

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**(Congregational)**  
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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Pastor

**Worship Sundays at 10 a.m. (+online)**

## MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"This is the covenant I will make  
with the people of Israel  
after that time," declares the Lord.  
"I will put my law in their mind,  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God, and they will be my people."  
—Jeremiah 31:33*

### True belonging.

This past Sunday we celebrated an eighty-year member, our own Betty Craig, aka Grammy. Eighty years! Can you imagine?

Imagine the many changes the world has seen in those eighty years: the end of World War II and a commitment to world peace . . . two more wars that shook that commitment . . . the launching of the race to the moon . . . the development of the world wide web, bringing people from every corner of the world *together!* When we stop and reflect, it truly boggles the mind, doesn't it?

And yet. And yet the reality is what seems like such a giant leap *forward* is actually a return to our roots. Remember way back *in the beginning*, when everything belonged in the Garden? When all Creation lived *together* in peaceful harmony? Everyone and everything belonged.

The world has grown and changed, no doubt, but we still have a deep desire to find a place where we can belong, knowing and being known by God. When we find that space, suddenly it feels like . . . *home*.

Grammy has called Strongsville UCC *home* for over eighty years. Her sense of belonging has led her to welcome countless others *home* again, feeding guests like family, making sure everyone finds a seat at the Table.

Congratulations, Betty—and thank you!

Peace, Hope and Welcome,  
Pastor Heidi

*This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more. —Rachel Held Evans*

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY, MAY 3 – 10 a.m.**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Greeter: Linda Plain**

**Liturgist: Mary Ellen Zimmerman**

**Music: Chancel Choir**



**SUNDAY, MAY 10 – 10 a.m.**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Mother's Day**

**Greeter: Judi Pavisich**

**Liturgist: Judi Pavisich**

**Music: Bell Choir**



**SUNDAY, MAY 17 – 10 a.m.**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**Greeter: Barbara & John Toth**

**Liturgist: Sandy O'Shea**

**Music: Chancel Choir**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24 – 10 a.m.**

*Pentecost Sunday*

**Greeter: Judi Pavisich**

**Liturgist: Barb Fraunfelder**

**Music: Music Team**



**SUNDAY, MAY 31 – 10 a.m.**

*First Sunday after Pentecost*

**Trinity Sunday**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Penny Sunday**

**Greeter: Judi Pavisich**

**Liturgist: Luke Giuliano**

**Music: Chancel Choir**



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**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**. **HERE'S THE LINK TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos> Thanks to Doug Thorn for posting these each week.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Adeline Eleanore Erdman**, daughter of Sarah and Erik Erdman, who was baptized on April 19, 2026!



## 80 YEAR MEMBER!

April 21<sup>st</sup> marked the anniversary of the day that our own Betty Craig became a member of Strongsville United Church of Christ in 1946! Congratulations to “Grammy” Craig on your 8 decades of dedication and service!



### ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE!

As we seek to walk ever more closely with Jesus and welcome all without question or singling anyone out, we offer gluten-free bread to ALL who come forward to the Table for Holy Communion. ALL means ALL at The United Church of Christ (Congregational)!



## FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL:

A SIGN-UP FOR TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL! Join the fun!

Summer Sunday School begins May 31<sup>st</sup>!



## PENNY SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to The Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue in April. We collected \$300.50 and got to meet Storm and his person, Roseanne.



The next Penny Sunday will be **May 31<sup>st</sup>** for **Blessing House**, which is a children's crisis care center that provides

residential care for children birth through 12 whose parents or caregivers are facing a crisis or emergency or are experiencing a high level of stress that might put their children at risk of abuse or neglect.

The Sunday School Book Scholarship application is now available. Please contact the church office. Deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes are extended to **Jacob Williams** and **Gwen Bellus**, who were married in North Carolina on April 18, 2026. They have returned to Northeast Ohio as they begin their married life together.



## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We were saddened to hear of the passing of friend of the church **Jon A. Marshall** on March 30, 2026. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Joan; and their children and grandchildren. Jon participated in many of our church's community events and was the emcee at the Strongsville



Community Band concerts until recently. He also sang in the Southwest Community Chorus for many years. He was an educator, a musician, and avid stargazer. He was 88 years old.

Long-time member of the church **Elroy (Roy) Merkle** passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026 at the age of 94. Our love and prayers go out to his wife of 20 years, **Carol Merkle**, as well as his children, **Lori Groose** and **Dave Merkle**, and step-daughter, **Sandy Pogozeleski (Bob)** and family. Roy, a proud Navy veteran, was a faithful member of our congregation for 42 years. A memorial service was held at Chambers Funeral Home on April 18, 2026.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Marty Winch** and family on the death of her sister, **Amelia (Amy) Carroll**. Amy ended her earthly journey on April 3, 2026 after an extended illness. She was 87. A memorial service will be held at our church on May 9, 2026 at 11 a.m with a luncheon in Pilgrim Hall following the service.



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Strongsville United Church of Christ – Youth Group  
 “Going Vertical”



On April 12<sup>th</sup>, our Youth Group kids had a fantastic time going rock climbing at Dick’s Sporting Goods, followed by pizza at Gino’s Restaurant. Thanks to everyone who made our outing so much fun!



## Diaconate’s Food and Friends FunD-raiser! Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Grindstone Tap House—tickets are

**\$30 and available at the door!**  
**NEW MENU!—Food & Beverages**  
**are included in your ticket price.**  
**(Don’t forget your cash for raffles and**  
**the fabulous grand prize!)**

**BE A GREETER!** A new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area is waiting for your name to be added as a greeter. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know. Being a greeter is a wonderful way to get to know people and welcome them to worship.



**PLEASE DON’T FALL FOR A SCAM!** Pastor Heidi will never ask you for cash or gift cards via text or email. If there is a need, she will approach you in person.



**BOOK STUDY—**On May 18<sup>th</sup>, our Book Study group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



# OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.



**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Jen Barry, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Elaine Coffey, Betty “Grammy” Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Colette Emerson, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Frank Jefferis, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Erv Koch, Jill Kundtz, Jan Meier, Carol Konet, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Jan Meier, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, JoAnn Thomas, John Toth, Heather Williams, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

**Extended Church Family:** Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf’s friend), Allison Emerson (Colette’s sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen’s friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung’s friend), Gary Gargus (John & Barbara Toth’s friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog’s friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy’s daughter-in-law), Sarah & David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy’s grandson & wife), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce’s sister), Dana Hardy (Craig’s wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich’s daughter-in-law), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel’s parents), Maryanne Grega-Knotek (our florist), Helen Leckwatch (Dale Parson’s mother-in-law), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung’s friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel’s sister-in-law), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf’s friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes’ friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Jeaneane Steinmeyer (Greg Dickson’s aunt), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich’s friends), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence and natural disasters, First Responders

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. [h.e.denman@gmail.com](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)



## A great big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Annual Family Game Gathering

**in April!** We had about 30 folks enjoy trivia, candy guessing, games, hot dogs, brats, cookies, chips, brownies, deviled eggs, cheese & crackers, and lots more tasty treats. A great time was had by all!

## THANK YOU NOTE



Thank you to Pastor Heidi for her services at Roy’s funeral and burial. We appreciate her thoughtfulness and care. We also want to thank our Church Family for their thoughts, cards, and presence at the funeral. Roy enjoyed attending Strongsville UCC services and events so much.

Fondly, **Sandy Pogozelski** and Family and **Carol Merkle**



## MUSIC NOTES

Many thanks to our **Chancel Choir (Dave Williams, Mike Willis, Rob Toth, Craig Hardy,\***

**Toni Newborn, Bobbi & Wayne Cook, Marianne Luca,\* Sarah Keenen, Irene Joyce, Riley Marshall, Sarah Toth, Ingrid Dickson, Sandy O'Shea, Jo Ann Thomas, and Sharon Maresco)** \*special Holy Week singer; **Bell Choir, Carol Foley, Ken Mehalko, Tom Nazelli, Will Foley, Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Mike Willis,** and of course, **Tom Foley, Mike Elkins,** and **Sharon Heinrich,** for April's music.



### FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CHORUS

SWCC will have a Spring Concert, "**Celebrate America**" on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 3 p.m. at the Berea United Methodist

Church (170 Seminary Street in Berea). The Chorus is under the direction of **Tom Foley**, accompanied by **Jarred Sorauf**; some of the singers this season include **Craig Hardy, Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Sarah Keenen, Marianne Luca, Jo Ann Thomas, Dave Williams** and a few other familiar faces and voices. Tickets are \$15 will be available at the door or from our own choir members who sing with the chorus.

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### FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND:

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** for our **Spring Concert**, at the Strongsville Middle School at 13200 Pearl

Road. There is no charge to attend, but there is usually a free will offering.

## GIFT CARDS

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM.** You may place orders by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-346-4161 in advance. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**



## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- Mission Outreach will meet after worship on Sunday, **May 10<sup>th</sup>** in the Confirmation classroom,
- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **May 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



## ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

If you move or change your phone number, please be so kind as to let the church office know—thanks!

Mary Densmore:

[marybdensmore@gmail.com](mailto:marybdensmore@gmail.com)



## MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

### MAY IS STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH MONTH!



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The

Heartland Conference and the National setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. Your generosity to Strengthen the Church (STC) provides the funds that allow The Heartland Conference to Support the development our Ministry Networks and support our General Synod Delegates. In the National setting, funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

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We are collecting new items for **Laura's Home (Feminine pads with wings, baby wipes, Size 6 and 7 diapers or Pull-Ups, and Pedialyte)** through **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will have a bin in the **Gathering Area** for your donations. As an alternative, you can purchase **Amazon gift cards**—available through our **Gift Card program**. See **Jim Joyce** or contact the church office to purchase (**double benefit!**)



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### FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE FOOD BANK:



**The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank** has always been supported by our congregation.

Please remember, we do not accept expired goods. The needs for the food bank in May would be cereal, oatmeal, canned beans and carrots, tuna, and individual boxes of raisins.



**IN OUR COMMUNITY**--Girl Scout Troop #71363 is stocking and maintaining a "Hygiene Library," located on the lawn near the parking lot facing Royalton Road.

## BREAD BUDDIES



Are you able to give less than an hour of your time on a Monday or Friday morning to pick up and/or sort Panera bread, bagels, and pastries? Please contact the church office if you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters & sorters: **Teri Barbish, Colette Emerson, Carole Kapcar, Roz Fotos, Linda Elkins, Cherie Teagno, Cindy Hurley, Marsha Hemphill, Wayne & Bobbi Cook, Jane Kossin & Ed Geyer, Irene Joyce, and Sharon Lempner**, who are enabling the Panera Bread ministry to continue!

## NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Did you know? The "tip jar" you see next to the coffee on Sunday mornings is there for a reason. The "tips" go directly to keeping the coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, etc., supplied. Your generosity is appreciated!



Did you know that **Riley & Lacey Marshall, Jack, Ella, & Henry Hayes**, under the supervision of their **Papa Dale Hawk**, spent part of their spring break picking up sticks and tidying the church property? Great work, kids!

Did you know that **Austin Eggert** stopped into the church one Thursday morning, saw someone from the Strongsville Emergency Food bank struggling with 2 huge bins of bread to donate to our church, and immediately jumped in to help? Thanks a bunch, Austin!

Did you know that members of our **Board of Trustees** gave their time and labor to clean up the yard around our rental property on Royalton Road on a sunny, but chilly Tuesday morning in April? Thanks so much, friends!

Did you know that **Cheryl & Ed Sobek** got down and dirty and spread mulch at the church's Royalton Road property? Thank you very much!



**YOU CAN ACCESS RESOURCES FROM AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HEARTLAND CONFERENCE OF THE UCC!** Looking for a way to get connected for ministry resources in the wider

church? Just scan the QR code.

