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Contemporary Worship 9 A.M. Sunday
Traditional Worship 11 A.M. Sunday

JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 1

Seventh Sunday of Easter Music Ministry Recognition Summer Sunday School Begins

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-14 and 1 Peter 5:6-11 Sermon: Stand Strong

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 A.M.

Liturgist: Lora Rung

Graphics Operation:Rosemary Bechtel

Coffee Hour: Sarah Hayes

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 A.M.

After 11A.M. Worship Confirmation Class Rehearsal + Trustees Meeting

> **Liturgist:** Lora Rung **Greeter:** Jim Studer **Ushers:** Needed **Nursery:** Cathy Hawk

JUNE 8

Pentecost, Communion, Strengthen the Church Offering

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 Sermon: Use Me or Lose Me



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 A.M.

Liturgist: Betty Craig **Graphics Operation:**Sharon Heinrich

Coffee Hour: Cathy Hawk

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 A.M.

Confirmation

Liturgist: Betty Craig
Greeters: Needed
Usher: Sharon Heinrich

Nursery: Sarah Hayes

JUNE 15

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 A.M.

Liturgist: Sarah Hayes
Graphics Operation:
Rosemary Bechtel

Coffee Hour: Beth Giuliano

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 A.M.

Graduates Recognition
Liturgist: Dan Masuga
Greeters: Bickley Family

Usher: Michele Mihlack **Nursery:** Sarah Herzog

JUNE 22

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 A.M.

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-39 Sermon: They Say I Am What? Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz



JUNE 29

Third Sunday after Pentecost

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGINS!

Scripture: Genesis 2:1-25 **Sermon:** *Our Friends*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

8:30 A.M.

Liturgist: Tom Gaumer

Graphics Operation:

Vicky Masuga

Coffee Hour: Ginny Oerkfitz

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

Liturgist: Tom Gaumer

Greeter: Needed **Ushers:** Needed

Nursery: Dianne Maringer

BLESSING OF PETS

Time To Be Determined



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Well June has finally arrived, and the cold of the winter is becoming a distant memory. I'm so glad that the warm weather has returned and that the flowers are in bloom. This summer is going to be a great summer in the life of the church. There are many new and wonderful opportunities for fun worship.

Together we will be blessing our pets, having an outdoor picnic and having a vesper service. There will be special music all summer long with talented young musicians. I even have some creative ideas for sermons that I can't wait to do. This summer is going to be AWESOME.

I also want to let you know that the Advertising Team has been working very hard, and before long you will be seeing our church in many new ways. The Team is going to use all the new media to help reach out to new persons and our church family. Look for mini pastoral moments coming to the web page, ads in the local papers and magazines, and even a new Twitter program. The Team will also bring to you a proposal for a new church sign that could be in operation by the end of summer. The team will also be modernizing our inhouse communications by installing several new monitors that will not only show upcoming events but will also show what we have been doing in the areas of Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, missions and many others. The Team will hold a fund raiser this summer to help cover the cost of these new and badly needed upgrades to our outreach efforts.

When I first arrived, I began talking about taking the congregation to the Holy Land; and now the time has come to make the trip. Mark your calendar for April 22-30, 2015, for trip of a lifetime. Those of us who make this pilgrimage will walk in the footsteps of our Lord. Together we will go to Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, and the garden tomb. We will see Jerusalem firsthand and walk the Via Dolorosa (the way of tears) that Jesus walked on His journey to the cross. Anyone

who goes on this journey will be changed forever. Look for an information meeting to happen in mid-August. I can't wait.

Summer is here, and life is good. Remember that on June 22 there will be one service at 10 a.m. followed by the all-church picnic. Then the summer schedule will begin the following Sunday, June 29, with Contemporary Worship at 8:30 a.m. and Traditional Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Have a blessed summer.

Pastor Becky



Sunday – June 22, 2014 – on Church Grounds Outdoor Worship at 10:00 A.M.

(one worship service only that day)

Followed by Potluck Picnic Lunch Outdoors

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

After our meal, we will enjoy picnic games!

All are welcome!



DIACONATE DAILIES!

Hi all! Summer is upon us, and we have some wonderful things planned for the upcoming season.

We begin summer by honoring our confirmands on June 8. We will have communion and welcome them as members of our congregation. June 8 is also Pentecost, and we will celebrate the beginning of the church. We ask everyone to wear red that day in celebration. Please join us in welcoming our current Confirmation Class into the congregation.

On June 15 we will honor our graduates for this year at the 11 a.m. service and have a reception following.

June 22 is our annual church picnic. We will have one service this Sunday at 10 a.m. outside. We look forward to worshiping on our own lot under the sun and enjoying the nature of God's creations. Please join us for a picnic lunch following the service. Details will follow in the upcoming bulletins.

On June 29 we will begin our summer worship schedule. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. for the Contemporary Service and 10 a.m. for the Traditional Service. **Coffee hour will be held both between the services and also following the second service.** Please join us each Sunday this summer.

Several special services are planned this summer including Blessing of the Pets, Baseball Sunday, Youth Sunday, and much more. As the saying goes, *miss a Sunday, miss a lot.*

We are still collecting new or gently used toys, books and puzzles for the nursery. Please see Sarah Herzog or Sarah Hayes if you have any questions. We are hoping to begin improvements on the nursery shortly, so please excuse our dust as we give the room a facelift.

As always we are looking for those willing to serve as ushers, greeters and with coffee hour. Please feel free to contact a Diaconate member to volunteer.

Looking forward to an exciting and joyous summer worship!

