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JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<p>JULY 6</p> <p><i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Communion at Both Services</i></p> <p>Scripture: Psalm 145:8-14 Sermon: "Praise the Lord"</p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Betty Craig Graphics Operation: Sharon Heinrich Coffee Hour: Tom Gaumer</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 10 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Betty Craig Greeter: Volunteer Needed Ushers: Needed Nursery: Rosemary Bechtel Coffee Hour: Tom Gaumer</p>
<p>JULY 13</p> <p><i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>Scripture: Romans 7:15-25A Sermon: "My Biggest Critic"</p> <p>Join us in honoring Susan Stevenson Tressa <i>upon her retirement after over 30 years as our organist and worship accompanist - during 10:00 a.m. worship and at the reception afterwards.</i></p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Tom Gaumer</p> <p>Graphics Operation: Rosemary Bechtel</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Cheryl Sobek</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 10 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Tom Gaumer Greeter: Needed Ushers: Needed Nursery: Ginny Oerkfitz Coffee Hour: Cheryl Sobek</p> <p>Recognition of Susan Stephenson Tressa <i>during 10:00 a.m. worship, followed by a reception and potluck meal in Pilgrim Hall</i></p>
<p>JULY 20</p> <p><i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30 Sermon: "Weed"</p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Jack Stephenson</p> <p>Graphics Operation: Vicky Masuga</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Sharon Heinrich</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 10 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Ted Bickley Greeters: Linda Plain, Lola Millhoane Ushers: Needed Nursery: Cheryl Sobek Coffee Hour: Sharon Heinrich</p>
<p>JULY 27</p> <p><i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>Scripture: Matthew 13:44-52 Sermon: "Where Is Your Treasure?"</p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz</p> <p>Graphics Operation: Rosemary Bechtel</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Vicky Masuga</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 10 a.m.</p> <p>Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz Greeter: Needed Ushers: Needed Nursery: Sharon Heinrich Coffee Hour: Vicky Masuga</p>

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Summer has finally arrived and vacations have started. This year Jack and I will be traveling to Yellowstone sometime in September. Like all of you, we enjoy getting away for a short time to relax and rejuvenate. Still when I'm on vacation I can't stop thinking about all of you and the life of our church. It's like part of the family is at home, and I miss you so much that I can't wait to get back. Even on vacation we always take time to find a church and worship on Sunday morning. When there isn't a church, we spend time in private worship; and when we are on tour, we invite the group to worship with us. Somehow, even though we are apart, we are connected with you.

I am excited about some of the new things happening at the church this year. Elena has joined the team as the new church musician and promises to bring a new vitality to the services. She is very interested in children, and we hope to have a new focus on children in music. Andrew has moved to being worship leader at the contemporary service and is doing a great job. The Worship Team is working hard to bring new experiences to both services, and for the summer we have implemented a summer schedule with Contemporary Worship at 8:30 a.m. and Traditional at 10:00 a.m. I encourage you to be flexible and attend both services for a new summer experience. By the way, if you are interested in doing summer drama, please let me know.

On another subject, we are in the process of planning a trip to the Holy Land. By now you have received a brochure about the trip. Believe me when I tell you this will be a trip of a lifetime. I know many of us have this trip on our Bucket List, and now we have the opportunity to go. Having been there before, I am excited to lead the group on an amazing journey. To be where the Lord lived and ministered is so awesome and spiritually moving that I cannot totally describe what you might experience. The trip is truly life changing. I know that some of you have never traveled overseas and find this a bit scary, but let me assure you that it is worth the effort. Please consider joining Jack and me on this most extraordinary journey.

Pastor Becky

RECOGNITION OF SUSAN STEVENSON TRESSA

Our recognition of Susan upon her retirement after over 30 years of dedication and extraordinary service as our organist and worship accompanist will take place on Sunday, July 13, at the church during 10:00 a.m. worship. A potluck meal will follow in Pilgrim Hall at 11:30 a.m. We sincerely hope you will join us in celebrating Susan's music ministry. For the meal, please bring a dish to share.



DIACONATE DAILIES!

Hi All! The summer has finally arrived. Now if some of the rain would leave! We thank God for this wonderful world he has made for us. As the flowers bloom and all the summer plans are around us, we must remember that the church is still here. We all have vacations and plans away, but each Sunday we are here, opening our doors to worship. We have already had a busy June and have plans to be even busier in July!

On June 29 we began our summer worship schedule. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. for the Contemporary Service and 10 a.m. for the Traditional Service. Coffee hour will be held both between the services and following the second service. Please join us each Sunday this summer. We will also welcome our new organist Elena and look forward to hearing her wonderful music.