## PAPER RECYCLING BIN GONE!

The Board of Trustees has been trying to get the bin picked up for several months because it had become an eyesore with its overflowing mess of papers and boxes. Thank you to **Dale & Cathy Hawk** for their many phone calls, emails, letters, and in-person visits to Royal Oak Recycling for finally getting the bin removed.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—



Members of Women's Fellowship made and sold 92 bags of "People Chow." Income from the sale of the 92 bags and leftover ingredients totaled \$405.50. Expenses totaled \$98.62. The profit from the sale was \$306.88.

**A big thank you to all who helped make the "People Chow" and to those who purchased it!**



**IMPORTANT INFO**—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.

## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Special Thanks to friend of the church, **Dale Parsons**, who donated 14 delicious pies for dessert on the Wednesday before Easter! Our program received a generous donation of \$1,000 from one of our Free Lunch regulars. We are so grateful for our guests' support!



## THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$64,627.08 in our capital campaign account. We are reviewing the 3 bids for the acoustic panels in Pilgrim Hall. A new roof for Pilgrim Hall and the church building may be on the horizon. Things are happening, but we still have more projects on the list. Please make sure you designate your donation for "Capital Campaign." Thanks for your continuing support.

## POLE BARN UPDATE

We received \$647.00 back for lumber that was not needed in the build. The concrete has been poured inside the building (with exception of a 5 foot area that will be roughed in for plumbing). The driveway and pavilion will be poured when the area dries out enough. Our plan will be to put epoxy on the barn floor before we move anything into it. We will obtain bids for the gutters and a concession door.

## THRIFT SHOP



**The Thrift Shop is OPEN every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. **Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Our florist, Maryanne Grega-Knotek, recently had surgery, so we did not have fresh flowers for the altar in April. Our regular altar flower service will resume in May. Thanks to Joyce Reed, Ingrid Dickson, and Irene Joyce for providing the vases of flowers for the past month.



**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL.** Please sign up for fresh flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or just for yourself. Cost is \$36 for two vases; \$18 for one. We have openings for the second half of the year.

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

### Week of April 5<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday today to  
Happy Birthday to Betty "Grammy" Craig on  
April 8<sup>th</sup>!*

With lots of love from your church family  
*Celebrating our wedding Anniversary on April 8<sup>th</sup>*  
Irene & Jim Joyce

*Remembering our dad, Roger H. Robinson on his  
birthday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Love and miss ya, Dad!*  
Becky & Bill Robinson

### Week of April 12<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday tomorrow to our brother, Charles  
Jannsohn!--Ingrid Dickson & Irene Joyce*

*Happy Birthday to Linda Plain on April 16<sup>th</sup>!—A friend*

### Week of April 19<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday to Evan Joyce on April 20<sup>th</sup>  
and to Irene Jannsohn on April 24<sup>th</sup>!*

*In loving memory of Aimée Jannsohn  
Love, The Dicksons & Joyces*

*Happy Anniversary April 21<sup>st</sup> to Rachel & Gary Zielinski!*

### Week of April 26<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday to the best bulletin-folder out there,  
Judi Pavisich on April 29<sup>th</sup>!*

*Happy Birthday yesterday to Jen Barry and Mary Willis!*

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Multiple dedications are welcomed for each week. **Please email [strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com).**  
**Thank you to everyone who lights our steeple!**



**PLEASE  
REMEMBER  
THE CHURCH  
IN YOUR WILL.**

## FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Gary Zielinski**

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **April 5 through April 26, 2026.**



**Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.**

Offering Needed \$20,848.00 for 4 Sundays  
Offering Received \$27,796.00  
+ \$6,948.00

**PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED : 62**



**GRADUATES** --Our church would like to recognize our graduates, so please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. Send the following information and a **PHOTO** of your high school, college, or tech graduate.

