

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

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## JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER

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### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUNDAY – JUNE 2, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.

*Summer Sunday School begins.*

**Sermon:** "Faith of an Outsider"

**Scriptures:** Luke 7:1-10

**Liturgist:** Jack Stephenson

**Acolytes:** Michael Fischer, Gina Gigliotti

**Greeter:** Linda Plain

**Nursery:** Beth Giuliano

**Coffee Hour:** Beth Giuliano

**Sunday School Teacher:** Sue Gigliotti

*Pricing Party for Garage Sale after Church*

#### SUNDAY – JUNE 23, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.



*and Blessing of Bikes*

**Sermon:** "Hogs Gone Wild"

**Scriptures:** Luke 8:26-39

**Liturgist:** Rachel Zielinski

**Greeter:** Lola Millhoane

*For the picnic, **please bring a main dish; either a side dish, salad, or dessert; and your own table service.***

*After our meal in Pilgrim Hall, we will enjoy picnic games!  
All are welcome!*



#### SUNDAY – JUNE 9, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.

*Recognition of Graduates*

**Sermon:** "God Provides"

**Scriptures:** 1 Kings 17:8-24

**Liturgist:** Lynne McCray

**Acolytes:** Lauren Knotts, Jordyn Miller

**Greeter:** Corrine Jackson

**Nursery:** Dianne Maringer

**Coffee Hour:** Bev Wehr

**Sunday School Teacher:** Sue Gigliotti



#### SUNDAY – JUNE 16, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.

##### **Happy Father's Day**



**Sermon:** "Justice"

**Scriptures:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15

**Liturgist:** Betty Craig

**Acolytes:** Alex Metivier, Aylah Purdum

**Greeters:** Ha and Dick Bennett

**Nursery:** Sharon Heinrich

**Coffee Hour:** Cathy Hawk

**Sunday School Teacher:** Elena Joyce

#### SUNDAY – JUNE 30, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.

*Renewal of Wedding Vows*



**Sermon:** "Higher Standards"

**Scriptures:** Galatians 5:1 and 13-25

**Liturgist:** Lora Rung

**Greeter:** Sharon Heinrich

**Nursery:** Barb Fraunfelder

**Coffee Hour:** Barb Fraunfelder

**Sunday School Teacher:** Volunteer Needed

**NEWS FROM THE DIACONATE**

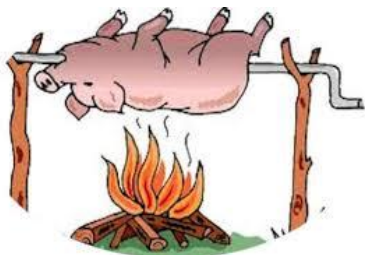
The Diaconate is busy planning the following events, and hopes that you will join us!

**Recognition of Graduates – June 9**  
during worship

After church, we will enjoy cake in Pilgrim Hall.

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Diaconate  
**PIG ROAST and BEEF ROAST**  
Saturday – July 20, 2013 – 5:00 P.M.



at the home of  
**Chris and Karen Morgan**  
15085 South Boone Road  
Columbia Station, Ohio 44028

Roast Pork – Roast Beef – Baked Potato Bar – Salad  
Hot Dogs for the Kids  
Coffee – Iced Tea – Lemonade – Punch  
(BYOB if you want something different!)  
Assorted Desserts and S'mores

Bonfire – Marshmallow Roasting – Gator + Hay Rides

\$15 donation for Adults  
\$5 donation for 12 years and under

All profit goes to the Diaconate  
for its ministries within our church.

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**VESPER SERVICE AT GREENBRIER LAKE**  
**Saturday – August 10, 2013 – 5:00 P.M.**

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Provided  
Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.  
More Details Later

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**USHERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!**

Please help by signing up on Gathering Area board.  
Thank you very much!

**OFFICIAL BOARD**

*Mark Your Calendar!*

**Strongsville Homecoming Parade**

Wednesday – July 17, 2013

More Details Later

To help with our church float design or construction,  
please contact Rachel Zielinski, (440) 864-3209.

**Spring Plant Sale – THANK YOU** to all who ordered flowers and/ or shared the idea with family and friends for our Spring Plant Sale. On Friday, May 17, Maria Gardens Greenhouse delivered plants for our 33 orders. Also a special thank you to those who unloaded the flowers, sorted them into individual orders and distributed them. Our profit from this sale was \$633.30! This fundraiser is sponsored by the Official Board, and the funds will be used to support the needs of the church.

