



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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall  
Designated Minister

OCTOBER 22, 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 "Healing Rain" Michael W. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CHORAL RESPONSE "Do All the Good We Can"  
Do all the good we can, By all the means we can,  
In all the ways we can, In all the places we can,  
At all the times we can, For all the people we can,  
As long as we can. In the name of the Lord, we can.

† CALL TO WORSHIP Gina Gigliotti

L: As the rain pours from heaven, soaking the earth  
that it may produce good things....  
P: **So God pours God's love upon us,  
that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.**  
L: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.  
P: **God desires that we use these gifts and talents  
for healing, peace, and hope.**  
L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love  
and power of God.  
P: **Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.  
Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN 186 "Lord, Be Glorified"

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CHOIR ANTHEM "Elijah Rock" Traditional Spiritual  
arr. by Jester Hairston

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Heidi

THE OFFERING "Find Us Faithful" John Mohr

† 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 Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON "Show Me the Money!"

† CLOSING HYMN 408 "How Firm a Foundation"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "May the Lord Go with You" Don Besig

† POSTLUDE

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Anniversary to Hayley and Joey McKane on October 28*  
With love, Grammy

**Mission Outreach** very much appreciates your great response to our silent  
auction basket fundraiser. They are in Pilgrim Hall today. After today's  
church service you can all take one last look and write a bid. Ten minutes  
after everyone gathers, a bell will be sounded (not by the church choir).  
Winning bidders can pick up their baskets. Checks should be made out to  
Strongsville UCC with "mission outreach" on the memo line.

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

**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)

Official Board meets Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Luncheon meets Wednesday, October 25, at 11:30 a.m.

**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!

**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.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday, November 1, 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 for herself. As  
always, all women are welcome. After the meeting, all ladies are invited to  
enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall. If you plan to attend and dye  
a scarf, please inform Claire, so there are enough supplies. 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. Help is needed for the dinner.  
Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. The  
phone number for reservations is (216) 598-6198.

*All You Can Eat!*  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*A Fundraiser for Our Pipe Organ Restoration*  
**Sunday – November 12, 2017 – 9 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**  
*Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice*  
**\$8 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12 Free under 6 years**



**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**  
Weekly Offering Needed \$3,865  
Weekly Offering Received 10/15/2017 \$3,200  
Difference - \$665



**SERVING TODAY**  
**Director of Music:** Elena Taylor  
**Liturgist:** Gina Gigliotti  
**Greeters:** The Bickley Family  
**Ushers:** Ted and Kelly Bickley  
**Coffee Hour:** Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

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. Each week we will bring to church the following items:

- 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 write the recipient's name, address and phone number on the back of your attendance card, or tell Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your benevolence.

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, The Grabski/Williams Family, Lacey (daughter of Amanda Hawk), Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mhlack, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen) at Parkside Villa, Jan Stough, Rev. Oommen Thomas, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** 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), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), 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)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 29, 2017

**Liturgist:** Pam Keenen **Greeters:** The Rolland Family  
**Ushers:** Roy Merkle **Coffee Hour:** Jim and Linda Dettmer

**Neighbors In Need Offering** 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 of October.

**Strongsville Community Band** will present a benefit concert for hurricane relief victims, "Help and Hope through Music", next Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 p.m. at Strongsville Middle School Auditorium, 13200 Pearl Road. There is no admission charge, but concert goers will have the opportunity to make a donation to the relief efforts. All donations will go to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Concert music will reflect the American spirit. Prior to the concert, **Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band** will perform in the cafeteria at 2:30 p.m.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY  
IN CELEBRATION OF 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



As part of the 200th Anniversary Celebration, our church is participating in an outreach opportunity with the Strongsville Food Bank. From October 15 through November 19, we are collecting small, gift-wrapped or bagged Christmas gifts for adults who use the services of the Food Bank. We would appreciate the participation of our church membership in using the cloth or paper bags available by the Christmas wrapped box in the

Gathering Area to provide new gift items not exceeding \$5.00 for either a woman or man. Please indicate on the tag whether the gift is for a man or woman. The week of November 20, we will attach a Christmas message and the history of our church to each bag. The gifts will then be taken to the Food Bank for distribution in December. We appreciate your help in making this a memorable Christmas for those in need. If you need ideas for this outreach opportunity, the dollar stores have many items that could be considered, or gift cards would be acceptable also.

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OCTOBER 2017

- 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 Penny Sunday  
Sunday School Pumpkin Decorating Party during class time  
Thanksgiving Food Collection continues.  
Stewardship Campaign continues.

NOVEMBER 2017

- 3 Fri Preparation for Turkey Dinner
- 4 Sat Turkey Dinner with seatings at 5pm and 6:30pm
- 5 Sun All Saints Sunday  
Stewardship Campaign continues.
- 7 Tue Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 8 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 12 Sun Stewardship Sunday  
ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9am to 12noon
- 15 Wed December Newsletter Deadline  
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Sun Dedicate Thanksgiving Baskets  
Holiday Open House with the City's Lighting, 5-8pm
- 20 Mon Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets in Pilgrim Hall
- 23 Thu Thanksgiving Day
- 21 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm  
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 26 Sun Penny Sunday  
Women's Fellowship Cheese Ball Tasting and Ordering
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

**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

