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Sunday – June 2, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Sacrament of Communion



WELCOME!

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

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

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Let It Rise" Davis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Barb Fraunfelder

INTROIT "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" Moen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this place of prayer,

People: Where we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we dare to speak aloud.

Leader: We come to this place of grace,

People: Where we learn compassion and joy, and discover just how deeply we are loved.

Leader: We come with these people called, "the Church,"

People: Where we are blessed by the variety of gifts, where we yearn to live as one, serving the one true God. Amen.

† HYMN 104 "O, Worship the King" (vv 1,2, and 5)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS Acts 16: 16-24

PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Hear Our Prayer" Elkins

ANTHEM "Worship God with Music" Sleeth

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Shine on Us" M.W. Smith

† DOXOLOGY 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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS Acts 16: 25-34

SERMON Deliverance

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor: How easily we learn of God's love - but how challenging it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy choices, but we know we must be intentional in loving one another. Together, let us confess our failures to love one another, and open our hearts to God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Eternal God, because you dwell in our hearts, you know the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives that try to crowd you out. The noise of the world makes it so hard for us to hear your Word, which could heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others; help us to show them the way, to speak gently and lovingly with one another. Quell our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us. Cultivate your loving peace in our hearts where anger once grew. Create a new spirit of love in our hearts, Healing God. Guide us by your Word, O Lord, whisper to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The Word which transforms us is not idle gossip, but genuinely good news! Your Word has equipped for service. Now we go forth to love others as God loves us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved and forgiven.

People: Holy Spirit, fill us with your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved and forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.

HYMN 490 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Please feel free to join in and sing as you are moved to do so.

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.

† HYMN 433 "Rise Up, O Church of God"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

† POSTLUDE "How Majestic is Your Name" Smith

SERVING

TODAY, JUNE 2

Barb Fraunfelder

Linda Plain

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Rosemary Bechtel

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Mary Densmore

Liturgists

Greeters

Ushers

Coffee Hour

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Summer Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Bruce Keenen

Billie Cantrell

M.E. Zimmerman/T. Barbish

Volunteer needed

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Mary Densmore

The altar flowers are given—

*In Honor of our Wedding Anniversary on May 24th
In Celebration of Ginger's sister Cookie's Birthday on June 1st
Ginger and Ron Rothel*

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

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

Happy Birthday today to Kim Beckwith and Bill Kato, Jr.!

The Worship Team will meet today at 11:15 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.



PENNY SUNDAY—Last week's Penny Sunday collection for the Women's Fellowship's Tote Bag Project, benefitting the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank, brought in \$129.84. The next Penny Sunday Collection will be **June 30**.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School starts today – 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. Thanks to **Mary Densmore** for teaching today. **Children will meet in the classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall.**



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02

Last Week's Offering Received ~~\$2,310.00~~

(Difference -~~\$1,212.02~~)



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.



COMING SOON...LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM

Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! We will be scheduling times for at the end of summer for our families and individuals to be photographed AT NO COST. Stay tuned as our plans come together. This is an important project that will take many folks helping out in order to be a success, so please contact the church office if you would like to assist in making the directory a reality.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

This special UCC offering will be collected through the month of June. Envelopes will be in the pews for this ministry that supports UCC congregations in need.



THANK YOU MESSAGES

Thank you to everyone at U.C.C. for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and telephone calls. God bless you all!! I am feeling better every day. Love, Sandy Gleichauf

Many thanks to all my church friends for their cards, prayers, and good wishes during my recent hospital visit. I am on the mend! Love, Lola Millhoane

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, Joan Beckwith, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Tom Foley, Sandy Gleichauf, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), 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 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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



Are you interested in joining our family of fellowship by becoming a member of the Strongsville UCC? Please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office if you would like to be a part of the new class, on **June 16**, with the opportunity to join on the following Sunday, **June 23** during worship. (You may also indicate interest on the back of an attendance card.)

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, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. COME HELP US ON MONDAY OR FRIDAY MORNINGS AS WE SORT THE PANERA DONATIONS—LOTS OF FUN AND CARBS!



Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, 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.

Thank you to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week and **Dave Sekorky** for carrying boxes and bags.



LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A **CD** of Native American Flute, “Love And Tranquility” is now 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. CDs will be available in Pilgrim Hall today.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women’s Fellowship will meet **Tuesday, June 4**, at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. Sergeant Colgrove from the Strongsville Police Department will present a program on scams and safety. After his presentation, we will firm up our calendar of events and have lunch together. Please join us (friends are welcome too!) and bring a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.



Women’s Fellowship will again put together about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11” x 12”. Donations of any of the items listed below (or monetary donations so we can purchase items) are appreciated. Please put monetary donations into an envelope marked “Tote Bag Project” and place it in the church office. **Collection concludes June 30, 2019.**

The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Travel size is best and can be found at Marc’s or Target. Please do **NOT** provide FAMILY-size items.

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| soap <i>(facial size or smaller)</i> | small tissue packets | stuffed toys <i>(smaller than 8”)</i> |
| shampoo | small cars or trucks | pencils |
| body lotion | decks of cards | small bubbles bottles |
| deodorant | activity books | little toys/games/books |
| tooth brushes | coloring books | washcloths |
| toothpaste <i>(small tubes)</i> | combs or brushes | crayons <i>(16 or 24 count)</i> |

NEW DATE FOR GARAGE/BAKE SALE!

Saturday, June 29, 2019 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.



We know you’ve been holding on to your treasures, but it’s time to part with them. Please donate household items, sporting goods, décor, kitchen items, small electronics, books, toys, furniture, and any usable item that is not a liquid to the Garage Sale, starting **today**.

DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S BAKE SALE!

Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, and cakes are needed to sell. This is our main fundraiser and everyone’s support is appreciated. Please bring wrapped baked goods to the church any time on Friday, June 28th or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, June 29th. Thank you!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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

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 – Horseshoe Pits
Bocce Ball Courts – 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.

JUNE 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 2 | Sun | Worship 10am--Communion
Summer Sunday School Begins
Coffee Hour
Worship Team |
| 4 | Tues | Women’s Fellowship 10am |
| 5 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm |
| 6 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm |
| 9 | Sun | Worship 10am Pentecost
Sacrament of Baptism
Graduate Recognition
Coffee Hour |
| 11 | Tues | Trustee Meeting 7pm |
| 12 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm |
| 13 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm |
| 16 | Sun | Worship 10am--Father’s Day
New member class |
| 18 | Tues | Diaconate Meeting 7pm |
| 19 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Adult Social Club 7pm
Fit Club to <i>Romeo et Juliet</i> 7 pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm |
| 20 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm |
| 23 | Sun | Worship 10am—New Members Received
Coffee Hour |
| 25 | Tues | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 26 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Set Up for Garage Sale 7pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm |
| 27 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men’s Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am |
| 29 | Sat | Garage Sale/Bake Sale 9am – 2pm |
| 30 | Sun | Worship 10am--Penny Sunday
Coffee Hour |



JUNE NEWSLETTER

If you are one of the folks who chooses to receive a print copy of the newsletter, please pick up your copy in the Gathering Area. Thanks!