



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, November 2, 2025– 10 A.M.
All Saint’s Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion



WELCOME!

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 always welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE	“Blessed Assurance”	Knapp
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Greg Dickson
INTROIT	“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”	Elkins

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in awe:

People: Standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.

Leader: We gather in faith:

People: Trusting that the One who has held little children holds our lives in the heart of God.

Leader: We gather in need:

People: Seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.

GENEROSITY MOMENT	Rob Toth
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† HYMN 405	“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”
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READING FROM THE PSALMS	Psalm 32:1-7 (New International Version)
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Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them,
in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped, as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE / TOLLING OF THE BELL

Our family of faith has gathered this morning to worship, to praise, to remember, and to pray. We know and believe that we are joined in spirit by those whom we have loved and lost in this life, joined in ways we do not yet understand but in which we hope. On this All Saints Sunday, we

remember those who have been a part of this church, related in important ways to the life of this church who have gone on to meet their Lord this past year:

Thomas H. Gaumer* 11/11/2024
Gary L. Paul* 11/28/2024
John Garsteck (grandfather of Brandi Garsteck) 12/02/2024
Corrine Jackson* 12/30/2024
Richard Sullen* 01/15/2025
Lola S. Millhoane* 02/03/2025
Karen M. Rak* 02/14/2025
John W. Dickson (father of Greg Dickson) 03/24/2025
Gayle D. Sperber* 04/16/2025
Rebecca Joy Oerkfitz-Garcia* 05/12/2025
Mary Kathryn Konicek* 06/26/2025
Frances Dorene Baldrige* 06/15/2025
Kenneth Meier (son of Jan Meier) 07/09/2025
Elvera (Ellie) Heinrich (mother of Jim Heinrich) 07/13/2025
Patricia A. Sasala* 07/05/2025
Marguerite (Maggie) Struhar* 07/09/2025
Glenn R. Kossin (brother of Jane Kossin & Mary Lou Shuey) 08/08/2025
Mae O’Shea (mother of Sandy O’Shea) 09/07/2025
Michael (Mick) Rung (brother of Lora Rung) 10/06/2025
Natalie Prechtel (sister of Heather Williams) 10/10/2025

*indicates church member/attendee or former church member/attendee

PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.**

ANTHEM	"Always Remember"	Sewell
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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS	Greg Dickson
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY	“Lamb of God”	Paris
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† DOXOLOGY 815	Tune: <i>Old Hundredth</i>
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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS	Luke 19: 1-10 (New International Version)
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He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

REFLECTION	“Seeing and Being Seen”
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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also experienced temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God’s forgiveness and grace.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

People: Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, O God – comfort us as we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don’t share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. *(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us.

People: We and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God. Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love. Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	Traditional
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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.

† HYMN 767	“For All the Saints” (vv 1,2, 4, & 5)
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† BENEDICTION	Rev. David Long-Higgins
<i>Beloved of God, trust that the Holy One still forms saints. They might be standing next to you. They might just be you. Trust that God has formed your life to be part of something larger than you could possibly imagine. So go forth from this space, knowing and trusting and believing that God is already equipping you and blessing you to bear good news into all the world. Amen.</i>	

† POSTLUDE	“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”	Luther
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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, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN!

Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a name to the prayer chain.



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A NOTE OF THANKS—We thank our Chancel Choir, Ken Mehalko, and our music team: Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich for today’s music.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group Soup Sale. We sold 96 containers of soup!



SERVING	
TODAY – NOVEMBER 2	NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 9
Linda Plain	Greeters Judy & Roger Davis
Elaine Coffey	Liturgist Mike Willis
Sharon Heinrich	Head Usher Bill Robinson
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Choir, Ken Mehalko	Special Music Carol Foley, Dave Williams, Choir

Today's altar flowers are given—
Happy Birthday today to my beautiful daughter, Lori Deertz!
Love, Mom Marty Winch
In memory of my brother, Rick Pinkney on his birthday in heaven today--Bobbie Krisak

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
In loving memory of William A. Fraunfelder, Jr.
We miss you, Bill! --The Music Ministry
Remembering Bill Fraunfelder, Jr. on his birthday today and celebrating Bill Fraunfelder III on his birthday November 14th
Love, Barb

Happy Birthday today to Lori Deertz!
Happy Anniversary today to Sharon & Mike Metivier!

