



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

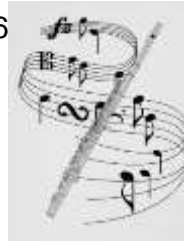
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor

Sunday, June 30, 2024– 10 A.M.

Penny Sunday

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Schneider

INTROIT "Glorify Thy Name" with "We Will Glorify" arr. Pethel

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

People: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

Leader: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

People: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.

Leader: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

People: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

† **HYMN 243** "Emmanuel" (sing twice)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 130 (New International Version)

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

ANTHEM "As the Deer" with "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Pethel

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Siciliano" Bach

† **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.

† **DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Mark 5:21-43

(New International Version)

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake.

SERMON "If only. . ."

† **HYMN 495** "Jesus Loves Even Me"

† **BENEDICTION**

Through faith, Christ's touch has healed you, in places you didn't even realize you were wounded. Through grace, God's Love has restored you to wholeness. Through hope, God's Holy Spirit goes with you into the world, offering blessing and power. Go in peace to share the joy of God's Love with those who need it most. Amen.

† **POSTLUDE** "Great is the Lord" Smith, arr. Pethel

SERVING

TODAY – JUNE 30		NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 7
Pat & Frank Jefferis	Greeters	Roger & Judy Davis
Riley Marshall	Liturgist	Judi Pavisich
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Lisa Heinrich	Special Music	Cindy Smith
Mary Ellen Zimmerman	Summer Sunday School	Volunteer needed

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, select **Worship**, click on **Service Videos**.

A NOTE OF THANKS—We thank **Lisa Heinrich** and of course, **Sharon Heinrich** for today's music!

(Tom Foley and Mike Elkins are off today.)

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in joining our congregation? Pastor Heidi will be offering a membership class following worship on **July 7th** and **14th**, and receiving new members into our church family on **July 21st**. Please contact her or write "new member" on the back of your attendance card if you would like to become a member of the Strongsville UCC.



ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN! Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a name to the prayer chain.

The altar flowers are given—
In Celebration of our Wedding Anniversary today!
Pat & Frank Jefferis



A 2024 SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALTAR FLOWERS IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL. Please note: the cost of flowers is \$18 for 1 vase and \$36 for 2 vases. We still have a few Sundays left!

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Happy Birthday today to Josh Sauter!
With love, Grammy

Happy Anniversary today to Pat & Frank Jefferis!

PENNY SUNDAY TODAY!

It's time to donate your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our Penny Sunday collection to benefit St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, which was severely damaged by fire in May. Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday on **August 25, 2024.**



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended to **Lynne McCray** and family, on the death of her husband, **Reginald (Reggie) McCray**, on June 23, 2024. He was 67 years old and had been on our prayer list for many months. Reggie has been cremated and no service is scheduled at this time.



IT'S HAPPENING! CHURCH GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 12th
from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M. AND
SATURDAY, JULY 13th
from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Donations will be accepted now through July 11th.

We accept household items, home décor, sporting equipment, craft supplies, books, games, toys, small electronics, furniture, kitchenware and dishes, plus clothing & shoes (for the Thrift Shop) **We DO NOT accept liquids of any kind, hazardous materials, or large televisions.**

Please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist it on the church." Also, please plan to carry your items yourself or bring a helper (or two). Thanks!

We'll need lots of volunteers, too—

On the days of the sale and every evening the week before, beginning around 6 p.m. and sorting until about 9 p.m.

Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can give a couple of hours of your time to help sort donations either day or evening from July 7 - 12 (or just show up)!



WE ALSO NEED LARGE SHOPPING BAGS! (Marc's Bags) If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office anytime.

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday, July 12th before 6 p.m. or Saturday, July 13th before 9 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Summer Sunday School continues! We are still looking for folks to teach a summer Sunday with our children.

All lessons and materials will be provided in advance.

Start thinking about which Sunday you're available for this special ministry! A sign-up sheet is posted in Pilgrim Hall.

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS: DEODORANT DRIVE!

