

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Pastor

Worship Sundays at 10 a.m. (+online)

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. —Philippians 1:3-5

United Church of Christ and . . .

We have joked about the many "Cs" we can add to our name, and the list has become quite long! But I want to point out a few of the most important ones:

- **Conversation.** When we spend time sharing in Pilgrim Hall before or after worship, we do more than talk; we also listen, and in listening, we learn. We discover that we have so much more in common than could ever divide us!
- **Connection.** I've learned so much about many of you, ways we are connected that I never would have imagined! (My daughter Megan is a big link.)
- **Compassion.** In listening, in connecting, we discover that our secret challenges are more universal than we ever might have thought. And finally—
- **Community.** We are, indeed, one in the Spirit and one in the Lord. And we pray, fervently, that all unity may one day be restored. Not a unity that sets us all up as identical; a unity based on valuing diversity, and in believing that different is good!

Never take for granted how truly special you are—and how unique Strongsville UCC is! I truly thank God for you! Amen!

Peace, Love and Bright Hope for Tomorrow,
Pastor Heidi



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – 10 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All Saints Sunday

Greeter: Linda Plain

Liturgist: Linda Ponstingle

Music: Ken Mehalko, Choir



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 10 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters: Judy & Roger Davis

Liturgist: Mike Willis

Music: Choir, Dave Williams, Carol Foley



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – 10 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Volunteer Recognition Sunday

Greeter: Roz Fotos

Liturgist: Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Music: Bell Choir



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – 10 a.m.

Reign of Christ

Hanging of the Greens

Greeter: Judi Pavisich

Liturgist: Sharon

Maresco

Music: Bell Choir



Join us for hot cider, live music, animals at our LIVE NATIVITY EVENT 5 P.M. – 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – 10 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Penny Sunday

Greeter: Volunteer needed

Liturgist: Herb Hampson

Music: Chancel Choir



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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos), go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**. **HERE'S THE LINK TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos> Thanks to Doug Thorn for posting these each week.

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended to **Lora Rung, Sam Cuyler**, and family on the death of Lora's brother, **Michael (Mick) Rung** in Florida on October 6, 2025. He was 78 years old.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Heather and Dave Williams** and their children **Mandy, Mat and Jasper**, as well as their granddaughter, **Clara** on the death of Heather's sister, **Natalie Prechtel**. Natalie died on October 10, 2025 after suffering a massive stroke. She was 68 years old. Natalie was an organ donor and helped many people as she finished her earthly journey.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Brittany (Fernandez) and Elijah Shepherd**, friends of our church, who were married on October 18, 2025 in Lorain, Ohio. We wish them every happiness in their marriage!



BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome to the world **Juliana Xian Konow**, daughter of our former choir director, **Joshua Konow** and his wife, **Rebecca Kuo**! Juliana was born on October 8, 2025 and joins her sister, **Ariana**, in this happy family!

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE!



As we seek to walk ever more closely with Jesus and welcome all without question or singling anyone out, we offer gluten-free bread to ALL who come forward to the Table for Holy Communion. ALL means ALL at The United Church of Christ (Congregational)!

Baptism Congratulations



Congratulations to **Lena Marie Raymond**, daughter of **Lauren and Eric Raymond** and little sister of **Brecken and Cade Raymond**! Lena

was baptized on October 5, 2025. She is the granddaughter of **Lori Deertz** and the great-granddaughter of **Marty Winch**.

Congratulations also to **Evelyn Rose Bembenick**, daughter of **Rachel and Gus Bembenick**!



Evelyn was baptized on October 26, 2025. She is the granddaughter of **Sandy and Bob Pogozelski** and the great-granddaughter of **Carol and Roy Merkle**.

LIVE NATIVITY EVENT:

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.

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 service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



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!



PENNY SUNDAY.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our October Penny Sunday for the Thanksgiving Basket Project! We collected \$381.60 and donated another \$218.40 to provide meals to those in need this Thanksgiving season.



Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday, which will be on **November 30, 2025** and will go to GRIN Rescue—(Golden Retrievers in Need).



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT! WE HAD A GREAT TIME!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR PIG ROAST!

We served about 120 people and our profit was \$2,974.13 for the Official Board. Special thanks to everyone who donated food, desserts, and supplies, to our hard-working volunteers, and especially, to our head chef and owner of the pig roaster and smokers, **Erik Joyce**.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?



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.

BOOK STUDY--SISTERHOOD!



On **November 17th** at 7 p.m., Pastor Heidi and Linda Elkins will continue leading the study of *Sisterhood*.

SERMONS AVAILABLE!

Ever hear something in the sermon on Sunday morning and wish you could hear it again? Our services are always available on YouTube, but if something *really* catches your heart, send Pastor Heidi an email and she will send you her manuscript.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST 50 YEAR MEMBERS!

The following church members were recognized at our worship service on October 12, 2025.

