



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Pastor

Sunday – March 17, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Second Sunday of Lent



WELCOME!

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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "He Looked Beyond My Fault" Tune: Londonderry Air

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Speak Now in the Stillness" Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ST. PATRICK

Leader: As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me;

People: May the power of God uphold me; may the wisdom of God guide me.

Leader: May the eye of God look before me, may the ear of God hear me; may the word of God speak for me.

People: May the hand of God protect me; may the way of God lie before me.

Leader: May the shield of God defend me; may the host of God save me.

People: May Christ shield me today. Amen

† HYMN 11 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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 "Sanctuary"

ANTHEM "Take Up Your Cross" Larson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish Melody

† 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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 13: 31-35

SERMON

A Little Saint in All of Us

† HYMN 562

"Be Thou My Vision"

† BENEDICTION FROM ST. PATRICK

(in unison)

Christ with me; Christ before me.

Christ behind me; Christ in me.

Christ beneath me; Christ above me.

Christ on my right, Christ on my left.

Christ when I lie down; Christ when I sit; Christ when I stand.

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me; Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

Christ in every eye that sees me; Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen.

† RESPONSE/POSTLUDE "Danny Boy" Tune: Londonderry Air

SERVING

TODAY – MARCH 17

Lynne McCray

Elaine Coffey

Volunteers needed

Jan Stough

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Liturgist

Greeters

Ushers

Coffee Hour

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Supplemental Organist

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 24

Kenn Oerkfitz

The Rolland Family

Volunteer needed

Nicole Rachid

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

Happy Birthday to Natalia and Mia Hill!

With love, Grammy

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday today to Natalia and Mia Hill!

With love, Grammy

In memory of Edith Graves in honor of her birthday on March 19

From Roberta Carpenter

Happy Birthday today to Linda Morris!

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

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, go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



LENTEN STUDY WITH PASTOR HEIDI: will have a 2 week

hiatus. The next study will take place on March 31.

The audio series, *Interfaith: Being Love in the World*,

begins at noon. A light lunch will be provided each

Sunday for those who attend. You are welcome to

participate even if you have not yet signed up.



MUSIC REHEARSAL CHANGES

The Bell Choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 8 p.m. on Thursday Evenings. On **March 28**, the Bells will not rehearse and the Chancel Choir will meet at 7:45 p.m. at Columbia United Methodist Church. On **April 4**, The Bells will practice at 6:30 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will meet at 7:45 p.m. at Columbia UMC.



We have learned that the **Rev. Audrey Miller** passed away on March 7. Audrey served our church along with Rev. Morris in the early 2000's. A memorial service for her was held in Pennsylvania on March 16.

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Our love and prayers of sympathy are extended to **Jennifer Barry, Myron Costin**, and **Clara Barry** on the death of Jen's mom, **Margaret Haught** on Friday, March 8, 2019. Her funeral was March 14 in Painesville.

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Sending our sympathy also to **Eileen Pincombe**, on the passing of **Harvey Pincombe**, a member of our congregation since 2013. Harvey went home to the Lord on March 8, 2019 after a long illness. His memorial service was on March 16 at Busch Funeral Home in Parma.

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Our deepest condolences also to **Jim, Irene, Erik, Evan**, and **Elena Joyce** on the death on Jim's mom, **Mary Joyce-Smith** on March 14. Visitation will be at Corrigan's Funeral Home in Fairview Park on Monday, March 18 from 6–8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 19 from 4-7 p.m. The funeral mass will be at 9:30 a.m. at St. Malachi Catholic Church in Cleveland.

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, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Dan Davis, Steve Herzog, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Fred and Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Rev. Erv Koch, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in joining our family of fellowship by becoming a member of the Strongsville UCC? Please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office if you would like to be a part of the new class of members or indicate your interest on your attendance card and place it in the offering plate.





THE THRIFT SHOP is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. WE NEED HELP! If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop. **We truly appreciate your usable donations to the Thrift Shop, but please do not place boxes, bags or items in the stairwells. (Strongsville Fire Dept. regulations) Doing so is a safety hazard.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Nayiri Karjian, our conference minister, will be visiting us on March 20, and Papa John's Pizza Strongsville is donating pizzas for our free lunch on March 27!



(If the Strongsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served.)

MARCH 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 17 | Sun | Worship 10am
No Lenten Study
Children's Choir |
| 19 | Tues | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm |
| 20 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm |
| 21 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch 11am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm |
| 24 | Sun | Worship 10am—Guest minister
No Lenten Study
Children's Choir |
| 26 | Tues | Official Board Meeting 7pm |
| 27 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm |
| 28 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch at Gourmé Rest. 11:30am
No Bell Choir Rehearsal
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm at CUMC |
| 31 | Sun | Worship 10am—Penny Sunday
Lenten Study Noon
Easter Lily order deadline |



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$4,274.25
(Difference \$752.23)

So far, we have received 76 pledges totaling \$129,432.00.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This special offering through the United Church of Christ goes to provide relief in areas of need throughout the United States and abroad, most particularly in areas that have been affected by natural disasters. Special envelopes will be located in the pews through March 31.



ALTAR FLOWERS



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays are still available for this year!

STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



From our friends at First Lutheran Church:
FREE LENTEN CONCERT
With David Gooding, Organist and
The Amethyst String Quartet
Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
19419 Royalton Road Strongsville

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned out. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are secure. Thanks!

PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS!

A friend of Amanda Hawk is making a memorial bench constructed of plastic bottle caps. There is a red can adjacent to the coffee pots in Pilgrim Hall for the caps.



Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, and family



meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board.

INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP

Members of our church are invited to the annual Interfaith Passover Seder at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple (23737 Fairmount Blvd. Beachwood, OH 44122) on **Tuesday, April 9** from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Space is limited to 30 attendees, so please indicate your interest to Pastor Heidi or on the back of an attendance card placed in the offering plate. Deadline for reservations is **March 24, 2019**. The April meeting of the Board of Trustees has been moved to April 2, 2019.



PENNY SUNDAY—The next Penny Sunday collection is **March 31**, and will go to Laura's Home, which serves women and children in crisis, through the City Mission in Cleveland.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Orders are now being accepted. Please complete this form and place it in the Church Office or offering plate with your cash or check payment by the deadline of **Sunday, March 31, 2019**. The cost is **\$8.00**.

Wording for bulletin: _____

Given by: _____

Total number of plants: _____

☐ I will take my plant(s). ☐ I will leave my plant(s) for someone who needs some cheer.

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and place your order (with payment) in the church office, or mail it to:
The United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136

Thank you for placing a lily on the altar on Easter Sunday morning.

Additional lily order forms **and envelopes** are available in the Gathering Area.

For Church Records **2019 Easter Lily**

Total number of plants: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Offering envelope number: _____ Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

*Order deadline is **Sunday, March 31, 2019**.*

