

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Congregational)  
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Pastor

**Worship at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday**

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## JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*The space in which we live should be for the person we are becoming now, not for the person we were in the past.*  
--Marie Kondo

Marie Kondo has become a household name. People turn to her for help de-cluttering their homes and their lives. Seems to me, society as a whole could benefit from the Kondo touch.

Kondo's basic principle goes something like this: *As you go through your clutter, hold each item in your hand. If it no longer sparks joy, **get rid of it.***

What if we were to take this approach with our ways of thinking? (Even our ways of thinking about God?) What if we paused to reflect on some of those cherished beliefs we may have held *since childhood* and asked ourselves: *Does this still "fit" the person I'm becoming? Have I "outgrown" this way of thinking or believing?*

Changing the way we think can be very, very hard—and very, very necessary. When was the last time you stepped back and asked yourself *why* you believe *what* you believe (and not just about God)? Perhaps you were brought up believing certain things based on a person's age, or gender, or race, or even the neighborhood they lived in or the school they attended, but later came to realize these things simply weren't true.

This pandemic has left us with extra time for self-reflection. Maybe it's time to take a closer look at ourselves and de-clutter our beliefs a bit. Hold those beliefs up to the light in prayer and examine them more closely. Are they true, or simply comfortable, or convenient?

Take time to reflect on whether these beliefs are helpful or hurtful. If they've lost their sparkle, you know what you need to do. **Get rid of them!**

Peace and Hope,  
Pastor Heidi

### ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**SUNDAY – JULY 5 – ONLINE**  
**Sacrament of Communion**  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*



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**SUNDAY – JULY 12 – ONLINE**  
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**SUNDAY – JULY 19 – ONLINE**  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

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**SUNDAY – JULY 26 – ONLINE**  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**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**, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**. Our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos>*

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### UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that **Kathie and Gary Paul** have been taking the time and energy to plant flowers on the church grounds? Thank you for beautifying our little corner of the world!



Did you know that a hardworking crew consisting of **the Clothworthy family, Myron Costin, Clara Barry, and Dale Hawk** hauled all the chairs and tables out of the way in Pilgrim Hall so that the tile could be stripped and waxed? Thank you for your hard work, friends!



## THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the good wishes and cards! It is so thoughtful for the church family to do that for me. I have had a blessed life. Many good people

**Ramona Glaze** (turned 100 on 5/25/20)

Thank you so much for the wonderful church services. We are back from Arizona, but unfortunately we can't go to services yet. We miss you all!

Lovingly, **Roger & Judy Davis**

Dear Church Family & Friends,  
During my recent recovery period from major back surgery, I was pleasantly surprised by receiving many get well cards from members of SUCC. Since my move to California, I have lost touch with the church except for viewing online services. Thank you to all. I can't tell you how all those cards made me feel and it brought tears to my eyes, THANKS again! --**Lloyd Bridle**

I want to thank the members of the Strongsville UCC for their prayers. My broken wrist is on the mend and I appreciate the support of the church.

My very best regards, **Joe Craig**

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## OUR PRAYER LIST

*Please provide updates for this list to the church office. Thank you.*

### Long-Term Care or Homebound:

Janet Kato, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Judy Carte, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Joe Craig, Robert Craig, Sam

Cuylar Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie Trinckes, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

**Extended Church Family:** Ron, Yvonne, & Ronnie Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

**Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.**

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## OUR CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY

The Strongsville City Schools had the first of seven weeks of participating in a USDA free produce distribution on June 17<sup>th</sup>. When the person in charge started, he signed up for 100 22-lb boxes of produce, to match the number of free/ reduced lunch students they were serving for the summer. Well, the number went up . . . and up . . . and they had about 600 boxes of food available. Over 500 were distributed; the rest found homes through agencies such as Church Street Ministries. Shout-out to **Clay Williams, Linda Dettmer, Rosie Remle, Cathy Hawk and Chuck & Pastor Heidi** for helping out. Food scarcity is a very real thing, even in Strongsville, Ohio. Please keep these families in your prayers.

