

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 (Congregational)
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Worship at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday Morning

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<p>July 3 – Sunday – 10:00 A.M. <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Scriptures: Galatians 6:7-16 Sermon: "Be Not Bound" Sacrament of Communion</p> 	<p>Greeter: Linda Plain Announcements: Kim McKenzie Liturgist: Jack Stephenson Sunday School: Sharon Heinrich Ushers: Linda Plain Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed</p>
<p>July 10 – Sunday – 10:00 A.M. <i>Eight Sunday after Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Scriptures: Matthew 13:44-50 Sermon: <i>"The Kingdom of God Is Like . . ."</i></p>	<p>Greeter: Gina Cathcart Announcements: Irene Joyce Liturgist: Bill Schneider Sunday School: Irene Joyce Ushers: Volunteers Needed Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed</p>
<p>July 17 – Sunday – 10:00 A.M. <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Scriptures: Luke 10:38-42 Sermon: "The M&M Sisters"</p>	<p>Greeter: Gina Cathcart Announcements: Natalie Daniels Liturgist: Jim Nicoulin Sunday School: Irene Joyce Ushers: Volunteers Needed Coffee Hour: Michele, Allen Mhlack</p>
<p>July 18-21 – 7:00 P.M. <i>Monday through Thursday</i></p> 	<p>TENT REVIVAL</p> 	<p>WORSHIP LEADERS Mon – Pastor Becky, Strongsville UCC Tue – Father Joe Mamich, St. Joseph Wed – Pastor Dave Scavuzzo, SUMC Thu – Bishop Mark Perry, Williams Chapel Church of God in Christ</p>
<p>July 24 – Sunday – 10:00 A.M. <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Scriptures: Luke 11:1-13 Sermon: "Teach Us to Pray"</p>	<p>Greeters: The Bickley Family Announcements: Denise Bell Liturgist: Michele Mhlack Sunday School: Kelly Bickley Ushers: Volunteers Needed Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed</p>
<p>July 31 – Sunday – 10:00 A.M. <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Scriptures: <i>To Be Determined</i> Sermon: <i>To Be Determined</i></p>	<p>Greeter: Gina Cathcart Announcements: Kim McKenzie Liturgist: Lora Rung Sunday School: Volunteer Needed Ushers: Volunteers Needed Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed</p>



Monday-Thursday – July 18-21, 2016

WORSHIP AT 7:00 P.M.

in our tent on our own church grounds!

Inspirational messages by these Worship Leaders:

Monday – Pastor Becky Stephenson
Strongsville United Church of Christ

Tuesday – Father Joe Mamich
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Wednesday – Pastor Dave Scavuzzo
Strongsville United Methodist Church

Thursday – Bishop Mark Perry
Williams Chapel Church of God in Christ

Uplifting Music by
Our Own Strongsville UCC Band
Revival Dixieland Band
The Zion Five

The Choirs of Williams Chapel Church of God in Christ
and more!



Greeters and ushers are needed each evening at the Revival. Please see Bev Wehr or Lora Rung to help.



ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

Anyone interested in forming an Adult Social Group, we are having an organizational meeting on Saturday, July 9, at 6:00 P.M. in Pilgrim Hall. Possible activities include bridge, golf, movies, plays, museums, dinners, etc. Please join us with ideas and suggestions. Dinner will be included. Please call Eddy and Adria Bond at (440) 572-5871 if you can come.



TICKETS TO PLAYHOUSE SQUARE



I have tickets available for *The Jersey Boys* at Playhouse Square for Sunday, September 25, 2016, for the 1:00 p.m. Matinee. I sell the tickets for Rotary and receive no compensation, because I like to encourage art in its many forms. Cost is \$82.50 per ticket, with indoor parking available for \$13 per car. Please see Linda Plain for more information.

NEW OUTREACH GROUP

Drug Induced Chaos and What Can I Do for My Loved One? is a new outreach group that is meeting in Pilgrim Hall on the second Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The group is for education and support for families with drug use problems.

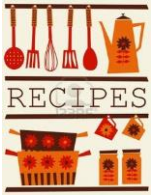
THE THRIFT SHOP

July is always a fun time in The Thrift Shop. During July, in honor of our 35th anniversary, one of our quality items will be on sale for only 35 cents. Each week a different item will be on sale. Check the church website, sign up for email notifications, or stop in the shop on a Thursday to find out the week's special sale.



Donations are always welcome whenever the shop is open, and tax receipts are available. Please know we appreciate your donations.

200TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK



Please return recipes by **Friday, July 15**, in the basket in the Gathering Area or use the envelope that you received to mail your recipe. **Because of the time needed to load recipes into the automated system, please submit your recipe(s) soon.** Additional recipe forms

are by the recipe basket in the Gathering Area, but it is not mandatory that you use the form.

It is our hope that each church family is represented by at least one recipe in the cookbook. Thank you for your participation.

COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. If serving at Coffee Hour is new for you, the Diaconate will train you for the task! The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Your help will be **GREATLY** appreciated!



CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



We are now taking pictures of families and church events for a Pictorial Directory. Please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513 to schedule your photo session.

Calling All Women! The fourth annual Women's Retreat will be held August 12 through 14, 2016 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at Pilgrim Hills.

Please join in for a GREAT weekend! Cost is \$92.50 and is due by Sunday, July 17 (either in installments or payment in full).



If you have questions or want to sign up, please contact Cathy Hawk at dhchshah@aol.com or (440-781-7512) or Lori Kovatich at lkovatich@wowway.com or (440) 238-3938. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

IN SYMPATHY



Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Gary, Kristine, and Michael Fischer, on the passing of Gary's mother, Millie Fischer, on June 11, 2016.

Our condolences also to Steve, Sally and Sarah Herzog on the passing of Steve's mother on June 19, 2016.

ALTAR FLOWERS

You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. As of this printing, the following are dates when vases are still needed in order to have two vases on Sunday:



July 3 – 1 vase
July 10 – 2 vases
July 17 – 1 vase
July 24 – 1 vase
September 4 – 2 vases
September 11 – 1 vase
October 2 – 2 vases
October 23 – 2 vases
October 30 – 1 vase
November 6 – 1 vase
November 27 – 2 vases
December 4 – 1 vase
December 11 – 1 vase

The signup chart for altar flowers is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Below the chart are forms and envelopes for submitting bulletin information and payment to the church office. Thank you for providing flowers.



SATURDAY – AUGUST 6

**9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
in Pilgrim Hall**

To help, please call the church office or mark your attendance card on Sunday morning. Help is needed! There is NO pricing! Proceeds go to the Youth Director Fund. Please contact Cathy Hawk or Sarah Hayes for questions.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of June 5, 2016

*Happy Birthday to Bill Ritchie on June 7
With love from his family*

Week of June 12, 20156

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

*In Honor of Jim Heinrich
for all of his help with the plumbing issues this week and
his continued work at the church*

Week of June 26, 2016

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

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 are accepted. Thank you for lighting the steeple.



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, (440) 238-6697.

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members:

Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar

Church Family:

Madison Bell, Eric Brand, Betty Bushea, Steve Herzog, Millie LaFave, Michele Mhlack, Pam Peacock, Harvey Pincombe, Karen Rak, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Keith Sullen, Elena Taylor, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family:

Nancy Borchert (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Bri Brostek (friend of Gina Cathcart), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O'Boyle), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trish Shields (friend of Pastor Becky), Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan) at Villa Camillus, Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

Please call the church office to provide updates to this list, (440) 238-6697. Thank you!



We would like to say Thank you to everyone in our Church family for all the love and support during the loss of our Mom. Thank you to everyone who prepared food and helped at the luncheon after the funeral. Mom spent many

happy years being very active in the church. The continued support is very much appreciated.

*God Bless,
John, Blain, Margaret and the entire Stayrook Family*



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School is now in session. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of July and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided. Please see Irene Joyce if you have questions.

As of this printing, volunteers are needed to teach Summer Sunday School on these dates:

July 31
 August 7
 August 14
 August 21
 August 28
 September 4

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

June 26 – Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic, 10am
September 10 – Free Family Fun Day, 10am to 2pm
September 11 – Rally Day and Box Lunch Auction



Change of Date!

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY Saturday – September 10, 2016

Crafts – Games – Music – Dancing – Refreshments



NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Barb Fraunfelder

RECYCLING

The River Valley Paper Company picked up -

March – 3,940 lbs. of recycled material at \$15 per ton for a total payment **\$29.56.**

April – 6,770 lbs. of recycled material at \$20 per ton for a total payment of **\$70.40.**

THANK YOU for recycling. Just a reminder - we collect newspapers, office and school paper, phonebooks, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, mail, hard and soft bound books, and cardboard.

We're finding the weight of cardboard is not as much as paper so if boxes are not collapsed, they are taking up valuable space. So, PLEASE collapse boxes before placing them in the recycling bin.

FUN FACTS – Published by River Valley Paper Company (and posted on our Pilgrim Hall bulletin board)

	MARCH, 2016 Our 3,940 lbs. of paper saved:	APRIL, 2016 Our 6,770 lbs. of paper saved:
WE SAVED:		
Trees	33.49	57.55
Pounds of CO2	492.50	846.25
Cubic yards of landfill space	6.50	11.17
Gallons of water	13,790	23,695
Kilowatts of electricity	8,077	13,878.50
Homes heated for 6 months	1.97	3.39
Pounds of air pollutants	118.20	203.10

THANK YOU for RECYCLING!!

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from May 22 through June 19, 2016. This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.

Offering Needed \$19,500 for 5 Sundays @ \$3,900/week
Offering Received 13,673
 Difference -\$5,827

