

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
Phone: (440) 238-6697

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Minister



March 11, 2018 – 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.*

BAND PRELUDE “Jesus, Lead Us to the Father” Sam Hargreaves

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

BAND INTROIT “In Your Presence”

† CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 107*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God’s love endures forever.

Leader: When they were hungry and thirsty,
they cried out to the Lord.

**People: God delivered them from their distress.
God’s love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for God’s unfailing love.

**All: We see the wondrous deeds of the Lord,
and we give all thanks to God.**

† HYMN 384 “Spirit Song”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CHOIR RESPONSE “Hear Us, O Lord” Nancy Price and Don Besig

CHOIR ANTHEM “How Great the Love” Mary Kay Beall

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Love Divine” Jon Egan, Jonathan Moos, and Jared Henderson

† 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

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:14-21

SERMON But what does it mean?

† HYMN 479 “Softly and Tenderly” Verses 1, 2, 4

† BENEDICTION

† CHOIR RESPONSE “May the Lord Go with You”
Nancy Price and Don Besig

† BAND POSTLUDE “Blessed Assurance”
Fanny J. Crosby and Phoebe P. Knapp

This morning’s altar flowers are given—

*In Honor of Eddy’s Mother, Anna Bond’s, Birthday on March 23 and
In Honor of Adria’s Father, Albert Solderitsch’s, Birthday on April 5
Eddy and Adria Bond*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday on March 17 to Natalia and Mia Hill
With love, Grammy*

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Marie Bury and
family on the passing of her brother, William Moxey, on Wednesday,
March 7. Visitation is Monday, March 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
at Riczo Funeral Home, 7462 State Road in Parma, Ohio. The funeral
service will be held at the funeral home at 12:00 noon (after visitation).

Today is the deadline to order lilies for the altar on Easter Sunday.
Order forms (with envelopes) are in the Gathering Area on the cabinet,
where you get your Sunday bulletin.

Our Lenten Study continues today at 12:00 noon, when we will discuss,
digest and explore the movie, *The Shack*, together. A light lunch will be
provided. The Lenten Study will conclude on Sunday, March 18.

The Strongsville UCC April 2018 Newsletter deadline is this Thursday,
March 15. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today.
Thank you!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 3/4/2018 \$2,936.00
Difference (\$713.31)



One Great Hour of Sharing – During the month of March, we are
participating in One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing is a
mission offering in which the UCC gives a message of God’s love and hope
to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide
sources of clean water, food, education and health care for refugees and
displaced persons. With this offering 60 percent goes towards international
development initiatives and annual support for missionaries. For every
dollar that is given, 95 cents is used for mission programming, while the
remaining 5 cents is used to create interpretation materials. Today you can
find OGHS offering envelopes in the pew racks. The OGHS envelopes will
be received with our regular offerings during our worship service.

Do you know that our church has a Prayer Chain? If you would like to
be part of the email or telephone prayer chain, please let us know on the
back of your attendance card or call the church at (440) 238-6697. If you
are already a part of the prayer chain, there is no need to inform us again.
Thank you!

Nursery – Helpers are needed because of the increase in number of
children. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please contact
Amanda Hawk, Sarah Hayes, or Kelly Bickley.

Volunteers Wanted – There is a new senior facility called Vitalia Living
Center on Route 82 near the tracks. They are looking for folks who might
be interested in helping to lead worship or a Bible study occasionally (once
a month). Sound interesting? Please speak with Pastor Heidi for more
information.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 29, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

A Quiet, Contemplative Service in Our Sanctuary
Communion will be offered.



Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30, 2018 – 8:15 p.m.
at Columbia United Methodist Church

25453 Royalton Road in Columbia Station
(Southeast Corner of Royalton + West River Roads)
*Our Chancel Choir will sing in the combined choir with orchestra
for the presentation of the cantata, “Song of the Shadows.”*
A reception will follow the service.



