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Sunday – June 23, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Reception of New Members

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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. Schrader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Father, I Adore You" Coelho

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Feeling faithful, or feeling foolishly naive; standing in silence, or awkwardly babbling,

People: Together, we gather to praise our God.

Leader: Leading when the path seems obvious and smooth, reaching for a hand when we stumble along the Way,

People: Together, we rejoice in Jesus, who makes us whole, and calls us sisters and brothers in Christ's family.

Leader: As children who are heirs to the promises of grace, we joyfully share hope with others.

People: Together, we give thanks to the Spirit of peace, who cradles us in her gentle arms of hope. Amen.

† **HYMN 352** "O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 8: 26-33

SHARING OF 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 "Christ Before Me" Chisum

ANTHEM "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTRODUCTION AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Friends, do you profess Jesus as the center and cornerstone of your faith? **We do.**

Will you be faithful to these new friends as they join this congregation and begin the next leg of their journey of faith?

We promise our faithful companionship to these new members of our family.

Will you challenge them to strive to become the very best versions of themselves, upholding them in Christian love and holding them accountable to the Way of the Christ?

We will lovingly challenge these new members to strive to become the very best versions of themselves, guiding them to live into the faith they profess.

Will you allow yourself to be challenged and changed, shaped and transformed by these new members, together seeking God's will for our lives together?

With the help of God's Spirit, we will allow ourselves to be challenged and changed, shaped and transformed, living even more fully into our called identity as the family of faith, Strongsville United Church of Christ.

Let us pray together:

O God, we give you thanks, first for calling us to believe, then leading us to join together and gather into this church, the Body of Christ. We give you thanks for this Family of faith, and rejoice that you have led these newest members into our midst, adding their gifts and talents to ours. Together, may we live more fully in the Spirit, building one another up in Love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Day by Day" arr. Sedio

† **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**

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 8:34-39

SERMON What Has He Done for You Lately?

† **HYMN 426** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Be Still My Soul" Sibelius

† **POSTLUDE** "Finlandia" Sibelius

SERVING

TODAY, JUNE 23		NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 30
Dave Williams	Liturgists	Judi Pavisich
Sandra Gleichauf	Greeters	Allen and Michele Mihlack
Marty Winch	Ushers	Elaine Coffey
Judi Pavisich	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Summer Sunday School	Serena Abruzzino
Carol Konet	Special Summer Music	Sharon and Lisa Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

Remembering Erik and Irene Jannsohn's wedding 57 years ago
Love, your kids and grandkids
Celebrating Lauren Deertz Raymond's birthday June 21st
Love you, Grandma Marty Winch

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Linda Ponstingle on June 25th
With love from the Bell Choir
Happy Anniversary to Rob & Sandra Wentz on June 27th
With Love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Jim Studer!

The Official Board will meet Tuesday, June 25 at 7 p.m.

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, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.



PENNY SUNDAY—Next week's Penny Sunday Collection will go toward refurbishing the upstairs Sunday School classrooms. (Checks to SUCC.)

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School—Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please add your name to our sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help. **Children will meet in the classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. Thanks to Sharon Heinrich for teaching today.**



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,824.00
(Difference -\$1,698.02)



As summer approaches, the church often faces a shortfall. Please remember to keep up with your offerings and pledges as you enjoy the gift of God that is summertime.



COMING SOON...LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM

Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! We will soon be scheduling times for **Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20** from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. for our families and individuals to be photographed AT NO COST. This is an important project that will take many folks helping out in order to be a success, so please contact the church office if you would like to assist in making the directory a reality.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

This special UCC offering is one of the five annual collections of the national church. It is used to support the expansion of ministry and growth of congregations. 20% of our contributions stay in our conference which includes Ohio, West Virginia, and Northern Kentucky. Envelopes are in the pews for your donations throughout June. Strongsville UCC is one of the few 5 for 5 congregations!

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, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tilly Sekorky, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—WELCOME!



We welcome new members into the fellowship of faith that is Strongsville UCC!