We have several special services planned this summer including Blessing of the Pets, Youth Sunday, Vesper Service and much more. As the saying goes, "Miss a Sunday, miss a lot."

Mark your calendars for August 9. We will be hosting a Vesper Service at Greenbrier Lake. We will have a cookout and potluck. More information will follow in the upcoming newsletter and bulletins.

We are still collecting new or gently used toys, books and puzzles for the nursery. Please see Sarah Herzog or Sarah Hayes if you have any questions. We are hoping to begin improvements on the nursery shortly, so please excuse our dust as we give the room a facelift.

As always, we are looking for those willing to serve as ushers, greeters and with coffee hour. Please feel free to contact a Diaconate member to volunteer.

Looking forward to even more exciting and joyous summer worship!

Yours in Christ,
Rachel Zielinski
Diaconate Chairperson

TRAVEL PRESENTATION for the 2015 TRIP TO ISRAEL

Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
at the parsonage,
2214 Substation Road in Medina.
RSVP: (440) 238-6697



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS

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 from July 13 through August 10.** PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN FAMILY-SIZE ITEMS.

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| 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 |
| blowing bubbles – small bottles | pencils |



Thank You

I truly appreciate everyone's prayers and wishes after my hip surgery. Thank you very much.
Sincerely, Holly Elkins

Thank you to Pastor Becky and everyone for the calls and get well cards during my recent surgery. Even though I haven't been as active in the church in recent years it's wonderful to feel that I'm still part of the church family. God bless.
Margaret Stayrook



I would like to thank everyone that came to help on our Monday morning cleanings. We cleaned and polished the Gathering Area, Choir Room, Kitchen and Middle Room. Thanks again for the spit and polish you gave to our church!
Rachel Zielinski

A big "Thank You" to everyone who either helped prepare, served, contributed to or purchased items at the Strawberry Social on June 13, 2014. A special thanks goes out to the Hawk family, cousins and friends for their donation and preparation of the Chocolate Covered Strawberries. The Social raised \$636.18 toward supporting future Official Board activities.
Joyce Reed



JOURNEY IN FAITH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor Becky is again teaching a 12-week membership class entitled *Journey in Faith*, that started on June 26. Members, as well as potential members, are still welcome and encouraged to attend. Class is held on Thursdays at the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dates and topics covered include:

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| July 3 | The Bible as Our Authority |
| July 10 | Discovering Jesus |
| July 17 | What We Believe and How We Got Here |
| July 24 | The Nature of the Church |
| July 31 | From the Early Church to Us |
| August 7 | We Are ALL Gifted |
| August 14 | Investigating the Local Church |
| August 21 | Christian Giving |
| August 28 | Understanding Different Levels of Living and Giving |
| September 4 | The Meaning of Christian Covenant |
| September 11 | Investigating Worship |

Even if you are a member of Strongsville UCC, you will enjoy the knowledge that Pastor Becky shares and the camaraderie with new friends. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

As always, all are welcome to enroll in the class.

Words cannot convey what my church family has done for my sons and me in our time of sorrow. Once again, they have been here for me. I am so lucky to have been guided to join this church 54 years ago. Thanks to everyone who played a part in the memorial service or the excellent food for the luncheon. Thanks to Pastor Becky—you are the greatest.
Forever grateful,
Shirley, John and Eric

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We received the following letter from the Director of CUE Seminaries, Kiely T. Roska. In part, it read:

Dear Members and Friends, Strongsville UCC:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO CHICAGO, UNITED AND EDEN SEMINARIES!

These seminaries provide an important ministry in the UCC, by training and equipping leaders for ministry with congregations, both in local settings, and across the globe. Each seminary strengthens the life of the church by supporting bold Christian discipleship and enlivening reflection on faith. Each school is a vibrant, caring and challenging place in which to pursue theological education.

A Thank You Certificate is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Our gift to CUE Seminaries in February was \$215.00. (CUE is Chicago, United, Eden.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School continues in July and August. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during these months. The Sundays of August 10 and 24 are still available. The signup sheet is posted in the Gathering Area. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Please see Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce if you have questions.

