



## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor

Sunday –October 20, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

### 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 welcome here.

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

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** "Rainbow Connection" Williams/Ascher

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Joyce Reed

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** "A Rainbow of Giving"

**INTROIT** "As the Deer" Nystrom, arr. Bettcher

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have gathered in God's holy presence, worshipping the One who floods our hearts with grace.

**People: This is the place where God is transforming us into disciples.**

Leader: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for all: the least, the last and the lost.

**People: This is the place where God is writing compassion on our souls.**

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**People: This is the place where God is breathing the Living Word into our lives.**

† **HYMN** "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

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The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,  
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**FIRST READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 121

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Hear Our Prayer, Lord" Foley

**BELL ANTHEM** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Runyan, arr. Dobrinski

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "How Beautiful" Paris, arr. Bettcher

† **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**

**SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Luke 18: 1-8

**SERMON** Nevertheless, she persisted

† **HYMN 553** "Nearer My God to Thee" (vv. 1,3,5)

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Onward Christian Soldiers" Sullivan

† **POSTLUDE** "Fanfare" Lemmens

### SERVING

TODAY – OCTOBER 20		NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 27
Lynne McCray	<b>Liturgist</b>	Sandy O'Shea
Elaine Coffey	<b>Greeters</b>	Lola Millhoane
Teri Barbish	<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Schneider
Volunteer needed	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Supplemental Organist</b>	Sharon Heinrich

**The altar flowers** are given—

*In loving memory of Bill Fraunfelder*

Barb Fraunfelder

*In loving memory of Karen Morgan for her dedication to the choir  
when I was director--Hank Klink*

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy "Big 40" Birthday to Kristina Craig on October 22<sup>nd</sup>!*

With love, Grammy

**Happy Birthday today** to Jennifer Sekorky and Lisa Khavaran!

**The Official Board** will meet next Tuesday, October 22 at 7 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to [strongsvilleucc.com](http://strongsvilleucc.com), go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

### OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office. Thank you.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Dolores Bail, Jen Barry, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Kay Konicek, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sally Vetovitz, Bill Williamson, Sharon Wilson, Marty Winch, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Ron & Yvonne Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Joanne Gigliotti (mom of Lou), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Judy & Bob Stenger (friends of Judi Pavisich), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

**Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.**

**Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.**



### WELCOME

Today, our church welcomes members of Job's Daughters International, Bethel #55, and their families to worship with us. Job's Daughters is a Masonic affiliated service organization for girls. Our own **Gabby Grace** is a member of Bethel #55, as were some of our church members when they were teens. This chapter was originally located in Strongsville and is now in Elyria.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the Women's Fellowship sponsored Style Show last week, especially our emcee, **John Toth**, our maestro, **Mike Elkins**, our sound guys, **Jim Heinrich** and **Doug Thorn**, the stylists, organizers, and of course, models! Extra Special thanks to our Diaconate members for their work setting up, serving, and cleaning up at the Potluck!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. **Help will be needed in January/February/March to pick up Panera bakery donations on Monday mornings. Please see Kenn Oerkfitz to volunteer.**



NEXT WEEK, **October 27**, is Penny Sunday! Please bring your coins, dollars, or checks (to UCC) for Disaster Relief ministries. Thanks!

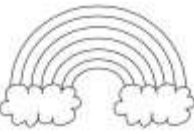






Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Richard Tressa**, who passed away on October 6. Richard and his late wife, **Susan Stevenson Tressa**, were members here for many years. Prayers go out to their daughters, Judy Holmes (Chris), Tammy Beckett (Michael), and Leanna Tressa and their families. Visitation will be today at Jardine's Funeral Home from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Service will be at 3 p.m. at Jardine's.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



“A Rainbow of Giving” is the theme of this year’s Stewardship Campaign, which kicks off today. Just like the many beautiful colors of a rainbow, together we have many beautiful gifts to share together in our church. For the next three weeks, we will explore creative ways of giving of ourselves. Stewardship letters are in the Gathering Area this morning; please save on postage by picking up yours before you go home today. Our campaign will conclude on Sunday, November 10, when we dedicate our Estimate of Giving cards. The Stewardship Committee thanks you very much for your support.

OCTOBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

20	Sun	Worship 10am Sunday School Pumpkin Party Children’s Choir, Coffee Hour
22	Tues	Official Board Meeting 7pm
23	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Bible Study 1pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8pm
24	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men’s Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm
27	Sun	Worship 10am—Penny Sunday Children’s Choir, Coffee Hour
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OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02  
Last Week’s Offering Received \$3,225.00  
(Difference - \$297.02)

**Women's Fellowship** will host a **Christmas Tea** in Pilgrim Hall on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, December 1, at 1:30pm. All ladies of the church are welcome. Please sign up (even if you are a "maybe") on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall, so quantities of food and supplies can be planned. Thank you.



PEAR TREE WATERING

If you signed up to water the Cleveland Pear tree that was purchased in memory of Karen Morgan, please remember your day. See Irene in the church office for instructions and watering can. Thanks!

Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, tuna, and family meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE:



Final edits have been submitted. The printed directories should arrive sometime around Thanksgiving. If you were not photographed by Lifetouch, you may purchase a directory through the church office for \$5 each when they arrive. Folks who were photographed at the photo sessions in August receive a copy at no charge.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 13 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 20 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Oct. 27 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 3 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 10 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 17 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 write the information on your attendance card, or tell Pastor Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PUMPKIN PARTY

Today, our Sunday School students will be decorating pumpkins and enjoying fun and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED COLLECTION IN OCTOBER

**Collection continues!** Envelopes will be in the pews throughout October for this special UCC offering, which supports ministries of justice and compassion around the United States. This program awards grants to churches working in needy communities. Our church is a 5 for 5 church, participating in all the special offerings of the UCC.



COMING SOON...TURKEY DINNER



Join us on **Saturday, November 9** for an all-you-can-eat meal of roasted turkey with all the trimmings! Seatings are at **5 p.m.** or **6:30 p.m.** and tickets are \$12 for adults; \$5 for kids 6 – 10, and free for kids under 6. Please see **Beth Giuliano** to reserve your tickets or call her at 216-598-6198.

**Volunteers will also be needed for this dinner; a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Reminder: for safety reasons, children under the age of 6 (with our without a parent) are not permitted to help during serving hours. Children ages 6 – 10 must have a parent helping them. Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

*Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk\* by their names.  
\*\* = appointed by the Official Board*



**Moderator** Rachel Zielinski\*  
**Vice-Moderator** Rob Toth\*  
**Treasurer** Sally Herzog\*  
**Clerk** Judy Gaumer\*\*

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Kristen Clotworthy\*

**Board of Trustees**  
Greg Dickson\* Mike Clotworthy  
Myron Costin Tom Gaumer Bill Giuliano\*  
Dale Hawk\* Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozeleski\*  
Ed Sobek\* Linda Stepan\* Rob Stepan\*

**Endowment Fund Subcommittee**  
Irene Jannsohn\* Joyce Reed \*

**Diaconate**  
Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry\* Eddy Bond\* Barbara Camp\*  
Kristen Clotworthy\*  
Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes\*  
Linda Plain\* Linda Ponstingle\*\* Nicole Stevens\*  
Dawn Rolland Marty Winch\*

**Christian Education Committee**  
Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore\* Linda Elkins\*  
Suzi Foley\* Sandy O'Shea\* Lora Rung\*

**Music Committee**  
Ingrid Dickson\* Ken Mehalko\*  
Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins  
**Stewardship Committee**  
Rosemary Bechtel Eddy Bond\*\* Sue Gigliotti\*  
Beth Giuliano Sharon Heinrich\*\* Bill Schneider\*\*

**Mission and Outreach Committee**  
Judy Carte\* Bobbie Krisak\* Tony Koussa\*\*  
Michele Mhlack\* Gary Paul\* Lora Rung Bev Wehr\*