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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, July 12, 2026– 10 A.M.

WELCOME!

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 always welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Enter with Joy" R. Foley
Robert Foley, keyboard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your grace is a lamp for our hearts, O God.

People: Light our way through the shadows of this world.

Leader: When we struggle with questions and doubts,

People: Tell us your stories of hope and grace.

Leader: When we are about to wander off into the wilderness,

People: Show us the paths to your peace and joy.

† HYMN 184 "Thy Word"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 119:105-112
(New International Version)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.

Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

The wicked have set a snare for me,

but I have not strayed from your precepts.

Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING 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 "Shout to the Lord" Zschech
The Foley Family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "To a Wild Rose" McDowell

† 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 PROPHETS Isaiah 55: 10-13
(The Message)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish . . .
so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

REFLECTION "A Really Good Word"

† HYMN 63 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

† UNISON BENEDICTION St. Francis of Assisi
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Joshua Fit the Battle" arr. Larson
Carol Foley & Carol Konet, keyboard duet

 A NOTE OF THANKS—We thank Carol Konet, Carol Foley, Jackie Foley, Robert Foley, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich for our music today!

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**.

SERVING		
TODAY—JULY 12		NEXT SUNDAY—JULY 19
Marianne Luca	Greeters	Volunteer needed
Carol Konet	Liturgist	Ingrid Dickson
Bill Robinson	Head Usher	Judi Pavisich
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Carol Konet, the Foleys	Special Music	Sue McLaughlin
Mary Ellen Zimmerman	Summer Sunday School	Sarah Hayes

ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN!
Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a name to the prayer chain.



FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL:

PENNY SUNDAY



Save your coins, dollars, and checks to UCC! The next Penny Sunday will be August 30th and will go to Snow School.

A SIGN-UP FOR TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL! We still have some slots left!



WE NEED YOU!

If you are able to give a few moments of your time after worship today, please help us to take down the folding chairs in Pilgrim Hall to prepare for the Garage Sale this week! As they say, many hands make light work!



ATTENTION TREASURERS!

It's time for the Mid-year audit of the books of all our church organizations!



Please submit your financial records, including receipts and statements to the church office NOW!

The altar flowers are given—

Celebrating our Granddaughter Alison, Daughter Joyce Lynn, and Joyce Reed's Birthdays this month and in loving memory of George Reed—the Reeds



A 2026 SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALTAR FLOWERS IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL. The cost of flowers is \$18 for 1 vase and \$36 for 2 vases. We still have some Sundays available!



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary on June 14th to Barbara & Joe Craig!
With love, Mom

Happy Anniversary today to Linda & Mike Elkins!



CHURCH PICNIC & OUTDOOR WORSHIP

(weather permitting)
SUNDAY, JULY 26th

On our church grounds following outdoor worship. Please bring a lawn chair, and a salad, side dish,

or dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided. Sign up with your side dish in Pilgrim Hall.



WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAWAIIAN/TROPICAL SHIRT!
We're having a contest ☺



THANK YOU NOTES

Pam and I want to thank everyone for your cards, emails, texts, prayers and delicious food given to us during my long health ordeal this past year. I'm pretty much back to normal except my walking is a bit shaky. Pam struggles with back pain in the morning but is getting better. **Bruce Keenen**
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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **July 14th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **June 21st** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will have an email meeting in July.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 5,212.00
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 2,736.00
Difference -(\$ 2,476.00)
Thank you very much for your support.
PLEDGES RECEIVED: 62



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. **Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.**



THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN DURING THE GARAGE SALE ON JULY 17th & 18th! Plus... A special Garage Sale preview day for our Thrift Shop customers on July 16th!

MINISTER SURVEYS can be found on the greeters' table in the Gathering Area. Please take a few moments to complete yours and return it to the black collection box located in the Gathering Area today. It is a responsibility of the Board of Trustees to conduct employee reviews periodically and your input will assist in this important task.



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL—W0. E12345234dnesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: ON JULY 15th, FREE LUNCH WILL BE CARRY-OUT ONLY. Lunches must be reserved in advance.



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND:

Mark your calendar for **SUMMER CONCERTS 2026: July 24th** (new date, Rotary cookout) and **August 7th**. Concerts will be held on the Strongsville Middle School lawn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for outdoor concerts. In case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the Ehrnfelt center.

IT'S THIS WEEK!

CHURCH GARAGE SALE



FRIDAY, JULY 17th from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.

AND

SATURDAY, JULY 18th from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Donations will be accepted now through July 17th.

