



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

(Congregational)

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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**Sunday, June 13, 2021 – 9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

**Recognition Sunday**

**WELCOME!**

*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the best interests of others. – Philippians 2:4*

For the safety and comfort of everyone, please continue to wear a mask in the Gathering Area and when entering or leaving the Sanctuary. When you are seated in the pews, you may lower your mask if you wish, while maintaining social distancing. **If you are not yet fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask at all times. Thank you.**

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Baloche

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate.

**INTROIT** “We Will Glorify” Paris

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** All around us, God is looking for folks who will join in serving others.

**People:** It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us, watching for them to bloom and grow in our lives. Make us fertile soil, O God.

**Leader:** Every day, Jesus is walking among us, tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

**People:** It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls will grow big enough to welcome everyone. Open our hearts to you, O Jesus.

**Leader:** From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work, gently tending the garden of our lives

**People:** It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots to bring forth crops of justice and peace. May the crop be bounteous, O Spirit. Amen.

† HYMN 444 “I Love to Tell the Story” (vv 1 & 4)  
*(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)*

**A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT** 1 Samuel 16:1-3  
*(The Message)*

God addressed Samuel: “So, how long are you going to mope over Saul? You know I’ve rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your flask with anointing oil and get going. I’m sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I’ve spotted the very king I want among his sons.” “I can’t do that,” said Samuel. “Saul will hear about it and kill me.” God said, “Take a heifer with you and announce, ‘I’ve come to lead you in worship of God, with this heifer as a sacrifice.’ Make sure Jesse gets invited. I’ll let you know what to do next. I’ll point out the one you are to anoint.”

**Leader:** The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SHARING OF 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.

**ANTHEM** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Beethoven

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE/RECOGNITION**

**OFFERING**

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

<https://www.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

**OFFERTORY** “Hope for the Future” Elkins

**A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT** 1 Samuel 16:4-7  
*(New International Version)*

Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?” Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

**SERMON** “Boy Who Would Be King”

† HYMN 563 “Open My Eyes that I May See” (vv 1 & 3)  
*(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)*

**† BENEDICTION**

Now may the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that wherever you are, God is with you. Amen.

† POSTLUDE “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Lutkin

**SERVING**

TODAY – JUNE 13		NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 20
Cherie Teagno	Liturgist 9 a.m.	Lynne McCray
Jim Studer	Liturgist 10:30 a.m.	Barb Fraunfelder
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
The Bell Choir	Special Music	Carol Foley
Rachel Zielinski	Sunday School	Volunteer needed

**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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Dan Sauter on June 14<sup>th</sup>*

*With Love, Grammy*

**Happy Birthday today to Kyleen (Masuga) Avramovich!**

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,473.27
Last Week’s Offering Received	\$5,128.75
Difference	\$1,479.38

*Thank you very much for your support.*



**A NOTE OF THANKS**

Thank you to 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) for their music today!



**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**



• The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **June 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

• The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Pilgrim Hall.

Of course, the usual safety protocols will be in place at all in-person meetings.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST 50 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.**



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



**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.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**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, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Pam Keenen, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Brigitte Matchett, 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

**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), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn's niece)

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

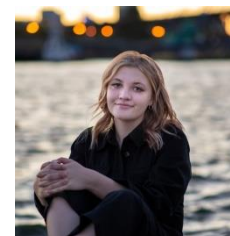


**Hunter Coleo**  
**Mentor High School**  
 Son of Abby Camp and Todd Coleo  
 Grandson of Mark & Barb Camp  
 Varsity Football Captain  
 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference, All-City, All-District, MVP  
 Offensive Lineman, North/South All-Star Team, Varsity Wrestling—All-Conference, Most Team Pins, 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



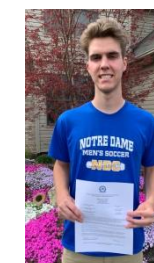
**Sarah Falbo, PhD.**  
**Slippery Rock University**  
 Doctorate of Physical Therapy  
 Daughter-in-law to be of Sandy & Bob Pogozelski  
 Granddaughter-in-law to be of Carol & Roy Merkle  
 Conducted Student Podcast, Triathlon Club, Class APTA Liaison  
 She plans to pursue a career and marry Jason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

**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 Robert 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 Zosack 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.



## IT'S HAPPENING!

### CHURCH GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>

6 P.M. – 8 P.M. AND

SATURDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup>

9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Donations will be accepted starting June 25<sup>th</sup>.

We'll need lots of volunteers, too--

Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can help!



## 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**  
 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



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