

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



**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Minister

**March 25, 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.

**PRELUDE** Piano Solo

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rachel Zielinski

**PALM PROCESSIONAL** "Hosanna! Jesus is the Rock"

The congregation is invited to stand, wave their palms,  
and join the choir and the children in singing the Palm Processional:

*Hosanna! Jesus is the Rock! Jesus is the Rock of my salvation.*  
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*I will magnify the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised.*  
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† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lord Most Holy, you give us days filled with parades,  
bands and balloons.

**People: You walk beside us when we feel overwhelmed  
by pain, doubt or heartache.**

Leader: You offered your own life,  
so we would no longer fear death.

**People: Teach us to empty ourselves,  
to make room for you in our hearts. Amen.**

† **HYMN 297** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**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** Native American Flute

**ANTHEM** "The Holy City" Stephen Adams

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Come Before Him" Mark Shepperd

† **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** Mark 11:1-11

**SERMON** Hosanna!

† **HYMN 300** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Our Strength and Our Song" Mark Patterson

† **POSTLUDE** "Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—

*In Loving Memory of James Habart  
The Habart and Trinckes Family*

*In Honor of Diane Kuzmickas' Birthday Today  
Love, Mom, Sarah and Dad*

**Happy Birthday today** to Martha Powers, Ed Sobek, Diane Kuzmickas,  
and Nicholas Gigliotti!

**Official Board** will meet Tuesday, March 27, at **6:30 p.m.**

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

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



**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.

**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.*



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – APRIL 1 – 7:00 a.m.**

Outside, weather permitting



**EASTER BREAKFAST – 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in Pilgrim Hall**

Scrambled eggs and ham will be served between the two worship services.

**EASTER WORSHIP – APRIL 1 – 10:00 a.m.**

in our Sanctuary with Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Brass Choir  
Children will have class and enjoy an Easter egg hunt!



**S E R V I N G**

**Today – March 25, 2018**

Kenn Oerkfitz  
Mark and Barb Camp  
Chuck McDougall  
Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

**Liturgists**  
**Greeters**  
**Ushers**  
**Coffee Hour**

**Next Sunday – April 1 – 10am**

Pam Keenen  
Mark and Barb Camp  
Chuck McDougall  
Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

## THE THRIFT SHOP END-OF-WINTER 2018 BAG SALE

Thursday – 10am to 4pm

**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 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 Hywet 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.*

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31

Weekly Offering Received 3/18/2018 \$1,556.00

Difference \$2,093.31



**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. To pay for tickets by check, please make your check payable to *Strongsville UCC*, and on the memo line write *Wing Nite*. 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. **All baskets must be at the church by Sunday, April 29.** 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.



**Mission and Outreach** continues transporting all food donations to the Strongsville Food Bank. At their most recent Strongsville Food Bank 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.

**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.

**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!

## 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, 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), Michele Cortese (friend of 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 (friend 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

- 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>

## APRIL 2018

- 1 Sun Easter Worship at 7am and 10am  
Breakfast of scrambled eggs and ham in Pilgrim Hall, 8-9:30am
- 4 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am  
Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 5 Thu Thrift Shop closed for season changeover of merchandise  
No Bell Choir Rehearsal, No Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 12 Thu Thrift Shop reopens
- 14 Sat ORC setup for Pancake Breakfast, 9-12noon
- 15 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9-12noon  
May Church Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Sun Baby Shower in Pilgrim Hall, 2pm
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm 29
- 29 Sun Adult Social Club to Perk-Cup Café in Berea, 12:30pm

## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

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

### 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*

<b>Moderator</b>	Rachel Zielinski
<b>Vice-Moderator</b>	Bill Schneider
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lori Kovatich *
<b>Clerk</b>	Karen Morgan
<b>Sunday School Superintendents</b>	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 Mihlack	Lora Rung *
Brandi Garsteck	Gary Paul	Bev Wehr

