



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday – June 17, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.

Father's Day

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.*

ORGAN PRELUDE "Come, Share the Spirit" Vicki Vogel Schmid

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is looking all around, inviting people like us with a heart for serving others.

People: **God is planting seeds of compassion in us, lovingly nurturing them, waiting for them to take root in our lives.**

Leader: Jesus is walking in our midst, moving among us, tending our hearts and showering us with grace.

People: **Jesus knows that our souls are growing big enough to welcome everyone into Christ's family.**

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

People: **God's Holy Spirit has found fertile soil to bring forth crops of justice and peace. Thanks be to God!**

† HYMN 797 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Verses 1 and 2

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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Thomas A. Dorsey

VOCAL ANTHEM "It Is Well" Philip B. Bliss
Dave Williams, vocalist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

BAND OFFERTORY "Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech

† 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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4: 26-34

SERMON A Pretty Seedy Message

† HYMN "Hymn of Promise"

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower, In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise, Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter, There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence, Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness, Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future, What it holds a mystery
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning, In our time infinity
In our doubt there is believing, In our life eternity
In our death a resurrection, At the last a victory
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see

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† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" African American Spiritual

† ORGAN POSTLUDE "Great Work Has God Begun In You" William P. Rowan

SERVING

TODAY – JUNE 17

Jim Studer
Eddy and Adria Bond
Chuck McDougall
Myron Costin
Irene Joyce

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 24

Liturgist Dale Hawk
Greeters Sarah Hayes
Ushers Chuck McDougall
Coffee Hour Myron Costin
Summer Sunday School Linda Elkins

The altar flowers are given—
In Loving Memory of the Wilson Family
Doris Soucie

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
In gratitude to Ryan Heinrich for saving the day and fixing the church's phone system this past week.

Happy Birthday today to Kandise Beckett and to Kyler Purdum!

Music Ministry –Thank you to our vocalist, Dave Williams, and to the SUCC Band, for providing music for today's worship.

The Diaconate will meet this Tuesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

In Sympathy—Strongsville UCC extends our sympathies to the family and friends of **Megan McGaw**, who died earlier this week. Megan is the daughter of Rev. Vicki McGaw. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Mission Outreach--Message from the Strongsville Food Bank: Halfway through the year, our wonderful congregation has donated an estimated total of **\$1,340!** That is an amazing amount from amazing people. We need to give ourselves a round of applause. Judy Carte

ALL-CHURCH CLEANUP DAY! Saturday, June 30, beginning at 9 a.m. Meet at the church and join your Trustees to offer TLC (and maybe some strong-arm tactics to those weeds) to the Royalton Road house as we prepare to receive a new tenant! We will be weeding and cleaning, mostly outside. Bring gloves, wear a hat and sunscreen. We will provide lunch afterward. You know what Mom always said: MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! See you then! If you can help, please write WORK DAY on your attendance card or speak to Pastor Heidi after worship.



Summer Sunday School combined classes continue – Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin

board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help. Classes will meet in the Confirmation classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. **Thanks to Kelly Bickley for putting together the lessons, based on "Fruit of the Spirit," and to Irene Joyce for teaching today!**

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

Welcome to our Summer Custodian While our custodian, Jovo Batkovic, is in Europe this summer settling his late mother's estate, the Board of Trustees voted to hire Olivia Clotworthy as our custodial substitute for the summer months. Welcome, Olivia!

Women's Fellowship -- Thank you again to everyone who donated to the Tote Bag project. The ladies will be putting the bags together for the Strongsville Food Bank.

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 will be in the July Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these Sunday events, unless noted otherwise. We will carpool; there will be no more buses.

Next Sunday, June 24 – Cleveland Aquarium
July 22 – All Church Picnic at Volunteer Park on West Lunn Road
August 19 --Botanical Gardens and Dinner in Little Italy

Please see Linda Plain to make reservations for the June or August trips.

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, Rev. Larry 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), Lynne McCray, Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth at Fairview Hospital, 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), Muriel McKeever (mother of Pastor Heidi), 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
 Weekly Offering Received 6/3/2018 \$3,799.20
 Difference \$ 149.89



Kiwanis Club of Strongsville, along with neighboring Kiwanis Clubs, will sponsor The Cleveland TOPS Swing Band in concert on Thursday, June 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Berea-Midpark High School Auditorium, 165 E. Bagley Road in Berea. The cost is \$20 per ticket, and tickets are available at the door. Clay Williams

Friday, June 29 at 7:30 PM on the Strongsville Commons.



"Take Me Out To The Ballgame" is a tribute to baseball that will feature the title song and favorites as Casey At The Bat, Selections from "Damn Yankees" and other baseball related songs. Audiences are invited to wear baseball attire of their favorite ball teams. (In case of rain the concert will be held at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center).

JUNE 2018

- 17 Sun Father's Day
- 19 Tue Leek Organ begins final phase 9am
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Sun Penny Sunday
Adult Social Club trip to the aquarium
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm
- 30 Sat All Church Clean-up Day 9am

JULY 2018

- 1 Sun Worship with Communion, 10am

PLEASE NOTE: Free Lunch for All will NOT be served on Wednesday, the Fourth of July holiday. **Also, the Thrift Shop will be closed on Thursday, July 5.**



COMING NEXT MONTH...

Strongsville UCC

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC at Volunteer Park in Strongsville

12410 Lunn Road

just west of Prospect, between Prospect and Foltz

Sunday – JULY 22, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion

followed by Potluck Picnic Meal and Games

Pavilion with Picnic Tables and Electricity, Restrooms – Playground – Horseshoe Pits, Bocce Ball Courts, Baseball Fields, Batting Cages
 Hot dogs, buns, beverages, paper plates and disposable silverware will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.



JULY NEWSLETTER--It's not too late to submit an article for the next newsletter! Please email your information as soon as possible to strongsvilleucc@gmail.com or slide an article underneath the church office door today. Thank you!



RETIREMENT RECEPTION—You are invited to join your church friends as we celebrate Sharon Heinrich for her 26+ years of dedication and faithfulness as our church secretary, on Sunday, July 15, following the worship service. If you have not yet done so, please return your message for her memory book as soon as possible.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

Officers elected on January 28, 2018, have an asterisk* by their names.

Moderator	Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator	Bill Schneider
Treasurer	Lori Kovatich *
Clerk	Karen Morgan

Sunday School Superintendents Irene Joyce, Jamie Trinckes

Board of Trustees

Ed Bond *	Jim Dettmer	Jim Heinrich
Lloyd Bridle	Greg Dickson	Bob Kovatich *
Mike Clotworthy*	Tom Gaumer *	Kenn Oerkfitz
Myron Costin *	Dale Hawk	Ed Sobek

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn * Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino *	Gina Cathcart	Sarah Hayes
Jennifer Barry	Kristen Clotworthy	Linda Plain
Kelly Bickley	Judy Gaumer *	Dawn Rolland *
Barbara Camp	Cathy Hawk *	Marty Winch

Christian Education Committee

Kelly Bickley	Sandy O'Shea	Jamie Trinckes
Irene Joyce	Lora Rung	

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson	Pam Keenen *	Elena Taylor
	Ken Mehalko	

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel *	Barbara Bridle	Sharon Heinrich
Adria Bond	Sue Gigliotti	Laurie Meister
Ed Bond	Beth Giuliano *	

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte	Michele Mhlack	Lora Rung *
Brandi Garsteck	Gary Paul	Bev Wehr