

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Pastor

Worship Sundays at 10 a.m. (+online)

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

But the one who keeps God's word is the person in whom we see God's mature love. This is the only way to be sure we're in God. Anyone who claims to be intimate with God ought to live the same kind of life Jesus lived. -1 John 2:4-6 (The Message)

Promises, promises. . . .

Life challenges us to do better, be better. This time of year, as we kick off a new year filled with hope, we are tempted to make promises; yet we struggle to keep them.

We can't do it alone. But we *can* help one another. For instance:

- ♥ In the Catholic church, Intentions Boxes invite guests to write their resolutions on a slip of paper and drop them in the box. Volunteers will collect those slips and pray for the person and their intentions—just as we pray for one another on our email prayer chain. (Want to pray for others but you're not on the chain? Drop me an email and I will add you: h.e.denman@gmail.com)
- ♥ Over twenty years ago, a young man named Alex Sheen lost his father to cancer. His father always talked about the importance of keeping one's word, and in his memory, Alex started an organization called **Because I Said I Would** (becauseisaidiwould.org). His mission: To help folks understand the importance of keeping one's word. Alex offers Promise Cards on which one can commit to making a change in life—and doing it, simply—well, Because I Said I Would. Through such a simple concept, he has changed thousands of lives., even through devastating circumstances including a fire that completely destroyed all he had worked toward. Today, he is back stronger than ever—because he promised his father he would.

We are stepping out in Hope, into a brand new year. Empty pages on a calendar, filled with promise. What are you hoping to do in 2026? Need help holding your feet to the fire? You are never, ever alone. God promised that in Christ Jesus Emmanuel, *God is with us*. Happy New Year! See you soon!

Peace,
Pastor Heidi

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 – 10 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Greeter: Linda Plain

Liturgist: Elaine Coffey

Music: Music Team, Ken Mehalko

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 – 10 a.m.

Baptism of Christ

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeter: Pat Jefferis

Liturgist: Dale Hawk

Guest Speaker: Rev. David Long-Higgins

Music: Chancel Choir



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 – 10 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeter: Judi Pavisich

Liturgist: Sandy O'Shea

Music: Chancel Choir



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 – 10 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Penny Sunday

Greeter: Pat Jefferis

Liturgist: Mike Willis

Music: Chancel 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**, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**. **HERE'S THE LINK TO OUR**

YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos> Thanks to Doug Thorn for recording!

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE!



As we seek to walk ever more closely with Jesus and welcome all without question or singling anyone out, we offer gluten-free bread to ALL who come forward

to the Table for Holy Communion. ALL means ALL at The United Church of Christ (Congregational)!

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Madison Paige Mustee**, who was baptized on December 28, 2025. Madison is the daughter of **Melissa** and **Ian Mustee**, and the little sister of **Kennedy Mustee**, who was baptized in our church in 2021.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place Sunday, **January 25, 2026**, and will be preceded by the traditional Pancake Brunch. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.

FINANCIAL OFFICERS OF CHURCH GROUPS:

Please turn in your financial statements to the Auditing Committee through the church office by **January 7, 2026**. It is extremely important that all books be audited before the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026. All organizations are required to submit:

1. ALL bank books (savings and/or checking).
2. ALL bank statements for each month for each account. Checking accounts statements should show completed reconciliation on the back.
3. ALL monthly recap forms.
4. ALL bank deposit slips, withdrawal slips and bank check receipts (if received), attached to monthly recap forms.
5. ALL receipts and bills paid.
6. Copy of Annual Financial Report (original provided to church office for Annual Report).

Thank you for your cooperation.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations are extended to **Friddi Cook** and **Thomas Christopher Janoch**, who were married by Pastor Heidi on December 26, 2025 at the University Circle United Methodist Church in Cleveland.



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of 78-year church member, **Bryan R. Roub**, who died on December 2, 2025 in Florida, where he and his wife, **Judy**, had resided for many years. Even though he was far away, Bryan continued to show mission. He was 84 years old.



Love and prayers are extended to Linda and Jim Dettmer and family on the death of Linda's sister, **Gwen Giddings**, who died on December 4, 2025. Gwen attended our church with the Dettmers quite often and always had a kind word and a smile. She

was 92 years of age.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS MAIL BOX

It's time to check the mailbox for your Christmas greetings. In mid-January, abandoned cards will be discarded, but please check the box for your 2025 giving statements at the end of the month. Thank you.