Thank you to all who volunteered. The schedule is:

July 6 – Irene Joyce
July 13 – Ingrid Dickson
July 20 – Sharon Heinrich
July 27 – Jamie Habart
August 3 – Kelly Bickley
August 10 – Volunteer Needed
August 17 – Elena Joyce
August 24 – Volunteer Needed
August 31 – Rachel Zielinski



Calendar

August 16 – Free Family Fun Day
September 7 – Rally Day

PARADE

On Wednesday, July 16 we will be marching in the Strongsville Homecoming Parade. Our float this year will follow the song, *Thy Word*. We will be playing the song and singing along. We will need walkers to carry lanterns and also to hand out goodies and candy. We will have some riders on the float. This is a great time and a wonderful event to promote our church in the community. Please sign up to join us. If you have a lantern of any kind, we need you! It can be old, new or anything in between. We will be carrying lanterns for the symbolism in the song and the theme of the parade, "Light up Strongsville." More information will follow about making the float in next week's bulletin.



K.F.C. VETERANS PROJECT Calling All Veterans and Kids!!

K.F.C. (Kids for Christ) club will meet Sunday, July 13, after the 10:00 service. At this meeting we will be working on our Veteran Project for the Homecoming Parade that Wednesday. Please meet upstairs in the Sunday school room!

If you are a veteran and attend our church, one of our kids would love to ask you a few questions about your service. The questions are simple and will not ask you to get into much detail (for example, they will ask where you served and what the food was like during your service!) If you are willing, we would also love to snap a picture of you with the child who has interviewed you. Interviews will take approximately 10 minutes and can take place right after church. We hope, through this project, a new friendship might be made, the children learn a bit about you, and we honor your service to our country.

THE THRIFT SHOP

We are featuring weekly sales this summer in the Thrift Shop. Check the church website or join our email list and receive a weekly email with our sale information and hours.

Remember the shop when cleaning this summer. We need greeting cards, especially sympathy cards, and envelopes. Craft items are always a big seller.

Stop in this summer on Thursdays to shop, donate or just visit. We are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



"GOD IS STILL SPEAKING" EMBROIDERED LOGO

In the Gathering Area a sample polo shirt with the embroidered logo is on display. To have your shirt embroidered with the logo shown here, 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



MY EXPERIENCE

I'm Barb Fraunfelder and I want to share a wonderful experience I recently had with two of my granddaughters. We were blessed to be able to attend the Grandparent / Grandchild Camp at Pilgrim Hills held June 8 – 11, 2014. It was very special, and a good time was had by all!

Just to tell you a little bit about it – we arrived on Sunday afternoon and were assigned our cabin. We shared it with another grandmother and her two granddaughters. We settled in and went to supper at 5:30 p.m. We had a chance to meet other grandparents and grandchildren and received camp information about the camp and our plans for the following days. About 67 grandparents and grandchildren were in attendance plus our camp director, Rev. Mark Frey, and counselors and staff.

We started each morning with breakfast and morning worship. We had scheduled activities, and time went by quickly. We had choices to make about what we wanted to attend. We attended a Nature Center activity called "In Cold Blood" and went on a hike looking for "Edibles". We attended "Natural Inspirations," creating a picture involving leaves and the sun and photo-sensitive paper. We shot off bottle rockets, made pottery out of clay we collected in the woods, and enjoyed the lake in our paddleboat. And, of course, swimming! (I remember this pool from when I attended camp as a kid!)

In the evenings we danced and had a talent show and, of course, a snack of S'mores!

We laughed, played and prayed!

Care to take part next year? The camp information comes out in January so watch for it or check with me. I'm planning on it already!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW KEYBOARDIST

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the newest member of our Music Ministry, Elena Taylor (E-leen-a). Elena is a talented and experienced keyboardist who received her Bachelor Degrees in Volgograd, Russia, before earning her Masters of Music from Cleveland State University. She is an accomplished performer, church musician and music teacher. Elena currently lives in Rocky River with her husband and two children. Please take a moment to introduce yourself on Sunday morning.



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:

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 ManorCare, Margot James, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Stayrook, Susan Tressa

Extended Church Family: June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Megan Craig (granddaughter of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig), 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), 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), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodwards), 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)

IN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to two families on their losses . . .

To Shirley Brand and family
on the sudden, unexpected passing of her son Jeffrey
on June 13. A memorial service was held
on June 21 at our church.

To Betty Jacobson and family
on the passing of her son, Edwin Munger,
back on March 12, 2014, in Maryland.
A memorial service was held at Jardine's Funeral Home
on June 23. Retired from the Navy, Ed was laid to rest at
the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in
Rittman, Ohio, on June 24.



FROM OUR MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK UPDATE

You may or may not be aware that the Strongsville Food Bank is going through a major transition! Due to the amazing contributions and fund-raising of the Strongsville Rotary, the Food Bank will soon be housed in a brand new facility located near the library and Recreation Center. Groundbreaking already took place, and construction is well under way! We should be so very proud and humbled by the efforts of the Rotary to help give this worthwhile community service a brand new facility, one that will be double the size of its current location and “will offer many improvements, such as refrigeration so that it can offer healthy perishables like fresh fruit and vegetables” (Rotary Club of Strongsville, 2014).

