

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Worship at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

Pastor

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Why church?

There are a whole lot of other things happening on Sunday morning besides church. Soccer games, swim meets, volleyball matches. Didn't get to the grocery store? They're open Sundays. Need a workout? Anytime Fitness. (It's even in their name!) With so many options, I wonder: why do we keep coming back every Sunday morning, gathering together for worship and praise?

Is it the music? Whether it's Casting Crowns or Chopin, Haydn or Hillsong, music is a vital part of worship. But let's face it: Sirius® can offer all this music and *more*—plus news, sports. . . . There must be another reason.

Maybe you're drawn by the dynamic message of the spoken word, inspiring and potentially life-changing. But again—the internet offers a veritable plethora of places to get a "Jesus fix" (including "90-second Sermons" when you're *really* short on time).

From the outside, there doesn't seem to be anything "special" about church. Music, silence, speech, friends—even *food* can all be found elsewhere. And yet. We keep coming back because there's *something* here, a Mystery we just cannot explain (or deny). Some Presence, inviting us, wooing us and pursuing us in love. And like the air we breathe, this Presence is life-giving, life-sustaining, life-changing—and beyond our understanding.

Why church? There are as many reasons as there are tired, hungry, lonely souls drawn to the loving peace of God. See you on Sunday!

Peace,
Pastor Heidi

INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP REFLECTIONS

On September 6, sixteen members and friends of Strongsville UCC met at the Islamic Center of Cleveland for a time of questions and answers with our Muslim brothers and sisters. The emphasis of the evening, over and over again, was on those things we all have in common, rather than on the things that separate us. Here are a few of the things we learned:

- The three major world religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, are all Abrahamic faiths, meaning we are all descendants of Father Abraham. (If you would like to read the story of Abram/ Abraham and his descendants, it all begins in Genesis 12.)
- While Jews and Christians claim Isaac as our religious patriarch, Muslims are of the line of Ishmael.
- Like us, Muslims worship Almighty God; their word for God is Allah.
- The Quran suggests we are all neighbors, falling into three groups: *close* neighbors, who are in our lives on a daily basis; *distant* neighbors, who are family and friends perhaps separated by distance; and *circumstantial* neighbors, who are by our side when we need support.

The Islamic Center of Cleveland believes we need to work together to "dispel the bogeymen" of wrong belief that sow hatred and distrust. To that end, they partner with churches to host a *Teatime for Peace*. These gatherings allow further exploration of what makes us *all* human and beloved of God.

Special thanks to Eddy Bond for reaching out to Isam Zaien, our host for the evening, and to Imam Mousa and Alina for their gracious hospitality.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 7 – 10:00 A.M.

**Sacrament of Communion
Reception of New Members**



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz

Greeter: Linda Plain

Ushers: Linda Plain/Marty Winch

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed

Special Music: SUCC Chancel Choir and Band

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 14 – 10:00 A.M.

Organ Festival 3 P.M.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Dave Williams

Greeters: Lola Millhoane

Usher: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: SUCC Chancel Choir and Band

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 21– 10:00 A.M.

Anniversary Potluck after worship

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Jennifer Barry

Greeter: The Rolland Family

Ushers: Roy Merkle

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed

Special Music: SUCC Bell Choir

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 28– 10:00 A.M.

**All Saints Sunday—Dedication of Memorials
Penny Sunday**

Sunday School Pumpkin Decorating

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgists: Tom Gaumer and Aidan Hurtig

Greeters: The Clotworthy Family

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed

Special Music: SUCC Chancel Choir and Band

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



New Members Are Joining

We are so happy to have **Bobby Foley, Jackie Foley, Jimmy Foley, Sue Gross, Gary Hackett, Herb Hampson, Kay & Ken Konicek, Tony Koussa, Sharon**

& Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Maresco, Linda Ponstingle, Richard Taylor, Barbara & John Toth, Dave Williams, Janis & Bill Williamson join our congregation on October 7!



: Our sympathy is extended to **Marilyn McCollough** and family on the passing of **Lowell McCollough** on August 13, 2018 at the age

of 90. The McColloughs had attended our church for many years. The funeral was August 18 at Middleburg Heights Community Church.

