

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

(Congregational)  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

**Worship 10 a.m. (+online)**



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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Pastor

# JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;  
Lord, hear my voice!  
I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.  
I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.*

### Rough nights.

When I was around 9 or 10 years old, our summer vacation took us to Hovenweep National Monument. Hovenweep sits in the Four Corners area, with tentacles in both Colorado and Utah. The monument celebrates the history of over twenty-five ancient peoples who dwelt in this hot, dry land, over 10,000 years ago. It's unlike anywhere else.

There is a very primitive campground there, and we had our tent to pitch. Problem was, the ground was so hard and so dry, Dad couldn't drive the stakes in as well as he would have liked. So he set the tent up, and we unrolled the sleeping bags, crawled in and used our body weight to hold it down.

Then the winds came. . . .

We survived, obviously. But even while we *knew*, at some level, that God hadn't deserted us, like Elijah, we realized God's power wasn't in the earthquake, the lightning or the powerful winds. It was in the quiet that settled *after* the storm that God's returning Presence was most strongly felt.

It was a long, scary night, but joy did, indeed, come in the morning.

And it always does, and God always sustains us. Thanks be to God!

Peace, Hope and Joy,  
Pastor Heidi

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY, JULY 4 – 10 a.m. ONLY**

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Special Music: Mike Elkins, Ken Mehalko,  
Sharon Heinrich**

**Greeters: Irene Joyce & Elliott Joyce**

**Liturgist: Mary Ellen Zimmerman**

**(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK)**

**SUNDAY – JULY 11 – 10 a.m.**

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sacrament of Communion**



**Special Music: Sarah Keenen**

**Greeter: Sharon Maresco**

**Liturgist: Carol Konet**

**Sunday School: Mary Densmore**

**SUNDAY—JULY 18 – 10 a.m.**

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Special Music: Craig Hardy**

**Greeter: Judi Pavisich**

**Liturgist: Rick Teagno**

**Sunday School: Cathy Hawk**

**SUNDAY – JULY 25 – 10 a.m.**

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Special Music: Sharon Metivier**

**Greeter: Elaine Coffey**

**Liturgist: Dale Hawk**

**Sunday School: Sandy Pogozelski**

**Special Guest Minister: Rev. Oommen Thomas**

**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**.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos>

Beginning Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have one worship service at 10 a.m.



## HELP WANTED!

**WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A GREETER OR AN USHER?** Check out the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area and add your name!



## THANK YOU NOTES



Many thanks to Richard Densmore, the Bell Choir (Elaine Coffey, Mary Densmore, Ingrid Dickson, Linda Elkins, Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, Barb Fraunfelder, Sharon Heinrich, Irene Joyce, Linda Ponstingle, Barbara Toth, Rob Toth, & Sarah Toth), Carol Foley, and Carol Konet for sharing their music with us in June for our worship services.

## PENNY SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who gave to Memorial Day weekend's Penny Sunday! We collected \$243.05 for homeless veterans in Cuyahoga County, as served by Church Street Ministries.



We will not have class on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. THEN, WE WILL RESUME COMBINED CLASSES AT THE 10 A.M. SERVICE, FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR AUGUST!** Please call the church or contact Linda Elkins if you would like to sign up to teach on one of the Sundays (supplies and lessons will be provided).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST 51 YEAR MEMBER, JIM HEINRICH!** Jim joined the church on March 26, 1970!



## THANK YOU

**TO OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ADRIA BOND!** Adria has been a member since 2015 and has served as our Financial Secretary since March 2017.



Our deepest sympathy to **Kelly Kling** of the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank and her family on the death of her father, **Robert Sanders**, on June 6, 2021.

Our love and prayers are extended to the **Gigliotti family** on the death of Lou's mom, **Joanne Gigliotti**, who passed away on June 29, 2021.