Mission Outreach will be collecting **OLD SPICE** and **DOVE** deodorant for **Snow School in Berea**. The students who attend that school are in foster care, transitional care, or wards of the county



and while Ohio Guidestone provides hospital grade deodorant, having a name brand product makes a big difference to these young people. (These brands are the ones recommended by the school.)



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Laurie Meister, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Maggie Struhar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Judy Carte, Jennifer Cockrell, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Kay Konicek, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Jan Meier, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ember Schneider, Peter Smith, Linda Stepan, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Extended Church Family: Edward and Sharon Acton (Sally Herzog's friends), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Keana Dickson (Greg & Ingrid's daughter), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), The people of Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence, those affected by natural disasters

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,617.01
Last Week's Offering Received \$11,910.60
Difference +\$ 8,293.59

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 51



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 28th



On our church grounds following outdoor worship. Please bring a lawn chair, and a salad, side dish, or dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided. Sign up with your side dish in Pilgrim Hall.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL-- Wednesdays

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thank you to all our faithful volunteers!

PLEASE NOTE: THE FREE LUNCH WILL BE TO-GO ONLY ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th. LUNCHES MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE BY CALLING BETTY CRAIG AT 440-479-5308.



IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND:

Grab your lawn chair and come to our free concerts on **Friday, July 5th & Friday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m.** on the Strongsville Middle School lawn (In case of rain, outdoor concerts will be at the Ehrnfeltd Center). On **Friday, July 19th**, the

Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band will play **at 7:30 p.m.** at Strongsville United Methodist Church.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are being accepted during those hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs.

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON THE 4TH OF JULY, but will be open during the Garage Sale on July 12th & 13th.



NO MORE RIVER VALLEY PAPER RECYCLING

River Valley Paper company is reducing its routes and has removed our paper/cardboard recycling bin. We will be contacting other companies to see about getting another bin. In the meantime, please bring your cardboard and paper elsewhere. Thank you to everyone who has supported this program.



DO MORE IN 2024!

New sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for your name to be added as a greeter or usher. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know! Everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



TELLERS NEEDED!

If you have less than 30 minutes to spare after worship periodically, we are in need of tellers. No experience is necessary. Please see Gary Zielinski or Rachel Zielinski if you can help.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will have an email meeting in July.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **July 16th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor
- The Official Board will meet via email this month.

BOOK STUDY--A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

Continuing next month, **July 15th**, Pastor Heidi and Linda Elkins are leading a monthly book study based on Rachel Held Evans's wonderful book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. The group will meet on the **third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**, for one hour. It's not too late to join us!



CHURCH OFFICERS IN 2024

**Elected January 28, 2024 **Appointed by the Official Board*

Moderator: Greg Dickson* **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry*

Treasurer: Sally Herzog* **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Linda Elkins Mary Densmore

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Bill Giuliano* Chris Goff Mike Elkins* Les Fox*

Herb Hampson* Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Sandy Pogozeleski*

Cheryl Sobek Dan Winrod Laura Winrod Rachel Zielinski*

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Judy Davis Judy Fox* Carole Kapcar Susann Lerch* Cherie Teagno*

Barbara White Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Christian Education Committee

Serena Abruzzino Mary Densmore Linda Elkins*

Colette Emerson* Sarah Hayes** Amanda Marshall* Lora Rung

Music Committee

Karen Bates* Ingrid Dickson*

Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko Mike Willis

ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Sue Gigliotti* Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider Rob Toth* Mary Willis

Mission and Outreach Committee

Diana Creecy* Sarah Hayes* Lora Rung

Jennifer Sekorky* Peter Smith Bev Wehr* Mary Ellen Zimmerman

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN --M.A.P.L.E.

M- Making and moving

A- Accepting and Acknowledging

P- People

L- Learning and Loving

E- Encompassing

Strongsville United Church of Christ 2024 Estimate of Giving



In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2024:

Name _____

Address _____

I plan to give \$_____ each

week month other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$_____

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$_____

I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

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