



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday – April 28, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Sacrament of Baptism
Penny Sunday
Holy Humor 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.

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 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "I've Got the Joy" Traditional

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We believe in God, who made us in His image.

People: We live, we love and we laugh, because we are like Him.

Pastor: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

People: Jesus had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

Pastor: We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

People: Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - God is our joy!

Pastor: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

People: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **HYMN 209** "This is the Day" (Sing twice, 2nd time echo)

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 5:27-32

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 "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

ANTHEM "You Set Me Free" Becaud (Lyrics: Joyce/Dickson)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All of God's children, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Owen Woodward

Parents: Roxy and Steven Woodward
Sponsors: Leslie Ann Schilling and Kyle Woodward

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY WORDS

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FROM THE FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ? (*We promise our love, support and care.*)

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

Christ be with you. (*And also with you*)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy with the gift of Jesus. Bless this child, Owen; fill him with your strength and courage for life's journey; joy for all to see; freedom of love; hope for a new life. May he never be ashamed to confess his personal faith in you. Bless us, O God, that we, too, may be faithful to your Word, united in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† **HYMN 465** "Baptized in Water"

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Bridge Over Troubled Water" Simon

† **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**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 20: 19-31

SERMON Stranger in our Midst

† **HYMN 444** "I Love to Tell the Story" (vv 1,2,4)

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "10,000 Reasons" Redmon

SERVING

TODAY, APRIL 28		NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5
Betty Craig	Liturgists	Dale Hawk
Irene Jannsohn	Greeters	Linda Plain
Carole Kapcar/Teri Barbish	Ushers	Linda Plain/Judi Pavisich
Volunteer needed	Coffee Hour	Ken & Kay Konicek
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

Happy Birthday on May 1st to Sharon Maresco and also in loving memory of her twin sister, Karen Zeyn.
Sharon Maresco

Happy 70th Anniversary to Betty and Milton Jacobson!
Lola Millhoane and Mary Carey

(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 tomorrow to Judi Pavisich!

Worship Team will meet next Tuesday, May 7 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—Today's Penny Sunday collection will go to **Laura's Home for Women and Children** through the City Mission. Laura's Home provides many forms of assistance to women and children in crisis. Thank you to everyone who donates.

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, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Betty Babics, Dakota Brammer, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sandy Gleichauf, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Fred and Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Susan Conn (friend of Debbie Krause), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), 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), family of Mary Alice Paschal, Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.
Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.

Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, and canned fruit. 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.



Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Charles Jannsohn, Maggie Fraley,** and their families on the death of their brother **Eric R. Jannsohn**, age 62. Eric was found on April 25, 2019 in his Lakewood apartment.

MAY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 2 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 5 Sun **Worship 10am**
Communion & Baptisms
Coffee Hour
Children's Choir
SUMC Confirmation Bkfst. 8 am-10am
- 7 Tues Women's Fellowship 9:45am
Worship Team 7pm
- 8 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 9 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 12 Sun **Worship 10am**
Mother's Day
Children's Choir
- 14 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Adult Social Club 7pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 16 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 17 Fri Wedding Rehearsal 5pm
- 18 Sat Lauren & Eric Wedding 1:30pm
- 19 Sun **Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
Children's Choir
- 21 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 26 Sun **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Coffee Hour
- 27 Mon Memorial Day
- 28 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" will be released in late April. Music will feature **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.

57 copies have already been reserved, but reserving one is not required. **The CDs will be available for purchase today.**

DIACONATE WING NIGHT TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!



Hurry and get your tickets for a terrific night of filling food, refreshing suds, basket raffles, side boards, and hanging out with the coolest folks around!

Friday, May 3, 2019 is the date. 6:30 p.m. will be the time. **Grindstone Tap House** in Berea will be the place. It's not too late to donate a themed basket to the event. Any and all donations will

be gratefully accepted! Thank you in advance for supporting this important fundraiser for the Diaconate, which supplies all of the worship needs of our church.

Tickets are on sale now and are only \$25! (They will also be available at the door.)

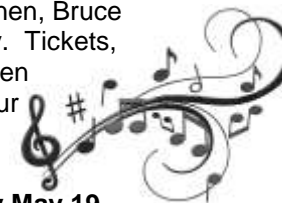
OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$4,053.25
(Difference \$531.23)



Thank You for supporting your church!

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 2019 Spring Concert next Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. This year's performance, entitled *Rhythm of Life*, features our Director of Music, Tom Foley as director, accompanist Carol Konet, and church singers—Ingrid Dickson, Gary Hackett, Irene Joyce, Sarah Keenen, Pam Keenen, Bruce Keenen, Sharon Maresco, and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$15 for adults and are free for children 12 and under. We like looking into the audience and seeing our fellow church members, so please try to attend!



The **Strongsville Community Band Concert** on **Sunday May 19**, "Swinging With SCB" will feature music from the Big Band Era complete with jitterbuggers. Concert is at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Rec Center at 3:00 pm.



CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned out. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Meeting – Attention all ladies of our church! Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Our program will be to listen to the songs of birds that we see in our backyards. We will also share ideas for future programs. Please join us (friends are welcome too!) and bring a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.



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.

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| soap (facial size or smaller) | small tissue packets |
| shampoo | small cars or trucks |
| body lotion | decks of cards |
| deodorant | activity books |
| toothbrush | coloring books |
| toothpaste (small tubes) | combs or brushes |
| wash cloths | crayons (16 or 24 count) |
| stuffed toys (no bigger than 8") | pencils |
| blowing bubbles (small bottles) | sidewalk chalk |

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk* by their names.
** = appointed by the Official Board



Moderator: Rachel Zielinski* **Vice-Moderator:** Rob Toth*
Treasurer: Sally Herzog* **Clerk:** Karen Morgan*
Sunday School Superintendent: Kristen Clotworthy*

Board of Trustees

Greg Dickson* Mike Clotworthy
Myron Costin Tom Gaumer Bill Giuliano*
Dale Hawk* Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozelski*
Ed Sobek* Linda Stepan* Rob Stepan*

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry* Eddy Bond* Barbara Camp*
Kristen Clotworthy* Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk
Sarah Hayes* Linda Plain* Linda Ponstingle** Nicole Rachid*
Dawn Rolland Marty Winch*

Christian Education Committee

Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore* Linda Elkins*
Suzi Foley* Sandy O'Shea* Lora Rung*

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson* Ken Mehalko*
Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti*
Beth Giuliano Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte* Bobbie Krisak* Tony Koussa**
Michele Mhlack* Gary Paul* Lora Rung Bev Wehr*

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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