

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Mendle Adams, Guest Minister



SUNDAY – JULY 23, 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 *Praise and Adoration Medley* arr. by Stan Pethel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Craig

Leader: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see God in this community of seekers.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

People: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

† **HYMN 210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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 *Amen* Peter C. Lutkin
from *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

SPECIAL MUSIC *He* Jack Richards

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mrs. Jamie Trinckes

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I'll Fly Away* Albert E. Brumley

† **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 13:3-9

SERMON *Telling the Good News* Rev. Mendle Adams

† **HYMN 667** *Lord, Speak to Me*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Grace, Love and Fellowship* Tom Fettke

† **POSTLUDE** *Make Us One* Carol Cymbala

This morning's altar flowers are given—

In Loving Memory of Tod Morgan on His Birthday Today
The Morgans and the Crouses

This morning we thank . . .

Rev. Mendle Adams (our guest minister) **and** his wife **Charlene**
Jim Studer for his special vocal music
Mrs. Jamie Trinckes for her Children's Message

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Steve Herzog and
family on the passing of his sister, Debbie Morey, on Tuesday, July 18.



is Friday through Sunday, August 11-13,
at Stanford House in Peninsula, Ohio.
Thirty ladies are welcome to attend!
The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in
Pilgrim Hall. For more information, please
see Cathy Hawk. **A planning meeting of
all attendees will be held TODAY after
church.**

Official Board meets Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Social Club meets Wednesday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. The Club will
visit the Winery at Wolf Creek in Barberton on Thursday, August 17. A
signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. We will meet in the
church parking lot to carpool – at a time to be determined. Please bring
your own food. Only snack foods like pretzels and chips will be provided.
Indoor shelter is first come / first served. No cost. All adults are welcome.

UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Your Pulpit Search Committee has continued to meet weekly and is
right on track to finish our church profile by the end of July. Thank
you to all who completed the demographic survey; we received
responses from approximately 68 family units. These responses
have been tabulated and incorporated into the church profile. The
Committee will present the completed profile for final review to the
Official Board at its next meeting. After that, we will continue the
process and submit our profile to the UCC Conference.

This process will be ongoing for many months and we would ask to
renew our request for prayers as we diligently proceed in searching
out God's will and finding our new minister to lead us. We are
grateful for the support the congregation has shown us for the very
important task to which we have been entrusted. Our church
continues to be strong and vibrant even in this time of transition, our
deepest gratitude to all for being a part of that.

Please do not hesitate to bring any questions or concerns to any one
of us.

Your Pulpit Search Committee

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

FAITH COMMUNITY COALITION FOR STRONGSVILLE DRUG / ALCOHOL FORUM AND AFTERWARD

The City of Strongsville wants to bring education, awareness and
resources to the community about drug and alcohol addiction. The
Police Department, Fire Department and the City Management will
come together in a three-part forum at the Strongsville Rec Center
on the Tuesdays of September 12, 19 and 26, 2017, from 6:30 to
9:00 p.m. These groups will also consider ways they can help in an
ongoing effort after the forum. Becky Zatezalo from Strongsville
United Methodist Church is putting together a faith community of
churches to help with the forum and to talk about ways to work
together with ongoing resources for those affected by addiction --
both for the individual with the addiction and for their families and
friends.

The next coalition planning meeting is Thursday, August 17, at
1:00 p.m. at Strongsville United METHODIST Church. **If you would
like to represent Strongsville UCC in planning and participating
in this forum and afterward, please call the church office,
(440) 238-6697.**

Just a reminder that the support group, Drug Induced Chaos, meets
at our church on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
All who need support for dealing with drug addiction in their families
are welcome to attend the Drug Inducted Chaos meetings.

Men's Luncheon will meet on Wednesday, July 26, at 11:30 a.m.

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.



Our Church Garage Sale is now scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017 – 9am to 2pm. 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.

Coffee Hour – Although the pastry, bagels, and breads are donated—the coffee, tea, creamers, sweeteners, butter, and cream cheese cost money, as do the napkins, plastic bags and carry-out containers. Please consider contributing to the cause. Thank you for your support.



Summer Sunday School – Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday: **August 20, August 27, or September 3.** 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. Irene Joyce** 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 7/16/2017 **\$2,318**
Difference (\$1,547)



SERVING TODAY

Director of Music: Elena Taylor

Greeter: Lola Millhoane

Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce

Liturgist: Betty Craig

Coffee Hour: Cathy Hawk



Our church celebrates 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 plan to attend the luncheon, please sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board, where you can indicate your preliminary attendance and number of guests coming. Thank you.
The 200th Anniversary Committee

Tickets for the 200th Anniversary Banquet on October 15, 2017 at the Strongsville Rec Center are now being sold in Pilgrim Hall by Joyce Reed and Dianne Maringer each Sunday through September 10. There is limited seating, so plan on getting your tickets as soon as possible. Price of the tickets is \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children.

Sponsoring Guests – For our church's 200th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 15, at Strongsville Recreation Center, we would like to invite several guests—public officials, past ministers and others who have supported or served our church over the years. We are asking for donations so these special people can eat and celebrate with us. If you wish to contribute or if you have questions, please contact Joyce Reed or Rachel Zielinski by Tuesday, August 15. Thank you.

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 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, Bev Lane, Martha Liebert, Eileen Pincomb, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward, The Grabski/Williams Family, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Michelle Cika (friend of Bev Wehr), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), 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

23 Sun Planning Meeting for the Women's Retreat, after church
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

AUGUST 2017

2 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
9 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
11-13 Women's Retreat at Stanford House in Peninsula, Ohio
15 Tue September Newsletter Deadline
Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
16 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
17 Thu Adult Social Club trip to Wolf Creek Winery in Barberton
23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Rehearsals resume for Children's Choir, 7:30-8:00pm
31 Thu Rehearsals resume for Bell Choir, 6:45-7:45pm
Chancel Choir, 8:00-9:30pm

SEPTEMBER 2017

4 Mon Labor Day
6 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-**12:30pm** – Notice new hours.
9 Sat Church Garage Sale, 9am to 2pm
10 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School, Chancel Choir sings for worship.
17 Sun Children's Choir sings for worship.
24 Sun Bell Choir rings for worship.

OCTOBER 2017

15 Sun Strongsville UCC's 200th Anniversary Banquet, 1pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet Hall

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SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 30, 2017

Greeter: Billie Jo Cantrell

Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce

Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hour: Ted and Kelly Bickley