

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Congregational)  
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Pastor

**Worship at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday**

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## AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Jesus, we want to meet on this thy holy day! We  
worship at your feet—on this thy holy day!*  
—Elizabeth Parson

#### Kumbaya

Remember as a child going off to summer camp or church camp, and singing songs around a campfire? As the fire crackled and popped, sending sparks shooting high into the dark night sky, remember lifting your voice? Maybe even adding a little personal harmony?

One of the most popular songs was *Kumbaya*. Oh, I know—I could feel you roll your eyes. A simple, plaintive song that, over time, has gotten a bad rap.

But seriously. Think about the words we sing in English:

Come by here, my Lord. Someone's crying, Lord.  
Someone's singing, someone's shouting! Someone's  
dying. Oh, Lord—come by here.

Isn't this the simple cry of our hungry hearts? In good times, we thank God and celebrate God's presence in our lives. In darker times, when God seems to have done a disappearing act, we cry out in desperation: someone's crying, Lord—it's *me!* *I'm* crying! Where are you? Oh, Lord, please—*kumbaya*. Come by here.

We finished the month of July celebrating worship in the Great Outdoors. We remember how Jesus responded to his disciples in their time of need. Wandering, finding a new way in the face of the horrid crucifixion of their beloved Master, their broken hearts cry out to God in the reality of an empty tomb. *Kumbaya*, Lord. Come by here. We could really use a hug. (We will worship outside again, in our outdoor labyrinth, on Sunday, September 1. See you then!)

Peace,  
Pastor Heidi



### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY – AUGUST 4 – 10:00 A.M.**

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Liturgist:** Betty Craig

**Greeter:** Linda Plain

**Ushers:** Linda Plain

**Coffee Hour:** Judi Pavisich

**Special Music:** Wee 3 Ring, Sharon Heinrich

**Summer Sunday School:** Mary Densmore



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**SUNDAY – AUGUST 11 – 10:00 A.M.**

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Liturgist:** Michele Mhlack

**Greeter:** Billie Cantrell

**Ushers:** Teri Barbish

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteer needed

**Special Music:** The Keenen Family

**Summer Sunday School:** Eddy Bond

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**SUNDAY – AUGUST 18 – 10:00 A.M.**

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Liturgist:** Greg Dickson

**Greeter:** Elaine Coffey

**Ushers:** Marty Winch

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteer needed

**Special Music:** Jim Studer

**Summer Sunday School:** Kristen Clotworthy

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**SUNDAY – AUGUST 25 – 10:00 A.M.**

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Penny Sunday**



**Liturgist:** Jennifer Barry

**Greeters:** Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt

**Ushers:** Volunteers needed

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteer needed

**Special Music:** Satori Winds

**Summer Sunday School:** Mary Densmore

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### IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Ginger Rothel** and family on the death of her sister, Rita Smith, in Missouri in mid-July. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

### IT'S A PARTY—A WORK PARTY!

Wouldn't you love to get up at the crack of dawn on a Saturday morning, spend an hour or two helping your church friends tidy up the Royalton Road vacant property and garage/shed area, and then have the whole day to do what you want to do? Well, mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 10** at 7 a.m. (If you come at 8 a.m., you will still be welcome!) Bring garden tools, a hat, and a good attitude. Doughnuts have been promised!



### SCHEDULE NOW!

### LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM



Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! August 19 & 20 SOLD OUT. We will be scheduling additional times for **Wednesday, August 21** and **Thursday, August 22** from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. for our families and individuals to be photographed AT NO COST. Each family unit that is photographed will receive a FREE 8" x 10" photo of their directory pose and a copy of the completed directory. Of course, everyone will have the option to purchase photographs from Lifetouch. Sign-ups will continue through the first two weeks of August. Please plan to make time to be included. Thanks!  
Here is the link to book online: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrddh1dc/>

If you will not be available to be photographed during our assigned times, please call Lifetouch at **866-756-0281** for information about other venues.

### UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Architect Ibrahim Hakki has submitted drawings for the ramp project going into Pilgrim Hall. These drawings are on display in the Gathering Area. The next step will be securing bids from contractors and obtaining permits from the City of Strongsville.

