



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Sunday – January 27, 2019 – 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, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Lord, I Need You" Stanfill, Maher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lora Rung

INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" Paxton

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 36

Leader: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both
people and animals.**

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

**People: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them
drink from your river of delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**People: Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart. Amen.**

† **HYMN 10** "Majesty"

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 55: 1-3
SHARING 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 "Lord, Listen to our Prayer" Foley

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

INTRODUCTION AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Friends, do you profess Jesus as the center and cornerstone of your faith? **We do.**

Will you be faithful to these new friends as they join this congregation and begin the next leg of their journey of faith?

We promise our faithful companionship to these new members of our family.

Will you challenge them to strive to become the very best versions of themselves, upholding them in Christian love and holding them accountable to the Way of the Christ?

We will lovingly challenge these new members to strive to become the very best versions of themselves, guiding them to live into the faith they profess.

Will you allow yourself to be challenged and changed, shaped and transformed by these new members, together seeking God's will for our lives together?

With the help of God's Spirit, we will allow ourselves to be challenged and changed, shaped and transformed, living even more fully into our called identity as the family of faith, Strongsville United Church of Christ.

Let us pray together:

O God, we give you thanks, first for calling us to believe, then leading us to join together and gather into this church, the Body of Christ. We give you thanks for this Family of faith, and rejoice that you have led these newest members into our midst, adding their gifts and talents to ours. Together, may we live more fully in the Spirit, building one another up in Love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

ANTHEM "Angels Watchin' Over Me" Poorman

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Impromptu" Elkins

† **DOXOLOGY** **HYMN 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 2: 1-11

SERMON Radical Hospitality

† **HYMN 56** "To God Be the Glory"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "The Servant Song" Gillard

† **POSTLUDE** "She Did" Farren/Wiseman
Arranged by Gary Hackett in Memory of Rita Budd

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 27	NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 3
Dan Masuga	Liturgist Dave Williams
Roy Merkle	Greeters Linda Plain
Roy Merkle	Ushers Linda Plain/Marty Winch
Volunteer needed	Coffee Hour Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins

Please remember to lock doors and turn out lights
if you are the last person to leave the building. Thank you!

The altar flowers are given—

This week: *In memory of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*
Bob and Sue Gross

Last week: From the Sekorky Family: Jennifer, Dave, Oliver, &Tilly

*In loving memory of our beloved cousin, Gerald Thompson, who
went to be with God on January 12. We love you; rest in peace.*
From The Abruzzino-Krisak Family

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In loving memory of David Halley, brother of their son-in-law
Jim and Linda Dettmer

Last week: *Happy Birthday today to Tony Tran.* With Love, Grammy
In memory of Rev. Ken Morris

PLEASE NOTE: *Our worship services are video recorded each week
and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy.*

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 at Danbury Senior Living
in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak,
Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina
Craig, Dan Davis, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Elena
Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon
Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan),
Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and
John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan,
Harvey Pincombe, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel,
Linda Stepan, Ray Suttle, Barbara Toth, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Adams Family (friends of Judi Pavisich), Luke
Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of
Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut
(friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward),
Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds),
Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli),
Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary
McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of
Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Frank Toth
(father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name**
to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee
hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed
and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



THE THRIFT SHOP is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m.
until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day
on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45
p.m. WE NEED HELP! If you can spare a few hours
on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please
consider helping at the Thrift Shop. **Also, an
additional person is needed to work with us for 2
hours on the second Wednesday of the month.**

**Please contact the church office if you can help either on Wednesdays
or Thursdays.**



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our church sponsors Caroline Y. in India. For only \$30, you can provide for her for a month, through the UCC Global Ministries. Please sign up on the yellow sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you can support this important international outreach.



FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is not too late to serve on a board or committee for the coming year! Please see Rachel Zielinski, Bill Schneider, Kristen Clotworthy, Sharon Heinrich, or Pastor Heidi if you would like to volunteer.



Ginger Rothel has been experiencing serious health issues and would like to thank her church friends for their cards and prayers. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.



Congratulations to Opal (Papp) and Gary Glaze, who were married here yesterday. Gary is the son of our oldest living member, **Ramona Glaze**.

ANNUAL REPORTS and END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Gathering Area in the Church Family Mail boxes following worship today. Please take yours.

SWISS STEAK DINNER has been rescheduled to **Saturday, March 2**. If you have paid for tickets, you may either receive a refund or use your ticket on the new date in March.



ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

February 15 - 17, 2019 Temple Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio
Sign up is now closed. If you are one of the few attendees who has not yet paid, please turn in your payment immediately in order to hold your reservation. Thanks!

FEBRUARY 10, 2019: Retreat planning meeting after worship.