For many years, our congregation has given food and monetary donations to the Food bank. We wanted to let you know of some new plans we have in store for continuing and enlarging our commitment to the Food Bank. After all, “Hardship and hunger impact people of all communities. Including ours.” (Rotary Club of Strongsville, 2014). We hope you will join us in the following ventures:

- Come September in conjunction with Rally Day, we will begin a new program called Penny Sunday. One Sunday a month, the children of our congregation will come to you in the pews with wicker baskets. They will collect change and dollars from you that we will donate to the Food Bank each month or every few months. Every Sunday, a jar will remain on the altar for donations during the Children’s Message. So start saving those pennies!
- The Food Bank has a board that runs it (as most organizations do!) We would like someone from our congregation to serve as a representative of the Strongsville United Church of Christ on that board. Position specifics are soon to come. This would give us an immediate “in” and a way to keep updated on all Food bank news and needs.

Thank you for your continued generosity towards the Food Bank!

Reference: Turnbull, J. (2014). Strongsville Food Bank Building Project. *Rotary Club of Strongsville*. Retrieved June 14, 2014 from <http://www.strongsvillerotary.org/>.

FREE WILL DONATIONS FOR PARKING

The Mission and Outreach Committee is excited about our current and upcoming mission and outreach efforts. These include continuing to provide for our adopted Indian student, Caroline (check out her picture and most recent letter posted in Pilgrim Hall!) We will be giving a donation to “Ha’s Kids” when our own Ha Bennett travels to Asia this fall.

We are looking into sponsoring a room and holding a drive for Transitional Housing, as well as sponsoring and mentoring a child or children at a local school through Kids Hope U.S.A. We are also considering sponsoring a missionary overseas. Within the next few months, as a committee, we are going to be nailing down the specific causes we wish our committee funds to be given to over the next year. Please feel free to talk to any of our committee members (Ha Bennett, Kelly Bickley, Erv Koch, Lora Rung, Liz Snook, or Pastor Becky) with ideas of your own or for information about any of our efforts. All of these efforts take money! This summer, we will continue to raise funds through Free Will Parking Donations. Our next effort will be during the Strongsville Homecoming (July 16-19). We will need help manning the parking and will have a sign up beginning in July. Thank you for everyone who has already assisted our committee in so many ways!

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Special thanks to the following people for their \$30 per month sponsorship this year for our child in India:

January – Erv and Grace Koch
February – Ha and Dick Bennett
March – Our Sunday School
April – The Bickley Family
May – Gina Cathcart
June – Dan Davis
July – Ray Suttle

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MEET CAROLINE Y !! – AGE 8

We have a new child to sponsor at the Family Village Farm in Vellore, India, after Keerthana had to leave because of her mother's death and father's illness.

Caroline Y is a conscientious and persevering girl—very cheerful and sociable. She is studious, a class leader, and gets along with her friends. She attends both church and Sunday School, and loves to sing. She also helps her mother in washing dishes and cleaning the house.

Her favorite food is chicken biryani. Her father is a painter, but rarely gets a painting job. Her grandparents also live with her family. The King's School, which she attends, is where the children learn good manners, skills, discipline, and good study habits. She comes from a village 5 kilometers from her school.

We recently received our first letter from Caroline, complete with a colorful hand-drawn picture of a stream, trees, sun, rocks, and a singing yellow bird on the branch of a tree. The letter reads:

Dear Friends at the Strongsville Church,

Greetings to you in Christ Jesus. How are you? I am fine by the grace of God, and by your prayers. I enjoyed my vacation, and I am back to school now. I am studying 4th grade. I love to read English books—it is my favorite subject.

April 4 I celebrated my birthday merrily. Now I am 8 years old. I like to play (skating?). I am studying well. On June 15 is the wedding anniversary of my parents. I love my parents very much.

Please pray for me and my family. I attended the VBS for my church (Vacation Bible School). Thank you for helping me to continue my studies here at King's School.

Caroline

Caroline

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

The Mission and Outreach Committee needs a full complement of members (six), but there are just four, with one who may move to another area in the coming year.