Our sincere condolences also to out to **John and Barbara Toth** on the passing of Barbara's brother, Charles Miller, and sister-in-law, Debbie Miller. Charles died of a heart attack on September 2, 2018 at the age of 62. Charles' wife, a quadriplegic, died on September 11, 2018. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Our church extends heartfelt condolences to **Dan Davis**, on the passing of his father, **Jim Davis**, on September 8, 2018. Jim was 90 years old and an army veteran. A graveside service with military honors was held on Wednesday, September 12.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of longtime church member, **Gordon Cockrell**, who went home to the Lord on September 8, 2018. Much love goes out to his wife, **Kathy**, who provided tender care to Gordon in his later years as he struggled with various health problems. A private family service and burial will be held in early October.



Thank you to everyone at the Strongsville UCC for their prayers, cards, and good wishes during our time of sadness at the passing of Cathy's dad, Richard Mack. The warmth and support of our

church family is very special to us.

The Hawk and Hayes Families

Thank you so much to the Sunday School students, teachers, and families for the steeple lighting, corsage, card, present, and of course, chocolate cake, celebrating my time as Sunday School Superintendent. It has been my honor and pleasure to watch a generation of kids grow up in our church family. My new position as church secretary is truly a gift from God and I am filled with gratitude each day as I am blessed to work in a place filled with light—literally and figuratively. I am excited that Kristen Clotworthy and Jamie Trinckes are taking over because I know that the Sunday School is in good hands! With love and thanks,

Irene Joyce

Unsung Heroes

Did you know that Olivia, Ben, and Emma Clotworthy helped to haul a mountain of merchandise for the Garage Sale from upstairs to Pilgrim Hall? Despite the sweltering heat and multitude of steps, these three never complained (audibly)! Thank you!

Did you know that church member Austin Eggert donated a pick-up load of seasoned firewood—delivered—to benefit the church? The wood was snapped up right away as part of the Garage Sale. Thank you so much for your generosity, Austin!

Did you know that Linda Ponstingle stuffed her vehicle with all the baby items left over from the Garage Sale and brought them to a crisis nursery where the items will be put to good use? Many thanks for your thoughtfulness and packing skills, Linda!

Did you know that Sarah Hayes has taken the trouble to post several large items that were left over from the Garage Sale on a marketplace website? Not only did she earn money for the church, but she was able to sell items to people who needed them. Thank you, Sarah!

Did you know Jim & Sharon Heinrich, Rosemary Bechtel, Jim & Irene Joyce, Greg & Ingrid Dickson and Karen Morgan worked to bring stored items down from the Thrift Shop after painting? Thanks, workers!

Please submit any suggestions for "Unsung Heroes" to the church office. Our church is grateful for our members and friends who go the extra mile, beyond their regular duties or routine tasks to help the church.



Are you an online shopper? If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy!

Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church.

And since you're in a shopping mood...you can benefit the church even more by buying Amazon (or many other) **gift cards** from Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall prior to whipping out that credit card.

ARE YOU A FACEBOOK USER?



"Like" our page at **Strongsville United Church of Christ** and get the latest updates, links to videos of our worship services, and fun connections to your church family!

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, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



ALTAR FLOWERS

September altar flowers were given

September 9 – *Happy 12th Birthday to Christian!*
We love you so much! Love, Daisy and her parents
Happy Birthday to Gary!

With love, Ollie, Penny, and Rachel Zielinski

September 16 --*In celebration of our seventh Wedding Anniversary--Gary and Kathleen Paul*
Happy Birthday to my darling husband, Gary—Kathleen Paul
Happy 13th Birthday to Nina Jannsohn on September 21!
Love, Oma

September 23 - *Happy 66 years Mom & Dad (Dorothy and Bill Ritchie)*

Love, Gina, Lisa, Bill Jr., and Sharon
Honoring my daughter, Mindy Carte--Judy Carte

September 30 - *In loving memory of John and the Soucie Family-- Doris Soucie*

You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. As of this printing, below is a date when vases are still needed so that two vases are on the altar for Sunday worship.



November 4 – 1 vase

Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.



201st ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK!