### 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, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. Don't forget popping in to help sort Panera bakery donations on Monday or Friday mornings—lots of fun and carbs!



### OUTDOOR WORSHIP LABOR DAY WEEKEND

(Weather permitting)

Give thanks and praise for the last throes of summer

as we worship outdoors on our church property on Sunday, September 1st at 10 a.m.

### THANK YOU



Many thanks to all my church family for their Birthday, Get Well, and Thinking of You cards. I really appreciate the warmth and caring I receive from SUCC.

Karen Morgan



### THANK YOU GUEST MINISTER!

On July 14 and 21, our congregation welcomed guest minister Rev. Oommen Thomas to lead worship during Pastor Heidi's vacation. Rev. Thomas and his wife, Leela, often attend our church and are considered a part of our church family. Rev. Thomas is a retired Presbyterian minister, who has served St. Andrews and John Knox Presbyterian, among other churches. His messages about the Good Samaritan and Mary and Martha were very thought-provoking.



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

soup, tuna, 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. Thanks, as always, to everyone who donates and especially to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** who transport all the food to the Food Bank every week.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

**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, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Christopher Minnick, Karen Morgan, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, 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), 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), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Judy & Bob Stenger (friends of Judi Pavisich), 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.**

## UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that **Austin** and **Michele Eggert** donated an entire pick-up truck load of seasoned firewood to benefit the Garage Sale! Thank you very much! Congratulations to **Ed** and **Cheryl Sobek**, who purchased the wood, too!

Did you know that **Greg Dickson** took the time to bolt the pews in the side area of the sanctuary to the floor? Thank you for making our church a little safer, Greg!

Did you know that **Theresa Rodrigues**, a resident of Erie, PA, found one of our bulletins tucked into her quilting newsletter which she received in the mail in June? She read the bulletin, drove all the way to Strongsville to investigate, and ended up sending us a donation to our Sunday School's Penny Sunday collection. God truly works in mysterious ways!

Did you know that **Jim Heinrich** took the day to repair the refrigerator in the kitchen after the temperature crept up? Once again, thanks for coming to the rescue, Jim!



## STRONGSVILLE HOMECOMING PARADE HOMETOWN PRIDE!

Thank you to everyone who decorated, donated candy, marched, or rode in the parade and special thanks to the Zielinski/Morgan family for use of the trailer for our "Hometown Pride" float celebrating our Free Lunch for All program! Thank you also to Sarah Hayes and family for their organizational skills and to the Costin-Barry, Rolland, Maresco, Wickline/Minnick, Toth, and Hawk families.



Are you an online shopper? If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church. **Every little bit helps!**

And since you're in a shopping mood...you can benefit the church even more by buying Amazon (or many other) **gift cards** from Jim Joyce in Pilgrim



Hall prior to whipping out that credit card. **Please keep us in mind for your upcoming shopping needs!**



## SUCC GARAGE SALE—A BIG THANK YOU!



Whether you donated, sorted, bought, sold, or cleaned up, your efforts are appreciated!

We made \$1,820.00 for the Official Board.

Extra special thanks to these hardworking folks who did the heavy lifting, difficult sorting of items, and unpredictable interacting with customers to make our sale a success:

Clara Barry,  
Rosemary Bechtel,  
Mary Carey (Thrift Shop),  
Judy Carte,  
Kristen, Mike, Olivia, Emma, and Ben Clotworthy,  
Elaine Coffey,  
Myron Costin,  
Mary Densmore,  
Ingrid and Greg Dickson,  
Brandi Garsteck,  
Sue and Gina Gigliotti  
Cathy and Dale Hawk,  
Sarah, Jon, Jack, and Ella Hayes,  
Sharon Heinrich,  
Sally and Steve Herzog (with Abby the pooch),  
Irene Jannsohn,  
Irene and Jim Joyce,  
Elena Joyce  
Linda Kapcar,  
Pam Keenen,  
Phyllis Kurz (age 95!)  
Carol Lesiak (Thrift Shop),  
Pastor Heidi,  
Dianne Maringer,  
Amanda and Riley Hawk, Lacey and John Marshall  
Sharon Maresco,  
Vicky Masuga,  
Karen Morgan,  
Sandy O'Shea,  
Pam Polansky (Thrift Shop),  
Lora Rung,  
Jan Stough,  
Richard Taylor,  
Cherie Teagno,  
Doug Thorn,  
Barbara Toth and granddaughter Kerrigan,  
Sarah Toth,  
Emily Trill,  
Barbara White,  
Clay Williams,  
Rachel, Gary, Ollie, and Penny Zielinski,  
with cousin Lucas  
Mary Ellen and Bob Zimmerman

