

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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Minister



FEBRUARY 25, 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.

BAND PRELUDE "When I Look into Your Holiness"
Wayne and Cathy Perrin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

BAND INTROIT "A Shield about Me" Donn Thomas, Charles Williams

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, today and every day,
following Jesus wherever he might lead us.

**People: Lent calls us to worship together,
to share the Good News
in our hearts with the next generations.**

Leader: Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring hope to *all* God's people.

**People: Lent calls us to live faithfully,
trusting in the one who gives us life.**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**People: Let us lift our hearts in worship and praise to the God
who walks with us, every single day.**

† HYMN 184 "Thy Word"

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.**

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Us, O Lord"
Nancy Price and Don Besig

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come Home"
arr. by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE and PENNY SUNDAY COLLECTION

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Through Our God" Dale Garrett

† **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 Mark 8:31-38

SERMON "Get in line!"

† **HYMN 571** "Trust and Obey"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "May the Lord Go with You" Nancy Price, Don Besig

† **BAND POSTLUDE** "Saved! Saved!" Jack Scholfield

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Remembrance of Our Mother, Nadine Burnand, on
Her Birthday, February 25
Richard, Ron and Ginger Rothe*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday
on February 28 to Larry Wentz and
on March 2 to Mikey Craig
With love, Mom*

Our Lenten Study continues today at 12:00 noon, when we will
discuss, digest and explore the movie, *The Shack*, together. A light
lunch will be provided.

Official Board will meet Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Newsletter – For those who get paper copies, please pick up your
March Newsletter in the Gathering Area this morning. Special
thanks to all who get their copies by email.

**The students of our Sunday School voted that today's Penny
Sunday money will go to Providence House**, a crisis pregnancy
center that serves families in the Cleveland area.

Orders for Easter lilies are now being accepted. Order forms
(with envelopes) are in the Gathering Area on the cabinet, where you
get your Sunday bulletin. Order deadline is Sunday, March 11, 2018.

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 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 call the church at
(440) 238-6697. If you are already a part of the prayer chain, there
is no need 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**

Refreshments and help are needed for the reception.
If you can provide a treat or help with the reception,
please mark your attendance card or call the church,
(440) 238-6697. Thank you.

Retreat – A total of 58 people attended all or some of the 2018 All
Family Winter Retreat, including 52 overnight guests and 6 Saturday
only attendees. This year, we were back at Temple Hills Camp in
Bellville, Ohio, after a four-year period wherein the camp had been
closed and we went to Pilgrim Hills. Pilgrim Hills has been sold by
United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats to Amish community
members. Jeff Thompson, the manager at Pilgrim Hills, has moved
to Temple Hills along with lots of furniture and equipment from the
sold camp. Jeff and his crew worked diligently to get Temple Hills
ready to host our group, which was the first since the camp
reopened after being closed for four years. Memorial Lodge was not
usable, so we had to use Heritage Hall down the hill and a hastily
put-together Skipper Lodge for our stay. It was a little rough around
the edges, and we had to make do with some cozy living quarters
and rustic accommodations, but all in all everyone had a great time.
Thank you to everyone for their patience and flexibility! Next year,
we should be back in a refurbished Memorial Lodge, and Skipper
Lodge should have some work done, too. Everyone is invited for
President's Day weekend 2019!

Strongsville UCC

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

ROAST PORK, KIELBASA + SAUERKRAUT 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

March 29 at 7:30 P.M.

A quiet, contemplative service in our sanctuary
Communion will be offered.



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.*



S E R V I N G

Today – February 25, 2018

Next Sunday – March 4, 2018

Dale Hawk	Liturgists	Betty Craig
The Costin / Barry Family	Greeters	Linda Plain
Roy Merkle	Ushers	Bickleys, L. Plain, M. Winch
Myron Costin	Coffee Hour	Gina Cathcart

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, Margot James, Irene Jannsohn, Bruce Keenen, Millie Lantzer, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Joyce Reed, 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), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 2/18/2018	<u>\$2,197.75</u>



Difference (\$1,451.56)

FEBRUARY 2018

- 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 Communion, New Members Received
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 – for those who made their reservations
- 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 with Communion in our Sanctuary, 7:30pm
- 30 Fri Good Friday Worship at Columbia United Methodist Church, 8:15pm <Choir rehearsal 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*