

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually [or spiritually] without effort, and effort means work. –Calvin Coolidge

Spend any time with a group of pastors, and eventually someone will bring up growth. *How many did you have for worship last week? We have been seeing more young people and are soooo excited! Have the Smiths been coming to your church? We haven't seen them for a while.*

Numbers, numbers, numbers. We read books and write articles about ways to increase attendance and offering (also known as Bums & Bucks, or Nickels & Noses). But you know what? Jesus wasn't interested in those things.

Jesus sends us out to make disciples, teaching others the way of Jesus that we have been taught (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus invites us to share the wonderful things God has done and is doing in our lives, all the while taking time to get to know God better. When we live our lives in the way of the Christ, we become almost magnetic. People want what we've got, and when they arrive at Strongsville United Church of Christ, it's up to us to show *them* the way. Here's what I see happening:

- Upstairs in the **Children's Sunday School**, our children are learning Bible stories while having fun and making new friends. (Our Sunday School superintendent Kristen Clotworthy would *love* to tell you what's happening—and we can always use another helper!
- The **Women's Fellowship** is returning with fresh energy and exciting ideas for the summer and into the fall. They meet the first Tuesday of the month. (Sharon Heinrich can tell you more.)
- The **Fellas Fellowship**, too! They enjoy lunch together on the fourth Thursday of the month. (Irene can give you the skinny on this!)
- An **Adult Bible Study** on some of the women in Scripture is on the docket for fall. Stay tuned as plans come together. . . .

- Wednesday means **Free Lunch for All**—and that includes *you*. If you're hungry or even just wanting to hang out, we serve from 11:30-12:30 (and it's delicious).

As you can see, there's a whole lot going on, a lot of chances to invite a friend or coworker to join you. This list doesn't even include the concerts, dinners and other special events that pop up regularly!

The amazing thing is, when people get a taste of the love God has for them, and begin their journey on the lifelong road of discipleship—the *other* growth follows.

But the first step is up to you. Who do *you* know who could use a little Divine Love? Who will *you* invite to Strongsville United Church of Christ? Don't be shy! *Ask!*

See you soon (with a friend)!

Peace,
Pastor Heidi



BAPTISM—



CONGRATULATIONS to Allison Nicole Sieving, daughter of Kyra Krause and Jason Sieving, granddaughter of Debbie and Lee Krause, on her baptism on June 9th. Allison is the great granddaughter of Ginny Churnega and Kenn Oerkfitz.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY – JULY 7 – 10:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

Liturgist: Tom Gaumer

Greeter: Linda Plain

Ushers: Linda Plain

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: Megan Denman

Summer Sunday School: Linda Elkins



SUNDAY – JULY 14 – 10:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz

Greeter: Billie Cantrell

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Elaine Coffey and Teri Barbish

Special Music: Richard Densmore, Sandy O'Shea

Summer Sunday School: Mary Densmore

SUNDAY – JULY 21 – 10:00 A.M.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Sharon Heinrich

Greeter: Elaine Coffey

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Special Music: Sharon Metivier

Summer Sunday School: Serena Abruzzino

SUNDAY – JULY 28 – 10:30 A.M.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Church Picnic at Volunteer Park



Greeter:

Usher: Roy Merkle

Special Music: Gary Hackett

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, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. Don't forget popping in to help sort Panera bakery donations on Monday or Friday mornings—lots of fun and carbs!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On June 23, We welcomed new members into the fellowship of faith that is Strongsville UCC!

Robert Craig was born and raised in Berea and is currently a resident of Vitalia in Strongsville. He was baptized here in May. He served in the U.S. Army in Iran and Italy and is retired from Key Bank. He and his late wife, Judie, were married at Lakewood Congregational UCC. Robert has already been a part of our church life for over a year, supporting various projects and worship here. His fellowship friend is **Judy Carte**.

Barbara White comes to us by way of University Circle United Methodist Church. Barbara, a resident of Parma, is retired and enjoys bowling, theater, and Zumba. She and her late husband, Jack, have three grown children. Barbara has been helping with the Free Lunch for All program for a couple of years. Her fellowship friend is **Betty Craig**.



L to R: Barbara with her sponsor, Betty; Pastor Heidi; Robert with his sponsor, Judy (Dave Williams, liturgist, is peeking out from behind.)