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**THE THRIFT SHOP**

Summer has arrived at the Thrift Shop, and our summer hours will begin on Thursday, June 6. We will be open from 10 to 6 the first Thursday of each summer month. This allows customers who work during the day to stop at the shop after work.

We will also be open during the annual Church Garage Sale which will be held on Saturday, June 8. Stop in to visit or shop or both!

We can always use additional volunteers during the summer because many of our volunteers take vacations in the summer. If you have the time and can help us out, please let us know.

While getting your donations ready for the Garage Sale, please remember the Thrift Shop for your clothing donations. See any Thrift Shop volunteer for a tax receipt for your donations.



## DERRICK LONSDALE'S NEW BOOK

Our church member, Dr. Derrick Lonsdale, has written a new book, [A Nutritional Approach to a Revised Model for Medicine](#). Derrick has written two previous books on the subject of alternative medicine and published over 100 medical papers. For more information about this new book, please visit his website:

<http://sbpra.com/derricklonsdale/>

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## PRAYER CHAINS

An **Email** Prayer Chain was recently set up; and if you have not yet responded to participate, please send an email to the church with that request.

In addition, we are now setting up a **Telephone** Prayer Chain for those without email. To be part of the Telephone Chain, please call the church office. A telephone list will then be compiled and distributed to all Telephone Prayer Chain people. When a prayer need arises, each person on the Telephone Chain will call the next person on the list.

To request prayers for someone, please contact the church office, (440) 238-6697, and both the Email and the Telephone Prayer Chains will be notified.



## **NEEDED!**

### **Teach a Summer Sunday School Class**

Please see the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall to sign up and the article on this page.

### **Help in the Thrift Shop on Thursdays**

Please see the Thrift Shop article on page 2.

### **Help with the Garage Sale**

Please see page 4.

### **Serve a Meal for the Poor on the First Saturday of the Month**

Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Summer Sunday School begins June 2.** Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Please see Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce for questions.

**The Sunday School will have a Bake Sale** at the Garage Sale on June 8. Donations are needed (and very much appreciated)! The Bake Sale is the Sunday School's main fundraiser of the year, and money raised is used to support children's education, programming, and scholarships. Please bring your bakery on Friday evening, June 7, or before 9:00 a.m. on Garage Sale Day, June 8.

**The Sunday School Scholarship** will be awarded on Sunday, June 9, when graduates within the church will be recognized.

### Sunday School Calendar

**June 2** – Summer Sunday School begins.

**June 8** – Bake Sale for Sunday School at the Garage Sale. Please bring your donations of baked goods on Friday evening or on Saturday before 9:00 A.M.

**June 9**– Graduates' Recognition, when Sunday School Scholarship will be awarded

**June 16**– Father's Day

**June 23** – Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic



to Judy Carte and family  
on the passing of her son-in-law, Timothy Green,  
on April 28. The funeral service was held May 4.

Our condolences also  
to the family of Nadine Burnand  
on the occasion of her passing on May 21, 2013.  
The funeral took place at Jardine's on May 24.





**GARAGE SALE**  
**Saturday – June 8, 2013**  
**9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

You may bring your garage sale treasures to the church now!

Remember that we do not accept liquids or hazardous materials of any kind.

The Pricing Pizza Party will be held after the worship service on June 2. Pricing will continue every evening that week, from **about 7:00** to 9:00 P.M.

**Help Needed at the Garage Sale**

Please donate a few hours of your time on Saturday, June 8, 2013. The Church Garage Sale is the Official Board's largest money-making fundraiser.

Cashiers, loaders, and friendly helpers are needed Saturday during the Sale. Please arrive anytime between 8:15 a.m. and our opening at 9:00 a.m. We always seem to be a little short on clean-up help. The sale ends at 2:00 p.m., and your clean-up help would be greatly appreciated, if you could spare some time on that day to lend a hand. We pack all the unsold items into boxes for pick-up and attempt to restore Pilgrim Hall to normal working order. In addition, some unusable items need to be carried to the curb for refuse collection.

Please try to clear your schedule and come help us. Your assistance is immensely appreciated!! Thank you!

