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Sunday, July 10, 2022 – 10:00 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 "2nd Movement Op.13 *Pathetique*" Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Hold on to Love" Manibusan

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

People: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Leader: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

People: Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Leader: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

People: Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.

† HYMN 435 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 25: 1-10
(New International Version)

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.
I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.
Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

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 "We Can Be Kind" Friedman

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. You are the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the world.

OFFERTORY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Dykes

† 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 Luke 10:25-37
(New International Version)

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

SERMON "That's who I'm talking about!"

† HYMN 750 "Peace Like a River"

† BENEDICTION Claire McBeath & Tim Presswood
Now may we go out from this place and recognize God the Creator in surprising acts of kindness. May we experience the human God in tiny acts of extraordinary love. And may we demonstrate the courage of God's Spirit in all we do and in all we say, to friends and to strangers, today and every day. Amen.

† RESPONSE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Tomer

† POSTLUDE "Glorious Is Thy Name" McKinney, arr. Berry

The altar flowers are given—
Happy 3rd Anniversary to Casey & Kelly!
Elaine Coffey

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Happy Anniversary to Joe & Barbara Craig on July 14th!
With love, Mom

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, and click on Service Videos.



SERVING

TODAY—JULY 10

Barbara & John Toth
Cherie Teagno
Bill Schneider, Roz Fotos
Oliver & Matilda Sekorky
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Cindy Smith
Cathy Hawk

Greeters
Liturgist
Ushers
Acolytes
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Organist
Video/Sound
Special Music
Summer Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY—JULY 17

Irene Joyce
Judi Pavisich
Volunteers needed
Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
We 3 Ring/EKCO Ringers
Mary Ellen Zimmerman



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Many thanks to our guest vocalist, **Cindy Smith, Sharon Heinrich, Tom Foley, and Mike Elkins** for sharing their music with us today.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Every Wednesday

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Lidiya Dordzhiyeva, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joyce Glasgow (friend of the church), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mihlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), , Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine and victims of violence

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Nancy Taylor** on the death of her brother, **Albert Papes** on June 29, 2022. He was 94 years old.



HELP US FILL THE DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER!



You know the UCC Disaster Relief trailer that has been patiently waiting in our parking lot for these past few months? You've been waiting and NOW is the time to fill it with relief kits! We only have 2 weeks!! The UCC is very specific about what is useful in these kits, so please provide exactly what is required (size/brand/amount). Here is what we need:

Personal Hygiene kit

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (No fingertip, bath, dish, or micro-fiber towels.)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (Found at discount dealers like sallybeauty.com.)
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper (Either one is acceptable. Remove from packaging.)
- One bath size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

School kit

- One pair of blunt scissors (Rounded tip only. Remove from packaging.)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (No loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter, 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener (Remove from packaging.)
- One large eraser (No pencil cap erasers.)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (Remove from packaging and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together.)
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (Solid color or kid-friendly fabric. No logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Clean-Up kit

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- NEW - One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap

- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SUNDAY, JULY 31st



On our church grounds following outdoor worship. Don't forget a lawn chair! Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$3,906.50
Difference	+\$257.13

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65



IDEAS WANTED!



The Long Range Planning Committee is interested in your ideas on ways to make improvements for our Church. Some feedback already provided includes an extension of our parking lot and a new structure on the Royalton Road lot that could house outdoor gatherings. If you have any ideas, please email them to Sandy Pogozelski at pogoze5@gmail.com. All ideas will be discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting for feasibility, funding and prioritization. Projects exceeding \$5,000 require approval by our Congregation.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **The Board of Trustees** will meet VIRTUALLY in July. Please be aware of emails and respond when prompted.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the SECOND Tuesday of the month, **July 12th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will NOT meet on the fourth Tuesday of July. Members will be asked to email monthly reports. A reminder will be sent.



COME ONE, COME ALL! OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY

JULY 16th at 9 a.m.



Our church property needs a little attention, so we're looking for volunteers to do a little yard work. If you can spare an hour or two, come and help. Cold

beverages will be provided.

From our Friends at Strongsville Community Band 2022 Concert Schedule

Friday, July 22 7:30 p.m.
Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band
Strongsville Middle School Lawn
Friday, July 29 7:30 p.m.
Rotary Senior Center Cookout/Band Concert
Ehrnfelt Event Center
Friday, August 5 7:30 p.m.
Strongsville Middle School Lawn
Friday, August 12 7:30 p.m.
Strongsville Middle School Lawn
Friday, August 19 7:30 p.m.
Bad Weather Make-up Concert
Strongsville Middle School Lawn



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is underway!

Who Do YOU Say I Am?

Investigating the Mystery of Jesus
Using Detective Work and Mystery Solving
We have a couple of Sundays still available to teach—please sign up in Pilgrim Hall. Call **Linda Elkins, (440) 655-8891** with questions.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in joining our congregation?

Pastor Heidi will be offering a membership class in the near future. Please contact her or the church office if you would like to become a member of the Strongsville UCC.



GIFT CARDS

WITH THOSE GRADUATION PARTIES COMING UP, YOU CAN GIVE GIFT CARDS TO YOUR FAVORITE GRAD AND BENEFIT THE CHURCH!

You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

Elected January 30, 2022 * = 1 year term
**appointed by the Official Board

Moderator: Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry

Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

Board of Trustees

Myron Costin Diana Creecy Bill Giuliano*
Herb Hampson Dale Hawk Sarah Hayes
Sandy Pogozeleski* Dave Sekorky Ed Sobek*
Rachel Zielinski

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson Linda Stepan Joyce Reed*

Diaconate

Teri Barbish Barbara Camp* Elaine Coffey
Cathy Hawk* Linda Kapcar Bobbie Krisak
Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle Cheryl Sobek* Cherie Teagno
Barbara White* Mary Ellen Zimmerman**

Christian Education Committee

Serena Abruzzino* Mary Densmore
Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

Music Committee

Richard Densmore Ingrid Dickson
Pam Keenen* Ken Mehalko* Rob Stepan
ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Sue Gigliotti* Beth Giuliano* Judi Pavisich
Bill Schneider** Richard Taylor Rob Toth

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak
Lora Rung* Jennifer Sekorky Bev Wehr*

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THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** on Thursdays from **10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must **call** the church first to arrange a time for drop-off. The Shop made an extra \$127.50 during the

two days of the Garage Sale! This amount was in addition to our over \$400 day on the Thursday prior to the sale.

HELP WANTED: Do you know anything about collectibles

and/or antiques? If so, we need you! From time to time, donations come into the Thrift Shop that may be worth selling online or in a consignment shop. If you have any knowledge in this area, please contact Cathy Hawk about how you can help.

DON'T FORGET!



Are you shopping online? 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.