



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

(Congregational)  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Designated Minister

**OCTOBER 1, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**

**WELCOME!**

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning.  
No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries,  
you may call the church at (440) 238-6697.  
Please complete your Attendance Card and place it  
into the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**PRELUDE** *You Are My All in All* Dennis Jernigan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Craig

One: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.  
**All: Our God is among us.**  
One: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.  
**All: Our God moves among us.**  
One: Watch and listen, for God is here.  
**All: Our God dwells among us.**

† **OPENING HYMN 209** *This Is the Day*

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OUR 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.**

**RESPONSE** *Hear Us, O Lord* Don Besig

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name* Spiritual  
arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Rev. Heidi

**THE OFFERING** *El Shaddai* John Thompson

† **DOXOLOGY 815** Tune: *Old Hundredth*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURES** Philippians 2:1-13

**SERMON** *Filled with Joy* Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

† **CLOSING HYMN 232** *God Be with You*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Go, Ye Who Bear the Word* Albin C. Whitworth

† **POSTLUDE** *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Spiritual

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—  
*In Celebration of Barbara Morgan's 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Today*  
The Morgans and the Crouses

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—  
*In Celebration of Our Third Anniversary on October 7*  
Heidi and Chuck

**Happy Birthday** today to Barbara Morgan!

**This morning Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall begins serving as our designated minister**, which means that she has the opportunity to apply and be considered for the position of our settled minister. After worship we will enjoy coffee hour with cake in Pilgrim Hall as we welcome Rev. Heidi and her husband Chuck!

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

**After worship today, Stewardship Committee will meet in the Parlor.**

**Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Women's Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m. Claire Wills will present a program on dying silk scarves. Each lady in attendance will dye a scarf, which she will take home. **If you plan to attend, please contact Claire so she has enough supplies.** As always, all women are welcome. After the meeting, the ladies can enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall.

**SERVING TODAY**  
**Director of Music:** Elena Taylor  
**Liturgist:** Betty Craig  
**Greeter:** Linda Plain  
**Usher:** Linda Plain  
**Coffee Hour:** Myron Costin

**Wednesday Free Lunch** serving hours are 11:30 a.m. to **12:30** p.m.

**Thrift Shop** –If possible, **please hold your donations** until further notice. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Hurricane and Earthquake Relief** – Mission Outreach and Official Board have been approached by some church members regarding plans to provide help to those affected by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes. In our country, Houston has been greatly affected. Puerto Rico and so many Caribbean Islands have been devastated so badly that it will be years of recovery. The needs will continue for a long time and we, along with other church members, are investigating the most effective ways to help. You will be updated as information becomes available. Please see the poster board of information in the gathering area. Also, the UCC denomination has this link for helping with the relief programs:  
[http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_hurricane\\_2017\\_relief](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_2017_relief)

**Mission and Outreach Committee** will use profits from their upcoming "Around the World" Basket Auction to fund a project in honor of our veterans in November for Veterans' Day. At this point we are planning to focus on a local homeless veterans project that helps the veterans as they transition to housing. We are considering ways of doing this and will keep you informed. Several baskets are already displayed on the screen in the Gathering area, and others will be added. The baskets are now in Pilgrim Hall on Sundays in October, along with their bidding sheets.

**Adult Social Club will go to Thistledown this Saturday, October 7.** We will meet in the church parking lot, carpool, and depart at 12 noon. Horses post at 1:40 p.m. There six restaurants and more things to do. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

**Penny Sunday** – On September 24, our Sunday School children collected \$136.86 for Disaster Relief—plus a \$10 check for Strongsville Food Bank. The Sunday School added \$100, and \$236.86 was sent to the United Church of Christ for their Disaster Response Mission and will aid victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Thank you to everyone who gives their change to Penny Sundays.

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

**Church kitchen** has all the plastic shopping bags we need. Thank you!

**Paper towel dispenser** was recently installed in the church kitchen. It is above the sink.

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

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**  
Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
Weekly Offering Received 9/24/2017 **\$1,695**  
Difference - \$2,170



**The memorial service for Zachary Williams will take place on Saturday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m.** Zachary is the son of Nancy Grabski and the brother of Clay and Jake Williams. A luncheon will follow the service. If you can provide a side dish or dessert, please call Ginny Churnega Oerfitz at (440) 554-4367.

**Stewardship Committee still needs cans** for their campaign. Please bring all sizes and styles of your rinsed, uncrushed cans to the church. Thank you for your help with our Can Do Cupboard.

