

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Minister

Sunday – May 27, 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 “Days of Elijah” Robin Mark

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

INTROIT “Give Me Jesus” Spiritual, arr. Benjamin Harlan

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this Memorial Day weekend,
let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth,
and for all our cherished liberties.
For all the wonders of our country’s story:

People: We give you thanks, O God. (silence)

Leader: For leaders of our nation and our state,
and for those who have served faithfully,
both past and present:

People: We give you thanks, O God. (silence)

Leader: For those who, in all times and places,
have been true and brave, and have lived upright lives,
faithfully serving with their fellow Americans:

People: We give you thanks, O God. (silence)

Leader: For all who have served their country in its hour of need,
and especially for those who gave the ultimate gift
of their lives in the service of their country:

People: We give you thanks, O God. (silence)

Call to Worship continues on next column.

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: O Almighty God and merciful Father,
today we remember these faithful servants
and give thanks for their courage and strength.
We lift their families and loved ones who mourn.
As this day brings memories of those we have lost
in this world,
may we also know your consolation and assurance
that our loved ones dwell, now and forever,
in your living, loving presence. AMEN.**

† HYMN 169 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Verses 1, 2, 5

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and OUR 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 “Laudate Dominum”

ANTHEM “O Praise Ye the Lord” Dale Wood

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Find Us Faithful” Jon Mohr

† **DOXOLOGY** **HYMN 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 Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON Where are you?

† **HYMN 589** “Here I Am, Lord”

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** “Speak, Lord in the Stillness” Whitworth

† **BAND POSTLUDE** “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” Derrick

The altar flowers are given—
*In loving memory of Lois-Ann Habart on the occasion of her birthday, May 28,
With Everlasting Love from
her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson who miss her dearly,
The Trinckes Family*

The additional special flowers are given in celebration of George and Joyce Reed’s 50th Wedding Anniversary today.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
*Happy Birthday on May 28 to Sandra Wentz
With love, Grammy*
*In Loving and Fond Memory of Our Mom, Lorna Robinson
on Her Birthday on May 29 – Miss you, Mom!
Becky and Bill Robinson*

Happy 50th Anniversary today to George and Joyce Reed!

Today is Penny Sunday. The collection will go toward our own Sunday School programs and scholarships.

For those who get paper copies, the **June 2018 Church Newsletters** are available today for pickup in the Gathering Area. Thank you to all who receive their newsletters by email.

Giving statements for those who pledged are also available for pickup in the Gathering Area after worship today. If you do not pledge but you would like a statement, please contact Adria Bond at (440) 227-8410. Please know we will accept pledge cards at any time and not just during the Stewardship Campaign.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer Sunday School starts next Sunday, June 3 – Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please add your name to our sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help.



Graduates within our church family will be recognized in church on Sunday, June 10. If someone is graduating within your family, please complete the form on the top of the cabinet in the Gathering Area, and submit it to the church office **TODAY. Deadline for Sunday School scholarship applications is June 1.** Thank you.

Worship Committee meets next Sunday, June 3, after worship.

Membership – If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville UCC, please contact Pastor Heidi or call the church office, (440) 238-6697.

Music Ministry – The Bell Choir will play and Instrumental Musicians and Bell Ringers will be recognized next Sunday, June 3, during worship.

Church Kitchen – Please check with Betty Craig before you leave donations for the kitchen, but know that donating to the coffee hour jar is the best way to ensure that needed supplies are purchased. Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

Cleaning of church freezers and refrigerator continues this week. Items that are not **dated** and **marked** may disappear. Please take time to check the freezers and refrigerator for unmarked items that belong to you or your group. Thank you. Betty Craig

The memorial service bulletin for our former member, Millie Lantzer, is posted on the Pilgrim Hall bulletin board. A beautiful write-up about Millie’s life is included in the bulletin.

Stewardship – Just a reminder that the church still has expenses during the summer months when you may be away and church activities slow down. If possible, please continue your regular giving by mailing your offering to the church: Strongsville UCC, 13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. For your convenience, church-addressed mailing envelopes are available in the Gathering Area on the cabinet. Another option is electronic giving (myEoffering) for anyone interested. Instructions for myEoffering will be in the June Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church.