THANK YOU GUEST MUSICIANS!



On June 30th, we were treated to mother-daughter duo **Sharon and Lisa Heinrich!**

Lisa Heinrich, who grew up in our church, teaches kindergarten through fifth grade general music at Cloverleaf Elementary School in the Cloverleaf Local School District. She holds a Master of Music degree from Cleveland State University, as well as bachelor degrees in German and Music Education from Bowling Green State University. Heinrich served two terms as President of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association (AOSA) and completed multiple courses in Music Learning Theory, Orff Schulwerk and Dalcroze Eurythmics. Most recently, Lisa has inspired music educators to beatbox on recorder by co-publishing an article in AOSA's *Reverberations* and by posting videos on YouTube and by presenting area workshops and at the 2019 Ohio Music Education Conference. She previously held teaching positions with the Lakewood City Schools, Lakewood Congregational Church, and the Austrian Ministry of Education. Lisa is the 2019 Medina County Teacher of the Year and a recipient of a Fulbright teaching grant. **Sharon Heinrich** is familiar to all of us as our supplemental organist, treasurer of the Official Board, and our retired church secretary, among many other activities. She has played organ and piano for many years.

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST

You don't want to miss **Megan Denman**, daughter of **Pastor Heidi and Chuck**, sharing her talent with us as a **guest musician on July 7**. Megan is a pianist, instructor, and organist. She earned her Bachelor's in Piano Performance from Baldwin-Wallace University in 2008, and her Masters of the same emphasis from the University of Akron in 2010. Megan accompanies at Baldwin-Wallace University, and Cleveland State University. She is an MTNA member, and is co-chair for the 2018 Northeast Ohio Buckeye Auditions. **We are pleased to welcome Megan to our worship service!**

THANK YOU



We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and cards for our mother Betty Babics. Also, thank you for all of your support during the difficult times. The Gigliotti and Kubancik Families



OUR PRAYER LIST

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, Sam Cuyler, Jr., Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Dan Davis, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan, Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, 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), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), 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), 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, and

canned fruit. 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.

UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that **Tilly Sekorky** celebrated her 8th birthday on June 10th by asking her friends for donations to the Tote Bag project? What a great idea and how kind and generous of you, Tilly!



Did you know that **Rachel, Ollie, & Penny Zielinski and Tony Koussa & Gabby Grace** volunteered their time to collect donations from people parking in our lot during the Strongsville Rib Burn-Off? \$146.93 was collected for our Free Lunch for All Program. Thank you, friends!

Did you know that **John and Joyce Glasgow** donated a generous gift to the Free Lunch for All Program in memory of their daughter Renee Chesla, who died suddenly on April 30 at the age of 42, leaving behind twin boys, Brandon and Logan, age 15. In their grief, these parents wanted to bring some good to the world through their gift in their daughter's memory. Renee had attended the Free Lunch program as well as some of the meetings of our service groups.

STRONGSVILLE HOMECOMING PARADE HOMETOWN PRIDE!

Our church will have a float in the Strongsville Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, July 17, meeting at the church at 5 p.m. for a 5:30 p.m. start. Help is needed—float decorators, marchers, riders, and candy distributors! Please see Kristen Clotworthy, Sarah Hayes, or Rachel Zielinski if you would like to be a part of this fun event. **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.**



SUCC GARAGE SALE—A BIG THANK YOU!

Whether you donated, sorted, bought, sold, or cleaned up, your efforts are appreciated! Totals coming in the next newsletter.





Are you an online shopper? 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. **Every little bit helps!**

And since you're in a shopping mood...you can benefit the church even more by buying Amazon (or many other) **gift cards** from Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall prior to whipping out that credit card. **Please keep us in mind for your upcoming shopping needs!**



ALTAR FLOWERS

June altar flowers were given



June 2 – *In Honor of our Wedding Anniversary May 24th*

In Celebration of Ginger's sister Cookie's Birthday June 1st

Ginger and Ron Rothel

In loving memory of John B. Millhoane. Miss you!

Your loving family

June 9 – *In Honor of all the Graduates The Gigliotti Family*

In Celebration of Izabella's birthday today! We love you & Get well soon!