ANNUAL REPORTS

Chairmen of church organizations:

Annual reports are to be submitted electronically and are due in the church office on **January 7, 2026**. Please be kind an email your reports in on time. Thank you! Once completed, Annual Reports will be available for pickup prior to the Annual Meeting.



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Barb Bridle, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Elaine Coffey, Betty "Grammy" Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Erv Koch, Carol Konet, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Roy Merkle, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, Debbie Wentz, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Garipey (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Sarah & David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson & wife), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich's friends), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence, those affected by natural disasters, First Responders



OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.
h.e.denman@gmail.com

WOULD YOU LIKE A WAY TO SERVE GOD AND SERVE YOUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME? How about volunteering to serve on a church board or committee?



The Nominating Committee, through the Official Board, will be looking for church members to fill the many open positions on our boards. 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, who 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.

BOOK STUDY

A brand new Book Study will begin on **Monday, February 9, 2026** at 7 p.m. All are welcome to participate. The group will not meet in January.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



Are you interested in learning more about the **United Church of Christ** and becoming a **member**? Please let Pastor

Heidi or the church office know if you would like to join our congregation in membership. We will be welcoming new members soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Do Not Be Afraid!

Directed by Linda Elkins & Rachel Zielinski

Music: Tom Foley

NARRATOR 1: Penny Zielinski

NARRATOR 2: Oliver Zielinski

MARY: Lacey Marshall

JOSEPH: Jack Hayes

ANGEL GABRIEL: Autumn Schneider

SHEPHERDS: Henry Hayes, Elliott Joyce, Austin Pyles, Brecken Raymond, Cade Raymond, Leo Thorn

ANGELS: Charlotte Boden, Emma Boden, Ember Schneider, Ella Hayes, Alaya Hitchens, Lily Pyles

Song: "Do Not Be Afraid!"

Music: Tom Foley

Lyrics: Irene Joyce & Ingrid Dickson

Thanks to Elena Joyce for writing the script, to our Sunday School teachers: Linda Elkins, Colette Emerson, and Lora Rung and to Riley Marshall and Rachel Zielinski for their assistance, but most especially to our Sunday School families.

PENNY SUNDAY.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our **November Penny Sunday for G.R.I.N. (Golden Retrievers in Need)! We collected \$275.30.**

To the congregation;

Thank you for your donation to Golden Retrievers In Need. Once again, your generosity speaks volumes to who you are. On behalf of Radar (who loved the kids) and the other GRIN pups, thank you and Merry Christmas! Judy Gaumer



Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday, which will be on **January 25, 2026** for World Central Kitchen.

SERMONS AVAILABLE!

Ever hear something in the sermon on Sunday morning and wish you could hear it again? Our services are always available on YouTube, but if something **really** catches your heart, send Pastor Heidi an email and she will send you her manuscript.



BE A GREETER! A new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area is waiting for your name to be added as a greeter. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know. Being a greeter is a wonderful way to get to know people and welcome them to worship.

PLEASE DON'T FALL FOR A SCAM!

Pastor Heidi will never ask you for cash or gift cards via text or email. If there is a need, she will approach you in person.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Official Board will meet on **January 6th** in the Parlor at 7 p.m.
- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **January 13th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **January 20** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.



A NOTE OF THANKS—Many thanks to our **Chancel Choir**, (Mike Wills, Frank Jefferis, Rob Toth, Dave Williams, Roger Davis, Barb Fraunfelder, Irene Joyce, Sarah Keenen, Toni Newborn, Sandy O'Shea, Sharon Maresco, Riley Marshall, Sarah Toth, Ingrid Dickson, JoAnn Thomas, Bobbi Cook (with Wayne Cook) and special guests **Craig Hardy, Will Foley, and Scott Pritchard**), **Bell Choir** (Elaine Coffey, Linda Elkins, Mike Elkins, Linda Ponstingle, Jennifer Barry, Sharon Heinrich, Ingrid Dickson, Sarah Toth, Irene Joyce, Barb Fraunfelder, Mike Willis, Rachel Zielinski, and Rob Toth), **Children's Choir** (Lacey Marshall, Jack Hayes, Ella Hayes, Henry Hayes, Autumn Schneider, Ember Schneider, Alaya Hitchens, Elliott Joyce, Austin Pyles, Lily Pyles, Brecken Raymond, Cade Raymond, Penny Zielinski, Oliver Zielinski, Charlotte Boden, Emma Boden), **Ken Mehalko, Lisa Heinrich, Dave Williams, Roger Davis, Karen Bates**, and of course, **Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich**, for their music in December!

