



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Minister



**Sunday – July 15, 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** "The Greatest Mystery" Rick Muchow  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Joyce Reed  
**INTROIT** "A Welcome Place" Joel Raney

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God brings us together, so that together, we might sing songs of joy and hope, as God's beloved.  
**People: Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.**  
Leader: Christ gathers us together, so that together, we might carol the good news of redemption.  
**People: Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.**  
Leader: The Spirit draws us together, so that together, we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.  
**People: Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve one another and all creation.**

† **HYMN 793** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**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** Native American Flute Mehalko and Elkins

**ANTHEM** "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone" Michael W. Smith  
Sarah Keenen, vocalist

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**BAND OFFERTORY** "Sing His Praises" Rick Muchow

† **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**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 6: 14-29

**SERMON** What Will People Think?

† **HYMN 43** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Lead Me, Lord" S.S. Wesley

† **BAND POSTLUDE**

**SERVING**

| TODAY – JULY 15 |                             | NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 22 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Betty Craig     | <b>Liturgist</b>            | Outdoor worship       |
| Linda Plain     | <b>Greeters</b>             | at Volunteer Park     |
| Chuck McDougall | <b>Ushers</b>               | 12410 Lunn Road       |
| Jim Joyce       | <b>Coffee Hour</b>          | <b>at 10:30 a.m.</b>  |
| Irene Joyce     | <b>Summer Sunday School</b> |                       |
| Elena Taylor    | <b>Director of Music</b>    | Elena Taylor          |

The altar flowers are given—

*In celebration of our Birthdays—July 15 and July 16*  
George and Joyce Reed

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Thank you to Dayna Czarnecki, Jan Stough, and Irene Joyce for the clean refrigerators and freezers with love, "Grammy"*

**Music Ministry** –Thank you to Sarah Keenen, Pam Keenen, and to the SUCC Band, for providing music for today's worship.

**Happy Birthday** today to George Reed, Marge McKinney, and Alysha Rolland!

**The Trustees will meet this Monday, July 16 at 7 p.m.**  
**The Diaconate will meet Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.**

**From the Pulpit Search Committee:** After an exhaustive and thorough process of searching for our settled pastor, and prayerful consideration, your Pulpit Search Committee has chosen a candidate to lead our church. The Committee received almost fifty profiles which were carefully and diligently investigated. Through countless meetings, emails and most importantly, lots of prayer, it became clear to us that God had sent us the minister who is the best fit for our congregation. It is with great joy that we recommend to extend the call to **Reverend Heidi Denman McDougall** to be our settled pastor.

To that end, a **Congregational meeting** will take place on **August 12, 2018**, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of voting to accept the Search Committee's recommendation. There will also be a "meet and greet" (for most of us, just a greet) on Saturday, August 11 from 3 pm – 5 pm to welcome and talk with Pastor Heidi and her husband, Chuck.

The Committee would like to thank the congregation for its ongoing support, patience and prayers these past thirteen months, as we determined whom we would unanimously chose to recommend.

Your Pulpit Search Committee: Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy, Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog. and Bill Schneider



**Summer Sunday School combined classes continue** – Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help. Classes will meet in the Confirmation classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. **Thanks to Kelly Bickley for putting together the lessons, based on "Fruit of the Spirit," and to Irene Joyce for teaching today!**

**Membership** – If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville UCC, please contact Pastor Heidi or call the church office, (440) 238-6697.



**RETIREMENT RECEPTION**—You are invited to join your church friends as we celebrate Sharon Heinrich for her 26+ years of dedication and faithfulness as our church secretary **today** following the worship service. If you have not already done so, please complete a message sheet for Sharon before you leave today.

**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, summer Sunday School teacher, or nursery helper! No experience is necessary—everyone is welcome and 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 at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Eddy Bond, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Lola Millhoane, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward



**Extended Church Family:** Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Joyce Reed** and her family. Joyce's brother, Dale Mlincek, passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, June 26. His funeral was held Friday, June 29 in Kentucky.