PENNY SUNDAY—Today's Penny Sunday, January 27 will go to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in Ravenna. www.happytrailsfarm.org



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place **today**, 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 to attend the meeting, but only members are entitled to cast a vote.) Child care will be provided.



FROM THE KITCHEN:

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. Thanks!



JANUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 27 Sun Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Annual Meeting & Pancake Brunch
- 30 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 31 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

FEBRUARY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 Sun Worship 10am with Communion**
Installation of Officers
Children's Choir will sing during worship
- 6 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
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- 10 Sun Worship 10am**
Retreat meeting after worship
Children's Choir

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

(If the Strongsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served.)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,552.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 0.00
(Difference -\$3,552.02)



As you can see, with the cancellation of last Sunday's worship, we did not receive an offering. However, our bills did not take a snow day. Please keep this in mind when you present your offering today.



Prayers of sympathy go out to the Hawk and Hayes families on the sudden passing of Dale's brother, Charles F. Hawk, on January 20.

Our condolences also to the Abruzzino-Krisak family who lost their cousin/nephew, Gerald Thompson on January 12.

The Dettmers' son-in-law, Scott, lost his brother, David Halley—Strongsville High School, Class of '81--to pancreatic cancer on January 18.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

EXCHANGE STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

The Rotary Club of Strongsville has the opportunity to host a Rotary Exchange Student next year. A student from the country of Brazil has expressed an interest in coming to Strongsville as an exchange student for the next school year. She is 15 and a dancer. They would need 2-3 families willing to host her for 4-5 months at a time. Host families must live in Strongsville. If you are interested, please contact Jay Dzurilla at dzperson@aol.com or (440)268-6749 (and leave a message if the phone call is not immediately picked up).



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Teri Barbish attended Strongsville UCC as a child, and as a go-go boot wearing teen, accompanying her grandmother. She and her husband, Gary, truly enjoy their 5 grandchildren, plus one on the way. She is joining

us because she found a welcoming home here after having attended University Circle United Methodist Church in Cleveland for a number of years. Her fellowship friend is Bev Wehr.

Elaine Coffey has recently returned to the Cleveland area after having lived in Kentucky, then Florida for 30 years. She has a grown son named Casey. She grew up in Strongsville and has found our church to be a friendly place where she fits right in. She has already joined the Bell Choir and we are thrilled to ring with her! Ken Mehalko is her fellowship friend.

Mary Densmore is a Strongsville resident. She and her husband, Richard, who retired from Baldwin Wallace University, have three sons: Ken, Ben, and Alex and three lovely daughters-in-law. Mary was on staff at the Middleburg Heights Community Church for 16 years. She is a member of our Bell Choir and has already volunteered to fold bulletins along with her fellowship friend, Irene Joyce.

Carole Kapcar began worshipping here as a child with her mother. She and her husband, Frank, have two grown children, two grandchildren, and a lot of extended family. Carole was a member at University Circle United Methodist Church, as was her sister-in-law Linda Kapcar. She shares her fellowship friend, Bev Wehr, with her daughter, Teri Barbish.

Linda Kapcar and her husband, George had been married for over 55 years. She attended University Circle United Methodist Church. Linda worked at the Strongsville City Schools and got to know Ken Mehalko, who is serving as her fellowship friend. He invited Linda and George to the Free Lunch and now they have been drafted to pick up the baked goods at Panera on Mondays. The Kapcars have three adult children, Elaine (Coffey), Brad, and Greg as well as one grandson.

Nicole Rachid was invited here by her fellowship friend, Tony Koussa. She and her fiancé, Lewis Stevens, felt welcome here. Nicole said that she has found a church home here after having attended Arabic Church and School as she was growing up. She has been bringing Lewis's nieces, **Lily** and **Anna** and nephew, **Richard** to worship here as well.

Patty Sasala moved to Strongsville from Parma and lives in the Olympia development, where many of our members reside. She first attended Strongsville United Methodist Church, but found it too big for her taste. Prior to moving, she had not worshipped in church in nearly 40 years, but now has found a place to fill the missing piece she had in her life. She has 5 adult step children, 12 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Linda Dettmer is her fellowship friend.

Jennifer and David Sekorky had been attending Lakewood Congregational UCC, but were looking for a church upon moving to Strongsville. Jennifer and Dave have two children who are a part of our Sunday School: **Oliver**, a 5th grader, and **Tilly**, a 3rd grader. The Sekorky family has already contributed to our worship, lighting the Advent candles on Christmas Eve. Their fellowship friend is Kristen Clotworthy.

Mary Ellen and Bob Zimmerman come to us by way of University Circle United Methodist Church, where they were very dedicated members. It was there they met Pastor Heidi and Chuck McDougall. Chuck will be their fellowship friend. The Zimmermans live in Berea and have four adult children and seven grandchildren.