Thank you to everyone who supported our **SWINGIN' SOUNDS OF THE SEASON**

Christmas Jazz concert, especially **Jim's Little Big Band** and **Cindy Smith!**

Whether you played or sang with the band, set-up or cleaned up the reception, donated

goodies (or wine—thank you, **Marcia Wonnacott, Pam Keenen, Rachel Zielinski**), or bought a ticket—you helped our Music Ministry program earn \$1,445.00.

Special thanks to the reception committee: **Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sharon & Jim Heinrich, Jen Barry, Sarah Toth, Charles Jannsohn, Ingrid & Greg Dickson, and Irene Joyce.**



MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a charitable organization that focuses on providing mortgage-free homes to families of fallen first responders and catastrophically injured veterans, as well as helping to eradicate veteran homelessness. We are sponsoring 2 veterans/first responders a month. The cost is \$11 for 1 and \$22 for both. (Checks to UCC) THANK YOU to everyone who has already signed up for 2026!



Many thanks to everyone who participated in the **Sharing Tree** project and the **Mitten Tree** project. Your kindness goes a long way toward helping others in the community.

In January, we will have the "SOUPER BOWL" soup drive. Bring your cans of soup now through Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th!



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE FOOD BANK:



The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank has always been supported by our congregation.

Please remember, we do not accept expired goods. The needs for the food bank in January are soup, peanut butter and jelly, and Ramen noodles.

CARB CREW

Are you able to give less than an hour of your time on a Monday or Friday morning to pick up and/or sort Panera bread, bagels, and pastries? Please contact the church office if you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters & sorters: **Teri Barbish, Colette Emerson, Carole Kapcar, Roz Fotos, Linda Elkins, Cherie Teagno, Wayne & Bobbi Cook, Jane Kossin & Ed Geyer, Irene Joyce, and Sharon Lempner**, who are enabling the Panera Bread ministry to continue!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are the last or almost the last person to leave the church building on any given day, please make certain that all the lights are off, the doors are locked, and no water is running in any of the sinks. It's all hands on deck to keep our church building secure. Thanks in advance for your diligence!



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR LAST MONTH

The altar flowers are given—



December 7th

*In Loving Memory of Don & Betty Bushea
Barb Fraunfelder*

*In loving memory of Steven Herzog.
Happy Heavenly Birthday, Dad--Sarah Toth*

December 14th

Wishing everyone Joy today and always!

Susann Lerch

*Happy 90th Birthday to Diana Creecy from the Breakfast
Bunch--Judi, Jan, Jo Ann, Virginia, and Mary Ellen*

December 21st

*Celebrating the Christmas Season and wishing
everyone much happiness as they gather with
their family & friends! George & Joyce Reed*

December 28th

Thanks to everyone who placed poinsettias on the altar
for Christmas!



**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 IS
POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL. Please sign
up for fresh flowers in honor or in
memory of a loved one or just for
yourself. Cost is \$36 for two vases; \$18
for one. SIGN UP EARLY AND GET**

YOUR FIRST CHOICE OF DATES!

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

REMINDER: The "tip jar" you see next to
the coffee on Sunday mornings is there
for a reason. The "tips" go directly to
keeping the coffee, tea, sugar, creamer,
etc., supplied. Your generosity is
appreciated!



Did you know that **Elliott Joyce**
came into church on his birthday
and helped decorate the Family
of Faith tree for Christmas?

Good job hanging those ornaments, Elliott!

Did you know that **Jim Heinrich** was able to wrestle the
door from the Gathering Area to Pilgrim Hall open after
removing the locking mechanism when the latch
detached from the bolt? What would we do without you,
Jim? Let's never find out.

Did you know that **Dale & Cathy Hawk** rushed over to
the church when a roof leak was discovered in the end
room off Pilgrim Hall on a Tuesday night? They got the
situation under control, contacted professional roofers,
and had the leak fixed the next day. Thank you so much,
friends!

ROYAL OAK PAPER RECYCLING

Please do not place papers/cardboard
outside the bin if it's full. Thanks!



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of December 7th

*Happy Birthday to Elliott Joyce on December 9th
With Love from his grandparents*

Week of December 14th

*Happy Birthday to Bill Craig on December 17th
With love, Mom*

Week of December 21st

*Happy Anniversary to Ryan & Tony Craig
on December 24th! --With love, Grammy*

Week of December 28th

*Wishing our members and friends a healthy,
prosperous 2026!*



To light the steeple, the minimum donation is
\$5.00. Multiple dedications are welcomed for each
week. Please email strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com.
Thank you to everyone who lights our steeple!

