

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2014

8:30 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

OPENING SONG

87 *We Bow Down*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

74 *Step by Step*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship our God.

People: **We come to praise the One who gives blessings to us all.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Son.

People: **We come to give thanks for the One who gave everything so that we might have life.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Spirit.

People: **We come to hear and experience the one God.
We come to give thanks and ask God's blessings.
We are here; let the worship begin.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

OFFERING

Gift of Love

THE WORD OF GOD 1 Chronicles 4:10 Hebrew Scriptures p. 336

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MEDITATION

"Expand My Territory"

SONG

84 *Trading My Sorrows*

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

70 *Shout Hallelujah*

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, Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Dan Masuga

Graphics Operation

Sharon Heinrich

Coffee Hour

Sarah Hayes

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August 31, 2014 10:00 A.M. Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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BELL PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry

INTROIT *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Wesley

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† **HYMN 676** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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.

PIANO RESPONSE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William Bradbury

ANTHEM *Angel Band* Ralph Stanley

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

BELL OFFERTORY *All through the Night* arr. Barbara Kinyon

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 428** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

SCRIPTURE 1 Chronicles 4:10 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 336

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SERMON *"Expand My Territory"*

† **HYMN 553** *Nearer My God to Thee*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *I'll Fly Away* Albert Brumley

† **POSTLUDE**

For the special vocal music this morning, we thank Ingrid Dickson, Irene Jannsohn, Erik Joyce, Evan Joyce, Elena Joyce, Irene Joyce, and Karen Morgan. In addition, we thank Barb Fraunfelder for her special bell music.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Andrew Purdum
Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Liturgist	Jim Studer
Greeter	Linda Plain
Nursery	Amanda Hawk and Sarah Hayes
Summer Sunday School Teacher	Rachel Zielinski
Coffee Hour	Sarah Hayes

September 2014

- 1 Mon Labor Day – Church office will be closed.
- 2 Tue Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Wed Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 4 Thu Thrift Shop **CLOSED**
- 5 Fri Dinner for Journey in Faith Class

7 Sun ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.
Communion, Take in New Members, Rally Day for Sunday School, Box Lunch Auction for Sunday School

- 8 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 9 Tue Children's Instruments Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Thu Thrift Shop Re-opens, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Fri Wine Tasting Fundraiser, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Parsonage
- 13 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting at church, 9:00 to 12:00 noon

14 Sun NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS:
9:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship
11:15 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

- 15 Mon Church Newsletter Deadline
Women's Prayer Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Tue Children's Instruments Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Tue Children's Instruments Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 29 Mon Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Tue Children's Instruments Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Serving Next Sunday – September 7, 2014

ONE SERVICE ONLY – 10:00 A.M.

Liturgist	Kenn Oerkfitz
Greeter	Lola Millhoane
Nursery	Sarah Herzog
Coffee Hour	Cathy Hawk

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 31, 2014

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—

*Celebrating Betty Bushea's Birthday on August 27
With love, Barb*

*In Honor of Rob's Birthday in August and
In Loving Memory of Bill Weinhold
Linda Stepan*

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Pam Keenen and family on the passing of her father, Gene Curry, on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, in Dublin, Ohio. A memorial service will be held today at 1:00 p.m. at Friendship Village in Dublin, Ohio.

The Kids for Christ Club (KFC) meets today after the 10:00 a.m. service. We will be learning about the Strongsville Food Bank and our new Penny Sundays here at the church! All children ages 0-10 are welcome.

The Mission and Outreach Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be held on September 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Our goal is to further the mission of the church in our local community and beyond. Isaiah 58 says, "...share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter... Then your light will break forth like the dawn... Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I..." It is our call to help others! Will you help us do that? Our committee could use one or two more members. Please see Kelly Bickley, Erv Koch, Lora Rung, Ha Bennett, or Pastor Becky if you are interested.

Worship Team meets on Tuesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

SEPTEMBER 7 – RALLY DAY – ONE SERVICE ONLY

10:00 a.m. – Blended Service

followed by **Box Lunch Auction Fundraiser** for Sunday School

SEPTEMBER 14 – NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

9:45 a.m. Traditional 11:15 a.m. Contemporary

Strongsville UCC Sunday School

presents

RALLY DAY

BOX LUNCH AUCTION

Next Sunday, September 7, 2014

following 10 a.m. Worship

(Only 1 worship service that day!)

