



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, January 30, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

Annual Meeting Sunday

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 "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (1st Movement)" Mozart
Carol Foley and Mike Elkins, duet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce
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 "Ave Verum Corpus" Mozart

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With powerful words and dramatic gestures, with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch:

People: We respond to God's call to offer healing and hope to our world.

Leader: With courage to face the injustices around us, with the willingness to go into the brokenness:

People: We fulfill the call of Jesus to engage in faithful obedience.

Leader: With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds, with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient:

People: We become the Spirit's refuge for all who live in worry and fear.

† **HYMN 406** "Wonderful Words of Life"
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 71: 1-6
(New International Version)

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;
give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.

From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.

I will ever praise you.

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 "Alleluia" Mozart

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 "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (2nd Movement)" Mozart

† **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 13:1-13
(New International Version)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

SERMON "What Shall I Give?"

† **HYMN 648** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

† **BENEDICTION**

May God take us on our journey. May we follow you as Christ. Lead us where we may not expect. Bring out of us gifts and talents that we could not imagine having. Teach us things about ourselves and others which are surprising and are the beginning of wisdom. In loving others, may we come to love God more deeply. Amen.

† **POSTLUDE** "Gloria in Excelsis" Mozart

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 30 **NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 6**

Elaine Coffey	Greeters	Greta Rich & Doug Turnbull
Cherie Teagno	Liturgist	Judi Pavisich
Elaine Coffey	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Dave Sekorky/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound	Dave Sekorky/Jim Heinrich
Chancel Choir/Carol Foley	Special 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, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

The altar flowers are given—
Thank you to Jen Barry, Greg Dickson, and Rachel Zielinski for chairing their Boards for 5 years.



Our steeple will light the sky this week—
In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn on his birthday, February 2nd
Irene Jannsohn and family

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, Carol Foley, Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich**. Thank you for enriching our worship experience as our special music today celebrates Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 266th Birthday on January 27th.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389 (To-go meals will be available.)

Reminder: When the Strongsville City Schools are closed for weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served that day. We love you and want you to stay safe.



PENNY SUNDAY



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Sunday School for last week's Penny Sunday! Since many people were unable to attend last week and others forgot to bring their coins, we are giving you a second chance to support our Sunday School today.



Our deepest sympathy to **Adria and Eddy Bond** on the death of Adria's mother, **Joyce Solderitsch** on January 26, 2022 at the age of 93.

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, Doug Thorn, 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 Creecy'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

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place TODAY following our worship service, and will be preceded by the traditional Pancake Brunch. All are encouraged to attend this meeting. Although only members may vote, everyone is welcome to come.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS NEXT WEEK DURING WORSHIP

Next Sunday, February 6th, the officers of the church who are elected at today's meeting will be officially installed.



Annual Reports were emailed this week and printed copies are available in the Gathering Area for the Annual Meeting.

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP

Statements of giving are in the Gathering Area in the alphabetized Church Family Mailbox. Please take yours today.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,726.00
Difference (-\$1,923.37)

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 61



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!

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 3rd 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 MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, February 8th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, February 15th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, February 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



"NAME THAT BEAST" COMPLETE! The naming of the camel election took place on January 16th. Amongst our choices, supplied by the children of the Sunday School, of Caramel, Charley, Jolly, Joy, Lyric, Mistletoe, Myrrh, and Sheep, "Charley" was the winner!



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.

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!



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.



THANK YOU TO THESE CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THEIR EXTRA SERVICE IN 2021

Officers elected on Jan. 26, 2020, have an asterisk* by their names.
** = appointed by the Official Board

Moderator Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator Rob Toth*
Treasurer Sally Herzog
Clerk Judy Gaumer*
Sunday School Co-Superintendents
Linda Elkins** Serena Abruzzino**
Board of Trustees
Greg Dickson Mike Clotworthy*
Myron Costin* Bill Giuliano
Dale Hawk Sandy Pogozelski
Ed Sobek Linda Stepan Rob Stepan
Endowment Fund Subcommittee
Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed

Diaconate
Jennifer Barry Barbara Camp Gina Cathcart*
Kristen Clotworthy Elaine Coffey* Cathy Hawk* Sarah Hayes
Linda Plain Linda Ponstingle Nicole Stevens Marty Winch Barbara White* Mary Ellen Zimmerman*

Christian Education Committee
Serena Abruzzino* Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore
Linda Elkins Suzi Foley Sandy O'Shea Lora Rung

Music Committee
Richard Densmore* Ingrid Dickson
Ken Mehalko Pam Keenen*
ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee
Serena Abruzzino* Sue Gigliotti* Beth Giuliano Judi Pavisich**
Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee
Judy Carte Sarah Hayes** Bobbie Krisak
Michele Mhlack Gary Paul Lora Rung*
Jennifer Sekorky** Bev Wehr