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Many thanks to all of our dedicated
volunteers and to all who come and
enjoy food and fellowship on Wednesdays! Last month,
our program received a Making A Difference Grant from
the Heartland Conference of the UCC in the amount of
\$1,000!



Our deepest thanks to **Dale Parsons**, who donated 16
pies for dessert on the day before Thanksgiving. He
even included the whipped cream!

Thank you to **Hansen's Greenhouse** in Olmsted Falls
for their donation of large quantities of broccoli and
cabbage to our Free Lunch for All program! The fresh
vegetables made our lunches even more delicious!



CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM

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
would LOVE to have you be a part of our team! (You don't
need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you
may come and go as you are led.)

GIFT CARDS! PLEASE

SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM. You
may place orders by calling **Jim Joyce** at
216-346-4161 in advance.



IN OUR COMMUNITY--Girl Scout Troop

#71363 is still stocking and maintaining a
"Hygiene Library," located on the lawn near
the parking lot facing Royalton Road.

ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

If you move or change your phone number,
please be so kind as to let the church office
know—thanks!



ANNUAL ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

February 13-15, 2026

Inspiration Hills Camp in Burbank, Ohio



The Church's Annual All-Family Winter Retreat will take place on President's Day weekend 2026. This year, we are at a new location and things will be a little different. 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. The cut-off to sign up—**January 18th**—will be strictly enforced. Space is limited to 12 families. Also, please let us know if you have any special dietary needs. Finally, those that wish to come down on Saturday only—we would be happy to have you there, but we also need your reservation by January 11th, and the cost is \$10 per meal. Please contact Irene Joyce or Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

Here is the cost:

ADULTS (12 and up): \$80

CHILDREN (6-11): \$20

CHILDREN (5 and under): FREE

Important dates to remember:

JANUARY 18, 2026: Reservations close; **MONEY DUE**

FEBRUARY 1, 2026: Retreat planning meeting in the church after the worship service

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** every Thursday from **10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs.

Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.

PLEASE NOTE: THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—



Wednesday, January 7th

at 1 p.m. – Game Day

Monday, January 5th

at 7 p.m. – Game Night

All kinds of games such as

Left-Center-Right, Dominoes, Bingo, Mime, & more! As always, all ladies are welcome to join in the fun!

THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH OFFICERS 2025

**Elected January 26, 2025*

***appointed by Official Board*

Moderator: Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry

Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Elkins

Board of Trustees

Karen Bates** Bill Giuliano Chris Goff*

Mike Elkins Les Fox Herb Hampson Cathy Hawk*

Sandy Pogozelski Cheryl Sobek*

Alex Tomoff* Mike Willis* Rachel Zielinski

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson* Dave Williams*

Diaconate

Teri Barbish Jean Bittinger* Elaine Coffey*

Bobbi Cook* Wayne Cook* Judy Davis*

Judy Fox Pam Heimbarger* Lynne McCray*

Linda Ponstingle* Lora Rung* Cherie Teagno

Christian Education Committee

Linda Elkins Colette Emerson Dale Hawk*

Sarah Hayes* Amanda Marshall Lora Rung*

Music Committee

Karen Bates Ingrid Dickson

Pam Keenen* Ken Mehalko* Mike Willis*

ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Ingrid Dickson* Sue Gigliotti Linda Stepan*

Rob Toth Sarah Toth* Dave Williams*

Mission and Outreach Committee

Gina Cathcart* Bobbi Cook** Myron Costin*

Diana Creecy Cathy Hawk* Sarah Hayes

Lora Rung* Peter Smith Mary Willis*

Mary Ellen Zimmerman

GIVING OPTIONS



If you are interested in giving electronically, you can set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website or on our church's website: www.strongsvilleucc.com. You

may also mail a check to The United Church of Christ (Congregational) 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.



PLEASE REMEMBER

THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Gary Zielinski

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **November 2 through November 23, 2025.**

Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.

Offering Needed \$17,436.00 for 4 Sundays

Offering Received \$19,141.24

+ \$1,705.24

PLEDGES RECEIVED for 2026: 59





All checks to the church should be made out to **United Church of Christ or UCC or United Church of Christ (Congregational).**

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$60,900.08 in our capital campaign account. The automatic door openers have been installed! The Trustees are scheduling the painting of Pilgrim Hall, which needs to happen prior to dealing with the acoustics in that room. We are making progress! Please make sure you designate your donation for "Capital Campaign." Thanks for your continuing support. **POLE BARN UPDATE:** Construction is underway and will continue when the weather allows.



