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# JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY – JULY 2 – 10:00 A.M.

*The Sacrament of Communion*  
*Special Penny Sunday for the Wink Foundation*

**Guest Minister:** Rev. Joseph Santomen  
**Liturgist:** Jim Studer  
**Greeter:** Linda Plain  
**Usher:** Linda Plain  
**Coffee Hour:** Volunteer Needed

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### SUNDAY – JULY 9 – 10:00 A.M.

**Guest Minister:** Rev. Mendle Adams  
**Liturgist:** Ted Bickley  
**Children's Message:** Kelly Bickley  
**Greeters:** The Clotworthy Family  
**Usher:** Roy Merkle  
**Coffee Hour:** Volunteer Needed

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### SUNDAY – JULY 16 – 10:00 A.M.

**Guest Minister:** Rev. Oommen Thomas  
**Liturgist:** Bill Schneider  
**Children's Message:** Jamie Habart  
**Greeters:** Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko  
**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed  
**Coffee Hour:** Volunteer Needed

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### SUNDAY – JULY 23 – 10:00 A.M.

**Guest Minister:** Rev. Mendle Adams  
**Liturgist:** Betty Craig  
**Children's Message:** Jamie Habart  
**Greeter:** Lola Millhoane  
**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed  
**Coffee Hour:** Volunteer Needed

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### SUNDAY – JULY 30 – 10:00 A.M.

*Regular Penny Sunday for Strongsville Food Bank*  
**Guest Minister:** Rev. Heidi McDougall  
**Liturgist:** Kenn Oerkfitz  
**Greeter:** Billie Jo Cantrell  
**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed  
**Coffee Hour:** Ted and Kelly Bickley

## UPDATE FROM YOUR PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

We have been meeting every week to begin the multi-layered process in finding a new settled pastor for our church. There are specific procedures and guidelines set by the UCC, which we are following. The UCC dictates that the search may not even begin until the current pastor has totally vacated the position. The Diaconate is charged with placing an interim minister while the search process progresses.

One of the most important and time consuming steps in the procedure is the first big step: creating our church profile. We are on track to complete this phase of our mission by the end of July. Creating this profile involves prayerfully and carefully completing a very detailed and thorough series of essay questions and tables that will allow any prospective minister seeking a call to get a sense of who we are as a church, and if this place is a possible fit for him or her. Our church profile is a minimum of thirty pages long and requires quite a bit of research. This profile is very different than the one we completed over five years ago, so we aren't able to simply "cut and paste"! This document is extremely important and we are working hard to get it right! (To this end, we would very much appreciate your prompt return of your completed surveys, regarding our church's demographics). Once all the information is gathered and collated, the profile can go out into the world for ministers to consider. If one is interested and believes that our church may be a fit, he or she sends us his or her profile, which is anywhere from twenty to forty pages in length. The committee will then carefully and prayerfully review each profile and discern whether or not this person may be a fit for us, and an interview is warranted. This process takes several months.

Your Pulpit Search Committee realizes that we are instruments of God's will and take our mission very seriously. We as a church must continue to be strong and carry out our mission of Christian love and extravagant welcome whilst the search continues. Most importantly, your prayers and support are needed and gratefully welcomed. Please do not hesitate to ask any one of us your questions pertaining to the call process or other concerns you may have.

Thank you!

Your Pulpit Search Committee:  
Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy,  
Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

# HEADLINE NEWS

## Thrift Shop Opens 1981

Erla Mae Schultz and Nadine Burnand were touring Nadine's home state in Kansas when they learned about a thrift shop Nadine's friends were running through their church. The two set out to open a thrift shop in the basement of our church in Strongsville in hopes to help raise money for a much needed parking lot. The Thrift Shop was allowed a trial period; many were doubtful it would be successful due to the type of community. It was met with success the day they opened. Thirty-six years later, The Thrift Shop's doors are still open. They have been able to fund many projects and upgrades throughout the church in their short history. Through documents that I was able to find from 1981 through 2011, they have paid out \$244,763. Thank you to all of those who donate and to those who volunteer to keep The Thrift Shop doors open. They serve the community, the church, and anyone who is in need.

## SAVE THE DATE!



Our church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, we are having an **Anniversary Luncheon on October 15, 2017**, right after the church service that Sunday. The luncheon will be held at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet room.

We are currently working on finalizing all the details pertaining to special guests, menu, and out-of-pocket costs, if any. Once those are completed, we will provide you with more information.

In the meantime, we request that if you think you may attend, please let Joyce Reed know now. There is a sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall, where you can indicate your preliminary attendance and number of guests coming. Thank you.