## POSITION AVAILABLE

Adria Bond is set to retire as our church's Financial Secretary after many years of exemplary service. Consequently, the church is in need of a person who is familiar with Excel and other financial software and who has some bookkeeping experience to fill her shoes. This is a compensated, part-time position. If you are interested, or know of someone who is looking for supplementary employment, please contact Greg Dickson, chair of the Trustees, at [gdickson2009@gmail.com](mailto:gdickson2009@gmail.com) for a detailed job description or to apply.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Rev. Joe Santomen** on June 17, 2021. Joe was formerly the pastor at the Strongsville United Methodist Church and a regular substitute minister with us. We send our

heartfelt condolences to his wife, **Betsey**, and their family. A memorial service will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the Strongsville United Methodist Church.

## MUSICIANS NEEDED!

Would you like to be a part of the summer music program? Instrumentalists and vocalists are needed for our worship services in August. If you are interested in joining us and sharing your talent, please contact Tom Foley or Mike Elkins!



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**FOR REV. LARRY CRAIG**  
Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Noon  
At Sunset Memorial Park  
6265 Columbia Rd,  
North Olmsted, OH 44070.

Christina has invited all of their SUCC friends to remember Larry.



## Trustees Update

**Some new projects that are underway and/or complete, funded in part by our Thrift Shop:**

- The area just outside the kitchen door has been revamped with maintenance-free turf and a decorative retaining wall around the shade tree.
- 16 new round tables and a cart, plus 25 new folding chairs have been purchased for Pilgrim Hall.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

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

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Joan Beckwith, Adria Bond, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Tom Gaumer, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Pam Keenen, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Rachel Zielinski, Bob Zimmerman

**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Jeff & Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's son & daughter-in-law), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Pat Masuga (Dan's mom), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Kay McGinty (Judi Pavisich's aunt), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Family of Katie Mikalacki (George Pavisich's friend), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Amanda Stefanik (Schyler Thorn's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn's niece)

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



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2021

At our meeting on June 1, 18 ladies enjoyed Linda Ponstingle's wonderful program on "The Great and Not-So-Great Churches of Europe." We thank Linda for her hard work on the Power Point presentation and also for her delicious, individually packaged caramel popcorn treats!



*This month's meeting is:*

**Tuesday – July 6 – 10:00 A.M. – Pilgrim Hall  
"SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS"**

Sit, relax, and chat with friends – or – bring and do your own craft like knitting, crocheting, counted cross stitch, mending, coloring, etc., while chatting with friends!

The meeting will end before lunch time.

*Upcoming meetings to put on your calendar are:*

**Tuesday – August 3 – 10:00 A.M. – Parlor  
"AGING GRACEFULLY"**

with tips from Judy Carte

**Tuesday – September 7 – 10:00 A.M.  
"OUTDOOR PICNIC AND WALKING"**

at the park on Lewis Road in Olmsted Falls (Maps will be distributed at the August meeting and will also be available in the Women's Fellowship mailbox at church.)

**Tuesday – October 5 – 10:00 A.M. – Parlor  
VIEW THE MOVIE, "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN"**

and dress up for Halloween – or – wear PJ's!

**Tuesday – Nov. 2 – 10:00 A.M. – Parlor  
"PREPARE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TEA"**

and make centerpieces with Joyce Reed

**Sunday – December 5 – Pilgrim Hall  
(12:00 or 12:30 P.M. – time to be determined)**

**"CHRISTMAS TEA"**

and ring tonechimes  
Barb Fraunfelder

*As always, all ladies welcome to all Women's Fellowship events.*



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## BOARD MEETINGS (Off for July)

- **The Board of Trustees** will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **August 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **August 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **August 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.





The Strongsville  
Emergency Food Bank  
is currently accepting  
non-perishable food

items. **DONATIONS MAY BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE FOOD BANK.** It is located on Zverina Lane behind the Strongsville Communications Building. They are only open Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. The needs for the food bank in July would be TUNA AND SOUP!

### UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that **Linda & Mike Elkins, Cathy Hawk, Sarah, Jack, Ella, & Henry Hayes, Irene Joyce, Linda Ponstingle, and Barbara White** braved the sweltering temperatures to clean up the balcony and upstairs area of Pilgrim Hall? Thanks for getting this project underway, gang!



Did you know that **Dale Hawk** power washed the picnic table outside the kitchen door? Thank you for taking the time to get ready for the landscaping project in that area, Dale!