## FROM THE STRONGSVILLE POST:

By **ANN MORRISON**

*STRONGSVILLE – Local families have an opportunity to get free fresh produce this summer, thanks to the Farms to Families Food Box Program through the United States Department of Agriculture.*

*The USDA has partnered with farmers, ranchers, food processors, distributors and non-profit organizations to provide access to fresh fruit and vegetables during the COVID-19 pandemic. It's a mutually beneficial program that alleviates waste and puts quality food on the table for American families.*

*The program has been brought to Strongsville, and families with students in the school district can take advantage of it at no cost to the individuals or to the Strongsville City Schools.*

*The program started June 17, and will continue once per week at Strongsville Middle School. Members of the school community go through a drivethrough format around the building and are provided with 22-pound boxes of produce.*

*In the first distribution alone, 14,080 pounds of produce was handed out. Strongsville schools' Chef Mike Nowosielski, who facilitated the initiative, said the district is on track to distribute 98,560 pounds of food by the end of July. The food comes from the farmers, who sell food that was destined for restaurants and bulk purchasers to distributors. The distributors partner with the USDA to package family-sized boxes with fresh produce, and then they transport them to non-profits across the country. Then the families can pick up the boxes for their personal use.*

*Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club, the United Church of Christ, the SCS food service department, the SCS custodial department and the district's preferred produce distributor, Premier Produce, were all involved in the success of the initial distribution day for the Strongsville community.*

*The produce boxes are in addition to free meals that have been provided to students who needed them during the school closure since mid-March.*



River Valley Paper Company

**KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER, MAGAZINES, AND CARDBOARD!** The church (and everyone else) benefits any time you recycle, especially during bonus week where your paper donations count for more. Thank you!



**EVEN IF OUR CONGREGATION IS NOT MEETING IN PERSON, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY WITH A CALL, CARD, OR TEXT.**

**Our Church has been working with the Pentecostal Church of Christ for their mission work which includes:**

- **SHOES FOR HAITI**
- **LUTHERAN METROPOLITAN MINISTRY (Men's shelter 2100 Lakeside)**
- **VISITS TO LOCAL HOMELESS CAMPS**
- **MONTHLY CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS NEAR THE BUS STATION IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND**
- **BI-WEEKLY DONATIONS OF BREAD AND PASTRIES (from Panera)**

Thanks to **Janice Booth** for organizing this partnership with **Sharon Lempner**.



Are you an online shopper? If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>

3. 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. **We received \$34.28 from Amazon for 1st quarter purchases. Every little bit helps!**



You can still order gift cards by calling the church at least two days in advance and then picking them up at the church

office with your payment.

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

### Week of June 7

*Happy Birthday to Tom Foley on June 8<sup>th</sup>!  
Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Valerie & Dale Hopkins on May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Vicky & Dan Masuga today!  
Wishing you many more, Love Mom!*

### Week of June 14

*Happy Birthday today to Dan Sauter!  
With love, Grammy  
In loving memory of James Joyce, Sr.  
Irene & Jim, Erik, Evan, and Elena Joyce*

### Week of June 21

*Remembering our mom & dad's wedding day  
June 23, 1962  
The Dicksons, Joyces, and Jannsohns  
In loving memory of Bill Fraunfelder—always remembered*

### Week of June 28

*Happy Anniversary on June 28<sup>th</sup> to  
Rob and Sandra Wentz!  
Happy Birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30<sup>th</sup>!  
With love, Grammy*



To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Thank you to all who light the steeple. **You may still light the steeple even though we are not meeting in person. Please email the church at**

[strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com).

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## SPONSOR CAROLINE IN INDIA

Thank you to everyone who signed up for 2020:

January—The Sunday School  
February—Judy Carte  
March—Dorothy & Bill Ritchie  
April—The Hawks  
May—Gina Cathcart  
June—Richard & Mary Densmore  
July—Barbara & John Toth  
August—The Hawks  
September—Bill Robinson  
October—Bev Wehr  
November—Linda Plain  
December—Sharon & Jim Heinrich



The Child Sponsorship Program is a part of Global Ministries, United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Churches.

