

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2014

8:30 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

OPENING SONG 76 *Thank You, Lord*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG 80 *The River Is Here*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

People: **Jesus is the living bread!**

Leader: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

People: **Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.**

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

People: **Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.**
Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG 67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debt*s)

OFFERING *Lamb of God*

THE WORD OF GOD Matthew 13:31-33 NT, p. 13

MEDITATION *"It Takes a Little Leavening"*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or Pastor Becky will come to you, if you wish.

SONG 52 *Let the River Flow*

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG 71 *Shout to the Lord*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

Serving Today

Music Director	Andrew Purdum
Keyboard	Elena Taylor
Guitar	Sean Patrick
Bass Guitar	Jack Stephenson
Drums	David Cola
Song Leaders	Andrew Purdum, Kyra Krause
Liturgist	Sharon Heinrich
Graphics Operation	Rosemary Bechtel

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August 3, 2014 10:00 A.M. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE / INTROIT *Come, Holy Spirit* Gaither

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People: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

People: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

† **HYMN 21** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR 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.

RESPONSE *Praise the Name of Jesus* Roy Hicks

ANTHEM *With Grateful Heart, I Thank You, Lord* Beall

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

If you are seated in the alcove and would prefer sitting in the sanctuary, please feel free to move to the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon.

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Cortege* Flor Peeters

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 702** *Fill My Cup*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-33 NT, p. 13

SERMON *"It Takes a Little Leavening"*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or Pastor Becky will come to you, if you wish.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come to the Table* Cloninger and Nyström
during Communion *Meditation* Flor Peeters

† **HYMN 750** *Peace Like a River*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Now Thank We All Our God* Johann Crüger

† **POSTLUDE** *I Will Fly Away* Albert Brumley

This morning we thank Jack Stephenson for providing special music for our worship service.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Andrew Purdum
Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Liturgist	Lynne McCray
Summer Sunday School Teacher	Kelly Bickley
Nursery	Gina Cathcart
Coffee Hour	Dianne Maringer

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 3, 2014

Strongsville UCC
Sunday School
presents
Free Family Fun Day
Saturday, August 16, 2014
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please join us for
Free Hot Dogs and Lemonade
Free Crafts
Sidewalk Chalk
Inflatable Fun
Balloons
Awesome activities for kids!



A special offering will be received next Sunday, August 10, to defer the costs involved in this outreach to the community to attract more children and families to our church.

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

This morning's flowers are given by Doris Soucie in loving memory of the Taylor / Roberts family.

Happy Birthday today to Leland Krause!
Happy Anniversary today to Chris and Judy Holmes!

Worship Team will meet on Tuesday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m.

The Vesper Service (and picnic) **at Greenbrier Lake in Strongsville is this Saturday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m.** Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a chair, your tableware, and a dish or two to share. We will gather in the pavilion at 5:00 p.m., have our picnic meal, and then have a worship service by the lake. For directions to the lake, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. All are welcome!

Women's Fellowship's summer project will be to fill 60 tote bags for the Brookside children, ages 5 to 12. The finished tote bag size is 12" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below or a monetary donation so we can purchase items would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Brookside Project" and placed in the church office. **Collection will be now through August 10. Please do not bring in family-size items.**

soap (facial size or small)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
deodorant	decks of cards
toothbrushes	books
toothpaste (small tubes)	activity books
combs or brushes	coloring books
wash cloths	small stuffed toys
sidewalk chalk	crayons
pencils	blowing bubbles – small bottles

The Travel Presentation that was scheduled for August 12, 2014, for the 2015 Trip to Israel is CANCELED.

Interested in furthering the mission of the church, locally and beyond? The Mission and Outreach Committee extends an invitation to one or two people to join us in this area of the Christian faith. Please speak with Kelly Bickley, (330) 461-4624.

Altar Flowers – The church will accommodate multiple vases or arrangements of flowers on the altar on Sunday mornings. If you find that two vases are already reserved for a date you want on the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall, please feel free to add your name also. The cost is \$15.00 per vase. Requests for special flowers or arrangements may cost more. For questions or more information, please call the church office at (440) 238-6697.

“God Is Still Speaking” Embroidery – In the Gathering Area are sample shirts with the logo. To have your shirt embroidered, the cost is \$8.00. The shirt’s left chest area must be free of seams, embroidery, and pockets. Shirts made of cotton, polyester or a blend are ideal. Leather and silk are not good fabrics for embroidering. To order embroidery, please provide your own shirt, your name, your phone number, and payment (cash or checks payable to *Excellence in Embroidery*) to the church office. For questions or special requests, please email: excellenceinembroidery@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST

Hospitals no longer provide names of members who are patients. If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please inform the church of updates to this list.

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Holly Elkins at Century Oak Care Center, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Margot James, Vicky Masuga, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Staybrook

Extended Church Family: Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk), June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Pam Doubell (friend of Sue Gigliotti), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Cyndi Klein (step-daughter of Jim Studer), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

August 2014

- 3 Sun Communion
- 4 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 5 Tue Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 9 Sat Vesper Service (and picnic), 5:00 p.m. at Greenbrier Lake
- 11 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 12 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Land Presentation, 7:00 p.m. – CANCELED
- 14 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 16 Sat Free Family Fun Day, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 18 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 19 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 22 - 24 Women’s Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
- 25 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 31 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Serving Next Sunday – August 10, 2014

Liturgists	8:30 a.m. Sarah Hayes	10:00 a.m. Sarah Hayes
Graphics Operation for 8:30 a.m. Worship		Vicky Masuga
Greeter for 10:00 a.m. Worship		Roy Merkle
Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship		Tom Gaumer
Coffee Hour	Allen and Michele Mihlack, Sarah Herzog	