



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 (Congregational)  
 13740 Pearl Road  
 Strongsville, Ohio 44136  
**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
 Designated Minister

**NOVEMBER 12, 2017 – 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** "Organ Prelude in C"

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Do All the Good We Can"  
 Do all the good we can, By all the means we can,  
 In all the ways we can, In all the places we can,  
 At all the times we can, For all the people we can,  
 As long as we can, As long as we can.  
 In the name of the Lord, we can.

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Dan Masuga

Leader: Life pulls us in many directions.  
**People: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our time and our lives.**

Leader: This day, let us choose faithfulness to God.  
**People: This day, we open our hearts and spirits to faithfully serve our God.**

Leader: Blessed is Creator God, who has called us here, to this place and time.

**All: Praise be to God, who made us, sustains us and provides us with all we need.**

† **HYMN 209** "This Is the Day"

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** Native American Flute

**ANTHEM** "More than Wonderful" Lanny Wolfwe

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Pastor Heidi

**THE OFFERING** "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" Traditional

† **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** Verses from Joshua 24

**SERMON** "Faithful Is, as Faithful Does"

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Jesus taught his disciples: "Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry? Listen to me, and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all. Come to me, and you will have life! For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am, in the midst of them."

Let us confess our sins together:

**God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors; we waste opportunities to do good; we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for the strength to follow in your way, to love all your people with that perfect love that casts out all fear. Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance:

Trust in God that your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew living a life in harmony with God and all God's children. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit, created all things and called them good . . . .

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.*

**CLARINET MUSIC** during Communion

**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.**

† **HYMN 139** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** Native American Flute

† **POSTLUDE** "Organ Postlude in E"

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

*In Memory of Our Parents:  
 Harold and Louella Camp and Warren and Hollie Strine  
 Mark and Barbara Camp*

*Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Gina!  
 Love, Mom and Dad*

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week . . .

*Happy Birthday  
 on November 13 to Zach Craig and on November 18 to Katie Lett  
 With love, Grammy*

**Happy Birthday** today to Jim Joyce, Jake Masuga, Jason Khavaran, and Gina Gigliotti!



*All You Can Eat!*  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*A Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration*  
**TODAY – 9 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

*Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice*  
**\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years**

**Trustees** meet this Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.

**Adult Social Club** meets on Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.

**December Newsletter deadline** is this Wednesday, November 15. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you.

**We will decorate the church for Christmas this Saturday**, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. Help is needed. **Please join us!**

**Holiday Open House is next Sunday, November 20.** Help is needed. To help, please mark the back of your attendance card or sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Thank you!

**Attention Fellow Church Members and Attendees:** I am collecting Christmas gift (or money) donations for an inner-city Cleveland school. 90% of the students are below poverty level. The grades are Pre K through 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to donate or would like more information, please see me after church or feel free to call me at (216) 598-6198. Beth Giuliano

**Hurricane and Earthquake Relief** – Please see the poster board of information in the Gathering Area. Also, the UCC denomination has this link for helping with the relief programs:

[http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_hurricane\\_2017\\_relief](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_2017_relief)

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY  
IN CELEBRATION OF 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Through November 19, we are collecting small Christmas gifts for adults who use the Food Bank. Please use the cloth or paper bags by the Christmas wrapped box in the Gathering Area to provide new gift items not exceeding \$5.00 for either a woman or man. Please indicate on the tag whether your gift is for a man or woman. The week of November 20, we will attach a Christmas message and a brief history of our church to each bag. The gifts will then be taken to the Food Bank for distribution in December. **If you took a gift bag for this outreach, please return it to the church with your gift by next Sunday, November 19.** Thank you!

**The Mitten Tree** will be in the Gathering Area from November 19 to December 3, 2017, for collecting donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for Brookside Center. Brookside is an ecumenical center that provides clothing and necessities to the poor and needy and is located on Pearl Road in Cleveland. After worship on December 3, the Mitten Tree items will be removed. The tree will become the **Family of Faith Tree**, which we will decorate with Christmas ornaments donated by members and friends. **If you have not yet donated an ornament – or – if you'd like to donate an additional ornament, please bring it to the church office and include your name.** Official Board will prepare a tag with your name, attach the tag to your ornament, and hang the ornament on the Family of Faith Tree. Please know that **your ornament will NOT be returned to you**, but it will be part of the Christmas decorations each year. **Please do not bring expensive heirloom ornaments.** Thank you for celebrating with your church family in both the Mitten Tree and the Family of Faith Tree!