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Fiber Artist, Beth Hines, will present the program. Please bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. Corrine Jackson will be the hostess and will also give devotions. Please remember that Women's Fellowship will **not** meet in July or August.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON**

The Men of our Church continue to meet at European Bakery & Deli at West 130th and Hunt—in the strip mall. As always, all men are welcome to attend the luncheon, which occurs on the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

For this month the Men's Luncheon will meet on Thursday, **June 27, 2013.**



Appreciation is extended to all who recently cleaned our church grounds and/or planted flowers:

Dan Davis, Greg Dickson, Barb Fraunfelder, Amanda Hawk and Riley, Dale and Cathy Hawk, Sarah Hawk, Jim and Sharon and Ryan Heinrich, Sarah Herzog, Chris and Karen Morgan, Sandy O'Shea, Gary and Kathie Paul, Lora Rung, Doug Thorn, Gino Tosi, Gary and Rachel Zielinski

**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 Members:** Bill Betz at Chapel Hill Community in Canal Fulton, Edith Graves at Century Oak Care Center, Debbie Krause, Louetha Rieth at Sunrise Assisted Living of Dresher in PA, Erla Mae Schultz

**Church Family:** Shirley Brand, Dianne Maringer, Elizabeth Snook, Ann Sullen, Keith Sullen at Southwest General

**Extended Church Family:** Betty Berk (mother of Mary Mortus), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Tom Davern (relative of the Woodwards), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohns), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Shirley Gerecke (friend of Frank and Pat Jefferis), Janine Kaltenstein (cousin of Vicky Masuga), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Cyrila Kribel (friend of Betty Craig), Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodwards), Rick Pfuhl (former custodian of Strongsville UCC), James Smith (brother of Katie Renfro), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek)

*Please inform the church of updates, (440) 238-6697.*

*Thank you.*





## ORGAN RESTORATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to all who supported the ORC Box Lunch Auction on May 5. A total of \$1,470.00 was received for the restoration of our pipe organ. Thanks again.

The ORC warmly thanks Pastor Becky and Jack for donating a dinner party at their home to benefit the organ restoration. The committee reports that their guests were treated to an absolutely sumptuous menu and enjoyed the Stephenson's wonderful hospitality. This fundraiser garnered \$720.00. In addition, their idea has inspired others to follow suit, so look for more fun events which will be coming up! Anyone else toying with the idea of hosting a party in the future, please see Sandy O'Shea.

ORC Card Program – To purchase ORC Cards or for questions, please see Rich Tressa in Pilgrim Hall after church, e-mail him at [rictre@hotmail.com](mailto:rictre@hotmail.com), or call Rich at (440) 572-9245.

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**A New Relationship Blossoms** – Little Keerthana, our "adopted child" from the Family Village Farm in Vellore, India, has written us a beautiful, brief letter, after hearing she has been chosen by us as a Global Ministries sponsor. She even drew pictures of her favorite flower—a rose. She is six years old, and hopes someday to become a nurse. **Her letter is on the display poster** in our Gathering Area, as is our first letter to her. Thanks to our young people, who put together other pictures in the display. Our sponsorship through Global Ministries is \$30.00 a month, and all months have been underwritten for 2013. Thank you! Today, pictures of our church, our children, and some of us will be taken and sent to her. If you would like to write a note, please send it to the church, and it will be forwarded to her along with the pictures.

**Strengthen the Church Offering** – Thank you for your support for this special offering, which as of May 24, 2013, collected \$319.10 thus far.

**Strongsville Food Bank** – On the fourth Sunday of the month, we are receiving items for the Strongsville Food Bank. You may bring items of food any time, but especially remember **THE FOURTH SUNDAY** every month. Hunger, unfortunately, is growing everywhere in today's world—even in our own community.

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

### Week of May 5, 2013

*Happy Birthday  
May 7 to Hayley Craig, May 9 to Debbie Wentz,  
and May 11 to Patti Johnson  
Grammy and Mom*

### Week of May 12, 2013

*In Honor of My Granddaughter Heidi Rouch,  
who graduated Saturday, May 11, 2013, from the  
College of Mt. Saint Joseph with her Doctorate in  
Physical Therapy – Congratulations, Heidi!  
Love, Banny*

*With Birthday Wishes to My Mother, Dorothy Ritchie and  
Happy Mother's Day to All Moms  
Love, Gina*

### Week of May 19, 2013

*Happy Birthday on May 22 to  
Ryan Craig and to Tracey Hill and  
Happy Anniversary on May 25  
to Adam and Kristina Craig and to Stacie and Dan Sauter  
Love, Grammy*

### Week of May 26, 2013

*Happy Birthday on May 28 to Sandra Wentz  
With love, Grammy  
Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nicole  
Mom, Dad and Luke  
In Loving Memory of Our Founder of The Thrift Shop,  
Nadine Burnand, who will be sorely missed  
The Thrift Shop Ladies*

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 will be accepted. Thank you to all who light our steeple!

