

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall,  
Guest Minister



**SUNDAY – JULY 30, 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** *Lord, Be Glorified* Bob Kilpatrick

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Kenn Oerkfitz

Leader: God of Grace, we come with all we have:

**People: bodies, souls, minds—all here to worship you.**

Leader: We come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness—

**People: a world where love rules over all,  
a world where enemies embrace,  
a world where distinctions between friend and foe  
evaporate in the light of your love.**

Leader: We dedicate this hour of worship to you

**People: and to your kingdom come. Amen.**

† **HYMN 38** *Ye Servants of God*

**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** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* George Whelpton

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *In the Name of the Lord* Sandi Patty

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. McDougall

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Praise and Adoration Medley* arr. by Stan Pethel

† **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 13:31-33; 44-52

**SERMON** *What's it REALLY like?* Rev. McDougall

† **HYMN 604** *I Then Shall Live*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Find Us Faithful* Jon Mohr

† **POSTLUDE** *Be Strong in the Lord* Tom Fettke

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—

*In Memory of Lynne Golden and Loved Ones*  
Carol Merkle and Sandy Pogozeleski

**This morning we thank . . .**

**Strongsville UCC Band** for their special music  
**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall** (guest minister) and  
we welcome back her husband, **Chuck McDougall**

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to Dave Matchett and family on the passing of his mother Dolores on July 19, 2017, in West Virginia. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.



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.

**Newsletter** – For those who get paper copies, please pick up your August Church Newsletter today. Thank you to all who get their copies by email.

**Adult Social 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 11:30 a.m. 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 presented the completed profile for final review to the Official Board at its July meeting, and it was approved to send on. 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 tentatively scheduled for the beginning of August. Please see the 8/6/2017 bulletin for the date that is decided. **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 Induced Chaos meetings.

**Children's Messages** – If you are interested in providing Children's Messages during this time of substitute ministry, please call Diaconate chairman, Cheryl Sobek, at 440-539-0394 or email her at [Cherylsobek@gmail.com](mailto:Cherylsobek@gmail.com). Please leave a message that you are interested in doing a Children's Message, and Cheryl will contact you about what dates you are available, depending upon the ministers we have. Thank you for your help.

**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 Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please hold on to your treasures until Sunday, August 13, when we will begin accepting donations. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you very much.

**Summer Sunday School** – Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: **September 3** still needs a volunteer to teach the class. The signup sheet is 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](mailto:m.mihlack@gmail.com)  
or  
Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or [ij3e@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ij3e@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you!

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
Weekly Offering Received 7/23/2017 \$2,004  
Difference (\$1,851)



### SERVING TODAY

**Director of Music:** Elena Taylor  
**Greeter:** Billie Jo Cantrell  
**Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce  
**Liturgist:** Kenn Oerkfitz  
**Coffee Hour:** Ted and Kelly Bickley



We will celebrate our church's 200th Anniversary this year with a Luncheon on October 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Rec Center. **Tickets are being sold in Pilgrim Hall by either Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer each Sunday through September 10. Because of limited seating, it is recommended that you get your tickets as soon as possible.** Tickets will only be sold until September 10, as the caterer needs a head count in September. Ticket prices are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children (6 to 12 years).

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks** – We still have cookbooks available for purchase. They make great gifts, and your purchase helps support the Anniversary celebration. The current cookbook costs \$12.00, but we also have some cookbooks from 2006 for \$10.00 each. Please contact either Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed if you are interested in purchasing one or more of these books. 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 Kemper House, 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)

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 6, 2017

**Greeter:** Linda Plain  
**Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce  
**Liturgist:** Michele Mihlack  
**Ushers:** Linda Plain  
**Summer Sunday School:** Kelly and Ted Bickley  
**Coffee Hour:** Judy Carte

### JULY 2017

30 Sun Penny Sunday for Strongsville Food Bank Newsletter Pickup at church

### AUGUST 2017

2 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm  
6 Sun Sacrament of Communion  
Stewardship Meeting, after church  
9 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal, 8pm  
11-13 Women's Retreat at Stanford House in Peninsula, Ohio  
13 Sun Donations for the Church Garage Sale are accepted.  
15 Tue September Newsletter Deadline  
Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm  
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm  
Trustees Meeting, 7pm  
16 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal, 8pm  
17 Thu Adult Social Club trip to Wolf Creek Winery in Barberton  
22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm  
23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club 7pm  
Band Rehearsal, 8pm  
27 Sun Penny Sunday  
30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Rehearsals resume for Children's Choir, 7:30-8:00pm  
Band Rehearsal, 8pm  
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  
Special Offering for Sunday School  
Chancel Choir sings for worship.  
Deadline to purchase Anniversary Luncheon tickets  
15 Fri October Newsletter Deadline  
17 Sun Children's Choir sings for worship.  
24 Sun Bell Choir rings for worship.

### OCTOBER 2017

15 Sun Strongsville UCC's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, 1pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet Hall

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