To the Glory of God, the poinsettias are given...

*One more light for those all alone or spending that first holiday without a loved one. Leaving a light on for **those who don't want to be here this season***

Serena Abruzzino

Merry Christmas with love to my mom, Dorothy Ritchie
Gina Cathcart

*For the loving Davis & Heglund families
For the loving Demichei & Penasa families*
Roger and Judy Davis

*In loving memory of a dear sister, Gwen Giddings
In memory of family and friends*
Jim and Linda Dettmer

In honor of our church musicians
Carol Foley

*In loving memory of Bill Fraunfelder
In loving memory of my parents, Don and Betty Bushea
And my grandmother, Ethel Perrin*
Barb Fraunfelder

In loving memory of my parents, Anita and Bill McKenna
Dennis Smith and Barb Fraunfelder

*In memory of our parents and grandparents,
Donald & Betty Babics*
The Gigliotti and Kubancik Families

*In memory of our parents and grandparents,
Joanne & Louis Gigliotti, Sr.*
The Gigliotti Family

*In loving memory of our parents Don & Lois Winch
and William & Ruth Giuliano, and brother, Mark Giuliano*
Bill and Beth Giuliano

*In loving memory of Charles & Thelma Hawk
In loving memory of Richard & Sally Mack
With love to Riley, Jack, Lacey, Ella, and Henry
from Nana & Papa*
Dale and Cathy Hawk



*In memory of my husband, George Hemphill
In memory of my parents, Tom and Nancy Stewart*
Marsha Hemphill

*In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn, John W. Dickson
and Mary Joyce-Smith & James J. Joyce, Sr.*
The Joyce-Jannsohn-Dickson Family

*In loving memory of Aimee J. Jannsohn, Eric R. Jannsohn,
Michael E. & Deborah Dickson, and Brooke M. Akins*
The Dickson-Joyce-Jannsohn Family

Merry Christmas, Trevor and Abby!
Love, Aunt Sarah Keenen

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kundtz
Rev. Jill Kundtz

*In loving memory of Bruce Lerch, Winifred & Carol Lerch
William, Gertredude, and William & Mary Hackman*
Susann Lerch

*A babe in a manger brings fresh HOPE; let our LOVE fill
our actions; in JOY may we serve; and may we live
together in PEACE.*
Pastor Heidi

*In memory of Max and Elsie DeWitt, Sarah Perciak,
James Perciak, Elton & Virginia Bedford,
and Michael & Erma Kalanich*
Tom and Debbie Perciak

*In memory of our family members: George Reed, Sr.,
Marie Wolf, Paul & Eileen Mlinek, and Dave Mlinek*
George and Joyce Reed

*In memory of Bill--Dad--Papa
In loving memory Pete & Edna Lansell
and Leroy & Rusha Ritchie*
Dorothy Ritchie and family

*In loving memory of our grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clements*
*In loving memory of our parents, Roger and Lorna Robinson
In loving memory of our aunt, Rhea Clements
and our uncle, Bill Clements*
Becky and Bill Robinson

*In loving memory of our departed family members: Jean,
Joe, and Mick Rung; Willie Mae, Jimmy Lee, Sr.,
Jimmy Lee Jr., and Ruby Cuyler*
Sam, Lora, Samuel, and Braxden

*In loving memory of our grandparents,
especially Grandpa Davis
In loving memory of Uncle Rudy*
The Sekorky Family

*Merry Christmas! In Loving Memory of: Tad & Gen Thorn, Tom
O'Shea & Mae O'Shea, Alan Van Kramer, Susan Tressa, Charles
Garner, Mike Lucan, Jan Stough, Thomas Raymond, and in honor of
Dick Colmery. A very blessed new year to all!*
Sandy O'Shea, Doug, Schyler, Devin, and Leo Thorn

Merry Christmas!
Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko

In loving memory of Bob Zimmerman
Mary Ellen Zimmerman



IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom. We also have a

Life-vac choking device to assist in the event that someone is choking. It is located just beneath the AED.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE FROM YOUR H.E.A.R.T.!

Hospitality
Engagement
Activities
Resources
Time, Talent, & Treasure



United Church of Christ 2026 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2026:

Name _____

Address _____

I plan to give \$_____ each

☐ week ☐ month ☐ other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations

\$_____

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

\$_____

☐ I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:21



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