

(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

JANUARY 29, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.



*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.

PRELUDE *Better Is One Day* Matt Redman

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by Psalm 27)*

**People: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

**People: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

People: That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

People: Thanks be to God!

† HYMN 170 *Give Thanks*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	Charles Yannrella
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERTORY *Lord, Be Glorified* Bob Kilpatrick

† DOXOLOGY 166 Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURES Matthew 5:1-12 New Testament, p. 3

SERMON *Check Your Attitude at the Door*

† HYMN 572 *Blessed Assurance*

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *May the Peace of the Lord Go with You* Yannerella

† POSTLUDE *Thank You, Lord* Seth Sykes

Today's altar flowers are given—

In Loving Memory of Elsie Ruman, Albert Ruman, and Robert Heinrich
Jim and Sharon Heinrich

SERVING TODAY

Greeters – Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
Liturgist – Kenn Oerkfitz

Ushers: Bobbie Krisak and Serena Abruzzino

Director of Music – Elena Taylor
Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder
The Chancel Choir

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson
Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson
Electric Guitar – Jake Williams
Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth
Drum Set – Mike Soltis
Sound System – Jim Heinrich

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place today after worship. The meeting will be preceded by the traditional pancake brunch. All members and friends of the church are encouraged to attend this meeting, where reports of officers and organization will be presented for approval, and the election of officers for the new year will take place.

Officers elected today will be installed next Sunday during worship.

Annual Report Booklets are available in the Gathering Area.

For those who want a copy mailed to them, please call the church office at (440) 238-6697.

2017 All-Family Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills – The sign-up for the Church Retreat is closed and all space has been reserved. Thank you to everyone who signed up to attend. If you haven't paid, please contact Charles Jannsohn to make payment arrangements. The planning meeting will be Sunday, February 12, 2017, after the service in the sanctuary. Those attending, please continue signing up to bring items and volunteer for various Retreat weekend activities prior to the planning meeting. Looking forward to another fun Retreat with plenty of snacks and games, but (hopefully) no hamloaf! As always, any questions, comments, or concerns should be directed to Charles Jannsohn.

Church Sign-up Charts for 2017 are posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please sign up to greet, prepare/serve at coffee hour, provide altar flowers, or usher if you are able. Volunteers are needed!

Stewardship – The campaign's goal for 2017 is 125 pledges, but we have received only 76 to date. If you have not yet made your pledge, please fill out a pledge card and put it in the offering plate or slide it under the church office door. Thank you. Additional pledge cards are in the Gathering Area on the rectangular table.

Can you help? The Sunday School is looking for a few items for our costume stash:

- Old graduation gowns--any color, any size
- Striped/earth-tone skinny ties (from the 80's)
- Pieces of soft rope for belts (about 2 feet long)
- Winter scarves--plain or with rustic/earth-tone patterns/stripes

Please bring your items to Irene Joyce when you have a chance.
Thanks for cleaning out your closets to benefit the Sunday School!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received 1/22/2016	<u>\$1,555</u>
Difference	-\$2,345

Special thanks to those who have given their pledge a year in advance.

THIS WEEK

Today	Annual Meeting of the Congregation, preceded by Pancake Brunch
Wednesday	Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fitness Club, 7 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Thrift Shop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.
Friday	Preparation of Swiss Steak Dinner, 9am
Saturday	Swiss Steak Dinner
Sunday	Installation of Church Officers during worship Sacrament of Communion

Wing Nite has a new venue! It will be held Friday, May 5, 2017, at the Grindstone Tap House at 826 Front Street in Berea. It is on one floor (no steps to a dark basement), and will include pizza, pasta, wings, salad, 5 types of domestic beer, well drinks, and wine. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from any Diaconate member. We are also looking for anyone interested in donating a theme-based basket to auction at this event. If you would like to make a basket, a sign-up sheet will be posted in Pilgrim Hall for you to write your name and the type of basket you will be providing.