The 200th Anniversary Committee

## 200TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH COOKBOOKS

Please see Dianne Maringer to get your copy. Forty-five cookbooks are still available at a cost of \$12.00 each. We also have six old church cookbooks from 2006 at a cost of \$10.00 each. If you got a cookbook and did not yet pay, please give payment to Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed, or place payment under the church office door. Thank you!



## MARRIAGES



Our congratulations . . .

to *Jamie (Habart) and Josh Trinckes*  
 who were married June 2, 2017  
 and  
 to *Sarah (Herzog) and Dale Toth*  
 who were married on June 9, 2017

## BIRTH

*Owen William Lewis was born Thursday, June 1, 2017!*  
 Our congratulations to parents, *Beth and Harold Lewis;*  
 grandmother, *Barb Fraunfelder;*  
 and great-grandmother, *Betty Bushea!*



## 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.

### Summer Sunday School Teachers for July

- July 2 – The Clotworthy Family
- July 9 – The Bickley Family
- July 16 – Sharon Heinrich
- July 23 – Volunteer Needed
- July 30 – Volunteer Needed



## PENNY SUNDAYS

**July 2** will be a Penny Sunday because Penny Sunday did not take place on Picnic Sunday, June 25. The collection on July 2 will be given to the Wink Foundation, in honor of Annette Karr and her dog Wink's being with us on June 11, 2017, for the Children's Message.

**July 30** (the last Sunday of the month) is our regular Penny Sunday, when the collection will be, as usual, for the Strongsville Food Bank. Thank you for your support.



## ADULT SOCIAL CLUB



The Adult Social Club usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at the church but next meeting is Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m., because the Strongsville Parade and

Homecoming is on July 19. All adults are welcome.

### BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER

Salute to America

Sunday – July 2

\$18.50 per person includes fireworks, pavilion seating and parking pass.

### INDIANS GAME

Cleveland vs. Los Angeles Angels

Thursday – July 27 – 12:30 Game

\$25.00 each for a minimum of 16 people. More people means a larger discount.

### WOLF CREEK WINERY

Thursday – August 17

Bring your own food.

They only have snack foods like pretzels and chips. Indoor shelter is first come/first serve. No cost.

### CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO

Sunday – September 10

Tram makes two stops—  
at top of hill and at bottom of hill

Adults \$13.25 Seniors (62 and over) \$11.95

### THISTLEDOWN

Saturday – October 7

### STAN HYWETT MANSION

December – Details to follow.

For more information, please contact

Adria Bond at 440-227-8410 or

Eddy Bond at 440-554-7380.

### KITCHEN SUPPLIES

Please check with Betty Craig or Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz before assuming we need a certain product. We do not need drinking straws or toothpicks. We can always use luncheon napkins, 9 oz. cold cups, lemonade or punch mix, coffee, tea bags, Ziploc plastic bags (sandwich, quart or gallon sizes), paper towels. These things are used weekly for coffee hour and the free lunch program. Thank you for your donations.



## THE THRIFT SHOP

July is the time to shop and donate to The Thrift Shop. During July we will have lots of special sales. Check the church website or even better, sign up for The Thrift Shop emails to know the sale each week. We'll be open each Thursday in July from 10 to 4.

Will you be cleaning closets this summer? Please remember The Thrift Shop for clothing donations. We carry clothing for the entire family. Will you be reading books and magazines this summer? When you finish them, please send them on to the Shop. Thank you!

Donations may be dropped off Thursdays in the Shop. At other times, please **mark your donations "Thrift Shop"** and place them in a safe place so no one trips or falls on the steps. Thank you.

### 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.



**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Steve Herzog, Irene Jannsohn, Don Kovach at Parkside Villa, Bev Lane, Martha Liebert, Pam Peacock, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward, Rachel Zielinski

**Extended Church Family:** Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Sue Mason, Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

Please provide updates to this list. Thank you.

### GARAGE SALE POSTPONED

The Garage Sale, originally scheduled for July 8, 2017, has been postponed. Please hold on to your treasures for a little while longer. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you very much.

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

### Week of June 11, 2017

*Happy Birthday to Dan Sauter on June 14  
Grammy*

### Week of June 18, 2017

*In Loving Memory of My Nephew, Donald Szucs  
Lola Szucs Millhoane*

### Week of June 25, 2017

*Happy Anniversary to Rob and Sandra Wentz  
on June 27 and  
Happy Birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30  
With love, Grammy*

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you for lighting the steeple.