Sally Bushea (03/20/1975)

Sue Gigliotti (03/20/1975)

Debbie Wentz (06/01/1975)

Larry Wentz (06/01/1975)

Bill Robinson (10/05/1975)



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), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Garipey (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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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.

PLEASE DON'T FALL FOR A SCAM!

Pastor Heidi will never ask you for cash or gift cards via text or email. If there is a need, she will approach you in person.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Our family of faith knows and believes 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 All Saints Sunday, we will 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



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** in the Parlor at 7 p.m.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are the last or almost the last person to leave the church building on any given day, please make certain that all the lights are off, the doors are locked, and no water is running in any of the sinks. It's all hands on deck to keep our church building secure. Thanks in advance for your diligence!



A NOTE OF THANKS—Thank you to the **Children's Choir**, the **Bell Choir**, the **Chancel Choir**, and of course, **Tom Foley**, **Mike Elkins**, and **Sharon Heinrich**, for their music in October!



ATTENTION SINGERS:

Can't make a full year commitment? Would you like to sing with us for the

Christmas season? We rehearse on Thursday evenings. Please see Tom Foley or Mike Elkins if you'd like to be a part of our Advent and Christmas music.

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FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CHORUS:



Please mark your calendar for Sunday, **December 7th** at 3 p.m. for our Christmas concert at the Berea United Methodist Church (170 Seminary Street in Berea). Come and hear this

community choir, which is under the direction of Tom Foley, accompanied by Carol Konet and Jarred Sorauf. Many of our own SUCC Chancel Choir members also sing in the Southwest Community Chorus. We hope you will support our singers and celebrate the Christmas season with music! Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND:

Come to our Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 14th** at 3 p.m. at Strongsville Middle School Auditorium!

SWINGIN' SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th

at 7 p.m. **LIVE MUSIC** featuring

Strongsville's Jazz Band and **vocalist Cindy Smith** Tickets will be \$10 (\$5 for kids under 10) and we will have a reception following the concert. *Please contact* **Ingrid**

Dickson or **Sharon Heinrich** if you can donate finger foods for the reception.



GIFT CARDS! PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM.

You may place orders by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-346-4161 in advance. **Now is the time to get your Christmas orders in!**



MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a charitable organization that focuses on providing mortgage-free homes to families of fallen first responders and catastrophically injured veterans, as well as helping to eradicate veteran homelessness. We are sponsoring 2 veterans/first responders a month. The cost is \$11 for 1 and \$22 for both. (Checks to UCC) **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already signed up for 2025/2026!



Our committee is also working with Church Street Ministries, donating a drawstring bag with socks, undershirts, candy, and a decorated card from Sunday School students to local veterans.

MORE MISSION OUTREACH PROJECTS:



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. Deadline is November 9th.**

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!



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE FOOD BANK:



The Strongsville Emergency

Food Bank has always been supported by our congregation.

Please remember, we do not accept expired goods. The needs for the food bank in November would be cereal, canned tuna, canned vegetables, squeeze bottles of Jelly, and snacks.

SHARING TREE

The Mission Outreach committee is teaming up with the Strongsville Community Food Bank as well as many other churches and local businesses. From **November 9th** – **November 23rd**, you will find a tree with "ornaments" in the Gathering Area. Each ornament is paired with a child who could use a little help this holiday season. If you would like to participate, simply take an ornament, purchase one \$30 gift card at any of the stores listed on the ornament. **We'll have \$10 gift cards to Target and Walmart in stock, so if you'd like to support our gift card program, you can get 3 of those—win-win!** Then, simply hand the ornament and gift card(s) in to **Sarah Hayes** or Irene in the church office no later than **November 23rd**.



PASTRY PALS



Are you able to give less than an hour of your time on a Monday or Friday morning to pick up and/or sort Panera bread, bagels, and pastries? Please contact the church office if you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters & sorters: **Teri Barbish, Colette Emerson, Carole Kapcar, Roz Fotos, Linda Elkins, Cherie Teagno, Wayne & Bobbi Cook, Jane Kossin & Ed Geyer, Irene Joyce, and Sharon Lempner**, who are enabling the Panera Bread ministry to continue!

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

REMINDER: The "tip jar" you see next to the coffee on Sunday mornings is there for a reason. The "tips" go directly to keeping the coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, etc., supplied. Your generosity is appreciated!



Did you know that **Linda Ponstingle** single-handedly decorated our sanctuary for fall? It looks great, Linda—thanks!



Did you know that **Joyce Reed** and **Sarah Hayes** decorated around our church's sign for fall? Very autumnal—thank you!

ROYAL OAK PAPER RECYCLING
Please do not place papers/cardboard outside the bin if it's full. Thanks!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group Soup Sale. We sold 96 containers of soup! Our profits will go toward purchasing items for the We Care program, that assists needy children in Appalachia.

