

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)


13740 Pearl Road

Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

Designated Minister

God Is Still Speaking



Strongsville UCC

JANUARY 28, 2018 – 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, you may call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it into the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

BAND PRELUDE

“In Your Presence”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Zielinski

HAND BELL CHOIR INTROIT

“My Lord, What a Morning” Spiritual

† CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: I will praise the LORD with all my heart, in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD; glorious and majestic are his deeds. His righteousness endures forever.

People: The LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food, even for those who fear him.

Leader: The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness. Holy and awesome is his name.

People: Praise the Lord! To him belongs eternal praise.

† HYMN 514

“I Love to Praise Him”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

“Spirit of the Living God”

HAND BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“He’s the Lily of the Valley” Spiritual

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

BAND OFFERTORY

“Praise and Adoration Medley”

† 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

“Jesus is in the House”

† HYMN 235

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

† BENEDICTION

† HAND BELL CHOIR RESPONSE

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” Spiritual

† POSTLUDE

“In His Time” Diane Ball

This morning’s altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of Lois-Ann Habart upon the anniversary of her death

From her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In memory of Dolores Mhlack on her birthday on January 27

Let’s pray for our departed loved ones.

Eternal rest, grant them, O Lord, and let light shine upon them. Amen.

Allen and Michele Mhlack

Our congratulations to great-grandmother, Lola Millhoane; to grandparents, Valerie and Dale Hopkins; and to parents, Cory and Kelsea Rouch on the birth of their son, Lincoln Gabriel Rouch, on January 24, 2018!

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place today at about 11:45 a.m. and will be preceded by the Traditional Pancake Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall.

In accordance with our church constitution and by-laws, the Board of Trustees are announcing a proposal requiring congregational approval during our church Annual Meeting. The Trustees are asking for a vote due to any costs which could cause each project to exceed \$5,000. Members must be present during this meeting to vote. The first item for consideration is painting of the church sanctuary. The sanctuary has not been painted since 1988 and is need of a complete paint job. The painting estimate is \$4,550. The second proposal is replacing the beige sanctuary carpet with matching cathedral red carpet. The beige carpet has lots of stains and is worn and in need of replacing. The carpet replacement estimate is currently \$5,045. Both projects will be financed through our church line of credit. There will be opportunity for questions leading up to the meeting and during the Annual Meeting. Please see a member of the Trustees with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

This morning we welcome our new choral accompanist, Mike Elkins, and his wife Linda to our church family. Mike has been at our church in the past, when he played keyboard with the Strongsville City Jazz Band. He also plays saxophone in Strongsville Community Band. We are very happy to have Mike and Linda with us!

Officers elected today at our Annual Meeting will be installed next Sunday, February 4, during the worship service.

Nominating Committee – Many offices in the church are available for the coming year. Please consider saying yes when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve.

Joining the Church – If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville UCC, please either inform Pastor Heidi or call the church office, (440) 238-6697. Thank you!

Lenten Study featuring the movie, The Shack, will be offered Sundays at noon, beginning February 18 in Pilgrim Hall. The first week will be simply viewing the movie; following weeks will be our chance to discuss, digest and explore together. A light lunch will be provided. Interested? Please let us know who and how many on the attendance card found in your bulletin.

Grocery bags are needed in the church kitchen.

Nursery – Helpers are needed because of the increase in number of children. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please contact Amanda Hawk, Sarah Hayes, or Kelly Bickley.

Photo Directory – Please contact Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk today to get your picture re-taken if your first picture was taken before September.

The Wednesday Lunch Program really needs volunteers especially now when four regular volunteers went south for the winter. To help, please contact Betty Craig or call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you!

The sign-up charts for Greeters, Ushers, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Hour for 2018 are on Pilgrim Hall’s bulletin board. Please sign up to help if you are able. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed!

Thank you to all the generous folks who donated \$158.22 on the last Penny Sunday of 2017! The money will go to our Sunday School to replenish our donations to the National Youth Advocacy Program and Memorial School in Cleveland. The next Penny Sunday is TODAY!