S E R V I N G

| Today – March 11, 2018 | Next Sunday – March 18, 2018 |
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| Michele Mhlack | Liturgists Greg Dickson |
| Lynne McCray | Greeters Chuck McDougall |
| Chuck McDougall, Marty Winch | Ushers Chuck McDougall, Ray Suttle |
| Myron Costin | Coffee Hour Myron Costin |

THE THRIFT SHOP END-OF-WINTER 2018 BAG SALES

Thursdays – 10am to 4pm

March 15 – \$7 / bag

Everything except Easter items, Jewelry, and Cards
(Easter merchandise is half price.)

March 22 – \$6 / bag

Everything except Easter items, Jewelry, and Cards
(Easter merchandise is half price.)

March 29 – \$5 / bag

Everything except Jewelry, and Cards

April 5 – CLOSED for changeover
to Spring/Summer Merchandise

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise
of your choice. Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra.

NO RETURNS – Shop Early for Best Selection



Strongsville United Church of Christ

All You Can Eat!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Benefits the Restoration of Our Pipe Organ

Sunday – April 15, 2018
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon



\$8.00 Adult – Ages 13 and over
\$5.00 – Ages 6-12
Free – Children under 6 years



Many of us have prayed for Nicole and Tiffany
Ashforth on their journey to parenthood. They are
now happily expecting a baby on July 12! If you are
interested, a Baby Shower will be held for them on
Sunday, April 22, 2018, at our church in Pilgrim Hall at
2:00 p.m. They are registered at Babies-R-Us and
Target. Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 15, to
Tiffany's mom, Denise, at (828) 447-4816.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these Sunday events!

April 29 – Brunch at Perk-Cup Cafe in Berea – 12:30pm

May 20 – Hard Rock Casino, after church

June 24 – Aquarium (including a stop somewhere to eat)

July 22 – Picnic in the Metro Parks

August 19 – Botanical Gardens

September 16 – Jilbert Winery & Brewery

October 7 – The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywett Mansion

November 25 – Bus ride to Nela Park to see Christmas lights and eat

As always, all adults are welcome. Details will follow.

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church.

For details, please see Adria or Eddy Bond.

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, Janet Kato at Kemper
House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Steve
Herzog, Ella Hayes, Margot James, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother
of Eli), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Karen Morgan,
Joyce Reed, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward,
Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's
granddaughter), Donna Briggs (mother-in-law of Judi Pavisich's daughter),
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 the Reeds),
Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Muriel
McKeeever (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)

MARCH 2018

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| 11 | Sun | Lenten Study on <i>The Shack</i> , with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim Hall |
| 13 | Tue | Interfaith Passover Seder at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, 7-8:30pm – for those who made their reservations |
| 14 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm |
| 15 | Thu | Newsletter Deadline Chancel Choir Rehearsal at Columbia Methodist Church, 7:45pm |
| 16 | Fri | Tuning of Pipe Organ, 12:45pm |
| 18 | Sun | Bell Choir plays for worship. Final Lenten Study on <i>The Shack</i> , with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim Hall |
| 20 | Tue | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm |
| 21 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm |
| 25 | Sun | Palm Sunday, Children process with palms, Penny Sunday Lenten Study on <i>The Shack</i> , with light lunch, 12noon in Pilgrim Hall |
| 27 | Tue | Official Board Meeting, 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal at Columbia Methodist Church, 7:30pm |
| 28 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm Men's Luncheon, 11:30am Fit Club, 7pm |
| 29 | Thu | Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion in our Sanctuary, 7:30pm |
| 30 | Fri | Good Friday Worship at Columbia United Methodist Church, 8:15pm <Choir rehearsal at 5:15pm> |

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Band (Adults and Students in Grades 6-12) – 8pm on Wednesdays

Bell Choir – 7pm on Thursdays

Chancel Choir – 8pm on Thursdays

For more information, please see Elena Taylor, our Director of Music

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

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

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| Moderator | Rachel Zielinski |
| Vice-Moderator | Bill Schneider |
| Treasurer | Lori Kovatich * |
| Clerk | Karen Morgan |
| Sunday School Superintendents | Irene Joyce, Jamie Trinckes |

Board of Trustees

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

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn * Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

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| 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

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

Music Committee

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| Ingrid Dickson | Pam Keenen * | Elena Taylor |
| | Ken Mehalko | |

Stewardship Committee

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

Mission and Outreach Committee

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

