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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor  
Sunday, February 9, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

## 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** "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**INTROIT** "Jesus, Stand Among Us" Whitworth

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Called to be light,

**People: We strive to carry God's hope into the shadowy places of the world. Show us, O God, how to shine God's love for all who feel unloved.**

Leader: Called to be salt,

**People: We share God's presence, seeking to enhance the lives of those around us, with joy. Show us, O God, where your presence is needed most.**

Leader: Called to live in God's reality,

**People: We welcome everyone as siblings in faith, in this house of worship and in our lives beyond these walls. Help us, O God, to love others as you love us. Amen.**

† HYMN 535 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Matthew 5: 13-16

## 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** "Let the Words of My Mouth" Whitworth

**ANTHEM** "Keep Your Lamps" Johnson  
*Based on Matthew 25: 1-13*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## THE OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Wyeth

† **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 PROPHETS** Isaiah 58: 6-9

**SERMON** Pleasing to the LORD

† **HYMN** "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine; let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

## † BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "Depart Now in Peace" Whitworth

† **POSTLUDE** "This Little Light of Mine" Traditional

## SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 9	NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 16
Michele Mihlack	<b>Liturgist</b> Jim Studer
Allen & Michele Mihlack	<b>Greeters</b> Lynne McCray
Volunteers needed	<b>Ushers</b> Elaine Coffey
Elaine Coffey	<b>Coffee Hour</b> Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b> Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b> Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Supplemental Organist</b> Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

*Happy Birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup> to Baby A & Baby B!*  
(Valerie & Vicky)  
Love, Mom Lola Millhoane

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday today to Walter McKane*  
With Love, Grammy

**Happy Birthday today to Kenn Oerkfitz, Bill James, and Wally McKane!**

**The Trustees will meet Tuesday, February 12 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 \$3,228.00  
Difference (-\$245.27)

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.***



**PLEASE SIGN UP TO PLACE ALTAR FLOWERS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE SPECIAL. MANY DATES ARE 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, 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 Mihlack, 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!**





Our love and prayers go out to **Dawn, Ken, Alysha, and Ian, Rolland, and Emily Trill, Connor and Zacari Crosby** on the passing of Dawn's father **Joseph Trill**, on February 1, 2020. A memorial service will be held here at the church on Saturday, February 29 at 11 a.m.

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Our sympathy and prayers are also extended to **Dennis Smith**, whose stepdad, **Bill McKenna**, died on Monday, February 3, 2020. He's not been in good health for a while and had a major stroke early Sunday morning. Please remember him and **Barb Fraunfelder**, both of whom have lost their mothers within the months prior.



The next Penny Sunday will be **February 23** and go to the United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministries, which runs camps for all ages at Templed Hills in Bellville, Ohio.

**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!)



**THANK YOU**

**From Jan Stough's daughter-in-law, Cindy Stough:**  
A day I was so sad about turned out to be one of the most amazing days ever and I owe it to you and your church. It was sooo beautiful:) I can't thank you enough 🙏 and the wine part was just perfect! I wouldn't change a thing. I am so appreciative of you! ❤️

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To all of our beloved church family,  
The family of **Allan Haberkorn** would like to thank all of our church family for their kind thoughts and prayers during our loss of Al. Love, **Betty Yarnell**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR 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** 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.



**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\*\*

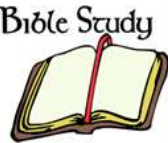
**Mission and Outreach Committee**  
Judy Carte Bobbie Krisak Tony Koussa\*  
Michele Mhlack Gary Paul Lora Rung\* Jennifer Sekorky\*\* Bev Wehr

Many thanks to the dedicated officers of our church, who serve so faithfully and make our church run smoothly as we strive to be like Christ in the world.



**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.



**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!

**ANNUAL ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT  
February 14 - 16, 2020**

Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio



**TODAY:** For those folks planning to head down to Templed Hills next week, a Retreat planning meeting will be held in the sanctuary after the worship service.

**FEBRUARY 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 9 Sun Worship 10am**  
Retreat planning meeting  
Children's Choir  
Coffee Hour
- 11 Tues Trustees Meeting 7pm**
- 12 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm**  
Bible Study 1pm  
No Fit Club  
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 13 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm**  
No Bell Choir Rehearsal  
No Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 14 Fri ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT**
- 15 Sat RETREAT AT TEMPLED HILLS**
- 16 Sun Worship 10am**  
**RETREAT SUNDAY**  
Coffee Hour
- 17 Mon President's Day**
- 18 Tues Diaconate Meeting 7pm**
- 19 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm**  
Fit Club 7:15pm  
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 20 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm**  
Men's Lunch at Gourmé 11:30am  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 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**  
Bible Study 1pm  
**Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm**
- 27 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-2pm**  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm



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.