The Abruzzino/Krisak Family

June 16 – *In honor of "Gigi's" 95th Birthday*

Love Penny and Ollie

June 23 – *Remembering Erik and Irene Jannsohn's wedding 57 years ago*

Love, your kids and grandkids

Celebrating Lauren Deertz Raymond's birthday June 21st

Love you, Grandma Marty Winch

June 30 – *Dedicated to my husband, John Toth, for being my "rock" this past year*

Love, Barbara

Congratulations to Cathy Hawk on her retirement

Love, your Garage Sale buddies

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. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays are still available for this year!

Strongsville UCC

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 side dish, salad or dessert to share.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Sunday School is underway – 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. Thank you to **Mary Densmore, Irene Joyce, Sharon Heinrich, and Linda Elkins** for teaching in June.



The **May Penny Sunday** collection, \$129.84, went towards purchasing items for the Tote Bag Project for the **Strongsville Food Bank**.

The **June Penny Sunday** collection will go toward refurbishing our upstairs Sunday School classrooms—give a little extra, because July's Penny Sunday is scheduled for the Church Picnic date and will not be held.

Congratulations to **Olivia**

Clotworthy, graduate of Strongsville

High School. She is the 2019

recipient of the Sunday School

Scholarship! Olivia, daughter of

Mike and Kristen Clotworthy and

granddaughter of **Dayna Czarnecki**,

will be attending The Ohio State University in the

fall, majoring in Environmental Science.



NEWS FROM UPSTAIRS

The Christian Education Committee is putting together a plan to make the second floor a more usable, appealing space for meetings, classes, and activities. Ideas include carpet cleaning, painting, reorganizing, and better storage.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will have a potluck picnic at church on **Tuesday, July 2**, at 11:00 a.m. *Please notice the change in venue.* If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall; advise what side dish, salad, or dessert you will bring; and provide the recipe for your dish--if you made it, that is! Chicken, sloppy joes, beverages, paper plates, cups, and napkins will be provided. All ladies are welcome! If you'd like, please wear red, white and blue!



60 Tote Bags are ready to be filled for young people in need at the Strongsville Food Bank. Thank you for your support!

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Some folks have been asking "What's up with the ramp from the Gathering Area into Pilgrim Hall?" Here is what's happening with that project: The Board of Trustees has hired architect Ibrahim Hakki to submit drawings of the reconfigured area, which includes relocating and/or removing some of the doors in that hallway. Once the drawings are presented to the City of Strongsville and State of Ohio and approved, a contractor will be hired to complete the work. As simple as this project may appear, in reality it is quite complex with a lot of regulations that must be followed. This process takes time, but we are moving forward on it.

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 container to collect them is

located in Pilgrim Hall by the coffee pots.



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL!

WEDNESDAYS 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Many thanks to the Deaconess Foundation, which has awarded our program a grant of \$5,000 for 2019. We are so grateful to our volunteers who make the meal happen every week and to the congregation, which supports this program with their donations and monetary contributions. We are exceedingly proud of our Free Lunch for All!

HELP WANTED

Someone in our church family is looking for a driver for short trips, mostly within the Strongsville city limits, on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in helping out. Thanks!

FROM THE KITCHEN:

Please label any items that are placed in the refrigerators with your NAME/GROUP and the DATE!

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. **Also, we could use empty, clean large sour cream/cottage cheese/yogurt containers for the Altar Flowers.**



STEWARDSHIP

As of this writing, we have received 78 pledges totaling \$134,932.00.



Thanks to all who already pledged. Please know that the church will accept Estimate of Giving cards at any time, and additional Estimate of Giving cards are on the greeters' cabinet in the Gathering Area, where the bulletins are distributed.

GIVING OPTIONS

If you are interested in giving electronically, Here's how: You can customize your giving based on how, when, and how much through **E-Offering**. Log on to our church website at www.strongsvilleucc.com and click "Donate Now". You will be taken to the church's myEoffering page. Simply click on the "Sign-up" button and you will then fill in your personal information and "Register". Follow the prompts to set up your payment, one-time or ongoing. You can also set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website.

NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Adria Bond

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from

May 26 through June 23, 2019.

This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.

Offering Needed \$18,246.60 for 5 Sundays
Offering Received 14,779.50
Difference **(-\$ 3,467.10)**

Have you been noticing some negative numbers lately? As summer approaches, 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.

Thanks for supporting your church!



MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH All men are invited the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. to Gourmé Deli & Restaurant. (15315 Pearl Road in Strongsville)





FIT CLUB

We welcome any new participants, of any age or fitness level to join us and get moving on most Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. We also incorporate Opera field trips into our program! July's schedule includes "The Barber of Seville" on July 10th and "Aida" on July 17th at Strongsville Cinemark.

JULY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 Tues Women's Fellowship Picnic 10am
- 3 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
- 4 Thurs Independence Day
- 7 Sun **Worship 10am--Communion**
Coffee Hour
Worship Team
- 9 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 10 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club to *The Barber of Seville* 7pm
- 11 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 14 Sun **Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 16 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 17 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm
Fit Club to *Aida*, 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

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!



DIACONATE WING NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported Wing Night for the Diaconate, This fun event earned \$3,790.00 for the worship needs of our church.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of June 2, 2019

Happy Anniversary to Patti & Nate Johnson on June 3rd
With love, Mom

Week of June 9, 2019

In celebration of Tom Foley's birthday on June 8th!
Love, your Music Ministry family

Week of June 16, 2019

Celebrating 55 years of marriage on June 21!
Linda and Jim Dettmer

Happy Anniversary to Linda and Rob Stepan yesterday!
Love, your Church family

Happy Birthday to Lora Rung on June 10th
With love, your current & former Sunday School students

Week of June 23, 2019

Happy Birthday to Linda Ponstingle June 25th
With love from the Bell Choir

Happy Anniversary to Rob & Sandra Wentz on June 27th
With Love, Grammy

Week of June 30, 2019

Happy Birthday today to Josh Sauter
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 to all who light the steeple.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **WE NEED HELP!** If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers: **Lola Millhoane, Rosemary Bechtel, Maria Graeff, Pam Polansky, Carol Lesiak, Janice Booth, Claire Wills, Karen Morgan, and Mary Carey**, who have been keeping the Thrift Shop running each week this summer!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



PLEASE DON'T EVER BLOCK EXITS!
← **We are grateful for your donations of usable items to the Thrift Shop. However, it is very important that you do not place bags, boxes, or items in the stairwells. Doing so is a safety hazard. Thank you for your cooperation.**

IN THE WORKS:

SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Our church is looking to host concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda this September.

Watch your newsletters and bulletins for more information, dates and times. Here is their website: www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/



GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Church Members:

Olivia Clotworthy, Strongsville High School
Nick Gigliotti, Ohio University
Nicole Giuliano, Ashland University
Evan Joyce, Cleveland State/Case Western Reserve
Emmett Metivier, Brunswick High School
Nick Miller, Ohio University
Chris Minnick, Strongsville High School
Rachel Pogozelski, Kent State University
Schyler Thorn, The Ohio State University

Church Family:

Sierra Desiderio, University of Dayton
 (Granddaughter of **Sharon** and **Karl Kuhlenschmidt**)
Emily Hampson, Alverno College
 (Granddaughter of **Herb Hampson**)
Caroline Hazapis, Notre Dame
 (Granddaughter of **Mary Ellen** and **Bob Zimmerman**)
Stephen Polansky, Strongsville High School
 Son of Pam and Steve Polansky
Michelle Sasala, Bowling Green State University
 (Granddaughter of **Patty Sasala**)
Noah Sheppard, University of Dayton
 (Grandson of **Ken Mehalko** and **Bev Wehr**)
Colin Wilhoit, Jennings County Education Center
 (Grandson of **Gina** and **Chris Cathcart**, Great-grandson of **Dorothy** and **Bill Ritchie**)



L-R: Chris, Rachel, Evan, Nicole, Olivia, Caroline
 June 9, 2019

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Soloists, ensembles, instrumentalists are invited to sign up to provide music for a Sunday worship service during the summer months. Please see Tom Foley if you are interested in sharing your talent with us in the summertime.



Thank you to Carol Konet, a musician and retired music educator, who also serves as the accompanist for the Southwest Community Chorus, for sharing her music with us! She has played for many schools and churches. We were pleased to welcome Carol and her husband, Glen, to our worship June 23.

