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

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



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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Pastor

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Teach a child in the way they should go, and even when they are older, they will not stray from it. –Proverbs 22:8

While they are young

Sadly, children do not come with an instruction manual. Not even a single sheet of basic guidelines! It's almost as though once we get past the "easy-to-assemble" stage, we are on our own. And sometimes . . . the journey is more difficult than we imagined it would be.

Does that let any of us off the hook? I think you *know* my answer! Being together as a community that worships God is important. Encouraging our little ones to follow the routine, to join us in the sanctuary *and* for Sunday School is important. Making sure the child understands:1) church matters, and so does getting a good night's sleep the night before; and 2) church friends are *real* friends, too. Just like soccer friends and cheer friends and friends who just enjoy video games together.

Set the example. Words matter. (We *get* to go to church today!) If your child is having a rough day, bring them, anyway. You *know* I am up for almost anything during worship! A few tears, a little whining or hiding or foot-dragging are to be expected. Even from grownups once in a while.

All those lovely paintings of Jesus surrounded by angelic children do *not* tell the whole story. Isaac was off to one side, poking Mary in the arm. Jeremiah was dragging his heels, wishing he were off with David somewhere else. Joseph probably even called someone a name! Maybe used a bad word!! Jesus welcomed them, anyway. Jesus *loved* them, anyway. And their parents, too. (And even their grandparents!)

Peace, Love and Patience,
Pastor Heidi

When people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them, the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:13-14

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 10 a.m.
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



Sacrament of Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday



Greeter: Linda Plain
Liturgist: Pastor Heidi
Music: Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – 10 a.m.
Stewardship Sunday
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Greeter: Marsha Hemphill
Liturgist: Sharon Maresco
Music: Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 10 a.m.



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Volunteer Recognition Sunday
Honoring our Veterans



Greeter: Lynne McCray
Liturgist: Dale Hawk
Music: Chancel Choir, Dave Williams

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – 10 a.m.
Reign of Christ



Hanging of the Greens



Greeter: Volunteer needed
Liturgist: Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Music: Chancel Choir

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – 10 a.m.



First Sunday of Advent
Penny Sunday



Greeters: Roger & Judy Davis
Liturgist: Riley Marshall
Music: Bell Choir

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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**, 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.

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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)!

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MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Samantha Nagott** and **Kenneth Krisak**, who were married by Pastor Heidi on October 19, 2026, surrounded by nature's autumn beauty. **Serena Abruzzino** is the mother of the groom and **Bobbie** and **Wayne Krisak** are the grandparents of the groom. We wish the newlyweds many years of love and happiness together!



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers go out to **Sarah** and **Dale Toth** and family on the death of **Sheena Toth**, Dale's mom. Sheena died on October 14th after a long struggle with cancer. She was 72.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS!



Welcome to the world, **Luka Liu Woodward,** who was born on October 13, 2026 in Illinois, son of **Jane Liu** and **Kyle Woodward. Carol Woodward** is the proud grandmother! Congratulations to the whole family!

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR PIG ROAST!



We served about 78 people and our profit was $2,472.46 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.**

LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN HOUSE:



For this year's Open House on **Sunday, November 22nd,** we are planning to celebrate outside with the community, but have live music indoors. We will have all the favorite live animals, except the late Charlie the Camel, who died last September. **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.**

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN PILGRIM HALL.

We are also accepting donations to defray the cost of renting the animals. Please mark your donation "animals" and give checks to UCC or cash to the church office.

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FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL:





PENNY SUNDAY.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our October Penny Sunday for our Thanksgiving "Basket" project. We collected $576.40. The last Penny Sunday of 2026 will be on **November 29th.**



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

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS COMING!

Rehearsals will take place during and after Sunday School classes each week prior to December 13th— OUR PAGEANT DAY, when we will have our pageant during the worship service!





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.

Richard M. Roenn 01/01/2026
Steve J. Gall 01/02/2026*
Barbara Joan Bridle 01/09/2026*
Amelia (Amy) Carroll 04/03/2026
(Marty Winch's sister)
Elroy (Roy) Merkle 04/15/2026*
George Mellon Reed 06/09/2026*
Cynthia Ann Lipson 06/24/2026
(Jeff Buchdrucker's sister)
Janice Lorene Meier 07/25/2026*
Dr. Beth Kay Remaly 07/28/2026
(Lori Kovatich's step-mother)
Shelly Lynn Plasky 08/25/2026
Sheena Toth 10/14/2026
(*Dale Toth's mother*)

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

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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.

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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.



Did you know that **Linda Ponstingle** took the time to wash the windows on the parking lot doors, making them sparkle? She also used Murphy's Oil Soap on the woodwork in the sanctuary—looking and smelling good! Thank you so much, Linda!

Did you know that **Jane Kossin** spends hours each week preparing fruit for our Free Lunch program? **Cathy Hawk** also comes in extra to prepare casseroles and put together meals for the Lunch. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated, Ladies!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th 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.



