

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
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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 Pogozeleski

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 4th,
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!



We will not have class on the
4th 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).



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.



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 7th at
11 a.m. at the Strongsville United Methodist
Church.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR REV. LARRY CRAIG**
Saturday, July 10th at Noon
At Sunset Memorial Park

6265 Columbia Rd,
North Olmsted, OH 44070.

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



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.



**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.



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 for a detailed job
description or to apply.

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!



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 10th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **August 17th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **August 24th** 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 6th

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

Happy Birthday to Tom Foley on June 8th!

Happy Birthday to my sister, Cookie, on June 1st
Ginger Rothel

Week of June 13th

Happy Birthday to Dan Sauter on June 14th
With Love, Grammy

Happy Birthday to my Daughter-in-law, Marissa McNabb on June 17th and Happy 9th Birthday to my grandson, Mason McNabb, on June 19th and Ron's daughter, Lori on June 19th—Ginger and Ron Rothel

Week of June 20th

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

Celebrating our 57th wedding anniversary on June 21st
Linda & Jim Dettmer

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

Week of June 27th

Happy Anniversary to Rob & Sandra Wentz on June 27th
Happy Birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30th
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.**

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 3rd 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 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 McKenzzi & 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

MCCC

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

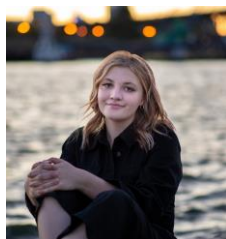
1st Team All Conference, All-City, All-

District, MVP Offensive Lineman,

North/South All-Star Team, Varsity

Wrestling—All-Conference, Most Team Pins, 2nd Place
 Sectional, 5th 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



Sarah Falbo, PhD.
Slippery Rock University
 Doctorate of Physical Therapy
 Daughter-in-law to be of Sandy
 & Bob Pogozeleski
 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

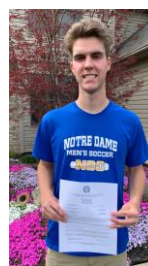


McKenna Shea Hassel
Brecksville-Broadview Heights
High School
 Daughter of Jeff & Tiffany Hassel
 Sister of Jay Hassel
 Granddaughter of Judi & George
 Pavisich

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.



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

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.

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.