



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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
 Designated Minister

OCTOBER 29, 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 "Do You Love God?" Eleanor Wright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CONGREGATIONAL 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** Dale Hawk
 L: We are called to love one another, because love is from God.
 P: **God's love is poured on us from our birth.**
 L: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.
 P: **God's love is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.**
 L: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.
 P: **In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. Amen.**

† **OPENING HYMN 508** "Love Lifted Me"

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

ANTHEM "Very Last Day" Yarrow and Stookew

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Heidi

THE OFFERING "What Color Is Love" Eleanor Wright

† **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 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

SERMON "Is that enough?"

† **CLOSING HYMN 151** "A Mighty Fortress"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "In Your Presence"

† **POSTLUDE** "Love Divine" Jon Egan

This morning's altar flowers are given . . .

In Memory of Chris Morgan
 The Morgan, Zielinski and Duestch Families.

Our steeple will light the sky this week . . .

Happy Anniversary today to Tracey and Natalia Hill
Happy Birthday on October 31 to Gabe Sauter
 With love, Grammy

Welcome to the World, Padraic Angus Burns,
born October 23 in Whitefish, Montana
 (Grandson of Heidi and Chuck McDougall)

Happy Birthday today to Nancy Taylor!

Mission Outreach completed their silent auction basket project last week. We do not have the final amount totaled as yet, but can estimate at least \$500. The major portion will be used for our Veterans in honor of the upcoming annual Veterans Day. Thank you to all who participated in the bidding and enjoying the creative baskets from "Around the World."

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

Sunday School children will enjoy pumpkin decorating today!

Holiday Open House on November 19 – Last week \$99 was collected toward the cost to have the animals in our Live Nativity. Unfortunately, we still need more funds. To donate, please place cash or check payable to *Strongsville UCC* into any one of the offering envelopes in the pew racks. Please include your envelope number (if you have one) and write "Animals" on the envelope and also on the memo line of your check. Thank you very much for your support.

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 would like to dye a scarf, please inform Claire, so there are enough supplies. Thank you.

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!

The Thrift Shop is back to accepting donations. Thank you for your support!

The Turkey Dinner is this 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 are 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.

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 or call her at 440-227-8410. Otherwise, we are just planning on sending the year-end statements in January.

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 10/22/2017	\$2,149
Difference	\$1,716



SERVING TODAY
Director of Music: Elena Taylor
Liturgist: Dale Hawk
Greeters: The Rolland Family
Ushers: Roy Merkle
Coffee Hour: Jim and Linda Dettmer

UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The work of your Pulpit Search Committee continues. We recently met with the Rev. Gary Halstead, the new person at the association office assisting churches with their Search and Call process. He gave us some more insights into the process and the pool of potential ministerial candidates. We will receive more profiles to discern and hope that God will guide us to find the right leader for our congregation. As our Designated Minister, Rev. Heidi is eligible to apply for the Settled Pastor's position, if and when she chooses to do so. The Committee appreciates the ongoing prayers and support of our Church Family.

Your Pulpit Search Committee

Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy,
Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

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: The Brlas 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), Sue Grunenwald (friend of Sharon Heinrich), 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)

Adult Social Club will go to Stan Hywet Hall on Thursday, December 14, for "Deck the Hall 2017." We will meet at church to carpool at 4:00 p.m. Admission of \$18 per person includes: tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.; live music in the Music room – courtesy of area choirs and musicians; self-guided tour of Manor House; freshly baked gingerbread cookies, warm pretzels, cocoa, hot cider, beer and wine for purchase in the Courtyard; animated gingerbread bakeshop window; a 20-foot poinsettia tree in Corbin Conservatory; shopping for holiday gifts in Molly's Shop. A signup sheet is on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. For more information contact Adria or Eddy Bond, (440) 227-8410. .

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 October.

Strongsville Community Band will present a benefit concert for hurricane relief victims, "Help and Hope through Music", **TODAY** 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 200TH 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 a brief 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

- 29 Sun Kids for Christ Penny Sunday
Sunday School Pumpkin Decorating Party during class time
Thanksgiving Food Collection continues.
Stewardship Campaign continues.
SCB Benefit Concert for Hurricane Relief, 3pm at Strongsville Middle School Auditorium; Strongsville City Jazz at 2:30pm in the cafeteria of the Middle School

NOVEMBER 2017

- 3 Fri Preparation for Turkey Dinner
- 4 Sat Turkey Dinner with seatings at 5pm and 6:30pm
- 5 Sun All Saints Sunday
Dedication of Memorials
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
- 14 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 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
Deadline for 200th Anniversary Outreach Project Christmas Gifts
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
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Liturgist: Pam Keenen

Greeter: Linda Plain

Usher: Linda Plain

Coffee Hour: Jim and Linda Dettmer