Retreat – Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Annual Winter Retreat! Reservations are now closed. Please sign up for items to bring on the yellow sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. We will have a brief organizational meeting on February 11 immediately following the worship service.

| SERVING                      |                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| This Week – January 28, 2018 | Next Week – February 4, 2018 |                  |
| Pam Keenen                   | Liturgist                    | Lynne McCray     |
| Betty Craig                  | Greeters                     | Linda Plain      |
| Volunteers Needed            | Ushers                       | Linda Plain      |
| Pancake Breakfast            | Coffee Hour                  | Volunteer Needed |

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, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Dan Davis at Parkside Villa, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt at Northwestern Health Care Center in Berea, Irene Jannsohn, Bruce Keenen, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Joyce Reed, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen), Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Bev Wehr, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich’s grand-daughter), Donna Briggs (mother-in-law of Judi Pavisich’s daughter), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sue Grunenwald (friend of the Heinrichs), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), the Sink family (friends of Judy Pavisich’s granddaughter), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Sheena Toth (mother of Dale), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

**When Strongsville City Schools are closed** because of the weather:  
**The Wednesday Free Lunch Program** will be "closed,"  
*and*  
**The Thrift Shop** will be “closed.”

**To make past services easier to view on the web**, the church has a YouTube channel. To access it, go to the <http://strongsvilleucc.com/> website. Click on WORSHIP and then SERVICE VIDEOS. Once you get to YouTube, search for the service you wish to see and click on it. Alternately, you can go directly to YouTube and search for “Strongsville UCC”. Most services from the beginning of 2017 have already been uploaded. To see an older service, please contact Jim Heinrich to see if it is available.

**Updating Our Website and TVs** – If you have updates for our church Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mihlack (216) 324-9799 or [m.mihlack@gmail.com](mailto:m.mihlack@gmail.com)  
or Irene Joyce (216) 267-5043 or [ij3e@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ij3e@sbcglobal.net)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
Weekly Offering Received 1/21/2018 \$5,428.75  
Difference + \$1,779.44



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

SWISS STEAK DINNER

This Saturday – February 3, 2018

Seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults \$14.00 Ages 6-10 \$6.00 Under 6 Free

After worship today,  
tickets are available for purchase in Pilgrim Hall.

Help is needed – especially this Friday at 9:30 a.m. for browning meat.  
The sign-up sheet is 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.

The Thrift Shop will be open.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concert Series

Sunday, March 4 – 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary  
Cello Recital – 1<sup>st</sup> half; Jim’s Little Big Band – 2<sup>nd</sup> half



Roast Pork Dinner

Saturday, March 10 – Seating at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.  
in Pilgrim Hall

Ecumenical Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
at Columbia United Methodist Church

25453 Royalton Road in Columbia Station  
Southeast Corner of Royalton + West River Roads  
March 30 – 8:15 p.m. – A reception will follow the service.  
Our Chancel Choir will sing in the combined choir.

Diaconate Wing Night

Friday, May 4 – Grindstone Tap House – 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Concert Series

Sunday, May 6 – 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary  
Satori Winds – 1<sup>st</sup> half; Broadway Bound – 2<sup>nd</sup> half



JANUARY 2018

28 Sun Penny Sunday  
Bell Choir plays for worship.  
Annual Meeting of the Congregation, after worship  
(Traditional Pancake Breakfast precedes the meeting.)  
Special Dietary Needs for the Winter Retreat must be reported.  
31 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm

FEBRUARY 2018

2 Fri Dinner Preparation in Pilgrim Hall, 9am  
3 Sat Swiss Steak Dinner, Seatings at 5pm and 6:30pm  
4 Sun Installation of Officers, Sacrament of Communion,  
Worship Committee Meeting, after worship  
7 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
11 Sun Retreat Organizational Meeting, after worship  
13 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm  
14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7pm  
15 Thu Newsletter Deadline  
16-18 Winter Retreat at Tempeld Hills  
18 Sun Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim  
Hall  
21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm  
25 Sun Penny Sunday  
Lenten Study on *The Shack*, with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim  
Hall  
27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm  
28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

**Band** (Adults and Students in Grades 6-12) – 8pm on Wednesdays

**Bell Choir** – 7pm on Thursdays

**Chancel Choir** – 8pm on Thursdays

For information about our church’s music program, please see  
Elena Taylor, Director of Music