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,556.25  
(Difference \$ 1,093.06)



**Stewardship** – Just a reminder that the church still has expenses during the summer months when you may be away and church activities slow down. If possible, please continue your regular giving by mailing your offering to the church: Strongsville UCC, 13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. For your convenience, church-addressed mailing envelopes are available in the Gathering Area on the cabinet. Another option is electronic giving (myEoffering) for anyone interested. Instructions for myEoffering are in the July Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church. **Also, if you miss attending church on a Sunday and would like a copy of the bulletin e-mailed to you, please notify the church office.**

**A heartfelt thank you** to the Roub Family Foundation in Merritt Island, Florida, for their generous gift of \$1000 to our Free Lunch For All program. This gift will help us continue to offer nutritious meals every Wednesday and foster a strong sense of caring community among those who attend. (Obviously, news of our program has traveled beyond our community!) Thanks be to God for such generosity of spirit. --Pastor Heidi  
*Pearl Roub was a longtime active SUCC member, Sunday School teacher, bell ringer, apple dumpling baker, sock doll maker, and "Grammy."*

## ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENT

**August 19** --Botanical Gardens and Dinner in Little Italy  
Please see Linda Plain to make reservations.

## INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP

We will be taking a tour of a mosque on Thursday September 6th around 6:30 pm. **If you are interested, please write "mosque" on the back of your attendance card.** Everyone is welcome! More details will follow.

**FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND:**  
**Friday, August 3 at 7:30 PM at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center.** This concert will be part of the Strongsville Rotary Picnic and will include many of songs of yesterday including the Salute to the Armed Forces.

## A NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN

All refrigerators and freezers have been cleaned. Please date and label items or they will disappear.  
Betty Craig

## NEXT SUNDAY...OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC at Volunteer Park in Strongsville

12410 Lunn Road

just west of Prospect, between Prospect and Foltz

**Sunday – JULY 22, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.**

### Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion

followed by Potluck Picnic Meal and Games

Pavilion with Picnic Tables and Electricity,  
Restrooms – Playground – Horseshoe Pits, Bocce Ball Courts,  
Baseball Fields, Batting Cages

Hot dogs, buns, beverages, paper plates and disposable silverware will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share and lawn chairs if you would like. **Please sign up on the list located on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** (Even if you don't sign up, you are still welcome to come.)



## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**Elena Taylor's** last Sunday as our Music Director will be August 19. On that day, we will have a reception for her to wish her and her family well on her new adventures as they move to New Jersey! We have truly enjoyed Elena's talent, faithfulness, and musicianship during her time with us, first at Organist, then as Music Director. She will be missed, but we know that she will continue to bring glory to God wherever she goes.



The Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the Music Committee, has voted to hire **Thomas M. Foley** as our Music Director. Tom will begin his service with us on August 23. Tom and his wife, Suzi, are residents of Strongsville and are members here at Strongsville UCC, with Tom having served as Music Director here from 1998 – 2007. The Foleys have three children: Jimmy, a future freshman at Ohio University, Jackie, a future freshman at the University of Cincinnati, and Bobby, a rising junior at Strongsville High School. We welcome Tom and his family back to Strongsville UCC! **The first meeting of the Chancel Choir and any interested singers will be on Thursday, August 23 at 7 p.m.**

## STRONGSVILLE HOMECOMING PARADE SALUTE TO AMERICA!

Our church will have a float in the Strongsville Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, July 25, meeting at the church at 5 pm for a 5:30 pm start. Help is needed—float decorators, marchers, riders, and candy distributors! Please see Kristen Clotworthy, Sarah Hayes, or Rachel Zielinski if you would like to be a part of this fun event.

**DONATIONS OF NON-CHOCOLATE CANDY ARE NEEDED—** Tootsie Rolls, Hard Candies, Starburst, Nerds, etc. Please bring large bags of small-sized candy to the church office before July 22.



## JULY 2018 UPCOMING DATES

- 15 Sun Worship 10am  
Retirement Reception for Sharon Heinrich
- 16 Mon August 2018 Newsletter Deadline  
**TRUSTEE MEETING 7pm**
- 17 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Sun Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic **10:30am**  
at Volunteer Park
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
HOMECOMING PARADE 5 pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 29 Sun Worship 10am, guest minister **Rev. Joe Santomen**



**Frequently Asked Question: Is the church having a Garage Sale this year?**

**Answer: Yes, the Official Board is planning to have our annual fun fundraiser on Saturday, September 8 from 9 am – 2 pm.**

Naturally, donations will be needed, but we are asking our dear members and friends to hold their donations until after Sunday, August 19 (Elena Taylor's farewell reception). Please remember we accept clean, usable household items, small electronics, lamps, toys, books, furniture, and anything else that is not a liquid. Also, the Sunday School will have a Bake Sale during the Garage Sale as their main fundraiser for the year. We appreciate your cooperation and support!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS LOOMING!

Please e-mail your August newsletter articles to [strongsvilleucc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleucc@gmail.com) or slide them underneath the office door today! Thanks!