Name of graduate (include middle name):  
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Graduate's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (month at least): \_\_\_\_\_

Church Family member:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Activities:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Honors and Awards:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Diploma / Degree Earned:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Grandparents:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please email the above information, **along with a PHOTO of the graduate**, to the church office at [strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com) by **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**CHURCH OFFICERS 2026**

*\*Elected February 1, 2026*

**Moderator:** Rachel Zielinski \*

**Vice-Moderator:** Herb Hampson\*

**Treasurer:** Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer\*

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Linda Elkins

**Board of Trustees**

Karen Bates Jen Barry\* Greg Dickson\*  
Bill Giuliano\* Chris Goff Les Fox\* Cathy Hawk  
Sandy Pogozeleski\* Bill Robinson \* Cheryl Sobek  
Alex Tomoff Mike Willis

**Endowment Fund Subcommittee**

Linda Stepan\* Dave Williams\*

**Diaconate**

Jean Bittinger Elaine Coffey\* Diana Creecy\*  
Bobbi Cook Wayne Cook Judy Davis  
Judy Fox\* Marsha Hemphill\* Cindy Hurley\*  
Lynne McCray\* Linda Ponstingle Lora Rung

**Christian Education Committee**

Linda Elkins\* Colette Emerson\* Dale Hawk  
Sarah Hayes Amanda Marshall\* Lora Rung

**Music Committee**

Karen Bates\* Ingrid Dickson\*  
Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko Mike Willis  
*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

**Stewardship Committee**

Ingrid Dickson Sue Gigliotti\* Linda Stepan  
Rob Toth\* Sarah Toth Dave Williams

**Mission and Outreach Committee**

Jen Barry \* Gina Cathcart Bobbi Cook\*  
Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes\* Lora Rung  
Mary Willis Mary Ellen Zimmerman



**All checks to the church and its organizations should be made out to United Church of Christ or UCC or United Church of Christ (Congregational).**

**GIVING OPTIONS**

If you are interested in giving electronically, you can set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website or on our church's website:

[www.strongsvilleucc.com](http://www.strongsvilleucc.com). You may also mail a check to The United Church of Christ (Congregational) 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.



**CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM**

If you like to cook or bake or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate would LOVE to have you be a part of our team! (You don't need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)

**YES! I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM INTERESTED IN:**



\_\_\_\_\_ OFFERING OR RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

\_\_\_\_\_ CALLING FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN PRAYER CHAIN, BUT DON'T USE EMAIL

\_\_\_\_\_ PREPARING AN EXTRA MEAL AND DELIVERING IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

\_\_\_\_\_ HELPING COOK A DISH AND OR SERVE MEALS AT FUNERAL LUNCHEON

\_\_\_\_\_ BECOMING A "PHONE BUDDY" AND PERIODICALLY CHECK IN WITH SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

\_\_\_\_\_ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO TAKE MEMBERS TO APPOINTMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO OUR CHURCH SERVICES

\_\_\_\_\_ BE PART OF A CARD CREW TO SEND CARDS TO FOLKS ON HEIDI'S PRAYER LIST AND OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

\_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD BE WILLING TO...

**SERMONS AVAILABLE!**

Ever hear something in the sermon on Sunday morning and wish you could hear it again? Our services are always available on YouTube, but if something *really* catches your heart, send Pastor Heidi an email and she will send you her manuscript.





FROM OUR FRIENDS AT  
MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS  
UCC;  
**TEETER TOTTER  
MARATHON**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2 from 9  
a.m. – 9 p.m. and SUNDAY,  
MAY 3 from 9 a.m. – Noon**

Rain or shine at Middleburg Heights Community  
United Church of Christ, 7165 Big Creek Parkway  
**Proceeds benefit Second Mile Outreach**

**YOU CAN STILL PLEDGE FROM YOUR  
H.E.A.R.T.!**  
Hospitality, Engagement, Activities,  
Resources, Time, Talent, & Treasure



**United Church of Christ 2026 Estimate of Giving**

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to  
join with others in the following commitment for 2026:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ each

week  month  other \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations

\$\_\_\_\_\_

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

\$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment  
Committee about including the church or church-related  
institution in my Will.

I would like to talk with someone about using the  
automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

*Matthew 6:21*



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