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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**November 14, 2021 – 10 A.M.**  
**Stewardship Sunday**

**WELCOME!**

*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the best interests of others. – Philippians 2:4*

For the safety and comfort of everyone, please continue to wear a mask in the Gathering Area and when entering or leaving the Sanctuary. When you are seated in the pews, you may lower your mask if you wish, while maintaining social distancing. **If you are not yet fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask at all times. Thank you.**

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**PRELUDE** “Ye Banks and Braes O’ Bonny Doon” Grainger  
Dick K. Ingersoll and Mike Elkins

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Joyce Reed  
We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

**BELL INTROIT** “Festive Melody” Burroughs

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to God!

**People: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

**People: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

**People: We gather together to exalt the One who shows us how to love, not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.**

**† HYMN 788** “Now Thank We All Our God”  
*(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)*

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 16 excerpts  
(New International Version)

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

I say of the holy people who are in the land,

“They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;

You make my lot secure.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;

even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

you make known to me the path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence,

with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**DEDICATION OF ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS**

*Please come forward as you are led with your Estimate of Giving card.*

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!**

**All who follow Jesus, all around the world!**

**Yes, we’re the church together!**

**The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple.**

**The church is not a resting place; the church is a people.**

*(Repeat refrain)*

**We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,**

**All colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.**

*(Repeat refrain)*

**And when the people gather, there’s singing and there’s praying,**

**There’s laughing and there’s crying sometimes, all of it saying:**

*(Repeat refrain)*

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER**

**THE 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.**

**BELL ANTHEM** “Awake My Soul” Handel, arr. Rogers

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**OFFERING**

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

<https://www.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

**OFFERTORY** “Irish Tune from County Derry” Grainger

**† 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.

**† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Mark 13: 1-8  
(New Living Translation)

As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, “Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls.”

Jesus replied, “Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!”

**SERMON** “Standing the Test of Time”

**† HYMN 426** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”  
*(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)*

**† BENEDICTION**

Let us embrace the work and wonder of this day and every day with a fresh commitment. May we go forward from this place together, secure in the power of the love of God, safe in the company of Jesus Christ, and strengthened by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. **Amen.**

**† POSTLUDE** “Horkstow Grange” Grainger  
Dick K. Ingersoll and Mike Elkins

**SERVING**

TODAY – NOVEMBER 14	NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 21	
Judi Pavisich	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>
Cherie Teagno	<b>Liturgist</b>	Dave Williams
Judi Pavisich	<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck McDougall
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Supplemental Organist</b>	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	<b>Sound</b>	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Bell Choir/Dick Ingersoll	<b>Special Music</b>	Chancel Choir/Ralph Heimberger

**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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.



**A FRIENDLY REMINDER: COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!**  
Please stop down in Pilgrim Hall after the service for a hot beverage and warm conversation! **PLUS— ALL OUR SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED THERE, TOO!**

The altar flowers are given—  
*Remembering our mom, Lorna M. Robinson— 10 years since God called you home. Love ya, Mom!*  
Becky and Bill Robinson

*In celebration of our Great Grandson Cory’s Birthday on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Special love to our 2lbs. 2oz. surprise 8 years ago! Such a blessing to our family!*  
Great Grandparents George & Joyce Reed

Our steeple will light the sky this week—  
*Happy Birthday to Katie Lett on November 18<sup>th</sup> and Adam Craig on November 20<sup>th</sup>!*  
With Love, Grammy  
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**Happy Birthday today to Sheri Martin and Russell Bickley!**

**STEWARDSHIP: GOD’S WORK...OUR HANDS**

Our 2022 Stewardship concludes today. Love, Sacrifice, Possessions, Ownership, Relationship



Thank you to our Stewardship Committee!

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

We thank our special guest, Dick K. Ingersoll, along with the Bell Choir (and our substitute ringer, Nicki Haire), Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich for providing our musical worship today.



**IT’S PAPER RECYCLING BONUS WEEK!**  
The church receives extra money for all the recycled paper and cardboard (Please flatten cardboard) now through next Saturday 11/20/21.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato, Marge McKinney, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields



**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Tom Foley, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, George Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Vicky Masuga, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen & Bob Zimmerman

**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Jackie Berkheimer (Judi Pavisich's friend), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, Hunter Colao (Barb & Mark Camp's grandson), Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiautraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Diane Gregoire (Judi Pavisich's cousin), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Jimmy Walken (Kristen Burgess's uncle), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.

## meeting

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **November 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

### LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN HOUSE:

For this year's Open House on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will offer a modified event and celebrate safely outside. In an abundance of caution, we will not be offering indoor hospitality this year. However, we are planning music outdoors. We need volunteers to participate in the Live Nativity (in shifts). Easy to wear costumes are provided and all ages are encouraged to be a part of this wonderful tradition.



## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$4,679.10
Difference	\$1,029.73

Thank you very much for your support.



## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL IS BACK!

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389

To-go meals will be available.



## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on **Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with lots of fall merchandise on display. Donations are being accepted, but you must **call** the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

### THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday** of the month,

**November 18, 2021 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

(We're still open on our usual Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Also, the Thrift Shop is still in need of volunteers to help out for a couple of hours—sorting, organizing, and selling on Thursdays. Please call Cathy Hawk (440-781-7512) if you can help!



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:

Thanksgiving "Basket" project—last day to contribute today.



### The Mitten Tree

We are still collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for the needy this year. Now through December 5<sup>th</sup>, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. After the 5<sup>th</sup>, the items will be given to the homeless shelter and the tree will become the **Family of Faith tree**. If you have not donated an ornament for yourself/your family, you may bring it to the church office and your ornament will join the others on our tree!



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS TEA IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M.** More details coming soon...

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP QUILT RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00  
FREE PERSONALIZATION!

The Winner can get any name of their choice embroidered on the quilt.

Drawing will be held on December 12, 2021

Please see Judi Pavisich for tickets.



## GIFT CARDS--THINK AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS!

Please order your Christmas gift cards early!



### AN EASY WAY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING NEEDS!

You can order gift cards with **Jim Joyce** or by calling him at 216-267-5043 ahead with your list. Limited stock is available, but special orders may be accommodated with advance notice. **\*\*\*WE HAVE AN ORDER GOING IN THIS TUESDAY\*\*\***

Are you an online shopper? If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:



1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in

smile.amazon.com.

2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church.

## WOULD YOU LIKE A WAY TO SERVE GOD AND SERVE YOUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME? How about volunteering to serve on a church board or committee?

The Nominating Committee, through the Official Board, will be looking for church members to fill the many open positions on our boards.

Many offices in the church will be available for the coming year. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to



serve. Some of the positions that are available include:

**Moderator**, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community

**Vice-Moderator**, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee, and enlists volunteers for dinners and other Official Board events.

**Treasurer:** Manages the outgoing finances of the church in conjunction with the Financial Secretary

**Diaconate**, which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

**Board of Trustees**, which oversees the finances and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning and Memorial/Endowment.

**Mission & Outreach**, which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

**Stewardship**, which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

**Christian Education**, which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

**Music Committee**, which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry

Remember the old but true saying, *Many hands make light work*. Plan to be a part of one of these boards or committees. Thank you for your consideration.