## ALTAR FLOWERS

July altar flowers were given



**July 7** – *In loving memory of James Habart on the occasion of his birthday (July 4). Happy Birthday, Dad!*  
Love always, Jamie, Josh, and Christian

**July 14** – *In honor of our 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

Linda and Mike Elkins  
*In Celebration of Karen Morgan's Birthday on July 20<sup>th</sup>*  
Love, Your Music Ministry Family

**July 21**– *In celebration of George & Joyce Reed's Birthdays on July 15 & 16, along with the 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of their Granddaughter, Alison on July 17.*

The Reeds  
*In Celebration of Karen Morgan's Birthday on July 20*  
Love, Your Family  
*Happy "Double Digit" Birthday, McKenzi—We love you!*  
From Your Loving Familia

**July 28** – *Church Picnic (No Altar Flowers)*

You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

**2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays are still available for this year!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Summer Sunday School is underway** – Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. **ONLY 1 SUNDAY IS LEFT!** 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. Thank you to **Mary Densmore, Serena Abruzzino, and Linda Elkins** for teaching in July.



The **June Penny Sunday** collection of \$155.46 will go toward refurbishing our upstairs

Sunday School classrooms—No Penny Sunday in July, due to the Church Picnic festivities. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Bake Sale. We made the most we have ever made in the history of our Bake Sale: \$682.55! WOW!



### NEWS FROM UPSTAIRS

The Christian Education Committee is putting together a plan to make the second floor a more usable, appealing space for meetings, classes, and activities. Ideas include carpet cleaning, painting, reorganizing, and better storage.



### RALLY DAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>!

Hope to see you for a new, exciting year of Sunday School classes!

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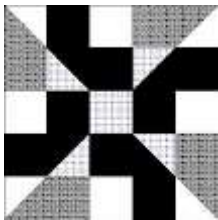
### ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Facilitated by Linda Elkins, this 4-5 week study, called "Uppity Women of the Bible," is open to all adults.

### Bible Study



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



### Women's Fellowship Meeting

At the Home of Claire Wills Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

Meet at church at 10:45 a.m. to carpool, or directions available at church.

Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

Devotions: Elaine Coffey \* \* \* Program: "Quilts by Claire"

Thanks to Betty Craig for sewing the tote bags and also to Tilly Sekorky for requesting her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday presents be donations for the tote bag project.

Rosemary Bechtel and Jen Sekorky will see that they are taken to Strongsville Food Bank for distribution.

Future meetings and programs: September 3 – Cross Christmas Ornaments with Cheri. October 1 – decorate pumpkins with Linda Elkins. November 5 – Election of Officers and planning the Christmas Tea.

December 3 – Christmas Tea for our church ladies, location to be determined. A Thrift Shop Style Show in conjunction with Anniversary Sunday was an idea that was received with a lot of enthusiasm.

### 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 container to collect them is located in Pilgrim Hall by the coffee pots.



### FREE LUNCH FOR ALL! WEDNESDAYS 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



### HELP WANTED

Someone in our church family is looking for a driver for short trips, mostly within the Strongsville city limits, on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in helping out. Thanks!

### FROM THE KITCHEN:

Please label any items that are placed in the refrigerators with your NAME/GROUP and the DATE!

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. Also, we could use empty, clean large sour cream/cottage cheese/yogurt containers for the Altar Flowers.



### STEWARDSHIP

As of this writing, we have received 78 pledges totaling \$134,932.00.



Thanks to all who already pledged. Please know that the church will accept Estimate of Giving cards at any time, and additional Estimate of Giving cards are on the greeters' cabinet in the Gathering Area, where the bulletins are distributed.

