

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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Minister

Sunday – May 6, 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 "Hallowed Be Thy Name" Mason and Lawson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT Rachel Zielinski

HANDBELL INTROIT "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

† **HYMN 210** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE "Jesus, My Jesus" Carol Cymbala

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller and Jackson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Irene Joyce

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "King of Kings" Ancient Hebrew Folk Song

† **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**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 733 "Once to Every Man and Nation"

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

SERMON "Resurrection Is Relationship" Rev. Oommen K. Thomas
Guest Minister

† **HYMN 368** "He Lives"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **HANDBELL RESPONSE** "We Will Glorify" Twila Paris

† **BAND POSTLUDE** "I'm Forever Grateful" Mark Altrogge

The altar flowers are given—

*Happy Birthday to Our Sister and Aunt – Patty Kubancik
The Gigliotti Family*

*With gratitude for all the fine musicians in our church family, and
In Celebration of Our 40th Wedding Anniversary Last Sunday, April 29
Jim and Sharon Heinrich*

The additional flowers on the altar are given—

*In Recognition of Our Daughter, Holly Schafer,
who received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership
from Youngstown State University on May 5, 2018.
Her dissertation was titled "Searching for Superwoman."
George and Joyce Reed*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday
to Hayley McKane on May 7, Debbie Wentz on May 9, and
Patti Johnson on May 11
With love, Grammy and Mom*

Happy Birthday today to Judy Gaumer and to Greg Dickson!

Pastor Heidi is away this morning, and we thank Rev. Oommen Thomas for leading us in worship. We are also grateful to have his wife Leela worshipping with us this morning.

Thank you to all who supported the Diaconate fundraiser, Wing Nite, this past Friday, May 4.

Trustees meet Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m.

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE

CONCERT SERIES

TODAY – 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.

Donations of food for the reception would be greatly appreciated.
Please see Ingrid Dickson or Sharon Heinrich. Thank you!



Greetings from your Pulpit Search Committee! As we continue in our mission to place our settled pastor, it seems as if it is taking a very long time. Please keep in mind that a typical search usually lasts anywhere from 12 to 18 months, or more. Your committee has been diligently evaluating over 40 ministerial profiles. It is only fair and right to give each profile its due process and thorough investigation. This takes time. We are committed to follow the process set by the UCC, and to ensure that we are fulfilling our obligation with due diligence. The Committee is exceedingly grateful for your continued patience, support and prayers.

Pilgrim Hall this morning – Strongsville United METHODIST Church is using Pilgrim Hall today from 7:45 to 10:00 a.m. for their annual Confirmation Class Breakfast.

Installation of the additional red carpeting in the Sanctuary is scheduled to begin tomorrow—Monday, May 7—with a tentative finish on Thursday.

Giving statements for those who pledged are available for pickup in the Gathering Area after worship today and on Sunday mornings in May. 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.

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 will begin tomorrow—Monday, May 7. 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

Thrift Shop – Due to overwhelming donations and limited space, please hold your donations until further notice. Please do not leave donations on the Royalton Road landing, on the steps, or on the railings. If the fire marshal sees items in those places, the Thrift Shop will be fined. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

S E R V I N G

TODAY – MAY 6

Kenn Oerkfitz
Linda Plain
Ted and Kelly Bickley
Myron Costin

Liturgists Gina Gigliotti
Greeters Dorothy and Sharon Ritchie, Gina Cathcart
Ushers Chuck McDougall
Coffee Hour Cathy Hawk

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 13

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.

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 mid-May. **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.

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)	

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 at Altenheim, Rev. Larry Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Sloane Masuga (daughter of Jake and Lauren), Lynne McCray, Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth, 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 (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 4/29/2018	\$2,470.00
Difference	(\$1,179.31)



MAY 2018

- 6 Sun Strongsville United **Methodist** Church uses Pilgrim Hall, 7:30-10am
Rev. Oommen Thomas is our guest minister.
Concert Series, 3pm with reception afterwards
- 8 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 9 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm
- 15 Tue June Newsletter Deadline
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Sun Adult Social Club departs for Hard Rock Casino at noon
from the Senior Center.
- 22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am
- 27 Sun Penny Sunday
- 30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7pm

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB UPDATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these Sunday events!

May 20 - Hard Rock Casino (via Lakefront Bus) Depart from Senior Center at Noon (\$20 in Free Play given)

June 24 - Cleveland Aquarium (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)

July 22 - All Church Picnic at Volunteer Park on West Lunn Road

August 19 - Botanical Gardens (via Lakefront Bus) Dinner in Little Italy

September 14 - 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 (via Lakefront Bus)

November 13 - A Branson Country Christmas (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's

December 12 - Downtown Holiday Lights Tour (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)

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.

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 this bulletin or from the top of the cabinet in the Gathering Area and submit it to the church office. Thank you.

Baby Shower for former Choir Director, Joshua Konow and his wife Rebecca – The choirs and staff of the Federated United Church of Christ invite you to a light luncheon on Sunday, May 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to shower Joshua and Rebecca with love and baby gifts! Kindly RSVP to Nancy Isham at nancy.isham@case.edu by Friday, May 11 (acceptances only). Federated UCC Fellowship Hall is located at 76 Bell Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. A pink invitation is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Community Seminar for a Safer Strongsville – The Strongsville Police Department will present a seminar on Tuesday, May 22, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. at Ehrnfelt Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Road in Strongsville. Residents are invited to learn about safety awareness in the community and at home. Officers will be on hand to answer questions and provide resources. Please register at tinyurl.com/safestrongsville

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 **by Sunday, May 27.**