**Adult Social Club will go to Stan Hywet Hall** on Thursday, December 14, for "Deck the Hall 2017." We will meet at church to carpool at 4:00 p.m. Admission of \$18 per person includes tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.; live music in the Music room – courtesy of area choirs and musicians; self-guided tour of Manor House; freshly baked gingerbread cookies, warm pretzels, cocoa, hot cider, beer and wine for purchase in the Courtyard; animated gingerbread bakeshop window; a 20-foot poinsettia tree in Corbin Conservatory; shopping for holiday gifts in Molly's Shop. A signup sheet is on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board or contact Adria Bond for more information, (440) 227-8410.

**The profit from the Turkey Dinner** on November 4, 2017, was \$2,798.72. Thank you to all who supported the dinner in any way.

**Giving Statements** – If you would like a to receive a year-to-date statement on the status of your pledge, please email Financial Secretary, Adria Bond, at [succfinancialsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:succfinancialsecretary@gmail.com) or call her at (440) 227-8410. Otherwise, we are just planning on sending the year-end statements in January.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
Weekly Offering Received 11/5/2017 \$4,141  
Difference + \$276



**SERVING TODAY**

**Director of Music:** Elena Taylor  
**Liturgist:** Dan Masuga  
**Greeters:** The Clotworthy Family  
**Usher:** Roy Merkle

**UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The work of your Pulpit Search Committee continues. We recently met with the Rev. Gary Halstead, the new person at the association office assisting churches with their Search and Call process. He gave us some more insights into the process and the pool of potential ministerial candidates. We will receive more profiles to discern and hope that God will guide us to find the right leader for our congregation. As our Designated Minister, Rev. Heidi is eligible to apply for the Settled Pastor's position, if and when she chooses to do so. The Committee appreciates the ongoing prayers and support of our Church Family.

**Your Pulpit Search Committee**

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

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families. Each week we will bring to church the following items:

- Oct. 15 cans of green beans, cans of yams
- Oct. 22 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 29 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 5 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 12 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes or fresh yams
- Nov. 19 turkeys or hams

To make a cash donation instead, please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**. On the memo line, write **Thanksgiving Basket**. \$20 covers the cost of the turkey or ham; \$40 covers the cost of a whole basket. All financial donations will be gratefully accepted, whatever the amount. If you know someone who would appreciate a basket, please write the recipient's name, address and phone number on the back of your attendance card, or tell Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your benevolence.

**The Thrift Shop** is back to accepting donations. Thank you for your support!

**Wednesday Lunch Program really needs volunteers**—especially in January when four regular volunteers will go south for the winter. If you can help, please see Kenn Oerkfitz or Betty Craig, or call the church at (440) 238-6697. Thank you!

**Picture Re-take** – Please contact Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk today to get your picture re-taken for our photo directory. Thank you.

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**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

**Liturgist:** Kelly Bickley  
**Greeters:** The Rolland Family  
**Ushers:** Jim and Linda Dettmer  
**Coffee Hour:** Ted and Kelly Bickley

**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, Margot James, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics at Akron General Hospital, Gordon Cockrell, The Grabski/Williams Family, Lacey (daughter of Amanda Hawk), Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mhlack, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen) at Parkside Villa, Jan Stough, Rev. Oommen Thomas, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** The Brlas Family, Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sue Grunenwald (friend of Sharon Heinrich), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Sheena Toth (mother of Dale), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Karla Wood (daughter of John and Barbara Toth)

**NOVEMBER 2017**

- 14 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed December Church Newsletter Deadline  
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Sat Decorate the church for Christmas, 10am
- 19 Sun Dedicate Thanksgiving Baskets  
Deadline for 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Outreach Project Christmas Gifts  
Holiday Open House with the City's Lighting, 5-8pm
- 20 Mon Assemble and Distribute Thanksgiving Baskets, 9am
- 23 Thu Thanksgiving Day
- 21 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm  
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 7pm
- 26 Sun Penny Sunday  
Women's Fellowship Cheese Ball Tasting and Ordering
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm

**DECEMBER 2017**

- 8 Fri Strongsville City Jazz Concert, 7:30pm
- 15 Fri Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance and Healing, 7:30pm
- 17 Sun Sunday School Christmas Pageant during worship  
Advent Potluck Meal after church
- 24 Sun Christmas Eve Worship at 10am and 11pm (**no** 7:30pm service)

**MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK**

**Band** (Adults and Students in Grades 6 through 12)  
8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays  
**Bell Choir** – 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays  
**Chancel Choir** – 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays