



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, August 11, 2024- 10 A.M.

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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Softly and Tenderly" Traditional

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are God's people, called to follow wherever God leads us.

People: By faith, we can obey-- even when God leads us into an unknown future.

Leader: We are God's people, challenged to tell God's story to others.

People: By faith, we have the ability to share the good news.

Leader: We are God's children, welcomed into the arms of grace and love.

People: By faith, we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ. By faith, we will come together as one people: the Family of God. Amen.

† HYMN 399 "We Are God's People"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 34: 1-8

(New International Version)

I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He answered me;

He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant;

their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;

He saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

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 "Morning Has Broken" Scottish Gaelic Tune

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Give with a Joyful Heart" R. Foley

† 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 John 6: 41-51

(The Message)

"Isn't this the son of Joseph? Don't we know his father?"

Don't we know his mother?

How can he now say,

'I came down out of heaven' and expect anyone to believe him?"

SERMON "Come Hungry!"

† HYMN 104 "O Worship the King"

† BENEDICTION Nancy C. Townley

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say. May God's peace be with you always. Amen.

† POSTLUDE "You've Got A Friend" King

SERVING

TODAY - AUGUST 11 NEXT SUNDAY - AUGUST 18

Judi Pavisich Greeters Volunteer needed

Mike Willis Liturgist Herb Hampson

Herb H., Bill R., Elaine C., Diana C. Ushers Judi P., Lynne M., Jan M., Elaine C.

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

3 Generations of Foleys Special Music Megan Denman

Linda Elkins Summer Sunday School Sharon Heinrich

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 our special guest musicians, Will Foley, Carol Foley, Robert Foley, and of course, Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich for today's music!



Please be aware that the church office will be closed from Monday, August 12th through Wednesday, August 14th and will reopen on Thursday, August 15th.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, August 13th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, August 20th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor
The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, August 27th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn and Aimée J. Jannsohn The Dicksons & the Joyces

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—

Celebrating our 29th Anniversary tomorrow!

Tom & Suzi Foley

In loving memory of my father, John McKeever, who was both born on and died August 8. 1917-2009--Pastor Heidi.

Happy Birthday today to Karl Kuhlenschmidt!

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.



CALL FOR CARDS!

Our own Betty Jacobson will be turning 103 on August 27, 2024 and we would love to shower her with at least 103 birthday cards!

Can you send her a card?

Betty Jacobson

18800 Westwood Place #412 Strongsville, OH 44136



MISSION OUTREACH NEWS: DEODORANT DRIVE!



Mission Outreach is collecting OLD SPICE and DOVE deodorant for Snow School in Berea through August 25th. 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.) On August 25th, Tami Klammer, the principal of Snow School, will be our guest speaker during worship.



### 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, Sam Cuyler Jr., Brandi Garsteck, Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Bruce Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Kay Konicek, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Jan Meier, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfritz, Gary Paul, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Peter Smith, Linda Stepan, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman

**Extended Church Family:** Yvonne Adams (Judi Pavisich's friend), 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), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Sarah & David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson & wife), 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), Karen Pavisich (Judi's daughter-in-law), Jeff Peacock (former member), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Sandy Shipley (the Zielinskis' 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

### 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.

### PENNY SUNDAY!

Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday on **August 25, 2024**. Money collected will go to help the students and staff at **Snow School**.

About J&G Snow School: J & G Snow School is staffed by Berea City School District Employees who proudly educate students who have been placed into the residential treatment programs of OhioGuidestone.

The purpose of J&G Snow School, which is located on the campus of OhioGuidestone, is to meet the social-emotional and academic needs of students who are finding it difficult to learn in a traditional school setting. The staff of the Berea City School District aims to provide specialized instruction in the area of behavior in order to empower their students with the skills needed to meet with success in future placements.

The staff strives to create a safe and positive school environment that looks at each student as a unique individual. J&G Snow School is committed to helping all students succeed in the classroom both behaviorally and academically.



## RALLY DAY IS COMING!

Mark your calendar for September 8<sup>th</sup>, when we begin a new Sunday School year of learning and growing together!



**ATTENTION SINGERS & RINGERS:**  
**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> & BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
Can you carry a tune? There's room in the choir

loft for YOU! Can you read music? Come ring with us in Bell Choir! Please see Tom Foley or Mike Elkins if you'd like to be a part of our Music Ministry.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,617.01  
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 8,176.00  
Difference +\$ 4,558.99



Thank you very much for your support.  
**PLEDGES RECEIVED: 51**

### 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.

### BOOK STUDY--A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

Continuing on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!



### FREE LUNCH FOR ALL-- Wednesdays

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Thank you to all our faithful volunteers!



**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.



**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.

### RIVER VALLEY PAPER RECYCLING—ON BORROWED TIME

River Valley Paper company is reducing its routes and will be removing our paper/cardboard recycling bin at some point. We will be contacting other companies to see about getting another bin. You may bring your cardboard and paper as long as the bin is in our parking lot, but an alternative site will be needed in the future. Thank you to everyone who has supported this program.



### 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

### Board of Trustees

Bill Giuliano\* Chris Goff Mike Elkins\* Les Fox\*  
Herb Hampson\* Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes\* Sandy Pogozelski\*  
Cheryl Sobek Dan Winrod Laura Winrod Rachel Zielinski\*

### Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson\* Dave Williams\*

### Diaconate

Teri Barbish\* Jean Bittinger Elaine Coffey\* Bobbi Cook Wayne Cook  
Judy Davis Judy Fox\* Carole Kapcar 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_