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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor  
Sunday, January 23, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

## WELCOME!

For the safety and protection of your church family, please continue to wear a mask before, during, and after worship. Thank you.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Melody

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Joyce Reed  
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.

**INTROIT** "I Was Glad" Whitworth

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loud talkers and silent worriers, glad-handers and lonely wallflowers.

**People: God gathers us together to be the Body of wonder and joy, of hope and healing.**

Leader: Bystanders with hands shoved deep into pockets, fraidy-cats whose feet are frozen in place.

**People: Jesus calls us to carry grace to those inside and outside our walls, to walk with all those who feel left behind.**

Leader: Kids who never offer answers in class, bashful folks whose tongues tie in knots.

**People: The Spirit anoints us to speak up for the voiceless, to partner with the poor, to discover their gifts, as well as our own. Thanks be to God.**

† HYMN 65 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (verses 1, 2, 5)  
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 19: 1-6  
(New Revised Standard Version)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

**Leader:** The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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.

**ANTHEM** "Poor Man Lazrus" Hairston  
Text based on Luke 16: 19-24

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

<https://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

**OFFERTORY** "Native American Flute Song" Mehalko

† 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.

## † DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

**A READING FROM THE EPISTLES** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

**SERMON** "My way is not your way."

† HYMN 429 "They'll Know We are Christians"  
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

† BENEDICTION (Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Go now, for you are chosen and sent in the Spirit. Pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. Keep what is good, avoid every kind of evil. To all in need bear witness that the time has come when the Sovereign Lord will save his people. And may God who gives peace make you holy in every way; May Christ Jesus clothe you with salvation and victory; and may the Holy Spirit speak through you with the good news of hope. May our lives be signs of God's love, symbols of hope and carriers of grace. Amen.

† POSTLUDE "The Heavens Are Telling" Haydn

## SERVING

### TODAY – JANUARY 23

Judi Pavisich	<b>Greeters</b>	Elaine Coffey
Rick Teagno	<b>Liturgist</b>	Cherie Teagno
Judi Pavisich	<b>Ushers</b>	Elaine Coffey
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
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	<b>Video/Sound</b>	Dave Sekorky/Jim Heinrich
Chancel Choir/Ken Mehalko	<b>Special Music</b>	Mozart Sunday/Chancel Choir

### NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 30

**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**.

The altar flowers are given—  
In memory of Carol L. Studer—Happy Birthday Mom.  
Kathy & Jeff

Our steeple will light the sky this week—  
Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Jack Emerson Hayes!  
Love, Your Church Family  
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Happy Birthday today to Gayle Sperber and Jack Hayes!

## WE NEED YOU IN 2022!



Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or bread/pastry sorter. 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.

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 Committee is organizing a **Pastoral Care Ministry Team** and would LOVE to have you take part! (You do not need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.) Watch for more details to come!

## A NOTE OF THANKS—

We appreciate the musical contributions of our **Chancel Choir**, **Ken Mehalko**, **Tom Foley**, **Mike Elkins**, and **Sharon Heinrich**. Thank you for enriching our worship experience.

**COMING NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Mozart Sunday with special music celebrating Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 266<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be featuring Mozart pieces from the Chancel Choir, duets with Carol Foley and Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich on the organ.**

**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022**  
**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389 (To-go meals will be available.)**



## BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome to the world, **Cayden John Barwise**, who was born on December 28, 2021. He is the son of **C.J. Barwise** and **Brittney**, the grandson of **Rachel McBride**, and the great-grandson of **Dianne & John Maringer**!





## PENNY SUNDAY TODAY!

Donate those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and yes, DOLLARS for our own Sunday School for special programs. (Checks to Strongsville UCC)

In other news, our upstairs painting project is complete. Thank you to our painter, Drew Scalero, and to everyone who has made this long-awaited project happen!

### OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Linda Elliott, Tom Foley, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, George Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Vicky Masuga, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Judi Pavisich, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen & Bob Zimmerman



**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Jerry Cergol, (Barb Fraunfelder & Dennis Smith's friend), Hunter Colao (Barb & Mark Camp's grandson), Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Lou Conté (Diana Creevy's partner), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Marty Hassel (Judi Pavisich's friend), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. [h.e.denman@gmail.com](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)

### ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place Sunday, **January 30, 2022**, and will be preceded by the traditional Pancake Brunch. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.

### WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS!

#### SPONSORSHIP OF CAROLINE IN INDIA

Our church sponsors a child in India through the United Church of Christ. If you would like to sponsor Caroline for a month in 2022, please sign up on the list in Pilgrim Hall. Cost is \$30 and the check should be made payable to Strongsville UCC with "Child Sponsorship" in the memo line. Thanks!

**SIGN UP NOW!**



Annual Reports will be emailed this week and printed copies will be available for the Annual Meeting next Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37  
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,103.70  
Difference (-\$545.67)

Thank you very much for your support.



PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 60

### THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must call the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

#### THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month,  
**February 17, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

(We're still open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **January 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



### UCC DISASTER RELIEF--TORNADOES



In response to the recent devastating storms that have decimated parts of the country (especially Kentucky), the United Church of Christ is accepting donations to aid the victims of severe weather. To contribute, please go to

<https://www.ucc.org/appeal-severe-storms-2021/> and follow the prompts. You also mail a check made payable to the **United Church of Christ PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194**. Please be sure to note "2021 Severe Storms" on your check in the memo section.

### GIFT CARDS

#### AN EASY WAY TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling Jim Joyce at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**

Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!



**Are you shopping online?** If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

- Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
- Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
- Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church. Strongsville UCC has received \$433.77 from Amazon to date.

**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:** 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.

### ANNUAL ALL-FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

**February 18 - 20, 2022**--Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio

The list on which to sign up for various tasks and items to bring is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Signing up for these things in advance saves a great deal of time at the planning meeting.

**\*\*\*We still have room for folks to come up on Saturday! Please see Irene Joyce if you would like to join us for the day.\*\*\***



**FEBRUARY 6, 2022: Retreat planning meeting in the church after the worship service.**

**Please note:** this meeting has been moved up a week because of new requirements and stricter payment policies.

### Luke 16:19-24 The Rich Man and Lazarus

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'