### GIFT CARDS

**YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT IN A SAFE WAY THAT BENEFITS OUR CHURCH!**



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your

order. Limited stock is available, but special orders may be accommodated with advance notice. **Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!**



**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 \$44.29 in May!** KEEP SHOPPING!

### STEEPLE LIGHTING

#### Week of June 6<sup>th</sup>

*Congratulations to Larry Wentz on his retirement!*  
With Love, Mom

*Happy Birthday to Tom Foley on June 8<sup>th</sup>!*

*Happy Birthday to my sister, Cookie, on June 1<sup>st</sup>*  
Ginger Rothel

#### Week of June 13<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday to Dan Sauter on June 14<sup>th</sup>*  
With Love, Grammy

*Happy Birthday to my Daughter-in-law, Marissa McNabb on June 17<sup>th</sup> and Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my grandson, Mason McNabb, on June 19<sup>th</sup> and Ron's daughter, Lori on June 19<sup>th</sup> –Ginger and Ron Rothel*

#### Week of June 20<sup>th</sup>

*In Honor of all Dads—past, present, and future!*  
Lola Millhoane

*Celebrating our 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>*  
Linda & Jim Dettmer

*Remembering our parents' wedding day-June 23, 1962*  
Ingrid Dickson & Irene Joyce

#### Week of June 27<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Anniversary to Rob & Sandra Wentz on June 27<sup>th</sup>*  
*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 [strongsvilleuc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleuc@gmail.com).**

### ADDRESS CHANGES

To update your Church Directory:

**Liz Mulhan**  
801 East Dartmoor Ave.  
Seven Hills, OH 44131  
216-406-2200

**Ryan, Tony, & Iris Craig**  
696 Woodland Hill Ct.  
Medina, Mn. 55340



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, July 19, 2021 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**(We're still open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**



### 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 **June 6 through June 27, 2021**. *Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.*

Offering Needed \$14,597.48 for 4 Sundays  
Offering Received 9,619.50  
(-\$ 4,977.98)



### BE A PART OF THE FUN!

Donations are now being accepted, but please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist in 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 evening the week before, beginning around 7 p.m. and sorting until about 9 p.m.**

**Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can give a couple of hours of your time from July 19-24 (or just show up)!**



### BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday before

6 p.m. or Saturday morning before 9 a.m.



## From our friends at the Strongsville Community Band:

### Preliminary 2021 Summer Concert Schedule...

**Monday, July 5 at 7:00 PM**

Strongsville Community Band at

Hudson Band Stand

**Friday, July 9 at 7:30 PM** – Strongsville City Jazz (Strongsville Middle School Front Lawn)

**Friday, July 23 at 7:30 PM-** (Strongsville Middle School Front Lawn)

**Friday, July 30 at 7:30 PM** (Strongsville middle School Front Lawn)

**Friday, August 6 at 7:30 PM** (Strongsville Middle School Front Lawn)

Please note that concerts scheduled on the Front Lawn of Strongsville Middle School will be moved indoors to the Ehrnfelt Sr./Rec Center in case of inclement weather

### GRADUATES 2021



**Izabella Jean Abruzzino**  
**Strongsville High School**

**Daughter of Serena Abruzzino**

**Sister of McKenzi & Christopher Abruzzino**

**Granddaughter of Bobbie & Wayne Krisak**

Dance Team Captain at SHS, Violin in String Orchestra. Dancer at D3 for 10+ years. Headed to Bowling Green State University to major in Psychology

**Aidan Camp**

**Medina High School**

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**Son of Brandt & Gelin Camp**

**Grandson of Barb & Mark Camp**

Wrestling, Rugby, Trumpet in Jazz & Concert Band, Certifications in Automotive Collision Repair  
Planning for a career in Automotive Tech



**Hunter Coleo**

**Mentor High School**

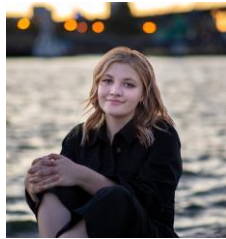
**Son of Abby Camp and Todd Coleo**

**Grandson of Mark & Barb Camp**

Varsity Football Captain  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference, All-City, All-District, MVP Offensive Lineman, North/South All-Star Team, Varsity