### GIVING OPTIONS

If you are interested in giving electronically, Here's how: You can customize your giving based on how, when, and how much through E-Offering. Log on to our church website at [www.strongsvilleucc.com](http://www.strongsvilleucc.com) and click "Donate Now". You will be taken to the church's myEoffering page. Simply click on the "Sign-up" button and you will then fill in your personal information and "Register". Follow the prompts to set up your payment, one-time or ongoing. You can also set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website.

**MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH** All men are invited the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. to Gourmé Deli & Restaurant. (15315 Pearl Road in Strongsville)



## NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Adria Bond**

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from

**June 23 through July 21, 2019.**

This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.

Offering Needed \$18,246.60 for 5 Sundays

Offering Received 14,213.00

Difference (-\$ 4,033.60)

**Have you been noticing some negative numbers lately? During the summer months, 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.**

**Thanks for supporting your church!**



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### FIT CLUB

We welcome any new participants, of any age or fitness level to join us and get moving on most Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. We are on hiatus in August, but will be back in September.

### AUGUST 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am—4pm
- 4 Sun **Worship 10am--Communion**  
Coffee Hour  
Worship Team
- 7 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
- 8 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 10 Sat Outdoor Work Party 7am
- 11 Sun **Worship 10am**  
Coffee Hour
- 13 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 14 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
- 15 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 18 Sun **Worship 10am**  
Coffee Hour
- 19 Mon Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 20 Tues Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 22 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am  
Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 25 Sun **Worship 10am—Penny Sunday**
- 27 Tues Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 29 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

### CHURCH SECURITY

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



## STEEPLE LIGHTING

**Week of July 7, 2019**

*With sincere thanks to everyone who worked the Garage/Bake Sale From the church family*

**Week of July 14, 2019**

*Happy Anniversary today to Joe and Barbara Craig  
With love, Mom*

*In gratitude for the many cards and get-well wishes during Chuck's recent illness*

*From Pastor Heidi and the "Pastor's Wife"*

**Week of July 21, 2019**

*In gratitude to Jim Heinrich for coming to the rescue and repairing the refrigerator in the kitchen  
With sincere thanks, the Free Lunch Crew*

**Week of July 28, 2019**

*Happy Birthday today to Joey McKane  
With love, Grammy*

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



### THRIFT SHOP

**The Thrift Shop** is open on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Our ladies earned \$278.80 at the Garage Sale with our \$1.00 clothing sale. Thank you to everyone who supports the Thrift Shop!

#### UPCOMING BAG SALES:

- August 22: \$7
- August 29: \$7
- Wednesday, September 4: \$7
- September 5: \$6

**PLEASE NOTE: The Thrift Shop will be closed for fall changeover on Thursday, September 12.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### MULTI-CULTURAL OUTREACH:

#### SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our church is going to host concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Saturday, September 7 at 3 p.m.**, for a presentation of song and celebration, with the voices of children and traditional instruments. Here is their website:

[www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/](http://www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/)

There is no charge for the concert, but there will be a free will offering and Ugandan crafts for sale to benefit the group and its ministries. Plus, refreshments will follow the performance!



## MUSIC NOTES

### SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Soloists, ensembles, instrumentalists are invited to sign up to provide music for a Sunday worship service during the summer months. Please see Tom Foley if you are interested in sharing your talent with us in the summertime.



### THANK YOU JULY GUEST MUSICIANS!

- **Megan Denman, daughter of Pastor Heidi and Chuck, joined us as a guest musician on July 7.** Megan is a pianist, instructor, and organist. She earned her Bachelor's in Piano Performance from Baldwin-Wallace University in 2008, and her Masters of the same emphasis from the University of Akron in 2010. Megan accompanies at Baldwin-Wallace University, and Cleveland State University. She is an MTNA member, and is co-chair for the 2018 Northeast Ohio Buckeye Auditions.
- We welcomed organist **Richard Densmore** back to our worship on July 14. He is retired, after a 40 year career at Baldwin Wallace University, where he was a librarian. He has substituted on the organ at numerous area churches in the past, and served as assistant organist at two churches. Richard and his wife, Mary (a church member) reside in Strongsville. Along with Richard, we thank our own **Sandy O'Shea** for her vocal music and original compositions. She is familiar to all of us as a member of our Chancel Choir for nearly two decades
- On July 21, vocalist **Sharon Metivier** provided our worship music. She is a Brunswick and Baldwin Wallace voice teacher who owes her start to the music program at Strongsville UCC! Her students have performed in the Miss Ohio Pageant, the Count Basie Center for the Arts in New Jersey, the University of Cincinnati, Baldwin Wallace University, Beck Center for the Performing Arts and many more. She and her husband, Mike, have two teenagers at home. Sharon is the daughter of **Tom and Judy Gaumer**.
- Thanks to guitarist/vocalist **Gary Hackett** for providing the music for our outdoor worship on July 28. Gary is a retired educator, who enjoys music of all genres. Not only is he the lynchpin of the SUCC Band and our chancel choir, but he also sings in the Southwest Community Chorus. Thanks also to **Doug Thorn** and **Jim Heinrich** for sound set-up at the Picnic.

