



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, January 19, 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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Setting by Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Jesus, Stand Among Us" Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this sacred space of worship, we wait patiently for our God.

People: Come! Let us sing new songs of the One who calls us here.

Leader: In our everyday lives, we will not chase after other gods.

People: Come! Let us sing new songs of the One in whom we can trust.

Leader: As we live together as disciples, we will tell of all God has done for us.

People: Come! Let us sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.

† HYMN 21 "O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 1: 29-34

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 "Two-fold Amen" Whitworth

ANTHEM "Song of Peace" Donnelly

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher

† **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 GOSPELS John 1: 35-42

SERMON Coming and Going

† **HYMN 406** "Wonderful Words of Life"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "God Be With You "Til We Meet Again" Vaughn Williams

† **POSTLUDE** "Simple Gifts" Setting by Carter

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 19

Pam Keenen

Jan Stough

Elaine Coffey

Volunteer needed

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Liturgist

Greeters

Ushers

Coffee Hour

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Supplemental Organist

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 26

Sandy O'Shea

Linda Plain

Volunteers needed

Pancake Breakfast

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

Celebrating Sharon Ritchie's birthday on January 18th

With love from her family

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Tony Tran on January 20th

With Love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Tracy Seneff!

The Diaconate will meet Tuesday, January 21 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, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27

Last Week's Offering Received \$3,106.50

Difference (-\$ 366.77)

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, 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 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), 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.



Our sympathy is extended to church members **Claudia Bader** and **Cris Bader**, whose mother, **Carol Snyder**, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2020.



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!)

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!**



LOVE TO SING?



DON'T FORGET CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sunday School families—please remember that all voices—big and little—are to report to Children's choir immediately following Sunday School classes for a brief, but fun, rehearsal with Tom Foley.

ANNUAL REPORTS READY

Please pick up your copy of the Annual Report in the Gathering Area and make sure to bring it to the Annual Meeting next week. There will only be a limited number available.



Thank You to the members and friends of Strongsville UCC for the prayers, cards, and caring expressed during Bill's illness and passing, especially Pastor Heidi and Elaine Coffey for their visits. Even though we are new to this church, we felt truly surrounded by the comfort offered by SUCC. --Janis Williamson and family

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Many offices in the church will be available for the coming year. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve. Some of the positions that are available include: **Moderator**, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community **Vice-Moderator**, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee, and enlists volunteers for dinners and other Official Board events.

Treasurer: Manages the outgoing finances of the church in conjunction with the Financial Secretary

Diaconate, which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

Board of Trustees, which oversees the finances and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning and Memorial/Endowment.

Mission & Outreach, which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

Stewardship, which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

Christian Education, which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

Music Committee, which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry

Remember the old but true saying, *Many hands make light work*. Plan to be a part of one of these boards or committees. Thank you for your consideration.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with or supported the Swiss Steak Dinner yesterday in any way!



The last **Penny Sunday** of 2019 brought in \$173.50 for the National Youth Advocate Program. Thank you to everyone who gives. The next Penny Sunday collection will be next **January 26** and will go toward providing assistance in recovering from the devastating Australian bushfires.



ANNUAL ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

February 14 - 16, 2020
Temple Hills Camp
in Bellville, Ohio

The Church's Annual All-Family Winter Retreat will take place on President's Day weekend 2020:

February 14, 15 and 16. The sign-up sheet to attend and the sign-up sheet for things to bring and to volunteer will soon be posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please reserve your spot and room now, as rooms will be first-come, first-served. We are not able to take reservations up until the event weekend. Space is limited to 75 attendees. Also, please let us know if you have any special dietary needs. Finally, those who wish to come down on Saturday only—we would be happy to have you there, but we also need your reservation by January 19, and the cost is \$10 per meal. Please contact Irene Joyce or Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

Here is the cost (no change from last year):

ADULTS (12 and up): \$70

CHILDREN (6-11): \$15

CHILDREN (5 and under): FREE

Important dates to remember:

JANUARY 19, 2020: Reservations close; **MONEY DUE**

JANUARY 26, 2020: Special dietary needs reported

FEBRUARY 9, 2020: Retreat planning meeting after the worship service

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, 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

Greg Dickson*	Mike Clotworthy	
Myron Costin	Tom Gaumer	Bill Giuliano*
Dale Hawk*	Bob Kovatich	Sandy Pogozelski*
Ed Sobek*	Linda Stepan*	Rob Stepan*

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn*	Joyce Reed *
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Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino	Jennifer Barry*	Eddy Bond*	Barbara Camp*
	Kristen Clotworthy*		
Judy Gaumer	Cathy Hawk	Sarah Hayes*	
Linda Plain*	Linda Ponstingle**	Nicole Stevens*	
	Dawn Rolland	Marty Winch*	

Christian Education Committee

Kristen Clotworthy	Mary Densmore*	Linda Elkins*
Suzi Foley*	Sandy O'Shea*	Lora Rung*

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson*	Ken Mehalko*	
Pam Keenen	Tom Foley	Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel	Eddy Bond**	Sue Gigliotti*
Beth Giuliano	Sharon Heinrich**	Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte*	Bobbie Krisak*	Tony Koussa**	
Michele Mhlack*	Gary Paul*	Lora Rung	Bev Wehr*

JANUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

19 Sun	Worship 10am Payment due for Retreat Children's Choir Coffee Hour
20 Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
21 Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
22 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
23 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-2pm Men's Lunch at Gourmé 11am Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
26 Sun	Worship 10am--Penny Sunday Annual Meeting & Pancake Brunch
28 Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
29 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
30 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-2pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place **next Sunday, January 26, 2020**, and will be preceded by the traditional Pancake Brunch. All are encouraged to attend this meeting and be a part of our family of faith. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend the meeting, but only members are entitled to cast a vote.

MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach would like to collect donations of tissues and cough drops during January for **Laura's Home**, an outreach for women and children through the City Mission. A box is located in Pilgrim Hall.



THE CITY MISSION
REACHING HEARTS | CHANGING LIVES

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned off. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!



SPONSOR CAROLINE IN INDIA

Our generous church members and friends have been sponsoring a little girl, Caroline Y., in India for several years. Thank you to everyone who signed up for 2020—all months are filled for this year!