BLESSING OF THE BEASTS

Thank you to all of our animals and their pals who participated on October 5th!

Buddy Heinrich (in absentia)-- Sharon & Jim

Little Bird (stuffed)-- Henry Hayes

Nemo, Dori & Ducky Marshall-- Amanda, Riley & Lacey

Max, Bella & Holly (aka Kitty)--

Sarah, Jon, Jack, Ella & Henry Kingsley & Cora Cathcart-- Gina

Abby Pavisich-- Judi

Blind Baker Andrews--Kathy Andrews

Sunny Gaumer-- Judy & Aidan

Happy, Teddy, Dudley & Molly

Stepan-- Linda & Sandy O'Shea

Stella Hattery-- Martha & John

Shadow & Honey Cook-- Wayne & Bobbi

Aaaannnnnnnd . . . a groundhog who showed up early unattended, but was



rewarded with a pre-chewed dog biscuit. Special thanks to Elaine Coffey for assisting with the blessing and treat distribution, to Sharon & Jim Heinrich for music and sound, and to Wayne & Bobbi Cook for loaning us their tent canopy!

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: Free Lunch for All program will be on hiatus on December 24th and December 31st. Lunch will return on January 7th.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** every Thursday 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. **Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.**

PLEASE NOTE: THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR LAST MONTH

The altar flowers are given—

October 5th

*In celebration of our Granddaughters Mallory & Gabbie,
our Grandson Grant's and our Great Grandson Taron's
Birthdays this month.*

Love Grandpa George & Grandma Joyce Reed

October 12th

Celebrating our 12th Wedding Anniversary!

Bill & Deborah Schneider

Celebrating October Birthdays in my family:

Mark, Paul, and Beth!--Barb Fraunfelder

October 19th

In celebration of our Granddaughters Mallory &

*Gabbie, our Grandson Grant's and our Great Grandson
Taron's Birthdays this month.*

Love Grandpa George & Grandma Joyce Reed

October 26th

*In Loving Memory of our dad & grandfather, Chris
Morgan--The Zielinski family*



**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 IS
POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL. Please
sign up for fresh flowers in honor or in
memory of a loved one or just for
yourself. Cost is \$36 for two vases;
\$18 for one. SIGN UP EARLY AND GET YOUR
FIRST CHOICE OF DATES!**



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of October 5th

*In loving memory of Alfred "Jiggs" Graves
Roberta Carpenter*

Week of October 12th

Celebrating our all of 50 year members!

*Happy Birthday to Samantha Wentz on October 16th
With love, Grammy*

Week of October 19th

*Happy Birthday to Kristina Craig on October 22nd!
With love, Grammy*

In honor of Pastor Heidi on Pastor Appreciation Month

Week of October 26th

*Happy Anniversary to Hayley & Joey McKane on
October 28th! And Tracey & Natalia Hill October 29th!
Happy Birthday to Gabe Sauter on October 31st!*

*With love, Grammy
In loving memory of Barb Camp*



To light the steeple, the minimum donation is
\$5.00. Multiple dedications are welcomed for each
week. Please email strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com.
Thank you to everyone who lights our steeple!



IN OUR COMMUNITY--Girl Scout Troop
#71363 is still stocking and maintaining a
"Hygiene Library," located on the lawn near
the parking lot facing Royalton Road.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP— November



Our monthly program is planning for the Christmas
Tea, electing officers, and scheduling programs for
2026. Our Daytime meeting is **Wednesday,
November 5th**, at 1 pm at church.

Evening meeting is **Monday, November 3rd**.
As always, all ladies are welcome!

**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO OUR
CHRISTMAS TEA
Saturday, December 6th at 1 p.m.**



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 Heimbürger* 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

CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM

If you like to cook or bake or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate would LOVE to have you be a part of our team! (You don't need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)



GIVING OPTIONS



If you are interested in giving electronically, you can set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website or on our church's website: www.strongsvilleuucc.com. You may also mail a check to The United Church of Christ (Congregational) 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.



**PLEASE REMEMBER
THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Gary Zielinski

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **October 5 through October 26, 2025.**

Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.



Offering Needed \$17,436.00 for 4 Sundays
Offering Received \$15,154.50
-(\$2,281.50)

PLEDGES RECEIVED for 2026: 11



All checks to the church should be made out to **United Church of Christ or UCC or United Church of Christ (Congregational).**



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.

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.



POLE BARN UPDATE

Strongsville Excavating has completed their work. We met with the builder last week and they hope to start the build in two weeks. They are expecting a week & a half to two weeks for completion depending on weather.

ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

If you move or change your phone number, please be so kind as to let the church office know—thanks!

Jenna Miller

12140 Grand Jardin Dr. #307
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Sue & Lou Gigliotti

5088 Callaway Drive
Columbia Station, OH 44028

Clay Williams

514 Coapman Street
Greensboro, NC 27404



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: _____

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