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## VIEWING CHURCH SERVICES ON THE WEB

To make past services easier to view on the web, we have started a YouTube channel. To access it, go to the <http://strongsvilleuucc.com/> website. Click on WORSHIP and then SERVICE VIDEOS. Once you get to YouTube, search for the service you wish to see and click on it. Alternately, you can go directly to YouTube and search for "Strongsville UCC". Most services from the beginning of 2017 have already been uploaded. To see an older service, please contact Jim Heinrich to see if it is available.



The charts for Ushers, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Hour still have openings for helping. The charts are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please sign up if you are able to assist in these areas.

If you are new to a task, please call the church office, 440-238-6697; and we will direct you to someone who will train you. Thank you!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases.

As of this printing, the following are dates when vases are still needed so that two vases are on the altar for Sunday worship:

July 9 – 2 vases  
August 6 – 2 vases  
August 13 – 1 vase  
August 27 – 1 vase  
September 3 – 1 vase  
September 10 – 1 vase  
October 15 – 1 vase  
October 22 – 2 vases  
October 29 – 2 vases  
November 5 – 1 vase  
November 19 – 1 vase  
December 10 – 1 vase

The sign-up chart for altar flowers is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Below the chart are forms and envelopes for submitting your bulletin information and payment to the church office.

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## NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY Adria Bond

The following monthly report lists the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount actually received. This information also appears weekly in our Sunday bulletin.

### For May 21 through June 18

Offering Needed \$19,325  
Received: May 21 through June 18 12,556  
Difference (\$6,769)



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## UPDATING OUR WEBSITE AND TV's

If you have updates for our church Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mihlack 216-324-9799 / m.mihlack@gmail.com  
or  
Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 / ij3e@sbcglobal.net

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all who donated to our Tote Bags Project.

Women's Fellowship does not meet in July and August. Their next meeting is Wednesday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m.



## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2017

*Officers elected on January 29, 2017, have an asterisk\* by their names.*

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thank you to the following people for giving of their time and effort:

**Rachel Zielinski and Sally Herzog** took the initiative and put their time and muscle into cleaning the carpets in the sanctuary and Gathering Area.

**Michele Mihlack** trained Irene Joyce and Tom Gaumer in updating the church website. **Irene Joyce** spent more than four hours bringing the website up to date, and she will continue to maintain the pages so that the information remains current.

**Dale Hawk and Jim Heinrich** cleaned up our church grounds by picking up and chipping dead branches and wood.

**Kenn Oerkfitz** visits members who are ill. Often his wife **Ginny** accompanies him.

**Our Wednesday Lunch Program volunteers** faithfully continue to provide good lunches every Wednesday.

If you know of someone who should be recognized for their efforts for our church, please email the information to:

[strongsvilleucc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleucc@gmail.com)

We are very happy to acknowledge those who use their talents to help the ministry of our church.

Thanks again to all these individuals!



**Moderator** Rachel Zielinski\*  
**Vice-Moderator** Bill Schneider\*  
**Treasurer** Kenn Oerkfitz\*  
**Clerk** Karen Morgan\*  
**Sunday School Co-Superintendents** Jamie Habart\*  
 Irene Joyce\*

**Board of Trustees**  
 Ed Bond Lloyd Bridle\* Jim Dettmer\*  
 Greg Dickson\* Bill Giuliano Dale Hawk\*  
 Jim Heinrich\* Bob Kovatich Ken Mehalko  
 Ed Sobek\*

**Endowment Fund Subcommittee**  
 Irene Jannsohn\* Joyce Reed\*

**Diaconate**  
 Jennifer Barry\* Kelly Bickley\* Adria Bond  
 Barbara Camp\* Gina Cathcart\* Ginny Oerkfitz  
 Kristen Clotworthy\* Dan Davis Cathy Hawk  
 Sarah Hayes\* Linda Plain\* Cheryl Sobek  
 Marty Winch\*

**Christian Education Committee**  
 Kelly Bickley\* Jamie Habart Irene Joyce  
 Sandy O'Shea\* Lora Rung\*

**Music Committee**  
 Ingrid Dickson\* Pam Keenen Elena Taylor  
 Barb Fraunfelder Ken Mehalko\*

**Stewardship Committee**  
 Rosemary Bechtel Barbara Bridle\* Sue Gigliotti\*  
 Sharon Heinrich Laurie Meister\*

**Mission and Outreach Committee**  
 Judy Carte\* Brandi Garsteck\* Michele Mihlack\*  
 Gary Paul\* Lora Rung Bev Wehr\*

