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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor

Sunday – July 14, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Guest Minister, Rev. Oommen Thomas

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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Lord God, Now Open Wide Thy Heaven" J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time on and forevermore.

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting in the west,
may we praise the name of the Lord.

Leader: It is good to give our thanks to the Lord, to sing God's praises morning, noon and night!

People: We declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by moonlight. Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Amen!

† HYMN "This Is My Song"

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Leviticus 19:34

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

ANTHEM "I Believe" Drake, et al
Vocal Trio: Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sandy O'Shea

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kenn Oerkfitz

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Teach Me" O'Shea

† 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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 10:25-37

SERMON Who is Your Neighbor?

Sermon Questions:

1. How did Jesus' audience hear the story of the Good Samaritan?
2. According to Leviticus 19:34, who is your neighbor?
3. Are you a good neighbor?

† HYMN 575 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost" O'Shea

† POSTLUDE "The Lesson" O'Shea

SERVING

TODAY, JULY 14		NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 21
Kenn Oerkfitz	Liturgists	Sharon Heinrich
Billie Cantrell	Greeters	Elaine Coffey
Volunteers needed	Ushers	T. Barbish/E. Coffey
Cathy Hawk	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Mary Densmore	Summer Sunday School	Serena Abruzzino
Richard Densmore,	Special Summer Music	Sharon Metivier
Sandy O'Shea, Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen		

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST MINISTER

We joyfully welcome the return of Rev. Oommen Thomas to the pulpit this morning while Pastor Heidi and Chuck are in Colorado. He and his wife, Leela, are Strongsville residents and have been attending our church when Oommen is not preaching elsewhere. Rev. Thomas is a retired Presbyterian minister, having served St. Andrews and John Knox among other churches.

Happy Anniversary today to Barbara and Joe Craig!

The Diaconate will meet next Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m.

The altar flowers are given—

In honor of our 44th Wedding Anniversary

Linda and Mike Elkins

In Celebration of Karen Morgan's Birthday on July 20th

Love, Your Music Ministry Family

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

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"

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, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School— Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. 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—only 1 Sunday is left to fill. **Children will meet in the classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. Thanks to Mary Densmore for teaching today.**



SIGN UP NOW ...LIFETOUCH

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM

Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! We are now scheduling times for **Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20** from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. for our families and individuals to be photographed AT NO COST. Sign up for photo time slots will begin **today** and continue for 5 Sundays thereafter. We hope you will make the effort to be included in our church's photo directory. 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.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,650.00
(Difference \$127.98)



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.

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, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



Architectural Drawings for the proposed ramp from the Gathering Area to Pilgrim Hall are in the Gathering Area for anyone interested in viewing them. Hiring a contractor is the next step in this complex project.

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.



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, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Christopher Minnick, Karen Morgan, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tilly Sekorky, 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), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), 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.



Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, and family meals. 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.

SUMMER MUSIC



We also thank and welcome organist Richard Densmore back to our worship today. 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.

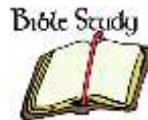
More summer musicians scheduled for July include vocalist **Sharon Metivier**, and guitarist/vocalist **Gary Hackett**, along with inspiring music from our own **Mike Elkins**, **Tom Foley**, and the **SUCC Band**. Be sure to join us every Sunday for worship!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is still available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native American Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. **Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15. CDs are available through the church office.**



BIBLE STUDY IN THE FALL



Please watch your bulletins and newsletters for our Adult Bible Study, "Uppity Women of the Bible," coming in September! See Linda Elkins if interested.

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND



Friday, July 26 at 7:30 PM at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center. The Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band will perform music from the American Song Book with vocalists Kim Wasielewski and Ron "The Jazz Man" Davis.

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



COMING UP THIS WEEK! HOMETOWN PRIDE

Our church will have a float in the **Strongsville Homecoming Parade** on **Wednesday, July 17**. We will need helpers, float decorators, walkers, and riders! Wear your green and white! Please see Rachel Zielinski, Kristen Clotworthy, or Sarah Hayes if you would like to participate.

We are now accepting donations of individually wrapped NON-CHOCOLATE candy to distribute at the parade. Please bring bags of candy to the church office any time.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC at Volunteer Park in Strongsville

12410 Lunn Road, just west of Prospect, between Prospect and Foltz

Sunday – JULY 28, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.



Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion
followed by *Potluck Picnic Meal and Games*

Pavilion with Picnic Tables and Electricity
Restrooms – Playground – Baseball Fields--
Batting Cages

Hot dogs, buns, beverages, paper plates and disposable silverware will be provided; please bring a chair and either a side dish, salad or dessert to share. **While we will be providing disposable table settings, in the interests of environmental awareness, guests are invited to bring reusable dinnerware from home if they so desire.**

If you have not already done so, please sign up for the potluck on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

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!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

JULY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

14 Sun	Worship 10am Coffee Hour
16 Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
17 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm Fit Club to <i>Aida</i> , 7pm HOMECOMING PARADE 5:30pm
18 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
21 Sun	Worship 10am Coffee Hour
23 Tues	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
24 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
25 Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
28 Sun	Worship 10:30am—CHURCH PICNIC AT VOLUNTEER PARK
31 Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

COMING SOON: SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Our church will be hosting a concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 7** at 3 p.m. for an afternoon of music and celebration with children's voices and traditional instruments.

There will be no charge for the concert, but they will have a free will offering to benefit the Sanyuka Children's Ministries. The children will also have Ugandan handicrafts and CDs available for concert goers to purchase. www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/.

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.

Please say you will help by writing "Work Party" on the back of your attendance card and placing it in the offering plate. Doughnuts have been promised.

