

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Minister



March 18, 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 "Blessed Assurance" Fanny Crosby and Phoebe Knapp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

HANDBELL INTROIT "You Are My All in All" Dennis Jernigan

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made,
a day filled with promise and hope.

**People: We come to this place
with hearts filled with desire for God.**

Leader: The Lord has made with us a new covenant,
not carved in stone, but engraved in our very hearts.

**People: We come with open hearts,
that God's Word might shape our lives.**

Leader: As we desire you, Lord,
lead us to reach out to our neighbors, friends, family—
and strangers in our midst.

**People: Fill our hearts, Lord.
Prepare us to serve you and your people,
wherever we find them. Amen.**

† HYMN 186 "Lord, Be Glorified"

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Above All" Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Unto Thee, O Lord" Charles F. Monroe

† 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 12:20-33

SERMON Come. See. Believe!

† HYMN 562 "Be Thou My Vision"

† BENEDICTION

† HANDBELL RESPONSE "Open Our Eyes" Bob Cull

† PIANO POSTLUDE

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Memory of Richard Craig and Millile Lantzer
With love, Betty Craig*

*In Loving Memory of Our Dad, Grandfather, and Great-Grandfather,
Matthew Volchko
Love, Bobbie, Serena, and Children*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In Loving Memory of Edith Graves
Roberta and Dan Carpenter*

*Happy Birthday to Ron Rothel on March 21
Love, Ginger*

Today is our final Lenten Study at 12:00 noon, when we will discuss,
digest and explore the movie, *The Shack*, together. A light lunch will be
provided.

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.

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.

Profit from the Roast Pork, Sauerkraut and Kielbasa Dinner on March 10
was \$1,036.98. Thank you to all who supported the dinner in any way!

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)

People wanting to carpool will gather at Strongsville UCC at 7:30 p.m.

*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.*

Please note:

*Our congregation will join our friends at Columbia United Methodist Church.
There will be no Good Friday service at Strongsville UCC.*



S E R V I N G

Today – March 18, 2018

Greg Dickson
Chuck McDougall
Chuck McDougall, Ray Suttle
Myron Costin

Next Sunday – March 25, 2018

Liturgists Kenn Oerkfitz
Greeters Mark and Barb Camp
Ushers Chuck McDougall
Coffee Hour Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m.

THE THRIFT SHOP END-OF-WINTER 2018 BAG SALES

Thursdays – 10am to 4pm

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
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)

MARCH 2018

- 18 Sun Bell Choir plays for worship.
Final Lenten Study on *The Shack*, 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
- 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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 3/11/2018	<u>\$3,732.25</u>
Difference	\$82.94



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!

Mission and Outreach continues transporting all food donations to the
Strongsville Food Bank. At their most recent Board Meeting, the
Administrator, Kelly Kling, stated that because of an overall decline in food
donations, she now has to buy more of the needed provisions. Outside of
yearly food drives by various community groups, our church provides a
steady weekly supply. You will see their letters of thanks posted in the back
of Pilgrim Hall on our Bulletin Board. As always, many thanks for your
generosity.



Wing Nite is Friday, May 4, 2018, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

at the Grindstone Tap House, 826 Front Street in Berea.

The event is on one floor and includes pizza, pasta, wings,
salad, 5 types of domestic beer, well drinks, and wine.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from

Kristen Clotworthy or any Diaconate member. We are

looking for donations of theme-based baskets to auction at

this event. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall for you to
write your name and the type of basket you will provide. Thank you for your
support of this Diaconate fundraiser.

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY – MAY 6, 2018 – 3:00 P.M.

The Satori Winds

4 Guys with 4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes

and

Broadway Bound

Featuring BW Music Theatre Majors—

Gillian Han and Friends

\$10 – Adult

\$4 – 6 to 12 years

Free – 5 years and under

Following the concert, a reception with refreshments will be held in Pilgrim Hall.



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 *
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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