Bring your favorite dish & side, salad or dessert on Sunday, October 21 following the worship service. Tableware and beverages will be provided.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Kristen Clotworthy Jamie Trinckes

PRIMARY CLASS Grades K - 2

Linda Elkins, teacher

Anna Bickley Rowan Garcia Abby Kuzmickas
 Riley Hawk Tilly Sekorky Trevor Kuzmickas

INTERMEDIATE CLASS Grades 3 - 4

Jamie Trinckes, teacher, assisted by Dan Davis

Russell Bickley Aidan Hurtig McKenzzi Dragony
 Luke Giuliano Christopher Dragony

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS Grades 5 - 8

Lora Rung, teacher

Teddy Bickley Ian Rolland Summer Zoscak
 Christian Scott Gabby Grace Autumn Zoscak
 Oliver Sekorky Alex Metivier

POST-CONFIRMATION Grade 8 & up

Irene Joyce, teacher

Clara Barry Olivia Clotworthy Jordyn Miller
 Ben Clotworthy Bobby Foley Alysha Rolland
 Emma Clotworthy Rachel Kovatich Emit Metivier

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Kelly Bickley Kristen Clotworthy
 Suzi Foley Sue Gigliotti

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Irene Joyce Jim Joyce

Penny Sunday – Thank you so much to everyone who contributes to our Penny Sunday collections. On August 26, we collected \$174.09, which included over 5,600 pennies from Sharon Wilson and family, to go toward scholarships and programs. **The Sunday School students voted and the money from September's collection will go to the victims of Hurricane Florence through UCC Disaster Relief.** Start saving that change for our next Penny Sunday collection on October 28. Money from the October 28 Penny Sunday will go to **Together We Rise.**

Together We Rise helps children in several ways including three main programs used to support children in foster care: Sweet Cases, Build A Bike, and the Family Fellowship Scholarship Program. Sweet Cases is their largest program, helping to replace trash bags with blue duffel bags to make the foster care transitions a little bit easier for children. When foster youth age out of the system, Together We Rise helps provide them bikes, so they're able to get to their jobs and school classes. For former foster youth, Together We Rise supports them with a scholarship program. Their Family Fellowship is the largest scholarship program in the nation that benefits youth who have aged out of the system.

ORC UPDATE

Coming soon...the rededication of our historic pipe organ! Area organists are coming to play our refurbished organ on



Sunday, October 14th at 3 p.m. We will celebrate the completion of the organ's restoration with music and fellowship! A FREE WILL offering will be taken. The celebration will be followed by a free wine & cheese reception.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

BE A PART OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

Singers and ringers and players are invited to join in the fellowship and praise!

September 9th marked the return of our Chancel Choir under the direction of **Thomas M. Foley** after their summertime hiatus!



Basses: Bruce Keenen, Rob Toth, Clay Williams, Dave Williams Tenors: **Gary Hackett, Craig Hardy*, Evan Joyce*, Chuck McDougall*** Altos: **Barb Fraunfelder*, Sarah Keenen, Irene Jannsohn, Karen Morgan, Sharon Metivier*** Sopranos: **Ingrid Dickson, Connie Gunn*, Irene Joyce, Pam Keenen, Sharon Maresco*, Sandy O'Shea, Sarah Toth** *New and/or visiting singer

- If you can read music (even if you're rusty), the Bell Choir has a few openings and their rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- There is room in the loft for you, sopranos, altos, tenors, basses! The Chancel Choir practices every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.
- Instrumental musicians are invited to join the SUCC Band. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.
- Children's Choir is on Sundays, immediately following Sunday School classes.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S BAKE SALE!

Thank you to everyone who baked for, bought from, or worked at the Bake Sale. We made \$432 for Sunday School projects, supplies, activities, and scholarships!



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 at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Karen Rak at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields



Church Family: Betty Babics, Eddy Bond, Mindy Carte (daughter of Judy), Joe Craig, Rev. Larry & Christina Craig, Keana Dickson (daughter of Greg & Ingrid), Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Doris Soucie, Linda, Stepan, Leah Tressa Forget, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward, family and friends of Jim Davis, Gordon Cockrell, Aimee Jannsohn, Richard Mack, and Charles & Debbie Miller.