Robert Craig was born and raised in Berea and is currently a resident of Vitalia in Strongsville. He was baptized here in May. He served in the U.S. Army in Iran and Italy and is retired from Key Bank. He and his late wife, Judie, were married at Lakewood Congregational UCC. Robert has already been a part of our church life for over a year, supporting various projects and worship here. His fellowship friend is **Judy Carte**.

Barbara White comes to us by way of University Circle United Methodist Church. Barbara, a resident of Parma, is retired and enjoys bowling, theater, and Zumba. She and her late husband, Jack, have three grown children. Barbara has been helping with the Free Lunch for All program for a couple of years. Her fellowship friend is **Betty Craig**.

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. COME HELP US ON MONDAY OR FRIDAY MORNINGS AS WE SORT THE PANERA DONATIONS—LOTS OF FUN AND CARBS!



Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, and family meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board.



SUMMER MUSIC—vocalists, instrumentalist, ensembles are invited to



provide music for a Sunday in the summer. Please see Tom Foley if you would like to be a part of the music ministry while the choir and bell choir are on hiatus.

Thank you to **Carol Konet**, a musician and retired music educator, who also serves as the accompanist for the Southwest Community Chorus, for sharing her music with us today! She has played for many schools and churches. We are pleased to welcome Carol and her husband, Glen, to our worship this morning!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is now available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15. CDs are available through the church office.



PLEASE SAVE YOUR WHITE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE CAPS!

White water bottle caps (ONLY) are needed to help a little girl in Florida with a rare cancer. For every 1,000 caps collected, she will receive a free cancer treatment.

A can to collect them is located in Pilgrim Hall by the coffee pots. Thanks to everyone who saved other bottle caps—that goal was reached and a memorial bench will be made out of all those caps!



SAVE THE DATE! HOMETOWN PRIDE

Our church will have a float in the **Strongsville Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, July 17**.

We will need helpers, float decorators, walkers, and riders! Please see Rachel Zielinski, Kristen Clotworthy, or Sarah Hayes if you would like to participate.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will have a potluck picnic at church **Tuesday, July 2**, at 11:00 a.m. Please notice the change in venue. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall and advise what side dish, salad, or dessert you will bring. Chicken, Sloppy Joes, coffee, tea, paper plates, cups, and napkins will be provided. All ladies are welcome!



Women's Fellowship will again put together about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below (or monetary donations so we can purchase items) are appreciated. Please put monetary donations into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and place it in the church office. **Collection concludes June 30, 2019.**

The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target. Please do **NOT** provide FAMILY-size items.

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets	stuffed toys (smaller than 8")
shampoo	small cars or trucks	pencils
body lotion	decks of cards	small bubbles bottles
deodorant	activity books	little toys/games/books
tooth brushes	coloring books	washcloths
toothpaste (small tubes)	combs or brushes	crayons (16 or 24 count)

GARAGE/BAKE SALE! Saturday,

June 29 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Set up is June 26 - 28 and we need help! Please come at 7 p.m. on the 26th, 27th or 28th or 8 a.m. on the 29th and lend a hand. Stay for an hour or two and help us get ready for the sale and have fun, too!



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, June 28th or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, June 29th. Thank you!



CLEAN, SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE TO BENEFIT THE GARAGE SALE. A church member has generously donated a load of firewood for the church. Retail value \$85. Please contact the church office if you are interested in purchasing firewood.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC at Volunteer Park in Strongsville

12410 Lunn Road, just west of Prospect, between Prospect and Foltz

Sunday – JULY 28, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.



Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion followed by Potluck Picnic Meal and Games

Pavilion with Picnic Tables and Electricity
Restrooms – Playground – Baseball Fields--Batting Cages

Hot dogs, buns, beverages, paper plates and disposable silverware will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

If you have not already done so, please indicate the number of kids and adults on the back of your attendance card and place it in the offering plate today. Thanks!

JUNE 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

23 Sun	Worship 10am—New Members Received Coffee Hour
25 Tues	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
26 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Set Up for Garage Sale 7pm
27 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
29 Sat	Garage Sale/Bake Sale 9am – 2pm
30 Sun	Worship 10am--Penny Sunday Coffee Hour



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.