PENNY SUNDAY THANK YOU!

We collected \$381.60 for our Thanksgiving “Basket” program. On November 30th, Penny Sunday will be for G.R.I.N. (Golden Retrievers in Need).

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR TRUNK OR TREAT LAST WEEK!

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS COMING!
Rehearsals will take place during and after Sunday School classes each week prior to December 14th—
OUR PAGEANT DAY, when we will have our pageant during the worship service!

LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN HOUSE:

For this year's Open House on **Sunday, November 23rd**, we will offer an event similar to last year's and celebrate outside with the community. We will have all the favorite live animals, including Charlie! 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.

ATTENTION BAKERS! We are asking for donations of a couple dozen cookies to pass out on that evening.
SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN PILGRIM HALL.

We are also accepting donations to defray the cost of renting the animals, including Charlie the Camel. Please mark your donation “animals” and give checks to UCC or cash to the church office.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.
Long-Term Care or Homebound: Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar
Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Elaine Coffey, Betty “Grammy” Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Bruce Keenen, Erv Koch, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Roy Merkle, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Bill Docherty (Pam & Bruce Keenen's friend), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Sarah & David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson & wife), Karen Greenway (Judi Pavisich's friend), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Mike Pavisich (Judi's step-son), Jeff Peacock (former member), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich's friends), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence, those affected by natural disasters, First Responders

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 16th is VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY! Join us during worship as we show our appreciation for our hardworking volunteers in our church. A reception in Pilgrim Hall will follow the worship service.

THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$61,959.08 in our capital campaign account. The tuckpointing has a few more areas to be completed. We have chosen the vendor for the automatic door openers for the kitchen and main doors. The Trustees are reviewing the proposals that have been submitted for improving the acoustics in Pilgrim Hall and painting the hall. Please make sure you designate your donation for “Capital Campaign.” Thanks for your continuing support.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

HELP WANTED!
The Board of Trustees needs someone to fill an unexpired term on the board. The Trustees oversee the building, property, and finances of the church. The Trustees meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The Official Board would appoint the willing volunteer to complete the term ending in 2027. The church will be needing a new treasurer at the beginning of the year, as our treasurer, Sally Herzog, will be completing her 3rd term of service. The treasurer position is an elected office and is responsible for facilitating the payment of the church's bills and working closely with the Financial Secretary. Sally is willing to thoroughly train her successor. Please see Rachel Zielinski or Cathy Hawk if you can serve in either capacity.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in learning more about the United Church of Christ and becoming a member? Please let Pastor Heidi or the church office know if you would like to join our congregation in membership. We will be welcoming new members soon.

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

Now Accepting Donations for our Thanksgiving “Basket” project

We will not be collecting actual food items for those in need, but we still want to provide food assistance to those who may require it, so we will be accepting monetary donations or donations of food gift cards for the families on our list. If you would like to contribute, please give the gift cards to the church office or place a check in the offering plate, labeled “THANKSGIVING.” Also, if you know of someone in need, please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office.

And the Mitten Tree...

We will collect hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for the needy this year. From November 9th through December 7th, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. After the 7th, 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!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 4,359.00
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 2,578.00
Difference -(\$1,781.00)

Thank you very much for your support.
PLEDGES RECEIVED for 2026: 11

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, November 11th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, November 18th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on December 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

Our November program is to plan our 2026 Calendar of Events and our Christmas Tea, and to elect officers. After our business meeting, we will play Life Experiences Bingo. Our meeting dates are Monday, 11/3/25, at 7 pm; and Wednesday, 11/5/25 at 1 pm. Ladies, please bring your creative ideas for our 2026 calendar.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs yourself. Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.

A NEW GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN FOR 2026--H.E.A.R.T.

Hospitality
Engagement
Activities
Resources
Time, Talent, & Treasure



United Church of Christ 2026 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2026:

Name _____

Address _____

I plan to give \$_____ each
☐ week ☐ month ☐ other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$_____

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$_____

☐ I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____

For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also. *Matthew 6:21*

ALTAR POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Order deadline is **Sunday, December 7, 2025**. Please complete this form and give it to the Church office with your cash or check payment. The cost is \$8.00 per plant.