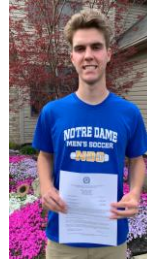
Wrestling—All-Conference, Most Team Pins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sectional, 5<sup>th</sup> at District, State Alternate  
Headed to Ashland University to study Education and play football

**Abigail Rose Craig**  
**Sunset High School**  
 Daughter of Adam & Kristina  
 Craig  
 Granddaughter of Joe &  
 Barbara Craig  
 Great-granddaughter of Betty  
 Craig



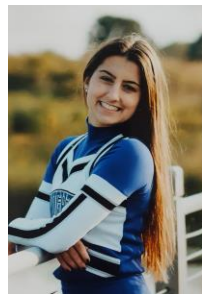
Headed to University of Oregon to major in Psychology

**Matthew Minnick**  
**Strongsville High School**  
 Son of Darla Wickline & Marjorie  
 Morrison  
 Brother of Chris Minnick  
 Strongsville Mustangs Soccer  
 Headed to Notre Dame University in Ohio  
 to study Cyber Security and play soccer



**Sarah Falbo, PhD.**  
**Slippery Rock University**  
 Doctorate of Physical Therapy  
 Daughter-in-law to be of Sandy  
 & Bob Pogozelski  
 Granddaughter-in-law to be of  
 Carol & Roy Merkle  
 Conducted Student Podcast,  
 Triathlon Club, Class APTA Liaison

**Kailey Hampson**  
**Oak Creek High School**  
 Granddaughter of Herb & the late  
 Lois Hampson  
 Band, National Honor Society  
 Cheerleading Captain  
 Headed to Indiana Wesleyan  
 University to study Nursing



**Richard Michael Nash**  
**Green High School**  
 Son of Viktoriya & Richard Nash  
 Grandson of Lidiya Dordzhiyeva  
 High School Basketball & Baseball  
 Honors Diploma, Green School  
 Scholarship Headed to Ohio University



**Morgan Ritchie**  
**Cleveland State University**  
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
 Daughter of Bill & Lynn Ritchie  
 Granddaughter of Dorothy & Bill  
 Ritchie  
 Volleyball, Outdoors Graduated Magna  
 cum Laude. Plans to return to CRNA School to become  
 a Nurse Anesthetist.



**McKenna Shea Hassel**  
**Brecksville-Broadview Heights  
 High School**  
 Daughter of Jeff & Tiffany Hassel  
 Sister of Jay Hassel  
 Granddaughter of Judi & George  
 Pavisich  
 Marching & Concert Band, Robotics  
 Team, Brecksville Honor Chamber Choir, Music in  
 Motion Show Choir, Major parts in musicals. Headed to  
 Kent State University to major in Fashion Design &  
 Merchandising



**Kristen Mehalko**  
**Boston College**  
 Bachelor of Science in Biology  
 Daughter of Scott Mehalko and  
 Meghan Mehalko  
 Granddaughter of Ken Mehalko  
 & Bev Wehr  
 Collegiate Club sports and a  
 member of the Boston College Ultimate Frisbee  
 Traveling Team. She plans to go to grad school and  
 plans to have a career in research.



**Gabbie Schafer**  
**St. Joseph Academy**  
 Daughter of Dr. Holly & Martin  
 Schafer  
 Granddaughter of Joyce & George  
 Reed  
 Varsity Basketball All Star  
 Academic Honor Roll  
 Academic Scholarship to University of Denver  
 Headed to University of Denver to study Psychology,  
 focusing on Child Psychology & Social Services



**Katlyn Sobota**  
**Lorain County Community  
 College** School of Nursing  
 Daughter of Mindy Carte  
 Sister of Autumn & Summer Zoscak  
 and Kyle Spraggins  
 Granddaughter of Judy Carte  
 Plans to gain employment in the  
 nursing field



**Alexis Zimmerman**  
**Tuskegee University**  
 Master of Science in  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Granddaughter of Bob & Mary  
 Ellen Zimmerman  
 She plans to pursue a career as an  
 occupational therapist.



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May God shed His  
Grace on Thee.