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Sunday – July 22, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

Church Picnic at Volunteer Park

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 “The Greatest Mystery” Rick Muchow  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Heidi  
INTROIT “For You Are Holy” Zach Jones

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers, called  
out from our sanctuary;  
**People: We gather in this place, where God’s steadfast love  
meets us in our worship.**  
Leader: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims at every stage of life’s  
journey.  
**People: Each of us seeking to follow Jesus,  
the compassionate one.**  
Leader: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, we stand  
with one another, as the family of Christ.  
**People: The spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one  
people—God’s people!**

† HYMN “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”  
(Sing twice)

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings; I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

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 Solo

ANTHEM “Sing His Praises” Rick Muchow

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS *Please come forward as you are able and  
bring your offering to the ministry of this church.*

OFFERTORY “Midnight” Tom Payne

† 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

HYMN “Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9: 14-24

CONVERSATION “I Believe in God because...”

† HYMN “It’s Me, O Lord (Standin’ in the Need of Prayer)”  
(Refrain)

*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.  
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “Holy is Your Name” Dennis Jernigan

† POSTLUDE



Potluck and Games will follow  
worship today. Thank you for coming!

SERVING

TODAY—JULY 22		PENNY SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY—JULY 29
Pastor Heidi	Liturgist	Greg Dickson
Judi Pavisich	Greeters	Abruzzino Family
Outdoor Worship	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Picnic	Coffee Hour	Volunteers Needed
	Summer Sunday School	Elena Joyce
Elena Taylor	Director of Music	Elena Taylor
	Guest Minister	Rev. Joseph Santomen

Our steeple will light the sky this week—  
*to celebrate Karen Morgan’s birthday on July 20*  
with love from her family

Music Ministry –Thank you to the SUCC Band for providing music for  
today’s worship and to Doug Thorn and Jim Heinrich for the sound.

Happy Anniversary today to Tim and Beverly Baker!

The Official Board will meet Tuesday, June 24 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 choose to recommend.

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

Dear church family,  
*Your appreciation and recognition of me on July 15 for my retirement  
as church secretary was fabulous! Pilgrim Hall looked gorgeous, the two  
cakes and assortment of wonderful food was extraordinary, and your  
personal gifts touched my heart. I will use the attractive square platter (with  
its signatures from friends) for gatherings at my home. I will proudly wear  
the lovely treble clef/keyboard pin (from Official Board) in honor of our  
church’s fine music program. The adorable grand piano clock (from Music  
Ministry) is on top of my piano to help me keep track of the time I  
practice. The pretty Forget-me-not Willow Tree figurine and card (from  
Sunday School) remind me of the beautiful children in our church. The  
pages and cards in the Memory Book are sentimental remembrances of  
your friendship, cooperation, and support.*

*Thank you very much for your kind wishes on my retirement and for  
your past, devoted work with me toward the mission of Strongsville United  
Church of Christ.*

Fondly, Sharon Heinrich

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



**Congratulations** to our former Music Director, **Joshua Konow** and his wife, **Rebecca**, who welcomed their daughter, **Ariana Lian Konow** to the world on July 14.

**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, Joe Craig, 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)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,721.00  
(Difference -\$ 928.31)



**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 August 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.**

**HELP NEEDED!**



On Saturday, **August 11 at 8 a.m.**, we will have a quick cleanup of our Outdoor Worship space. General weeding and grooming is needed. Please sign up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall if you can help. (Don't worry, you will still have time to meet and greet Pastor Heidi and Chuck later in the day!)

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 19** --Botanical Gardens and Dinner in Little Italy  
**Friday, September 14** – The Platters (Dinner and Show) at Carrie Cerino's  
**Sunday, September 16** – Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City

Please see Linda Plain to make reservations.

**INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP**

We will be taking a tour of The Grand Mosque on Thursday September 6th around 6:30 pm. **If you are interested, please notify the church office.** 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.

**NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN**

All refrigerators and freezers have been cleaned. Please date and label items or they will disappear. Betty Craig  
**Also, donations of plastic grocery bags are needed for the Free Lunch for All Program.** Please bring them to the kitchen. Thanks!

**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 19. 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 this **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 with you if you are marching/riding.



**JULY 2018      UPCOMING DATES**

- 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 5pm  
NO Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 29 Sun Worship 10am, Penny Sunday, guest minister **Rev. Joe Santomen**

**AUGUST 2018      UPCOMING DATES**

- 5 Sun Worship with Communion 10am, guest minister **Rev. Larry Craig**
- 8 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 9 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 11 Sat Cleanup of Outdoor Worship space 8am  
Meet & Greet Pastor Heidi & Chuck 3pm-5pm
- 12 Sun Worship 10am  
Congregational Meeting



**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!