

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

SUNDAY – MAY 28, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Joseph Santomen, Guest Minister



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 *Make Us One* Carol Cymbala

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sin is always at work to counteract the good news of Christ.

People: But thanks be to God, the church is always at work. And we are glad to be a part of it.

Leader: Amen! No matter how ineffective our efforts may seem, there is always fertile soil which bears fruit for our labor.

People: We will continue to sow the seed of faith in Christ convinced that many will be responsive and come to Christ's kingdom. Amen.

† HYMN 21 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

RESPONSE *Native American Flute* Ken Mehalko

SPECIAL MUSIC *If I Had Wings* Peter Yarrow/Susan Yardley
Gary Hackett, Soloist

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *No Mountain High Enough* Charles Kirby

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Santomen

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *No Other Name* Robert Gay

† 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

SCRIPTURES Luke 8:4-8; 11-15

SERMON *Soil and Seed* Rev. Joseph Santomen

† HYMN 690 *He Leadeth Me*

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *Bless and Keep You Forever* Gary Hackett
Traditional Tune of *Edelweiss* Soloist

† POSTLUDE *God of Our Fathers* George Warren

The flowers on the altar this morning are given—

In Loving Memory of Lois-Ann Habart on Her Birthday
From Her Family

In Loving Memory of Our Mom, Lorna Robinson, on Her Birthday, May 29
Becky and Bill Robinson

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday today to Sandra Wentz and
Happy Anniversary on June 3 to Patti and Nate Johnson
With love, Grammy and Mom

Happy Birthday today to Kelly Bickley and to Nicole Giuliano.

Happy Anniversary today to Valerie and Dale Hopkins.

We welcome back Rev. Joseph Santomen and his wife Betsey, and we thank Rev. Santomen for leading us in worship this morning.

After worship today, Stewardship Committee will meet briefly in the Parlor.

The Church Office is closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

Communion – We will celebrate the sacrament of communion next Sunday, June 4.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 5/21/2017 \$2,092
Difference (\$1,773)

STRONGSVILLE UCC MUSIC MINISTRY RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND SPECIAL MUSIC – 2017

Children's Choir

Teddy Bickley
Russell Bickley
Anna Bickley
Luke Giuliano
Christian Habart-Scott
Rowan Garcia
Riley Hawk
Christopher Dragony
Kenzi Dragony

Special Vocal Music

Connie Gunn
Gary Hackett
Bruce Keenen
Pam Keenen
Sarah Keenen
Sandy O'Shea

Special Instrumental Music

Adria Bond
Barbara Fraunfelder
Gary Hackett
Lisa Heinrich
Ryan Heinrich
Sharon Heinrich
Flavia Medlin
Ken Mehalko
Mike Soltis
Doug Thorn
Robert Toth
Jake Williams



Lolly the Trolley



Adult Social Group will take a Lolly the Trolley tour of Lake View Cemetery on Saturday, June 17. We need 30 people-- please sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board or contact Adria, 440-227-8410. Total cost of tour is \$895.00 + tax (\$32.22 per person). We will be picked up at SUCC at 10a.m. for a

1 to 1-1/2 hour tour of Lake View Cemetery and return to SUCC at 2 p.m. Reservations and money are due by June 8. All adults are welcome.

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, would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office.



Collection concludes Sunday, June 4. The 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.

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	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 or 24 count)	

Thank you for your support of this outreach to the community.

Update from the Pulpit Search Committee – The Committee has met twice and has begun the task of completing our Local Church Profile. A survey is being developed to collect information from the congregation for the Profile. The survey will be distributed within the next couple weeks. Your prompt completion and return of the survey will be appreciated. More information will be provided when the survey is distributed.

Committee Members:

Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy, Ingrid Dickson, Jim Dettmer, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

Summer Sunday School begins June 4. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided. Please see Irene Joyce if you have questions.

Kitchen Supplies – Please check with Betty Craig or Ginny Oerkfitz before assuming we need a certain product. We do not need drinking straws or toothpicks. We can always use luncheon napkins, 9 oz. cold cups, lemonade or punch mix, coffee, tea bags, Ziplock plastic bags (sandwich, quart or gallon sizes), paper towels. These things are used weekly for coffee hour and the free lunch program. Thank you for your donations.

Garage Sale Postponed – The Garage Sale, originally scheduled for July 8, 2017, has been postponed. Please hold on to your treasures for a little while longer. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you very much.

Updating Our Website and TVs – If you have updates for our church Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mihlack 216-324-9799 or m.mihlack@gmail.com or Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or ij3e@sbcglobal.net

Thank you!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Hospitals no longer provide names of members who are patients. 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, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie

Church Family: Betty Babics at Concordia Rehab, Steve Herzog, Irene Jannsohn, Don Kovach, Martha Liebert, Pam Peacock, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Sue Mason, Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), 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)



Our church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. As part of that celebration, we are planning an **Anniversary Luncheon on October 15**, right after the church service that Sunday. The luncheon will be held at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet room. If you think you may attend the luncheon, please let Joyce Reed know. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall, where you can indicate your preliminary attendance and number of guests coming. Thank you. The 200th Anniversary Committee

200th Anniversary Cookbooks – 45 cookbooks are still available at a cost of \$12.00 each. We also have six old church cookbooks from 2006 at a cost of \$10.00 each. If you got a cookbook and did not yet pay, please give your payment to Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed, or place payment under the church office door. Thank you!

MAY 2017

- 28 Sun Children rehearse at 9:30am and sing for worship
Recognition of Children's Choir and Special Music
- 29 Mon Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 31 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Fit Club, 7pm

JUNE 2017

- 4 Sun Sacrament of Communion
Recognition of Chancel Choir and Band
Summer Sunday School begins
- 7 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
- 8 Thu Reservation and Payment Deadline for Lolly the Trolley
- 11 Sun Graduates' Recognition
Special Children's Message with Annette Karr and Wink the Dog
- 14 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
- 15 Thu Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Sat Adult Social Club: Lolly the Trolley, 10am in church parking lot
- 18 Sun Father's Day
- 20 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Sun Picnic Sunday: Worship at 10am outdoors,
followed by potluck picnic lunch, and games
- 27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
Fit Club, 7pm

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Claire Wills

Morning Announcements: Kelly Bickley

Liturgist: Kelly Bickley

Director of Music – Elena Taylor

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 4, 2017

Greeter: Linda Plain

Morning Announcements: Irene Joyce

Liturgist: Dan Masuga

Ushers: Linda Plain

Coffee Hour: Volunteers Needed

GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, during worship.** Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We would like 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 be in church on June 11.

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 **by TODAY**. Thank you.



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