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THANK YOU NOTES

Dear church family,
During our time of loss, our Strongsville church family supported us with generosity, sympathy and kindness and we are grateful. We would like to thank Pastor Heidi, Irene, Elaine, Sharon, Doug, the Diaconate, and the custodian for their guidance, help, and service for our September 26th Celebration of Life memorial. We recognize and appreciate the commitment and support of the congregation in opening the church whether it be in time of need, or sorrow, or celebration. Thank you.

The Remaly, Kovatich & Lewis families

A Note of Thanks to My Wonderful Flock:
Friends, there are really no words to express how touched I was Sunday to receive your words of appreciation and affection. Thank you so, so much. This place, this Family is unlike any other congregation I have been a part of. The Love, the welcoming presence and the generosity are unique and wonder-filling. Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this place-- and I am ever so grateful to be a part of this thing God is doing in Strongsville, Ohio!

Peace, Love and always Hope, **Pastor Heidi**

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—November



Our monthly program is planning for the Christmas Tea, electing officers, and scheduling programs for 2027. Our Daytime meeting is **Wednesday, November 4th,** at 1 pm at church.
Evening meeting is **Monday, November 2nd**.
As always, all ladies are welcome!

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS TEA
Saturday, December 5th at 1 p.m.



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, Jen Barry, Jean Bittinger, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Betty Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Colette Emerson, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Cindy Hurley, Charles Jannsohn, Carole Kapcar, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Bonnie Khavaran, Erv Koch, Jill Kundtz, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Ken Mehalko, Barbara Morgan, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Sandy Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, John Toth, Heather Williams, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Teresa Beba (Free Lunch friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Derek Denman (Pastor Heidi's son), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), David Fargo (Sally Herzog's brother), Dr. Natalie Feagin (Pentecostal Church of Christ), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend, David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson), Ellen Harrison (Linda Elkins' friend), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Ben Hoty (Tony & Jo-Ann Hoty's son), Tami Klammer (principal of Snow School), Dave Lempner (Sharon's husband), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Michael & Judy Richter (Roz Fotos' friends), Bob Ritchie (Dorothy's grandson), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich's friends), Julia Wright (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's granddaughter), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Iran, Venezuela and Israel, victims of violence and 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

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MUSIC NOTES

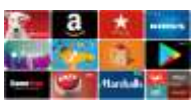
Many thanks to our **Children's Choir,** our **Chancel Choir**, our **Bell Choir (**with our new singer and ringer, **Nicole Perkins),** our **Praise Band, Carol Foley,** and of course, **Tom Foley**, **Mike Elkins,** and **Sharon Heinrich**, for their music in October!

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.

GIFT CARDS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM.



GIFT CARDS: You may place orders by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-346-4161 in advance. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**

KEEP US IN MIND FOR THE THANKSGIVING "BASKET" PROJECT AND FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING—ORDER EARLY!

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CHORUS:

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, **December 6th** 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 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: Our Christmas Concert is on **Sunday, December 6th** at 3 p.m.at Strongsville Middle School Auditorium!

SWINGIN' SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th at 7 p.m. LIVE MUSIC featuring Strongsville's Jazz Band and vocalist Cindy Smith Tickets will be $15 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.*

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From our friends at Strongsville Community Theatre

TRIBUTE TO AMERICA

Saturday, November 14th at 7 p.m.
Sunday, November 15th at 2 p.m.
Call 440-879-8817 for tickets and information.

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LOOKING TO ENJOY SOME LIVE MUSIC AND SUPPORT A LOCAL MUSICIAN? Follow our own **Bobby Foley** using this QR code and get information about his upcoming performances!

BREAD BUDDIES

Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters & sorters: **Teri Barbish, Colette Emerson, Carole Kapcar, 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!

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP CONTINUES!

Join us on **Monday, November 16th**—at 7 p.m. It will be an in-depth look at The Lord's Prayer which is an integral part of our weekly worship services. And there will be a bit of fun involved too. Attendees are encouraged to bring a Bible to the sessions.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Did you know? 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!

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MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

MORE MISSION OUTREACH PROJECTS:



Still Accepting Donations for our Thanksgiving "Basket" project

We 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, you may purchase gift cards via 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 8th through December 6th**, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. After the 6th, the items will be given to the needy 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO TUNNEL TO TOWERS IF YOU SIGNED UP TO DONATE!

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 2026-27!

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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, PB & J, canned soups, cans of tuna, and beef stew.

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CARRYING CREW



Special Thanks to **Dale & Cathy Hawk, Irene Joyce**, **Cindy Hurley, Karen Bates, Ed Sobek, Mindy Carte, Chris Hainaut,** and **Jane Kossin & Ed Geyer** for picking up food donations from Strongsville **Costco**. Some other organizations that we are helping with the bounty we received: Pentecostal Church of Christ in Cleveland, Lakewood United Methodist Church, Mary Queen of Peace in Cleveland, St. Malachi, Westside Catholic Center, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, St. Vincent DePaul, Edna House, the Farm, Audrey's Outreach, and an outreach ministry for the needy downtown. Thank you also to **Ginny Churnega**, who picks up ham and ham bones from Honeybaked Ham for our free lunch!

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FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Thank you to everyone who supports our Free Lunch program. We have been serving over 100 lunches each week and we are so grateful to our faithful volunteers—we couldn't do it without them!