## PENNY SUNDAY NEWS



Penny Sunday collections will resume on the last Sunday of each month when our in-person worship services return. Please keep saving those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars!

**MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH will resume meeting at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at Gourmé Restaurant 15315 Pearl Rd. in Strongsville.**



### THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is closed until further notice.



Thank you to Cathy Hawk, Pam Polansky, Mary Carey, and Janice Booth who have been coming in to clean, organize, and sanitize the shop during the shut-down.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Because of the pandemic, our group unfortunately is not meeting. The interesting programs that we originally scheduled for this year will probably be rescheduled when our environment is safe.

The Strongsville Food Bank will NOT accept our tote bags because of the pandemic, so we are exploring other safe projects that our group can do at this time. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

We are updating our roster to include birthdays and email addresses. To those members who have not yet responded to our email or phone call, please provide your decision for including your email address and birthday (without the year) for an updated Women's Fellowship roster. All ladies in the group will receive a copy of the updated roster.

All women in our congregation are welcome to all activities. Your participation can be as much or as little as you would like.

For more information about Women's Fellowship, please contact either of us. We look forward to emailing or talking with you soon.

Sharon Heinrich and Linda Elkins



If you would like to support the Strongsville Food Bank, please note that cereal, canned veggies, soup, and

pasta are their biggest needs. **DONATIONS MAY BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE FOOD BANK. It is located on Zverina Lane behind the Strongsville Communications Building. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.**



### STEWARDSHIP

Now, more than ever, your faithful support is needed and appreciated to maintain our church and its ministry.

### GIVING OPTIONS

If you are interested in giving electronically, Here's how: You can customize your giving based on how, when, and how much through **E-Offering**. Log on to our church website at [www.strongsvilleucc.com](http://www.strongsvilleucc.com) and click "Donate Now". You will be taken to the church's myEoffering page. Simply click on the "Sign-up" button and you will then fill in your personal information and "Register". Follow the prompts to set up your payment, one-time or ongoing. You can also set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website. **You may also mail a check to**

**Strongsville UCC**

**13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.**

### NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Adria Bond**

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **May 31 through June 21, 2020.**



This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.

Offering Needed	\$13,893.08 for 4 Sundays
Offering Received	15,642.00
Difference	+ \$1,748.92

Thank you to everyone who is maintaining their giving!

### TRUSTEES UPDATE

You already be aware, but the Board of Trustees has continued to meet through email meetings, doing the business of the church during this time.

- Pilgrim Hall's tile floor has been stripped and waxed by Elite Cleaning Services.
- The gutters all around the church building have been cleaned.

**Thank you to our dedicated Trustees for their faithfulness.**

### MOVIE STARS!

Thanks to those church members who participated in the shoot for the film

"Disprezzato" at our church on June 18<sup>th</sup>: **Elaine Coffey, Ingrid Dickson, Irene & Jim Joyce, Ginger Rothel, Jamie Trinckes, and Marty Winch.** Extra thanks to Ingrid Dickson and the Joyces who

stayed after to sanitize the church.



## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

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 Superintendent**  
 Kristen Clotworthy

### Board of Trustees

Eddy Bond\* 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 Dawn Rolland\* 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\* Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti\*  
 Beth Giuliano Judi Pavisich\*\* Bill Schneider\*\*

### Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte Bobbie Krisak Tony Koussa\*  
 Michele Mihlack Gary Paul Lora Rung\*  
 Jennifer Sekorky\*\* Bev Wehr

## Our Sunday School Scholarship recipients for 2020:

### Robert Christopher Foley

"SUCC means family, acceptance and love to me. The most meaningful thing I will take forward with me is that I know I always have a place where people care about me."

### Rachel Lindsay Marie Kovatich

"To me, SUCC means the unconditional tolerance and love for everyone, regardless of race, mental health, or background. I think that is also the most important thing that I will treasure throughout my life."