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### CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 at 8 p.m.**

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 7p.m.**

## FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND

**Friday, August 2** at 7:30 PM at the Ehrnfelt



Senior/Recreation Center. This concert as part of the Rotary cook-out will pay a musical tribute to "The Greatest Generation" and will feature military music and other music form that era.

**Friday, August 9** at 7:30 PM at the Strongsville Middle School Lawn. The summer concert series will conclude with a special tribute to our Armed Forces. Special guest director will be Captain Ryan Nowlin of the United States Marine Band, "The Presidents Own" from Washington D.C. (In case of rain the concert will held at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center). Hudson Band Stand Concerts in Hudson, Ohio  
**Sunday, August 11**-Strongsville Community Band at 6:00 PM

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### LOVE AND TRANQUILITY



A CD of Native American Flute, "**Love and Tranquility**" is still 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 per CD and may be purchased through the church office. We have fewer than a dozen CDs left!**

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### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The churches of Strongsville are proud to be partnering again with Habitat for Humanity! However, this year, we're growing and we welcome any member of our Strongsville faith, business, and civic community to consider working with and an experiencing Habitat first-hand. All volunteers must be 16 or older.

**Remaining Strongsville dates are: Thursday, August 8, Saturday, August 17 and Saturday, September 7.**



Do you want to join us? Visit

<http://faithbuild.clevelandhabitat.volunteerhub.com/>. Either use your existing account or create new one. Whatever you do, you will want to be sure and use the join code: StrongFaith to ensure that you're joining this Strongsville-based endeavor!

Once you sign up for a time slot, you will receive a confirmation email. We will also send a reminder email to you and your team three days prior to your event. We look forward to accomplishing a great deal together with Habitat.

## 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** Judy Gaumer\*\*

**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 Pongstingle\*\* 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 Mihlack\* Gary Paul\* Lora Rung Bev Wehr\*

## UCC SUMMER CAMPS AT TEMPLED HILLS

<http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/>

Regular Registration: Two Weeks Before a Camp Begins  
**Camps & Retreats 2019**

- [Choir Camp](#)
- [Discovery Camp](#)
- [Explorers Camp](#)
- [Faith Adventures Camp](#)
- [Floating with the Spirit](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 1](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 2](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 3](#)
- [Hand in Hand Camp](#)
- [Labor Day Family Camp](#)
- [Love the Pool Camp](#)
- [MMADD Camp](#)
- [Mission ASP](#)
- [Mission Camp – Mansfield](#)
- [Me and My Pal](#)
- [Ohio Foreign Language Association Camp](#)
- [Sports Camp](#)
- [Youth Counselor Training](#)
- [2019 Fall Lantern Women's Fellowship Retreat](#)



Summer camp has been a valued tradition in our denomination and we encourage families to participate in this life-changing experience!

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHURCH PICNIC!

Special thanks to Linda Plain and her team members for organizing this fun and meaningful annual event.



Thank you and welcome aboard to **Judy Gaumer**, who was appointed as Clerk at the July Official Board meeting.



With sincere gratitude, the members of Strongsville UCC extend our thanks for the many years of service that **Karen Morgan** has dedicated to the office of Clerk. Her commitment to our church is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.



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### KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER GOODS!

The next bonus week is **September 15 - 21**, but the church (and everyone else) benefits anytime you recycle.