Bring a lunch or lunches to auction and come ready to bid!

All are welcome!

Kids' Lunches

Family Lunches

Gourmet Lunches

Read-to-eat Lunches

Brown Bag Lunches

Take Home Lunches

in a box, bag, basket, carton, tub or container

Fundraiser for Strongsville UCC Sunday School Programs



Strongsville United Church of Christ will present a **Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, September 12, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the parsonage.** Reservations are needed. The requested donation is \$40 per person. Tickets are available for purchase from Sharon Heinrich today after both worship services.

Strategic Planning – Saturday, September 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at church is a follow-up meeting for those who attended the Visioning Retreat last year, for those who are Board or Committee members, and for those who are interested in helping the church grow. The meeting's intent is to review the status of all Strategic Goals/Objectives that each committee is working on for this year. If there are any problems in meeting these Goals/Objectives, we will discuss what is needed in order to complete each Goal or Objective. We will also discuss how things are going in the church and if other needs should be addressed. Please plan on attending, even if you were not at the retreat last year, but you have an interest in helping the church meet its goal of "Growing our Membership."

Our Mom's Group would like to announce a transition from morning to evening meetings and a new focus! We invite all woman of the church to come to a monthly prayer and support group. We will meet the third Monday evening of every month, and we will be called the **Women's Prayer Group.** Our first meeting will be on **September 15 at 7:00 here at the church.** Topics to be explored and discussed include courage, loyalty, gratitude, trusting God, worry, and service, among others. The group can offer friendship and support no matter what season of life you're in. Future meeting dates are October 20, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18. Please join us!

Communications – On Sunday, **October 19**, there will be a **Congregational Meeting to discuss plans/costs for installing an electronic message sign** in front of the church. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending, for your input is important in resolving and moving forward with this project. More details will be forthcoming.

A Facilities Visioning Team is being formed. This team will begin the process of visioning what our church facilities might look like in the future. Perhaps it will include expanded parking, new Sunday School rooms, more storage space or a larger sanctuary. If you're interested in being part of the Facilities Visioning Team, please talk with Pastor Becky.

OUR 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: Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Margot James, Dolores Matchett, Michele Mhlack, Barbara Morgan

Extended Church Family: Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk), June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Godddaughter 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), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), 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)

IF YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE SHOWER OR IF YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING . . .

Can I be in the Choir, Bell Choir or Praise Band?

YES, you can be in any or all of these ensembles!

Do I have to be able to read music?

NO, you don't have to know how to read music!

***If I'm a little rusty – or – if I've not been involved
in performing music, can I get some help?***

YES, we will help you!

Do I have to buy my own choir robe?



NO! Plus—a nice, comfortable choir chair is provided!!!!

Can children be in Praise Band on Sunday mornings?

Yes! Beginning Tuesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. before the Children's Choir rehearsal, Elena will work with children who want to play instruments with Praise Band.

If you'd like to participate in Strongsville UCC's Music Ministry, we'd love to have you! Please see our Music Director, Andrew Purdum, or our Worship Accompanist, Elena Taylor, after church today for more information.

Strongsville UCC's Music Ministry welcomes and wants YOU!

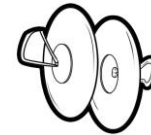
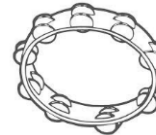


ATTENTION CHILDREN!

A new Children's Choir is being formed. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. All children are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun! To participate or for more information, please see our Worship Accompanist, Elena Taylor, after church today!



Also—children can play instruments with the Praise Band on Sunday mornings! Elena will work with those interested beginning on Tuesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. before the Children's Choir rehearsal.



Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. The program will be "Vitamins and Minerals – What You Need" presented by Jennifer Nance from Kemper House. Please bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. As always, all ladies are welcome!

The Thrift Shop will be closed Thursday, September 4, for a thorough cleaning and for restocking **and will re-open September 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Help is needed for the changeover to Fall merchandise. If you are interested in packing up Summer clothing, cleaning the shop, or putting out Fall clothing, please contact Lola at (440) 238-3037 or Betty B. at (440) 238-6749.