

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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall  
Minister



FEBRUARY 18, 2018 – 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 "Organ Prelude in C" J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Heidi

INTROIT Gary Hackett, Soloist

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here, in the early days of Lent, we are called to walk:

**People: To the workplaces which weary us;  
to the people who confuse us;  
to the faith which threatens us;  
to the margins of life where Jesus awaits.**

Leader: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness,  
we are called to wait:

**People: When our burdens are too heavy to bear alone  
with the angels who would carry us in moments of  
unbearable sorrow.**

Leader: Here, where time is fulfilled,  
where God's Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor,  
we begin Lent:

**People: With the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears;  
with the God who will never leave us alone. Ever.  
Amen.**

† HYMN 10 "Majesty"

## 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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Oh Love" Hillary Lindsey, Aimee Mayo, Gordon Simpson  
Gary Hackett, Soloist

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Gift of Love"  
Ken Mehalko, Clarinet and Mike Elkins, Piano

† 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 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SERMON "Between Me and God"

† HYMN 170 "Give Thanks"

## † BENEDICTION

## † RESPONSE

† POSTLUDE "When the Saints Go Marching In"  
Ken Mehalko, Clarinet and Mike Elkins, Piano

This morning's altar flowers are given by Ginger and Ron Rothel  
in remembrance of Ginger's mother, Carmella Norris, on her  
birthday, February 19.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Belated Birthday to  
Daughter A – Valerie Hopkins and Daughter B – Vicky Masuga  
on February 14  
Love, Mom*

*Happy Birthday  
Today to Barbara Craig and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to Pam Craig  
With love, Mom*

Happy Birthday today to Frank Bushea and to Barbara Craig!

Our Lenten Study begins today at 12:00 noon, when we will view  
the movie, *The Shack*, in Pilgrim Hall. In the following weeks we will

discuss, digest and explore the movie together. A light lunch will be  
provided.

Retreat – This weekend 38 adults, 12 children, and two infants are  
attending Strongsville UCC's annual Winter Retreat at Temples Hills.

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 TODAY. If you are interested, please  
speak with Pastor Heidi today, or make a note on your attendance  
card today. Thank you.

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The students of our Sunday School voted that Penny Sunday  
money on February 25 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.

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!

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!

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



Strongsville UCC

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

# ROAST PORK DINNER

Saturday – March 10, 2018

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

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults \$12.00 Ages 6-10 \$5.00 Under 6 Free

Beginning next Sunday, you may purchase tickets in Pilgrim Hall.

Help is needed – The sign-up sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's board. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers in any capacity during the serving hours of 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them.

The Thrift Shop will be open.

## 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.



## SERVING

Today – February 18, 2018      Next Sunday – February 25, 2018

Bill Schneider	Liturgist	Dale Hawk
Billie Jo Cantrell	Greeters	The Costin/Barry Family
Myron Costin	Coffee Hour	Volunteer Needed

Adult Social Club will meet Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. All adults are welcome to attend!

The March Church Newsletter deadline is now. Please place your article(s) in the church office. Thank you!

## 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 granddaughter), 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)

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 2/11/2018	<u>\$2,891.25</u>
Difference	(\$758.06)



## FEBRUARY 2018

- 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

## MARCH 2018

- 4 Sun Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon  
Concert in the Sanctuary, 3pm with reception in Pilgrim Hall
- 6 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm – Please note change of date.
- 7 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 9 Fri Roast Pork Dinner Preparation in Pilgrim Hall
- 10 Sat Roast Pork Dinner with seatings at 5pm and 6:30pm
- 11 Sun Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim Hall
- 13 Tue Interfaith Passover Seder at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, 7-8:30pm
- 14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
- 15 Thu Newsletter Deadline  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at Columbia Methodist Church, 7:45pm
- 18 Sun 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 Palm Sunday, Penny Sunday  
Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim Hall
- 27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at Columbia Methodist Church, 7:30pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 29 Thu Maundy Thursday Worship in our Sanctuary
- 30 Fri Good Friday Worship at Columbia United Methodist Church, 8:15pm <Choir dress rehearsal is at 5:15pm.>

## 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