



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday – September 2, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Outdoor Worship

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 “Annie’s Song” John Denver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Heidi

INTROIT “When I Get Where I’m Going” Rivers Rutherford and George Teren

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look around you! Hear the sounds of Creation!
People: **We add our voices to the song, lifting praise to your holy name!**

Leader: You speak to us with tenderness and strength, calling us
to live lives of grace and hope.

People: **Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your kindness and generosity.**

ALL: **Thanks be to God on this glorious morning! Amen!**

† HYMN “Pass it on”

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God
It matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top - PRAISE GOD!
I want the world to know
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SHARING 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 Native American Flute Ken Mehalko

ANTHEM “Holes in the Floor of Heaven” Steve Wariner
Gary Hackett, Guitar and Vocals

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Get Together” Chet Powers aka Dino Valenti

† DOXOLOGY HYMN 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

SCRIPTURE READING James 1: 17-27

SERMON Enough Talk, Let’s Walk!

† HYMN “This Little Light of Mine”
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine,
Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out.
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “Bless and Keep You Forever” Traditional tune “*Edelweiss*”

† POSTLUDE “Saints Go Marching In” Spiritual

SERVING

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 2	NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 9
Pastor Heidi	Liturgist Dale Hawk
Linda Plain	Greeters Lynne McCray
Bickleys/Plain/Winch	Ushers Volunteers needed
Cathy Hawk	Coffee Hour Volunteer needed
Sharon Heinrich	Summer Sunday School RALLY DAY!
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
In honor of Pastor Heidi’s Birthday today!

The Trustees will meet this Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m.
The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 3 (Labor Day).

Music Ministry –Thank you to Gary Hackett for providing special music
for today’s worship.

Happy Birthday today to Pastor Heidi, Rita Budd, and Mark James!

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, Lloyd Bridle, Mindy Carte
(daughter of Judy), Gordon Cockrell, Rev. Larry and
Christina Craig, Keana Dickson (daughter of Greg and
Ingrid), Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl
Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert,
Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie
Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Linda Stepan, Dave
Woodward, Kyle Woodward and the family and friends of
Aimee Jannsohn, Richard Mack and Keith Stewart.



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), Sandra
Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga
(mother of Dan), 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)



RALLY DAY IS NEXT WEEK!
Join us for the start of a new, exciting school year on
September 9! Our Sunday School superintendents are
Kristen Clotworthy and **Jamie Trinckes**. We will have a
special offering to supplement the purchase of curriculum for our
Sunday School classes. Envelopes are in the pews.

SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE to benefit the church. One pick-
up truckload **DELIVERED!** Make Offer—Retail value \$75. Please
contact the church office if interested. Thanks to Austin Eggert!

Membership – For folks who are interested in joining our congregation, Pastor Heidi will be offering a one-session class discussing what it means to belong to the United Church of Christ. We will meet after church on **September 23** in the Parlor for an hour or so. Please let Pastor Heidi or the church office know if you are interested. Church phone number: (440) 238-6697.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31
Last Week’s Offering Received \$2,788.00
(Difference -\$ 861.31)



Giving Statements for the first half of the year and September newsletters are in the Gathering Area for pick up. Grab yours today and save a stamp--Thank you!



Summer Sunday School combined classes conclude today—We will meet in the Confirmation classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. **Thanks to Kelly Bickley for putting together the lessons, based on “Fruit of the Spirit,” and to Sharon Heinrich for teaching today!**

INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP

Please meet at the Mosque (6055 W. 130th St., Parma OH 44130) **no later than 6:45.** The program will begin at 7:00. Following a short introduction, one of the Imams will offer a presentation about the origin and relationship between the three monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, with a Q & A to follow. Around 7:50, we will move to the sanctuary to observe sunset prayer, followed by a tour and more Q & A. **Dress code** (Please remember, we are visitors; as such, please honor and respect this tradition, and please dress modestly):

- **No short pants.** Women may wear slacks or skirts that fall below the knee.
- **No sleeveless or short-sleeved tops.**
- **Ladies, please bring a headscarf,** or you may borrow one of theirs when we enter the sanctuary.
- **Please wear shoes with socks** (no sandals), as we will be removing our shoes when we enter the sanctuary.

Children are welcome on the visit. Please be sure they are aware of the need to remain respectful.

Please enter the Mosque from the **SOUTH** entrance. As you enter the parking lot, stay to the right and follow the big signs. See you there!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Singers, players, and ringers are welcome to join in the fellowship and praise!
-If you can read music (even if you’re rusty), the Bell Choir has a few openings and their rehearsals will begin Thursday, **September 20** 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 p.m., then moving to 7:30 p.m. on September 20.
-Instrumental musicians are invited to join the SUCC Band. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.
-Children’s Choir will begin Sunday, **September 16**, immediately following Sunday School classes.



SEPTEMBER 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

2	Sun	Outdoor worship on our grounds 10am
3	Mon	Labor Day—Church office closed
5	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Band Rehearsal 7pm
6	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm BAG SALE! Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm Interfaith Field Trip--Grand Mosque Visit 6:30pm
8	Sat	Garage Sale & Bake Sale 9am-2pm
9	Sun	Worship 10am with Communion RALLY DAY
11	Tue	Trustees Meeting, 7pm
12	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
13	Thurs	Thrift Shop CLOSED Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm
14	Fri	Adult Social Club Dinner & Show
16	Sun	Worship 10am Children’s Choir Rehearsal Adult Social Club to Jilbert Winery
18	Tue	Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
19	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm Band Rehearsal 7pm
20	Thurs	Thrift Shop CLOSED Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
23	Sun	Worship 10am Children’s Choir Rehearsal Membership Meeting
25	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
26	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm Band Rehearsal 7pm
27	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men’s Luncheon 11:30am Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
30	Sun	Worship 10am Children’s Choir Rehearsal 11:15am Worship Team 11:30pm



THRIFT SHOP BAG SALES!

Thursday, September 6: \$6 per bag

Then on **Saturday, September 8 at the Garage Sale: \$6 per bag!**

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Garage Sale

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.



ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS

Friday, September 14 – The Platters (Dinner and Show) at Carrie Cerino's
Sunday, September 16 – Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City
Please see Linda Plain to make reservations.

DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED! Please remember we accept clean, usable household items, small electronics, lamps, toys, books, furniture, and anything else that is not a liquid.



VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR SET UP on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 and on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, and of course, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 during the sale and for clean-up afterward.



DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL’S BAKE SALE! Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, and cakes are needed to sell. This is our main fundraiser and everyone’s support is appreciated. Please bring wrapped baked goods to the church any time on Friday, September 7th or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, September 8th. Thank you!

**SAFETY FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**



“In support of those who serve”

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
12700 Pearl Road (Strongsville)

All are welcome to gather in offering prayerful support and appreciation to those who serve our communities. Personnel are invited to wear their uniforms and to bring their families. A light reception will follow.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our **Penny Sunday** program! Last week’s Penny Sunday collection totaled \$174.09 and will help our Sunday School provide supplies, programs, and scholarships for our families. The next Penny Sunday is on September 30 and will go to Together We Rise, helping foster kids.



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

Mike and Linda Elkins are away this week, celebration the marriage of their daughter, Erin, to Christopher Anderson in Niagara Falls, New York.



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.