



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday – July 28, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.
Church Picnic at Volunteer Park

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

GATHERING MUSIC "Face to Face" Dearman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Heidi

INTROIT "Breathe" Barnett

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers, called out from our sanctuary;

People: **We gather in this place, where God's steadfast love meets us in our worship.**

Leader: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims at every stage of life's journey.

People: **Each of us seeking to follow Jesus, the compassionate one.**

Leader: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, we stand with one another, as the family of Christ.

People: **The spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people—God's people!**

† **HYMN** "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place (Sing twice)

GOSPEL READING John 20: 1-5

SHARING 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 "Day by Day" Schwartz

ANTHEM "I Will Follow" Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS Please come forward as you are able and bring your offering to the ministry of this church.

OFFERTORY "Put Your Hand in the Hand" MacLellen

† **DOXOLOGY** **HYMN 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**

HYMN "Sanctuary"
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 10-18

MEDITATION "I Have Seen the Lord!"

† **HYMN** "It's Me, O Lord (Standin' in the Need of Prayer)"
(Refrain)

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. (2X) (Refrain)

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "A Benediction" Traditional (Tune: *Edelweiss*)

† **POSTLUDE** "Less of Me" (Poem by Edgar A. Guest) Campbell



Potluck and Games will follow worship today. Thank you for coming!

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday, July 29 and Tuesday, July 30. It will reopen on Wednesday, July 31. Thank you!

SERVING

TODAY, JULY 28

Pastor Heidi
The Rolland Family
Volunteer needed
Picnic!
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Picnic!
Gary Hackett

Liturgists
Greeters
Ushers
Coffee Hour
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Summer Sunday School
Special Summer Music

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

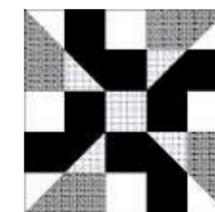
Betty Craig
Linda Plain
Linda Plain
Judi Pavisich
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Mary Densmore
Wee 3 Ring,
Sharon Heinrich

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday today to Joey McKane
With love, Grammy

Happy Anniversary today to Mark and Barb Camp!

The Worship Team will meet next Sunday, August 4 at 11:30 a.m.



Women's Fellowship Meeting

at the Home of Claire Willis
Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.
Meet at church at 10:45 a.m. to carpool, or directions available at church.
Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

Devotions: Elaine Coffey * * * Program: "Quilts by Claire"

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!



SIGN UP NOW...LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM



Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! August 19 & 20 SOLD OUT. We will be scheduling additional times for **Wednesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 22** 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. Sign-ups will continue through the first two weeks of August. Please plan to make time to be included. Thanks! Here is the link to book online: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrddh1dc/> 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 \$2,716.00
(Difference -\$802.06)



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.

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, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Christopher Minnick, Karen Morgan, 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), 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), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Judy & Bob Stenger (friends of Judi Pavisich), 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, tuna, 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 thank guitarist/vocalist Gary Hackett for providing the music for our outdoor worship. Gary is a retired educator, who enjoys music of all genres. Not only is he the lynchpin of the SUCC Band and our chancel choir, but he also sings in the Southwest Community Chorus. Thanks also to Doug Thorn and Jim Heinrich for sound set-up.

Upcoming special music for August:

handbell ensemble **Wee 3 Ring**, Sharon Heinrich, the Keenen Family, Jim Studer, and the Satori Winds, in addition to music from our own Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and the SUCC Band. Plan to attend worship every Sunday to be inspired!

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. We have fewer than a dozen CDs left!



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, August 2 at 7:30 PM at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center. This concert as part of the Rotary cook-out will pay a musical tribute to "The Greatest Generation" and will feature military music and other music form that era.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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

AUGUST 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am—4pm
- 4 Sun **Worship 10am--Communion**
Coffee Hour
Worship Team
- 7 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
- 8 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 10 Sat Outdoor Work Party 7am
- 11 Sun **Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 13 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 14 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
- 15 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 18 Sun **Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 19 Mon Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 20 Tues Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
Diaconate Meeting 7pm
- 21 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 22 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Lifetouch Photo shoots 2pm-9pm
- 25 Sun **Worship 10am—Penny Sunday**
- 27 Tues Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 29 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 at 8 p.m.
BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 7p.m.



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/.

THANK YOU



Many thanks to all my church family for their Birthday, Get Well, and Thinking of You cards. I really appreciate the warmth and caring I receive from SUCC. --Karen Morgan

HELP NEEDED

Attention all folks who enjoy our Panera goodies at Sunday's Coffee Hour: We need volunteers to pick up the bread and pastries on Friday and/or Monday mornings as back-up to our regular pick-up people. If no one picks up the baked goods, we won't have any baked goods! Please contact the church office to help.



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.

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. Doughnuts have been promised.



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.

Thank you and welcome aboard to **Judy Gaumer**, who was appointed as Clerk at last Tuesday's Official Board meeting. With sincere gratitude, the members of Strongsville UCC extend our thanks for the many years of service that **Karen Morgan** has dedicated to the office of Clerk. Her commitment to our church is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.