Diaconate “Show and Tell” – The Diaconate will have a “Show and Tell” at their March 14 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to see what their duties are. Anyone interested may attend.

Coffee Hour – Please see a Diaconate member if you are interested in learning how to do coffee hour. You do not have to be a Diaconate member to do this. We can train you after church on the Sunday of your choice.

Journey in Faith Mini-series – This membership class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The first class is on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and will be held after the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. The mini-series will conclude on April 5. (All other classes will be at 7:00 p.m.) New members will be received into the church on Palm Sunday, April 9.

Jesus and the Movies II is a Lenten Study on Sunday evenings that includes a light meal of soup and bread. The study begins on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. Together we will explore the life of Jesus as portrayed in the movies. We will compare the movies with the Gospel accounts and our life experiences. Possible movies include *Ben Hur*, *The Young Messiah*, *Risen*, *Godspell*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Jesus of Nazareth* (selected sections), *Last Temptation*, or others. Movie suggestions are welcome.

Capital Punishment – The United Church of Christ denomination historically has opposed capital punishment and has postcards opposing the state’s use of the death penalty. The postcards will be mailed to Ohio governor, John Kasich. For those wishing to support this belief, the postcards are on the rectangular table in the Gathering Areas and require your printed name and your city of residence. The church will mail your card if you slide it under the church office door.

200th Anniversary Church Cookbooks – Please see Dianne Maringer to get your copy. Price per book is \$12; mailing the book is an extra \$3.

The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

Women’s Fellowship Candy Sale – In order to have a Candy Sale for Easter, there must be volunteers willing to make candy and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up. Tentative dates are: Monday, March 13; Friday, March 17; Monday, March 20; and Friday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. until lunch or cleanup is done. Tentative sale dates are the Sundays of March 26 and April 2. These dates have not yet been approved by Official Board.

Gordon Food Service – A reminder that GFS gives the church a rebate on purchases. When you check out, just tell them you are from Strongsville United Church of Christ (not to be confused with Strongsville United Methodist Church).

Strongsville UCC

SWISS STEAK DINNER

This Saturday – February 4, 2017

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

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults \$15.00 Ages 6-12 \$6.00 Under 6 Free

Tickets are available to purchase after church.

Help is needed – especially on 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.



Hospitals no longer provide names of members who are patients. 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 Members: Eric Brand, Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Harvey Pincombe, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie

Church Family: Shirley Brand, Betty Craig, Steve Herzog, Michele Mihlack, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Leah Tressa Forget, Sharon Wilson, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Bri Brostek (friend of Gina Cathcart), Thom Cerny (friend of Bob Kovatich), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O’Boyle), Hollie Paine Dodge (friend of Betty Craig), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Matthew Geletka (grandson of Barbara O’Boyle), Dan Karoly (friend of The Thrift Shop ladies), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli, Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

FEBRUARY 2017

1	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm, Fit Club, 7pm
3	Fri	Preparation for the Swiss Steak Dinner, 9am
4	Sat	Swiss Steak Dinner
5	Sun	Communion, Installation of church officers during worship
7	Tue	Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
8	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm Fit Club, 7pm
12	Sun	Retreat Planning Meeting in Sanctuary, after church
14	Tue	Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
15	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm Fit Club, 7pm Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
17-18-19		Friday through Sunday – Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
21	Tue	Advertising Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Trustees Meeting, 7pm
22	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm, Fit Club, 7pm
26	Sun	Adult Social Club trip to Rocksino
28	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7:30pm
20	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm, Fit Club, 7pm

MARCH 2017

1	Wed	Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m. Journey in Faith Mini-series begins
5	Sun	Lenten Study, 5:30pm

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Children’s Choir - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
Band (for adults and children) – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays
Chancel Choir – 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Greeter – Linda Plain
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce
Liturgist – Lora Rung
Ushers – Linda Plain
Coffee Hour – Cathy Hawk

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