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Mission Outreach Committee will meet on the second Sunday of the month, **November 8th** following the worship service.
- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **November 10th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **November 17th** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the **December 1st** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have $33,978.43 in our capital campaign account after paying for the glass block windows at Pearl Road. Several projects have been completed and several are underway. Please make sure you designate your donation for "*Capital Campaign*." Thanks for your continuing support.

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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.**

THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, THE CHURCH, AND THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

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YOUTH GROUP



On October 24th, we had a fun event visiting the Haunted House at the Rockin' R Ranch.

Here is the Strongsville UCC Youth Group 2026 Planned Events:

Nov. 8th -Dec. 6th Annual Soup Sale
Nov. TBA "WE CARE" purchasing shoes for children
Nov. 14th Nativity Scene Set-up
Dec. 13th Caroling with the Youth Group

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SOUP SALE!



Our Youth Group is selling Guy's Famous Soups! We are taking orders for delivery on December 6th. Warm and comforting, soup is perfect for a fall lunch or supper. Purchase 24 ounces of homemade goodness! A limited number of containers will be available. Please see one of our kids to get your order in.

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YOU CAN ACCESS RESOURCES FROM AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HEARTLAND CONFERENCE OF THE UCC! Looking for a way to get connected for ministry resources in the wider church? Just scan the QR code.

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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.

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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.strongsvilleucc.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.**

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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 4 through October 25, 2026.**

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

Offering Needed $20,848.00 for 4 Sundays
Offering Received $13,017.75
- $(7,830.25)

2026 PLEDGES RECEIVED: 62

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

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

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ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

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

Will Foley and Jude Schwelgien
2043 Random Road
Cleveland, OH 44106



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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

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Last month's altar flowers were given:

October 4th

In celebration of our Granddaughter, Mallory and our Great Grandson Taron's Birthdays this month.
Love, Grandma Joyce Reed

October 11th



Celebrating our 13th Wedding Anniversary!
Bill & Deborah Schneider
In celebration of Barbara's 80th Birthday on October 15th! John Toth

October 18th

In celebration of our Granddaughter, Gabbie, and our Grandson Grant's Birthdays this month.
Love Grandma Joyce Reed

October 25th

In Memory of Isaac Brocco Rivera. Gone way too soon, 1 year with your wings but forever remembered—
Serena Abruzzino



THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2027 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!

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STEEPLE LIGHTING



Week of October 4th

In loving memory of Alfred "Jiggs" Graves
Roberta Carpenter

Week of October 11th

Celebrating our all of 50 year members!
Happy Birthday to my son, Mark, on October 13th!
Barb Fraunfelder
Happy Birthday to Samantha Wentz on October 16h
With love, Grammy

Week of October 18th

In celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 18th! Sharon & Jim Maresco
Happy Birthday to Kristina Craig on October 22nd!
With love, Grammy
In honor of Pastor Heidi on Pastor Appreciation Month

Week of October 25th

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
Happy Birthday to my son, Paul Haney, on October 27th and to my daughter, Beth Lewis on October 31st!
Barb Fraunfelder
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!**

CHURCH OFFICERS 2026

**Elected February 1, 2026*
*** Appointed by the Official Board*

Moderator: Rachel Zielinski *
Vice-Moderator: Herb Hampson*
Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk**: Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Elkins

Board of Trustees
Karen Bates Jen Barry* Greg Dickson*
Bill Giuliano* Chris Goff Les Fox* Cathy Hawk
Sandy Pogozelski* Bill Robinson * Cheryl Sobek
Alex Tomoff Mike Willis

Endowment Fund Subcommittee
Linda Stepan* Dave Williams*

Diaconate
Jean Bittinger Elaine Coffey* Diana Creecy*
Bobbi Cook Wayne Cook Judy Davis
Judy Fox* Marsha Hemphill* 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
Jen Barry * Gina Cathcart Bobbi Cook*
Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Cindy Hurley**
Lora Rung Mary Willis Mary Ellen Zimmerman

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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.)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Special Activities in addition to our weekly worship, our monthly Penny Sunday, Holy Communion of the first Sunday of each month, our regular Free Lunch for All on Wednesdays, and our usual Thrift Shop hours on Thursdays.

November 1st —ALL SAINT'S DAY
November 8th — STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
November 15th —VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY/HONORING VETERANS
November 22nd —LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN HOUSE
November 26TH — THANKSGIVING DAY
November 29th —ADVENT BEGINS
December 6th – YOUTH GROUP SOUP PICK-UP
December 11th — SWINGIN' SOUNDS JAZZ CONCERT
December 13th — CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
December 24th — CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

2027 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN
THE B.R.E.A.D. OF LIFE

Be Present, **R**elationships,
Engagement , **A**ctivities , **D**onate



Strongsville United Church of Christ
2027 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2027:

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 our church in my will.

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

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____

I am the bread of life. John 6:48

ALTAR POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Order deadline is **Sunday, December 6, 2026**. 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

For Treasurer's Records 2026 Christmas Poinsettia



Total number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: $_____

Envelope number: _____ Cash/Check #_____

Name: _____



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