The Committee has an energetic chairperson, **Kelly Bickley**, whose enthusiasm and abilities are contagious. **Lora Rung**, Secretary, is a veteran from years of service in nearly every department of the church through the years. **Erv Koch**, Treasurer, has helped with our Child Sponsorship program, Food Bank, and Adopted Family programs. **Elizabeth Snook** is a new member this year, but not to church work. She has been one of the most active members of the church in a variety of ways through the years, bringing a unique perspective to the work we elect to do. **Ha Bennett** was the "genius" behind the beautiful quilt that was recently raffled, netting over \$400 for the work of the Committee. We are very sorry to see her leave this August through December, visiting her former home country, Viet Nam, where she has been active with child adoption programs.

We have recently become a Global Mission Church, a joint venture of the UCC and Disciples of Christ – Christian Church. We try to promote local, area-wide, and world-wide programs with people who face unimaginable challenges. We feel we have made, and are making a constructive difference in their lives. The results are heartwarming and personally rewarding.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please speak with one of the members listed above. We meet monthly. Our next meeting will be a cook-out at Kelly's home on Tuesday, July 15, at 6:00 p.m., to which you would be most cordially welcomed.



FROM OUR TREASURER

Because of a generous anonymous gift, we were able to buy a new Church Windows package that is an upgrade which was needed for new technology and better record keeping. Coming along with this is a learning curve for the financial secretary and the treasurer, as we are trying to advance in the use of the new program. Because of this, I have not found the way to create a treasurer's report as we have in the past. I do not think you would want to read a report of six pages. I will be working on this in the future.

For now I will give you a written report and a look into the future. At present we have \$2,363.25 in the general treasury. By July 15 we have bills totaling about \$14,000. We have accounts receivable of about \$1,000 and a gift of about \$2,000 or \$2,500 coming. At this point we show a cash flow problem what will leave us short between \$8,100 or \$8,600. From today, June 26, until July 15, we have three Sundays where you will have an opportunity to help us meet our commitments. This is a difficult time of the year because traditionally we have vacations and lower attendance. It is difficult also because this is the time when insurance, pension, and real estate taxes all come due at the same time.

Many exciting things are happening in our church. Membership is growing. Christian education is in the forefront. The youth are being served. The facilities have been upgraded [think air conditioning and organ].

I am asking you to count your blessings and thank God that you have been blessed. Count ways the church has been a help and a blessing to you. If you realize that you can pass on some of these blessings, please do so. I have found in the past that the Lord provides. I am sure we will make this some way with His help and your caring.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenn Oerkfitz



FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

As we are now into summer, there may be occasion that you are not able to attend church. We appreciate everyone's contributions because paying the bills is of upmost importance to us. You may wish to consider handling your donation through your bank with a check being sent by the bank to the church. This is something you set up directly with your bank.

You can do this online at your bank's internet site:

- Select what type of bill you want to pay (depending on your bank, it may be under Charities)
- Enter the bill information (Strongsville United Church of Christ, 13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136, 440-238-6697. Include your envelope number, if possible, It will go to Ministries and Operations our general fund, unless noted otherwise.)
- show how much you want to pay and when

If you are not familiar with using the internet, please contact your bank for assistance.

Thank you all for your continued giving and support to our church. May we give from our hearts, now and always.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information or about your specific giving, please feel free to contact me.

Barb Fraunfelder, Financial Secretary
Phone - (440) 331-3673
Email - bfraunfelder@ameritech.net

STEEPLE LIGHTING

*Because of limited space in this newsletter, June's Steeple Lightings will be **printed** in the August Newsletter, but included with the July email version – on page 9.*

Should you need a printed copy of the steeple lightings for June, please call the church office, (440) 238-6697.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple for a week, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Information and donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted.

Week of June 1, 2014

*In Honor of Nicole's 17th Birthday on May 28, 2014
Mom, Dad and Luke*

*Happy Birthday to Dan Davis on June 4
Dad*

*In Loving Memory of My Dear Wife, "Florence"
Your soul mate, Ray and Family*

*Happy Anniversary on June 3 to Patti and Nate Johnson
With love, Mom*

Week of June 8, 2014

*Happy Birthday to Bill Ritchie on June 7
Love, Dorothy, Gina and Sharon*

*Happy Birthday to Dan Sauter on June 14
With love, Grammy*

Week of June 22, 2014

*Happy Anniversary to Rob and Sandra Wentz
on June 27
With love, Grammy*

*In Remembrance of Florence Davis
on Her Birthday, June 27
Jim Davis*

*In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder,
Happy Anniversary to Beth and Harold Lewis,
Happy Birthday to My Granddaughter, Ruby
Barb Fraunfelder*

Week of June 29, 2014

*Happy Birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30
With love, Grammy*

*Happy Birthday to John Struhar on July 1
Happy Birthday to Our Daughter, Linda Rybak,
on June 30
Maggie Struhar*

Thank you to all who light our steeple!

