24**, and go to St. Herman House of Hospitality in Cleveland, which serves the homeless with food, clothing, shelter, job assistance, and understanding.



## CHURCH SECURITY

**Friendly reminder:** If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned out. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are secure. Thanks!