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), 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), Jeff Stimson (friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

THANK YOU

Many Thanks to everyone who supported the Garage Sale...whether you



donated, worked the sale, helped with set-up or clean-up, or spent a couple of bucks, we couldn't have done it without you! Our gratitude goes out to our hardworking volunteers: Barb Camp, Sharon & Jim Heinrich, Ingrid & Greg Dickson, Irene & Jim Joyce, Irene Jannsohn, Cathy & Dale Hawk, Sarah, Jack, & Ella Hayes, Amanda & Riley Hawk, Richard Taylor, Jan Stough, Dianne Maringer, Sally & Steve Herzog, Sarah Toth, Brandi Garsteck, Rosemary Bechtel, Karen Morgan, Phyllis Kurz (94 years old!), Pastor Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Cherie Teagno, Mary Densmore, Sue Gigliotti, Ginny Churnega, Linda Ponstingle, Suzi & Tom Foley, Judy Carte, Allen & Michele Mhlack, Mike, Kristen, Olivia, Emma, & Ben Clotworthy, Jen & Clara Barry, Myron Costin, Lorrie & Jeff Buchdrucker, Rachel, Oliver, & Penny Zielinski. We made close to \$1,600 this year.

MISSION OUTREACH



Your **Mission Outreach** Committee, as part of this year's Veterans Day project, will be putting together **Comfort Kits** for distribution to local veterans in need during the month of November.

In conjunction with the Veterans Service Commission, Wade Park VA and the Berea Food Pantry, we have committed to assembling a total of **100 Comfort Kits** designed to meet the needs of local veterans. **The cost per kit is \$10**, based on a sample kit containing items purchased at **The Dollar Tree** in Berea (near Giant Eagle at Bridge & Prospect).

Each kit, assembled in a drawstring bag, will contain:

- Two pairs of white socks
- 7 oz. Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- 6 oz. Shaving cream
- Razor
- 15 oz. Body Wash/ Shampoo
- Bath sponge

Items for the Comfort Kits will be collected throughout October. The Kits will then be dedicated during worship on October 28, and delivered in the weeks following. You may place purchased items in the collection box in Pilgrim Hall throughout October. **If you prefer to sponsor a veteran for \$10**, you may do so on Sunday mornings at the Mission Outreach Table. With your donation, you may include a favorite Bible verse, a thank you, a positive affirmation or similar messages of caring written on an index card we will provide. Envelopes will be provided for both notes and donations.

Our Display Boards will feature a picture of our sample Kit, as well as lists of supplies to be included in the bags. Look for the boards in the Gathering Area during October. Questions? Contact **Judy Carte** or any member of your Mission Outreach Committee.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

NIN is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. NIN grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering. The offering will be received throughout this month.

NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Adria Bond

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **August 19 through September 16, 2018**. This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.



Offering Needed	\$18,246.60 for 5 Sundays
Offering Received	13,942.45
Difference	(-\$4,304.15)

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

*Mark
your
Calendar*

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Please note: We will carpool to these events.

October 6 – Saturday

The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Mansion
Meet at the church at 10 a.m.

November 13 – Tuesday

A Branson Country Christmas (Dinner & Show)
at Carrie Cerino's

December 12 – Sunday

Downtown Holiday Lights Tour

*To make reservations for any of these events,
please contact Linda Plain at (440) 668-4848*

*For more information please contact Adria or Eddy Bond.
As always, all adults are welcome!*

ART EXHIBITION

The photographic artwork of church member **Bob Kovatic** is on display at the Rocky River Nature Center through October 31. The exhibition, featuring Bob's photos of northeast Ohio landscapes, is open from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily at 24000 Valley Parkway in North Olmsted. The exhibition is free.



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



**Don't forget to join us every Wednesday
from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

STEWARDSHIP

COMING SOON...our Fall Stewardship Campaign!
This year, we have something special planned to inspire support of our ministry...stay tuned!

If you are interested in giving electronically, Here's how: You can customize your giving based on how, when, and how much through **E-Offering**. Log on to our church website at www.strongsvilleucc.com and click "Donate Now". You will be taken to the church's myEoffering page. Simply click on the "Sign-up" button and you will then fill in your personal information and "Register". Follow the prompts to set up your payment, one-time or ongoing. You can also set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website.