MUSIC NOTES

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND

Friday, July 5 at 7:30 PM at the Strongsville Middle School Lawn. Patriotic Music will fill the air with selections such as God Bless America and Sousa marches. Guest director will be Brenden Caldwell, B-W University Band Director. (In case of rain the concert will be held at the Ehrnfelt Senior/ Recreation Center).



Friday, July 12 at 7:30 PM at the Strongsville Middle School Lawn. Special guest will be Mary Poppins and her friends from England. Trumpet Soloist, Jack Brndiar of Baldwin Wallace University will be guest artist. (In case of rain the concert will be held at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center).

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.

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love and Tranquility" is still available for purchase. Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church.



Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15 per CD and may be purchased through the church office.

COMING SOON...

LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM



Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! We will be 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. Each family unit that is photographed will receive a FREE 8" x 10" photo of their directory pose and a copy of the completed directory. Of course, everyone will have the option to purchase photographs from Lifetouch.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk* by their names.

** = appointed by the Official Board



Moderator Rachel Zielinski*
Vice-Moderator Rob Toth*
Treasurer Sally Herzog*
Clerk Karen Morgan*

Sunday School Superintendent
Kristen Clotworthy*

Board of Trustees

Greg Dickson* Mike Clotworthy
Myron Costin Tom Gaumer Bill Giuliano*
Dale Hawk* Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozelski*
Ed Sobek* Linda Stepan* Rob Stepan*

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry* Eddy Bond*
Barbara Camp* Kristen Clotworthy*
Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes*
Linda Plain* Linda Pongstingle** Nicole Rachid*
Dawn Rolland Marty Winch*

Christian Education Committee

Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore* Linda Elkins*
Suzi Foley* Sandy O'Shea* Lora Rung*

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson* Ken Mehalko*
Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti*
Beth Giuliano Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte* Bobbie Krisak* Tony Koussa**
Michele Mhlack* Gary Paul* Lora Rung Bev Wehr*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The churches of Strongsville are proud to be partnering again with Habitat for Humanity! However, this year, we're growing and we welcome any member of our Strongsville faith, business, and civic community to consider working with and an experiencing Habitat first-hand. All volunteers must be 16 or older.

Remaining Strongsville dates are: **Thursday, August 8,**
Saturday, August 17 and Saturday,
September 7.



Do you want to join us? Visit

<http://faithbuild.clevelandhabitat.volunteerhub.com/>.

Either use your existing account or create new one.

Whatever you do, you will want to be sure and use the join code: StrongFaith to ensure that you're joining this Strongsville-based endeavor!

Once you sign up for a time slot, you will receive a confirmation email. We will also send a reminder email to you and your team three days prior to your event. We look forward to accomplishing a great deal together with Habitat!

BOMBAS SOCK DONATION

Bombas Sock Company calls themselves "the best socks never sold." That's because for every pair of socks they *do* sell, they donate a pair to charitable organizations that serve the homeless. To date, Bombas has donated *over ten million* pairs of socks. Because Strongsville UCC and our Mission Outreach Committee actively provide assistance to veterans and other folks in need, Pastor Heidi applied to Bombas to be on the receiving end of socks, the single most requested item by homeless shelter—and we just learned that in June, we have received *one thousand pairs* of Bombas socks, which we will share with our partners in the community. Give thanks to God for generous companies like Bombas—and consider them when you are buying socks for yourself or your family! (To learn more, go to www.bombas.com.)

UCC SUMMER CAMPS AT TEMPLED HILLS

<http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/>

Regular Registration: Two Weeks Before a Camp Begins

Camps & Retreats 2019

- [Choir Camp](#)
- [Discovery Camp](#)
- [Explorers Camp](#)
- [Faith Adventures Camp](#)
- [Floating with the Spirit](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 1](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 2](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 3](#)
- [Hand in Hand Camp](#)
- [Labor Day Family Camp](#)
- [Love the Pool Camp](#)
- [MMADD Camp](#)
- [Mission ASP](#)
- [Mission Camp – Mansfield](#)
- [Me and My Pal](#)
- [Ohio Foreign Language Association Camp](#)
- [Sports Camp](#)
- [Youth Counselor Training](#)
- [2019 Fall Lantern Women's Fellowship Retreat](#)



Summer camp has been a valued tradition in our denomination and we encourage families to participate in this enriching experience!



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The next bonus week is **September 15 - 21**, but the church (and everyone else) benefits anytime you recycle.