Wording for bulletin: _____

Given by: _____

Number of plants: ____ x \$8.00/plant = \$_____

I WILL: **TAKE MY PLANT(S)** ☐
LEAVE FOR A SHUT-IN ☐

Please make your check payable to ***United Church of Christ***, and place it with your order in the offering plate, under the office door, or mail it to:

Strongsville United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136

Thank you for placing a poinsettia plant on the altar!

For Treasurer’s Records 2025 Christmas Poinsettia

Total number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____

Envelope number: _____ Cash/Check
#_____

Name: _____

Order deadline is Sunday, December 7, 2025.



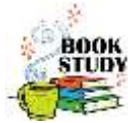
ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE 2025

In Loving Memory

Laurie Meister	William A. Fraunfelder, Jr.
Thomas Gaumer	Cordetta Valthauser
Erik O. Jannsohn	Aimée Jannsohn
Corrine Jackson	George Pavisich
Linda Kapcar	Michael and Deborah Dickson
John W. Dickson	Dorene Baldrige
Lola Millhoane	John Maringer
Charles A. McDougall	Gayle Sperber
Mildred “Millie” Lafave	Donald and Betty Bushea
Donald and Betty Babics	Rebecca Joy Oerkfitz-Garcia
Elvera J. "Ellie" Heinrich	All who have passed

2024-2025 Donors

Kenn Oerkfitz and Virginia Churnega
Barbara Fraunfelder
Doug Thorn and Sandy O'Shea
Strongsville UCC Women's Fellowship
Ingrid and Greg Dickson
Irene and James Joyce
R. William Robinson
Loreen F. Oiler
Kimberly A. Zacharyasz
Teresa A. Fries-Maloy & Donald P. Maloy
Joanne and Dean Phillips
George Kapcar
Cathleen and Dale Hawk
George and Joyce Reed
Dr. Andros and Family
Judi Pavisich
Vicky and Dan Masuga
Strongsville UCC Thrift Shop
Terri Ciroline
Dorothy Ritchie
Brian and Gail Butler
John and Sue Nagel
Gigliotti Family
Cynthia Garduque
Edward and Cheryl Sobek
Loretta F. Knebusch
Lisa Heinrich and Terence Wei
Diana H. Creecy
Ken Mehalko and Bev Wehr
Reinhold and Joyce Toerek
Terry and Reneta Zahuranec
Carl and Dianne Rodeheaver
Strongsville Community Band
Ms. Bonnie Harris
The Estate of Thomas H. Gaumer
Dedicated to the Glory of God
Altar Kneeler
Bell Choir Music
Coffee Hour
Pilgrim Hall Chairs
Youth Advent Calendars



BOOK STUDY--SISTERHOOD!

On November 17th at 7 p.m., Our *Sisterhood Book Study* will continue. All are welcome!

BE A GREETER! A new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area is waiting for your name to be added as a greeter. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know. Being a greeter is a wonderful way to get to know people and welcome them to worship.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2025

**Elected January 26, 2025 ** appointed by Official Board*

Moderator: Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry

Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Elkins

Board of Trustees

Karen Bates** Bill Giuliano Chris Goff* Mike Elkins

Les Fox Herb Hampson Cathy Hawk*

Sandy Pogozeleski Cheryl Sobek*

Alex Tomoff* Mike Willis* Rachel Zielinski

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson* Dave Williams*

Diaconate

Teri Barbish Jean Bittinger* Elaine Coffey*

Bobbi Cook* Wayne Cook* Judy Davis*

Judy Fox Pam Heimburger* Lynne McCray*

Linda Ponstingle* Lora Rung* Cherie Teagno

Christian Education Committee

Linda Elkins Colette Emerson Dale Hawk*

Sarah Hayes* Amanda Marshall Lora Rung*

Music Committee

Karen Bates Ingrid Dickson

Pam Keenen* Ken Mehalko* Mike Willis*

ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Ingrid Dickson* Sue Gigliotti Linda Stepan*

Rob Toth Sarah Toth* Dave Williams*

Mission and Outreach Committee

Gina Cathcart* Bobbi Cook** Myron Costin*

Diana Creecy Cathy Hawk* Sarah Hayes

Lora Rung* Peter Smith Mary Willis*

Mary Ellen Zimmerman



IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom. We also have a Life-vac choking device to assist in the event that someone is choking. It is located just beneath the AED.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Many thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and to all who come and enjoy food and fellowship on

Wednesdays! **PLEASE NOTE: The Free Lunch for All program will be on hiatus on December 24th and December 31st.**