News from the Corner Office – After more than 26 years as our faithful Church Secretary, Sharon Heinrich will be retiring in June. We are indebted to her for her service and devotion as she completes her many years of employment with us. The Board of Trustees voted to hire Irene Joyce as her replacement at their May 8th meeting. Irene will be training with Sharon for the next few weeks to assure a smooth transition. Thank you for your patience and prayers during this upcoming period of adjustment.

Kiwanis Club of Strongsville, along with neighboring Kiwanis Clubs, will sponsor The Cleveland TOPS Swing Band in concert on Thursday, June 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Berea-Midpark High School Auditorium, 165 E. Bagley Road in Berea. The cost is \$20 per ticket, and tickets are available at the door. Clay Williams

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB UPDATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these events, which are on Sundays unless noted otherwise.
We will carpool; there will be no more buses.

- June 24 – Cleveland Aquarium
- July 22 – All Church Picnic at Volunteer Park on West Lunn Road
- August 19 – Botanical Gardens, Dinner in Little Italy
- September 14 (Friday) – The Platters (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's
- September 16 – Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City
- October 7 – The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Mansion
- November 13 (Tuesday) – A Branson Country Christmas Dinner & Show at Carrie Cerino's
- December 12 - Downtown Holiday Lights Tour

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church. As always, all adults are welcome to the events and meetings. Please see Linda Plain to make reservations for these events.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS PROJECT

Women’s Fellowship Spring Project is to fill about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11” x 12”. Donations of any of the items listed below or monetary donations (so we may purchase items) are appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked “Tote Bag Project” and placed in the church office.

Collection continues until May 31. A collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Travel size is best and can be found at Marc’s or Target.

PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE FAMILY-SIZE ITEMS.

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| soap (facial size or smaller) | small tissue packets |
| shampoo | small cars or trucks |
| body lotion | decks of cards |
| deodorant | activity books |
| tooth brushes | coloring books |
| toothpaste (small tubes) | small stuffed toys (no bigger than 8”) |
| wash cloths | blowing bubbles (small bottles) |
| combs or brushes | |
| pencils | sidewalk chalk |
| crayons (16 or 24 count) | |

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, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Eddy Bond, Rev. Larry Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Lynne McCray, Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth at Fairview Hospital, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich’s granddaughter), Michele Cortese (friend of the 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 (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)



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 5/20/2018	<u>\$2,673.00</u>
Difference	(\$976.31)



MAY 2018

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| 27 | Sun | Penny Sunday
Deadline for submitting graduate information |
| 30 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm |
| 31 | Thu | Collection for tote bags concludes |

JUNE 2018

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| 3 | Sun | Sacrament of Communion
Summer Sunday School begins
Recognition of Instrumentalists, during worship
Worship Committee Meeting, after worship |
| 6 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Fit Club, 7pm |
| 10 | Sun | Recognition of graduates in worship
Recognition of vocalists, during worship |
| 12 | Tue | Trustees Meeting, 7pm |
| 13 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm |
| 15 | Fri | July 2018 Newsletter Deadline |
| 17 | Sun | Father’s Day |
| 19 | Tue | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm |
| 20 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm |
| 24 | Sun | Adult Social Club trip to the aquarium |
| 26 | Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 27 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm |
| 31 | Sun | Penny Sunday |

JULY 2018

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| 4 | Wed | NO Free Lunch for All because of Independence Day |
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PLEASE NOTE: Free Lunch for All will **NOT** be served on Wednesday, the Fourth of July holiday.



SERVING

TODAY – MAY 27

Ted Bickley and Teddy Bickley
Eddy and Adria Bond
Chuck McDougall
Myron Costin

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 3

Liturgists	Tom Gaumer and Aidan Hurtig
Greeters	Linda Plain
Ushers	Chuck McDougall
Coffee Hour	Michele and Allen Mhlack

GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 10, 2018, during worship.** Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

Name: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date (month at least): _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned _____

Future Plans: _____

The graduate _____will _____will not attend church on June 10.

In addition, we would like **a graduation announcement and photo of the graduate for our church graduation bulletin board** that will be displayed in June. The announcement and photo will be returned to you.

Please place graduation information in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information **TODAY.**

