



## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, February 23, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

Penny Sunday

### WELCOME!

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.

Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Rainey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Mason

† CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory in the heavens, for all to see!

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

People: What are humans, that you are mindful of them?

Leader: You have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

People: You made us rulers over the works of your hands: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea.

ALL: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

† HYMN 225 "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 17: 1-5

SHARING OF 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 "Four-fold Amen" Traditional

BELL ANTHEM "Rejoice Greatly" Geschke

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Abide With Me" Monk

† DOXOLOGY 815

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 OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 24: 12-18

SERMON "Wait right here."

† HYMN 11 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace" Besig

† POSTLUDE "Allegro Moderato in D Major" Haydn

### SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 23

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 1

Greg Dickson	Liturgist	Linda Ponstingle
Linda Plain	Greeters	Elaine Coffey
Volunteers needed	Ushers	Linda Plain/Judi Pavisich
Elaine Coffey	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Richard Densmore	Guest Organist	
Dave Williams	Vocalist	

The altar flowers are given—

In honor of our mothers' birthdays:

Carmella Norris on February 19<sup>th</sup> and Nadine Burnand on February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Love, Ginger and Ron Rothel

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Larry Wentz on February 29<sup>th</sup>

With love, Mom

Happy Birthday to Mike Elkins on February 29<sup>th</sup>

from the Music Ministry

The Official Board will meet Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m.

**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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27

Last Week's Offering Received \$1,402.00

Difference (-\$2,071.27)

To date for the Stewardship Campaign, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$155,384.00. **If you have not yet returned your Estimate of Giving card, the church will gratefully accept it at any time. Thank you very much for your support.**



Today's **Penny Sunday** collection will go to the United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministries, which runs camps for all ages at Templated Hills in Bellville, Ohio. (Checks to UCC) Our Annual Winter Family Retreat is held at Templated Hills.



**PLEASE SIGN UP TO PLACE ALTAR FLOWERS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE SPECIAL. MANY DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2020. Cost is only \$15 per vase (\$30 for both). There is a chart in Pilgrim Hall along with envelopes and order forms. YOU MAY ALSO LIGHT THE STEEPLE IN A LOVED ONE'S MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL OCCASION.**

Envelopes and order forms are located on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. You may give any amount you choose, but the minimum is \$5.00.

### OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Jim Dettmer, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch  
**Extended Church Family:** Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Hunter Colao (grandson of Mark & Barb Camp), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Elaine Fuelling (friend of Judi Pavisich), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?



New Sign-up sheets for 2020 in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! 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. **Also, please bring in any extra plastic grocery bags for the kitchen, if you can spare them!**

**Just a reminder:** Pastor Heidi will never send out an email asking you to "do me a favor" or anything like that. There are a number of scams going around right now that ask folks to purchase gift cards or other such things. **Please do not be taken in by these scams.** (And if I do ask you to buy gift cards, be sure to get them on Sunday morning from Jim Joyce!)



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR THE  
ROAST PORK, KIELBASA, AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER ON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7! Seatings will be at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

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

Help is needed. 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 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.



## Women's FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet  
Tuesday, March 3, at **10:30 a.m.**  
in the Parlor. We will make a  
bunny craft, make "puppy chow"  
for people, and have lunch  
altogether. Sally Herzog will  
present devotions; and Sharon

Heinrich will make coffee and tea, and provide dessert. Please bring  
your own bag lunch. *Elaine Coffey will present her "Pet Sitting"  
program on a date to be determined. The meeting time is a half hour  
later so we have kitchen access to make puppy chow (after Tuesday  
morning AA meets).* As always, all ladies are welcome to all  
Women's Fellowship activities.



### MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach is still collecting  
donations of tissues and cough drops for  
**Laura's Home**, an outreach for women  
and children through the City Mission. A box is located in Pilgrim Hall.

### Bible Study



### LENTEN STUDY!

Pastor Heidi will be leading a five-week study  
during Lent entitled *Living in the Light*, by John  
Birch. We will gather on Wednesday at 1:00,  
beginning March 4. Please sign up with your name and "Lent  
Study" on the back of your attendance card. See you then!

### FEBRUARY 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

23 Sun	Worship 10am--Penny Sunday Children's Choir Coffee Hour
25 Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
26 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm <b>Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm</b>
27 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-2pm Men's Lunch at Gourmé 11:30am Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

### CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Officers elected on Jan. 26, 2020, have an asterisk\* by their names.  
\*\* = appointed by the Official Board



**Moderator** Rachel Zielinski  
**Vice-Moderator** Rob Toth  
**Treasurer** Sally Herzog  
**Clerk** Judy Gaumer\*

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Kristen Clotworthy

**Board of Trustees**  
Eddy Bond\* Greg Dickson Mike Clotworthy\*  
Myron Costin\* Bill Giuliano  
Dale Hawk Sandy Pogozeleski  
Ed Sobek Linda Stepan Rob Stepan

**Endowment Fund Subcommittee**  
Irene Jannsohn\* Joyce Reed

**Diaconate**  
Jennifer Barry Barbara Camp Gina Cathcart\*  
Kristen Clotworthy Elaine Coffey\* Cathy Hawk\* Sarah Hayes  
Linda Plain Linda Ponstingle Nicole Stevens Dawn Rolland\*  
Marty Winch Barbara White\* Mary Ellen Zimmerman\*

**Christian Education Committee**  
Serena Abruzzino\* Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore  
Linda Elkins Suzi Foley Sandy O'Shea Lora Rung

**Music Committee**  
Richard Densmore\* Ingrid Dickson  
Ken Mehalko Pam Keenen\*  
*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

**Stewardship Committee**  
Serena Abruzzino\* Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti\*  
Beth Giuliano Judi Pavisich\*\* Bill Schneider\*\*

**Mission and Outreach Committee**  
Judy Carte Bobbie Krisak Tony Koussa\*  
Michele Mhlack Gary Paul Lora Rung\* Jennifer Sekorky\*\* Bev Wehr



During the Free Lunch for All Program on  
**Wednesday, February 26**, Pastor Heidi will offer the  
imposition of ashes to anyone who wishes to receive  
them. That evening, a quiet worship service with the  
opportunity for receiving ashes will be held at 7 p.m.

### FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE

**A Tribute to Broadway**  
to benefit the Strongsville Community Theatre and celebrate  
their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**featuring Jim's Little Big Band and the Strongsville Community  
Theatre Singers**

Saturday, March 14, 2020  
at the Strongsville Recreation and Senior Complex  
Get tickets at [www.strongsvillecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.strongsvillecommunitytheatre.com)  
or call 440-879-8817

### YOU ARE INVITED

Please join Pastor Heidi and Chuck, and  
interfaith leaders for the Annual Passover  
Seder at Anshe Chesed Fairmount  
Temple on **Tuesday, March 24 at  
7 p.m.** If you are interested in attending  
this field trip, please write "Seder" on the  
back of your attendance card and place it  
in the offering plate.



### EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

Orders are now being accepted. Please complete this form and place it in  
the Church Office or offering plate with your cash or check payment by the  
deadline of **Sunday, March 22, 2020**. The cost is **\$8.00**.

Wording for bulletin:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will take my plant(s). ☐ I will leave my plant(s) for  
someone who needs some cheer.

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville UCC**, and place your  
order (with payment) in the church office, or mail it to:

**The United Church of Christ**  
**13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136**

*Thank you for placing a lily on the altar on Easter Sunday morning.*

**For Church Records                      2020 Easter Lily**

Total number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Offering envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Order deadline is*  
**Sunday, March 22, 2020.**

