

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Joseph Santomen, Guest Minister



SUNDAY – JULY 2, 2017 – 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.

PRELUDE *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* Cleavant Derricks

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Jim Studer

Leader: When we consider God's commandments,
they seem like a heavy yoke with which we are burdened.

**People: We are reminded that Jesus invited us to take his yoke,
which is light and easy to bear.**

Leader: Jesus comes in fulfillment of the law,
giving us grace when the law would condemn us.

**People: We are burdened with sin, and come to Christ,
that he may lead us into the joy of his saving grace.
Amen**

† **HYMN 512** *Jesus Is All the World to Me*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR 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.**

RESPONSE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William Bradbury

SPECIAL MUSIC *Centaurus* Vander Cook

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE THE OFFERING

Rev. Santomen

OFFERTORY *Cantaloupe Island* Herbie Hancock

† **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

SCRIPTURES Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON *HOW SWEET IT IS!* Rev. Joseph Santomen

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper,
or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.*

MUSIC during Communion *Mont Saint-Michel* Geoffrey Robbins

† **HYMN 539** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Amazing Grace* John Newton

† **POSTLUDE** *Organ Postlude in D*

This morning's altar flowers are given—

In Loving Memory of James Habart on the Occasion of His Birthday, July 4
From his family who love him dearly

The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary to Rob and Sandra Wentz on June 27 and
Happy birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30
With love, Grammy

This morning we welcome and thank . . .

Rev. Joseph Santomen (our guest minister), his wife **Betsey**, and
their daughter **Kristy** for being with us.

Mark Russo for his special music. Mark is a trumpet player and
music educator in the greater Cleveland area.

Adult Social Club will go to Blossom Music Center today. We will meet at
church at 6:00 p.m. to carpool and then leave the church at 6:30 p.m.

Indians Baseball Game – Because of lack of interest, Adult Social Club
will **NOT** attend the Indians game on Thursday, July 27.

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday in observance of the Fourth of
July holiday.

UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

We have been meeting every week to begin the multi-layered process in finding a new settled pastor for our church. There are specific procedures and guidelines set by the UCC, which we are following. The UCC dictates that the search may not even begin until the current pastor has totally vacated the position. The Diaconate is charged with placing an interim minister while the search process progresses.

One of the most important and time consuming steps in the procedure is the first big step: creating our church profile. We are on track to complete this phase of our mission by the end of July. Creating this profile involves prayerfully and carefully completing a very detailed and thorough series of essay questions and tables that will allow any perspective minister seeking a call to get a sense of who we are as a church, and if this place is a possible fit for him or her. Our church profile is a minimum of thirty pages long and requires quite a bit of research. This profile is very different than the one we completed over five years ago, so we aren't able to simply "cut and paste"! This document is extremely important and we are working hard to get it right! (To this end, we would very much appreciate your prompt return of your completed surveys, regarding our church's demographics.) Once all the information is gathered and collated, the profile can go out into the world for ministers to consider. If one is interested and believes that our church may be a fit, he or she sends us his or her profile, which is anywhere from twenty to forty pages in length. The committee will then carefully and prayerfully review each profile and discern whether or not this person may be a fit for us, and an interview is warranted. This process takes several months.

Your Pulpit Search Committee realizes that we are instruments of God's will and take our mission very seriously. We as a church must continue to be strong and carry out our mission of Christian love and extravagant welcome whilst the search continues. Most importantly, your prayers and support are needed and gratefully welcomed. Please do not hesitate to ask any one of us your questions pertaining to the call process or other concerns you may have.

Thank you!

Your Pulpit Search Committee

Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy,
Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

PENNY SUNDAYS

Because Penny Sunday did not take place last week on Picnic Sunday, June 25, we will have a special Penny Sunday this morning. Today's collection will be given to the Wink Foundation, in honor of Annette Karr and her dog Wink's being with us on June 11, 2017, for the Children's Message.

July 30 (the last Sunday of the month) is our regular Penny Sunday, when the collection will be, as usual, for the Strongsville Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

Strongsville Homecoming Parade – Our church will have a float in the parade on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. The theme this year is our church's 200th anniversary. **On Sunday, July 16, after church--those interested will decorate the float. Help is needed!** On the day of the parade, we will meet at church at 5:00 p.m. and leave at 5:30 to line up on Progress Drive. Please join us as a rider, walker or float decorator. For the parade, please wear your church t-shirt. All are welcome!

The outdoor worship area is now completed. I would like to thank Gina Cathcart for her time as well as donations for the garden. I also want to thank Dan Davis who helped out.
Gina Gigliotti

Mission Outreach has received yet another letter from Strongsville Food Bank thanking our congregation for its strong support. Your continuing donations of food and money (Penny Sunday) are especially appreciated during the summer when their usual school group collections do not occur. Many thanks from our committee as well.

To make past services easier to view on the web, we started 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.

Garage Sale Postponed – The Garage Sale, originally scheduled for July 8, 2017, has been postponed. Please hold on to your treasures for a little while longer. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you very much.

Plastic grocery bags are needed in the church kitchen.

Summer Sunday School – Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided. Please see Irene Joyce if you have questions. **We thank Mrs. Clotworthy** for teaching the class today.

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

or

Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or ij3e@sbcglobal.net

Thank you!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 6/25/2017 \$1,342
Difference (\$2,523)



SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Linda Plain

Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce

Liturgist: Jim Studer

Usher: Linda Plain

Summer Sunday School: Mrs. Kristen Clotworthy

Strongsville UCC's 200th Anniversary

Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future



Our church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. As part of that celebration, we are planning an **Anniversary Luncheon on October 15**, right after the church service that Sunday. The luncheon will be held at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet room. If you think you may attend the luncheon, please let Joyce Reed know or sign up on the sheet on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board, where you can indicate your preliminary attendance and number of guests coming. Thank you.

The 200th Anniversary Committee

200th Anniversary Cookbooks – 45 cookbooks are still available at a cost of \$12.00 each. We also have six old church cookbooks from 2006 at a cost of \$10.00 each. If you got a cookbook and did not yet pay, please give your payment to Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed, or place payment under the church office door. Thank you!

OUR PRAYER LIST

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: Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Steve Herzog, Irene Jannsohn, Don Kovach at Parkside Villa, Bev Lane, Martha Liebert, Pam Peacock, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Sue Mason, Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), 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 (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



JULY 2017

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| 2 Sun | Sacrament of Communion
Penny Sunday for Wink Foundation
Pulpit Search Committee Meeting
Adult Social Club goes to Blossom, meet at church at 6pm |
| 4 Tue | Church Office Closed for the Fourth of July Holiday |
| 5 Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Fit Club, 7pm |
| 9 Sun | Stewardship Committee Meeting, after church |
| 12 Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Fit Club, 7pm |
| 16 Sun | Decorate Our Church Float, after church
August Newsletter Deadline |
| 18 Tue | Trustees Meeting, 7pm |
| 19 Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Strongsville Homecoming Parade – Meet at church at 5pm |
| 25 Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 26 Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm |
| 30 Sun | Penny Sunday for Strongsville Food Bank
Newsletter Pickup at church |

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SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 9, 2017

Greeters: The Clotworthy Family

Morning Announcements: Kelly Bickley

Liturgist: Ted Bickley

Usher: Roy Merkle

Summer Sunday School: Kelly Bickley

Coffee Hour: Volunteers Needed