



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

Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Designated Minister

OCTOBER 8, 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.*

BELL PRELUDE *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom
arr. Peggy Bettcher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

† CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Studer

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 3 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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 *Fly Away Medley* arr. Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Heidi

THE OFFERING *Awesome God* Rich Mullins
Bell Choir arr. Peggy 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

SCRIPTURES Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

SERMON *Finding the Helpers* Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

† CLOSING HYMN 730 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *What You Have Done for Me* Tony Alonzo

† POSTLUDE

This morning's altar flowers are given—

In Honor and Memory of Family Wedding Anniversaries
Corrine Jackson

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In Loving Memory of Alfred "Jiggs" Graves
Roberta and Dan Carpenter

Happy 85th Birthday, Lola (Banny/Gigi)
Love, Valerie, Dale, Vicky, Dan,
Jake, Lauren, Addy, Pip, Chase, Lauren,
Kyleen, Joe, Heidi, Keith, Zander, Wyatt, Cory, Kelsea, Decklynn, Kyra,
and 3 more to come great-grandkids!

Happy Birthday today Margaret Stayrook!

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Linda and Rob
Stepan on the passing of Linda's mom and our church member, Shirley
Weinhold, on Monday, October 2. The funeral was held yesterday in our
sanctuary.

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

Immediately after church today, Worship Committee will meet very briefly
in the Parlor.

After worship today, Stewardship Committee will also meet.

Trustees will meet Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music: Elena Taylor
Liturgist: Jim Studer
Greeters: The Clotworthy Family
Coffee Hour: Ed and Cheryl Sobek

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 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

Mission Outreach very much appreciates your great response to our silent
auction basket fundraiser that we launched last Sunday. Our baskets will
continue to be displayed after our Sunday church service today and next
Sunday. Sunday, October 22, will be the final day. If you missed last week,
be sure to see them today. The variety and creativity really makes them
fun. Profits will be used to benefit homeless veterans in November in honor
of Veterans Day.

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 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 10/1/2017	<u>\$2,889</u>
Difference	- \$ 976



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The memorial service for Zachary Williams will take place next 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 see or call Ginny Churnega Oerfitz, (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 or
Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 or 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 next Sunday, 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 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.

Next Sunday, October 15, we will embrace our church’s future in worship, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. Please feel free to dress in clothing reflecting our past.

For those with reservations – The 200th Anniversary Luncheon is next Sunday, October 15, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Rec Center.

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.



200th 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, The Grabski/Williams Family, Lacey (daughter of Amanda Hawk), Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mhlack, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen) at University Hospitals, Jan Stough, Rev. Oommen Thomas, Leah Tressa Forget, 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)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 15, 2017

Liturgist: Kelly Bickley
Greeter: Lola Millhoane
Ushers: Jim and Linda Dettmer
Coffee Hour: Myron Costin

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.

Strongsville Community Band will present a benefit concert for hurricane relief victims, “Help and Hope through Music” on Sunday, October 29, 2017, 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.

OCTOBER 2017

- 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 200th 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 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