**To make past services easier to view on the web**, we started a YouTube channel. To access it, go to the <http://strongsvilleucc.com/> website. Click on WORSHIP and then SERVICE VIDEOS. Once you get to YouTube, search for the service you wish to see and click on it. Alternately, you can go directly to YouTube and search for "Strongsville UCC". Most services from the beginning of 2017 have already been uploaded. To see an older service, please contact Jim Heinrich to see if it is available.

**Updating Our Website and TVs** – If you have updates for our church Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mhlack 216-324-9799 or [m.mhlack@gmail.com](mailto:m.mhlack@gmail.com) or  
Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or [ij3e@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ij3e@sbcglobal.net)

#### UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Your Pulpit Search Committee has completed and submitted our church profile to the association and is receiving profiles from interested candidates. Even though the Diaconate has found Heidi Denman McDougall to be our designated pastor, the work of the Pulpit Search Committee continues. (Heidi, as a designated pastor, is eligible to apply for the permanent, settled pastor position. This is a change from previous ministerial searches, since previously the interim pastor was not permitted to be considered for the settled pastor position.) The PSC continues to request your ongoing support and prayers while we search for the one whom God is calling to lead us long term.

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families. Collection begins October 15. Each week we will bring to church the following items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

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

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

**Special Worship Services** – Next Sunday, October 8, we will celebrate our church's past in worship; and on Sunday, October 15, we will embrace our church's future in worship. **For these two Sundays, please feel free to dress in clothing reflecting our past history.**

**200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Rec Center**  
\$15 for Adults \$10 for Children (6-12 years).



#### Luncheon Menu

Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala with Sauce,  
Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce,  
Roasted Red Potatoes, Au Gratin Potatoes,  
Green Beans Almandine, Tossed Salad,  
Anniversary Cake

**What the Church Means to Me!** The Anniversary Committee is asking everyone to fill out a paper with what the Strongsville United Church of Christ means to them. Please pick up a sheet in the Gathering Area. We are planning on displaying these prior to the Anniversary Sunday and at the Luncheon. They will also be placed in our time capsule. Please take the time to fill one out and leave it in the basket in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please speak with Rachel Zielinski. Thank you.

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks** – We still have cookbooks available for purchase. They make great gifts, and your purchase helps support the Anniversary celebration. The current cookbook costs \$12, but we also have some cookbooks from 2006 for \$10 each. Please contact either Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed if you are interested in purchasing one or more of these books. Thank you!

**The Turkey Dinner** is Saturday, November 4, 2017, with two seatings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for Adults, \$5 for Children 6-10 years, and free under 6 years. After church today, tickets will be available for purchase in Pilgrim Hall.

#### OUR PRAYER LIST

*If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.*

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea, Margot James, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Dan Davis, Tom Gaumer, The Grabski/Williams Family, Lacey (daughter of Amanda Hawk) at Cleveland Clinic, Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mhlack at Cleveland Clinic, Eileen Pincomb, Harvey Pincomb, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen) at University Hospitals, Jan Stough, Rev. Oommen Thomas in rehab at Southwest General, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold at Southwest General, Kyle Woodward

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

#### OCTOBER 2017

- 1 Sun We welcome Rev. Heidi as our designated minister!  
Neighbors in Need Offering is received throughout the month.
- 3 Tue Worship Committee, 7pm
- 4 Wed Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am  
Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 7 Sat Adult Social Club goes to Thistledown.
- 8 Sun We celebrate our church's past in worship.
- 10 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 15 Sun Sacrament of Communion.  
We embrace our church's future in worship.  
November Newsletter Deadline  
Thanksgiving Food Collection begins.  
Strongsville UCC's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, 1pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet Hall
- 17 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm  
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Sun Mission and Outreach "Around the World" Silent Auction  
Thanksgiving Food Collection continues.  
Stewardship Campaign begins.
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm 29
- 29 Sun Sunday School Pumpkin Painting Party during class time  
Thanksgiving Food Collection continues.  
Stewardship Campaign continues.

#### MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

**Children's Choir** (Students in Grades 5 and under)  
7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays

**Band** (Adults and Students in Grades 6 through 12)  
8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

**Bell Choir** – 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays

**Chancel Choir** – 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays

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#### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 8, 2017

**Liturgist:** Jim Studer

**Greeters:** The Clotworthy Family

**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed

**Coffee Hour:** Ed and Cheryl Sobek