We accept household items, home décor, sporting equipment, craft supplies, books, games, toys, small electronics, furniture, kitchenware and dishes, plus clothing & shoes (for the Thrift Shop)

We DO NOT accept liquids of any kind, hazardous materials, or large televisions.

Please keep in mind: “If you wouldn’t buy an item in the condition it’s in, please don’t foist it on the church.” Also, please plan to carry your items yourself or bring a helper (or two). Thanks!

We’ll need lots of volunteers, too—

On the days of the sale and every day the week before, sorting the items. Come in the morning, afternoon, or evening.

Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can give a couple of hours of your time to help sort donations either day or evening from July 12 - 16 (or just show up)!

WE ALSO NEED LARGE SHOPPING BAGS! (Marc’s Bags) If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office anytime.



BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday, July 17th before 6 p.m. or Saturday, July 18th before 9 a.m.



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL-- Wednesdays

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Jen Barry, Jean Bittinger, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Colette Emerson, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Jim Joyce, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Erv Koch, Jill Kundtz, Carol Konet, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Jan Meier, Ken Mehalko, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie,



Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Sandy Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, Debbie Thomas, Barbara White, Heather Williams, Jan Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Jim Wonnacott

Extended Church Family: Teresa Beba (Free Lunch friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf’s friend), Allison Emerson (Colette’s sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen’s friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung’s friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog’s friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy’s daughter-in-law), David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy’s grandson), Ellen Harrison (Linda Elkins’ friend), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce’s sister), Dana Hardy (Craig’s wife), McKenna Hassel (Judi Pavisich’s granddaughter), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel’s parents), Ben Hoty (Tony & Jo-Ann Hoty’s son), Helen Leckwatch (Dale Parson’s mother-in-law), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung’s friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel’s sister-in-law), Jeff Peacock (former member), Michael & Judy Richter (Roz Fotos’ friends), Bob Ritchie (Dorothy’s grandson), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes’ friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Jeaneane Steinmeyer (Greg Dickson’s aunt), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich’s friends), Julia Wright (Sandy & Don Gleichauf’s granddaughter), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Iran, and Israel, victims of violence and natural disasters, First Responders

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$64,590.72 in our capital campaign account. The acoustic tiles in Pilgrim Hall project should be installed after the Garage Sale. A new roof for Pilgrim Hall and the church building may be on the horizon. Things are happening, but we still have more projects on the list. Please make sure you designate your donation for “*Capital Campaign*.” Thanks for your continuing support.



+++++THERE’S STILL TIME TO PLEDGE FROM YOUR H.E.A.R.T.!
Hospitality, Engagement, Activities, Resources, Time, Talent, & Treasure

United Church of Christ 2026 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2026:

Name _____

Address _____

I plan to give \$_____ each

☐ week ☐ month ☐ other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$_____

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$_____

☐ ☐ I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

☐ ☐ I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21





CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM

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 would LOVE to have you be a part of our team! (You don't need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)

YES! I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM.

NAME_____

PHONE _____

EMAIL_____



I AM INTERESTED IN:

_____ OFFERING OR RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

_____ CALLING FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN PRAYER CHAIN, BUT DON'T USE EMAIL

_____ PREPARING AN EXTRA MEAL AND DELIVERING IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ HELPING COOK A DISH AND OR SERVE MEALS AT FUNERAL LUNCHEON

_____ BECOMING A "PHONE BUDDY" AND PERIODICALLY CHECK IN WITH SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO TAKE MEMBERS TO APPOINTMENTS

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO OUR CHURCH SERVICES

_____ BE PART OF A CARD CREW TO SEND CARDS TO FOLKS ON HEIDI'S PRAYER LIST AND OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

_____ I WOULD BE WILLING TO...

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are the last or almost the last person to leave the church building on any given day, please make certain that all the lights are off, no water is running, and most importantly, that the door to the kitchen and the parking lot doors are locked and "undogged" using the Allen key provided. Thanks in advance for your diligence.

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CHURCH OFFICERS 2026

**Elected February 1, 2026*

Moderator: Rachel Zielinski *

Vice-Moderator: Herb Hampson*

Treasurer: Sally Herzog* **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Elkins

Board of Trustees

Karen Bates Jen Barry* Greg Dickson*
Bill Giuliano* Chris Goff Les Fox* Cathy Hawk
Sandy Pogozelski* Bill Robinson * Cheryl Sobek
Alex Tomoff Mike Willis

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Linda Ponstingle Lora Rung

Christian Education Committee

Linda Elkins* Colette Emerson* Dale Hawk
Sarah Hayes Amanda Marshall* Lora Rung

Music Committee

Karen Bates* Ingrid Dickson*
Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko Mike Willis
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Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Lora Rung
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