



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, February 20, 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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Runyan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed
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 "Just As I Am" Bradbury

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: We come, those who seek to trust in God.
People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.
People: We try not to worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.
Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.
People: We try to be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.

† **HYMN 391** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 37:1-6
(New Living Translation)
Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong.
For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.
Trust in the Lord and do good.
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.
Commit everything you do to the Lord;
trust him, and he will help you.
He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.

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 "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson, arr. Raney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

OFFERTORY "Be Still My Soul" Sibelius

† **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 6:27-38
(New International Version)
Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

SERMON "So you want me to do what?"

† **HYMN 352** "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"
(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.

† **POSTLUDE** "Jesus Loves Me" Bradbury, arr. Raney

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 20	NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 27
Elaine Coffey	Judi Pavisich
Lynne McCray	Dale Hawk
Elaine Coffey	Judi Pavisich
Tom Foley	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Sharon Heinrich
Dave Sekorky/Jim Heinrich	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Tom, Mike, and Sharon	Richard Densmore/Bell Choir

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 loving memory of William J. Foley
Always in our hearts, Carol Foley and the Foley Family



Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Happy Birthday to Pam Craig on February 22nd!
Love, Mom



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.



Our sympathy is extended to **Larry and Debbie Wentz** and family on the death of Larry's dad, **Robert R. Wentz** on February 13, 2022, at the age of 85. Robert was a Freemason, the father of five, the grandfather of nine, and great-grandfather of 11.



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, many of our church families are at **Templed Hills Camp** in Bellville, Ohio at the All-Family Winter Retreat.



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Thank you to our own **Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich** for their music today.

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 Mihlack, 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 Mihlack'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 \$2,609.00
Difference -(\$1,040.37)



Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 62

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.)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

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



COURTESY PLEASE!



Tissues are provided in the sanctuary for people's use. Please be considerate and do not leave used tissues in the pews; dispose of them as you leave the service. Thanks!

PENNY SUNDAY

We hope you are saving those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and yes, DOLLARS for our next Penny Sunday collection on 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.

NEW WINDOWS COMING SOON



At a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 13th, the congregation unanimously voted to accept a proposal from Smart Choice Windows to replace the windows upstairs and downstairs in the Sunday School wing of the church building, including the Nursery, classrooms, stairwells, and Pastor's office. Smart Choice (formerly known as Solar Windows & More) installed the windows in our sanctuary and the side room in 2018.

HAVEN'T YOU DONE THIS ALREADY?

Are you shopping online? If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in smile.amazon.com.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church. Strongsville UCC has received \$433.77 from Amazon to date.



OFFICERS FOR 2022

Elected January 30, 2022

* = 1 year term

Moderator Greg Dickson
Vice-Moderator Jennifer Barry
Treasurer Sally Herzog
Clerk Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents
Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

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Judy Carte* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak
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GIFT CARDS

AN EASY WAY TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH!

You can order gift cards by calling Jim Joyce at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings. Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!



DON'T BE A VICTIM!

Neither the church nor Pastor Heidi will ever ask you to exchange gift cards for cash or purchase gift cards on their behalf. If you receive a call, text, or email about this dubious proposition, please disregard.



Hosted by Brunswick Reformed Church...

THE BROKEN HEART

Women's Grief Conference
INVITING GOD INTO GRIEF...
LOSS OF SPOUSE, MISCARRIAGE,
FETAL DEMISE, CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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