## 2020 GRADUATES

### Robert (Bobby) Foley

Strongsville High School

Activities: Marching Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Optimist Club,  
 Awards/ Honors:

Future plans: Attend Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music



Parents: Tom and Suzi Foley

### Louis Gigliotti III

University of Akron  
 Masters in Business Administration with Business Analytics concentration

Future Plans: IT Business Analyst at Goodyear

Parents: Sue and Lou Gigliotti



### Trevor Halley

Solon High School

Activities: Marching Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Varsity Wrestler (SHS), Solon Community Band, Strongsville Community Band  
 Honors: John Phillip Sousa Outstanding Musician Award; Eagle Scout



Future Plans: U.S. Marine Band; Akron University

Parents: Jodi and Scott Halley

Grandparents: Jim and Linda Dettmer

### Makenna Hampson

Oak Creek High School

Activities: Band, Cheerleader.  
 Awards/ Honors: NHS

Future plans: Attend Moody Bible Institutes.

Grandparents: Herb and the late Lois Hampson



### Jeffrey A. (Jay) Hassel

Brecksville Broadview Hts. High School

Activities: Superintendent's Student Advisory Board 3 yrs., Marching Band 4 yrs, Cymbal Squad Leader, Percussion Section in Concert Band 4 yrs., Pep Band 2 yrs., Greenhouse Assistant 3 yrs.  
 Honors: Honor Roll



Future Plans: Attend The Ohio University, Majoring in Applied Plant Biology.

Parents/ Grandparents:

Jeff & Tiffany Hassel, Mckenna sister,  
 Judi & George Pavisich proud grandparents.



**Isabella Jannsohn**  
 Columbia College/Cleveland State University  
 Bachelor of Arts in Communication  
 Graduated May, 2020

Graduated Magna cum Laude  
 Currently employed at Kohl's

Future plans: Finding employment in her field

Parents: Charles and the late Aimee Jannsohn  
 Grandparents: Irene and the late Erik Jannsohn



**Alison Rose Schafer**  
 Denison University Granville, OH  
 Bachelor Of Arts Degree in Communications

School Achievements:  
 4 Year Division All Star/All Conference Women's Basketball Player, Scored 2nd highest points in a single game (40). Only 13th woman in schools history to score

over 1000 career points (1664)  
 Member Denison Athletic Association & Tri Delta Sorority

Future Plans: Has secured a Marketing position with a large language translation company in Columbus, OH

Parents: Dr. Holly and Mr. Martin Schafer  
 Grandparents: Joyce and George Reed



**Rachel Kovatich**  
 Strongsville High School

Activities: Color Guard 4 years, Color Guard Captain Sr. Yr.; Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus 6 years; National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, National Art Honor Society.

Academic Recognition; AP Scholar; Summa Cum Laude

Future plans: Attend University of Cincinnati, Majoring in Biochemistry

Parents: Bob and Lori Kovatich  
 Grandparents: Jack and Beth Remaly; Lois Remaly



**Madison Wentz**  
 Archbishop Hoban High School in Summit County

Activities: Volleyball  
 Awards/ Honors: Academic scholarship, Volleyball scholarship

Future plans: Attending Mount Union University Nursing program

Parents: Rob and Sandra Wentz  
 Grandparents: Larry and Debbie Wentz  
 Great Grandmother: Betty (Grammy) Craig



**Elias J. Manos**  
 Cleveland State University  
 Bachelor of Music in Composition

Graduated Magna cum Laude  
 Has received many awards for his film compositions, Numerous performances, recitals, and concerts, accompanied the Singing

Angels  
 Former worship accompanist at Strongsville UCC

Future plans: composing film scores



**Meghan McDougall**  
 James Garfield High School in Portage County

Activities: Volleyball, Track, Cross Country; National Honor Society; Student Leadership Council.  
 Awards/ Honors: 7 Varsity Athletic letters; four year academic letter; graduated Magna Cum Laude

Future plans: Hoping to join the Air Force.

Parents: Michelle & Angus McDougall  
 Grandparents: Pastor Heidi & Chuck McDougall