OCTOBER 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 4 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 6 Sat Adult Social Club to Ohio Mart
- 7 Sun **Worship 10am with Communion**
New Members Received
Children's Choir
- 9 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
No Fit Club
Band Rehearsal 7 pm
- 11 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 14 Sun **Worship 10am**
Children's Choir
ORGAN FESTIVAL 3pm
- 16 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 18 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 21 Sun **Worship 10am with Baptism**
Anniversary Potluck
Children's Choir
- 23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 25 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Luncheon 11:30am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 28 Sun **Worship 10am**
All Saints Sunday
Penny Sunday
Sunday School Pumpkin Party
Children's Choir
- 31 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
No Fit Club
Band Rehearsal 7pm

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
PUMPKIN DECORATING
PARTY!**

During class time on
Sunday, October 28
Our Sunday School friends will
get together to decorate
pumpkins and enjoy some
snacks!



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of September 2, 2018

In celebration of Pastor Heidi's birthday

Week of September 9, 2018

Happy Birthday today to Stacie Sauter and to Eli Sauter on September 12! With love, Grammy

Thank you to Irene Joyce for 25 years as our Sunday School co-superintendent!

With love from the Sunday School

Week of September 16, 2018

Happy Birthday to Abby Craig on September 21! With love, Grammy

Week of September 23, 2018

Happy Birthday to Sally Herzog on 9/22 and to Dale Hawk and Erik Joyce on 9/23!

Week of September 30, 2018

Happy 10th Birthday to Luke Giuliano Love, Mom, Dad, and Nicole

Happy Birthday to our Mothers-in-law, Mary Lou Joyce-Smith and Betty Dickson, on October 1!

From Irene Joyce and Ingrid Dickson

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection begins Sunday, October 15. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 14 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 21 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars
- Oct. 28 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 4 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 11 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 18 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 Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.



FIT CLUB

We continue to meet every Wednesday, (except October 10 and 31) at 7 p.m. Our group is small, but enthusiastic and we welcome anyone, of any age or fitness level to join us and get moving.

You do not have to be fit to be a part of Fit Club!



On August 19, **Strongsville Macaroni Grill** donated 20% of checks to our church for showing them the flyer they provided. We earned **\$67.91**.

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE UMC

The nationally acclaimed **Cornerstone Choral & Brass** is coming to the **Strongsville United Methodist Church** (13500 Royalton Road) on **Friday, October 26**. 22 vocalists, a brass quintet, pianist, and narrators will present an inspiring program that encourages people to live their faith at a higher level. (No cost—Free-will offering). Call 440-238-6135 for more information.



KEEP BUYING THOSE GIFT CARDS! Our organ will need to be maintained and the sale of gift cards provides those funds. Stock up on Giant Eagle or Gordon Food Service cards for your Thanksgiving needs or get ready for Christmas gift buying! Please see Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall after every worship service.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

From September 6 through May 7, the church office will open at 12:45 p.m. on **Wednesdays**. Please leave a message if you call prior to that time and your call will be returned promptly.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

Officers elected on Jan. 28, 2018, have an asterisk by their names.*

Moderator	Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator	Bill Schneider
Treasurer	Lori Kovatich*
Clerk	Karen Morgan

Sunday School Superintendents

Kristen Clotworthy	Jamie Trinckes
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Board of Trustees

Tom Gaumer*	Eddy Bond*	Dale Hawk
Mike Clotworthy*	Jim Heinrich	Myron Costin*
Bob Kovatich*	Jim Dettmer	Kenn Oerkfitz
Greg Dickson	Ed Sobek	

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn*	Joyce Reed*
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Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino*	Judy Gaumer*	Jennifer Barry
Cathy Hawk*	Kelly Bickley	Sarah Hayes
Barbara Camp	Linda Plain	Gina Cathcart
Dawn Rolland*	Kristen Clotworthy	Marty Winch

Christian Education Committee

Kelly Bickley	Sandy O'Shea	
Kristen Clotworthy	Lora Rung	Jamie Trinckes

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson	Ken Mehalko	
Pam Keenen*	Tom Foley	Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel*	Sue Gigliotti*	Adria Bond
Beth Giuliano*	Ed Bond	Sharon Heinrich
Laurie Meister		

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte	Gary Paul	Brandi Garsteck
Lora Rung*	Michele Mihlack	Bev Wehr



The Thrift Shop is back on October 4, with a selection of fall and winter merchandise. Thank you for your patience as we were closed during floor painting. Most of all **thank you** to everyone who helped prepare the shop for closing and again for reopening! Come on down and see our new floor!