Yours in Christ, Rachel Zielinski, Diaconate Chairperson

RECOGNITION OF SUSAN STEVENSON TRESSA

The recognition of Susan for her 30 years of dedication and extraordinary service to our church is postponed and will not take place on June 1 as originally planned.



WORSHIP TEAM

The team meets with Pastor Becky every other Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. We have been focusing on our summer worship services and activities. Here is what is planned for June: On June 1 we will show special recognition for our Choir, our Praise Band and the Bell Choir. The dinner party at Pastor Becky and Jack's home that was planned for that afternoon to honor Susan Tressa has been postponed until a later date. On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, we will have Confirmation and Communion. Graduates and Fathers will be honored on June 15. June 22 is our outdoor service and family picnic. On this Sunday we will have only one service at 10:00 a.m., so mark your calendars for this change. Also, weather permitting, the picnic will be held outdoors. (More details will be provided in the coming weeks.)

Here is the biggest news: After much discussion the team decided to try a new summer time schedule which will begin on June 29. The Contemporary Service will be at 8:30 and the Traditional Service will be at 10:00. (You will be reminded often of this time change in the coming weeks.) Also, on this date we are hoping to have an afternoon or early evening service for the Blessing of Our Pets.

The new Journey in Faith class taught by Pastor Becky will be held on Thursdays, starting June 26.

More information on special services and activities for July and August will be forthcoming.

JUNE CLEANUP

Each Monday in June from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, we will work on cleaning various areas around the church. We will focus on the inside of the church including the kitchen, Gathering Area and Sanctuary. Please join us to help make our church a cleaner, brighter place for worship. Please come ready to get dirty. If you can bring a bucket and rags with you, that is great; or we can supply them. We will also supply the cleaning compounds. A sign-up sheet for each Monday will be posted in Pilgrim Hall. Please see Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

STRONGSVILLE PARADE Wednesday – July 16, 2014

Mark your calendars!!! The Strongsville Homecoming parade is Wednesday, July 16. The theme of this year's parade is "Light Up, Strongsville!" Design ideas are already being discussed. If you would like to work on the design of the float, please see Rachel Zielinski. More info for the parade will follow in the July newsletter and bulletins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School begins June 1. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. See Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce if you have questions.



<u>Calendar</u>

June 1 - Summer Sunday School begins.

June 8 - Confirmation

June 15 – Father's Day and Graduates' Recognition, when the Sunday School Scholarship will be awarded

June 22 – Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic, 10:00 a.m.

August 16 – Free Family Fun Day **September 7** – Rally Day

K.F.C. CLUB!

The Kids for Christ Club will be heading out in the community this month to pick up litter at a local park! The children will learn about how littering affects nature and what we can do about it. Please pack a lunch for vou and vour child (or stop and get something) that you can enjoy at the park. After we throw our trash away properly:-) and spend some time collecting litter we find. we will be able to play at the park and enjoy it in its beautiful, clean state with some yummy popsicles as a treat! We are leaning towards North Park in Brunswick, but will take suggestions. Latex gloves, plastic bags, and popsicles will be provided (please let us know if you or your child has a latex allergy). Adults are encouraged to participate and anyone can join us! Kids must have an adult to accompany them. We will meet on Sunday, June 29, right after the 10:00 service lets out. The particular park will be decided soon, and we will let you know!



JOURNEY IN FAITH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor Becky will again teach a 12-week membership class entitled *Journey in Faith*, beginning on June 26. Members, as well as potential members, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Class is held on Thursdays at the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dates and topics covered include:

June 26	Establishing the Group
July 3	The Bible as Our Authority
July 10	Discovering Jesus
July 17	What We Believe and How We Got Here
July 24	The Nature of the Church
July 31	From the Early Church to Us
August 7	We Are ALL Gifted
August 14	Investigating the Local Church
August 21	Christian Giving
August 28	Understanding Different Levels of Living and Giving
September 4 September 11	The Meaning of Christian Covenant Investigating Worship

Even if you are a member of Strongsville UCC, you will enjoy the knowledge that Pastor Becky shares and the camaraderie with new friends. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

As always, all are welcome to enroll in the class.



Thank you for all the prayers and cards and also to the Thrift Shop for the nice card that was signed by all the ladies.

Betty Kovach

I want to thank all the people for the cards sent to me.

Don Kovach



Thank you to all who planted flowers and helped clean the church grounds on Saturday, May 10.



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Friday – June 13, 2014 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Please watch the Sunday bulletin for details.

PIPE ORGAN RESTORATION UPDATE

The Organ Restoration Committee is excited to begin the third phase of our pipe organ's restoration. We will be restoring the Choir division this time. The process should begin the week of May 26. The project will take approximately 90 days. The organ will remain playable with the Great, Swell and Pedal divisions making their contribution to the worship service. We are hopeful that the full organ will be ready to play on Rally Day in September.

The ORC is grateful for the continued support and donations of the congregation. Thank you for attending our pancake breakfasts and other fund raising events. The May 4 pancake dinner profit was \$1,196, and the "Marty" dinner on May 17 raised \$1,200. Thank you also to those who make regular freewill donations to the organ's restoration. Our church is truly amazing!

We are in our fifth year of this process and will continue to pursue the complete restoration of the organ. The Great and Pedal divisions have already been restored, which leaves the Swell division as the final section to be restored.

Respectfully submitted, James R. Heinrich for the Organ Restoration Committee



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to all who supported the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the restoration of our pipe organ on May 4. The profit was \$1,196.



The ORC extends special thanks to these volunteers for their help with the event: Ted Bickley, Lloyd Bridle, Bill Giuliano, Sharon Heinrich, Aimée Jannsohn, Charles Jannsohn, Nina Jannsohn, Irene Joyce, John Maringer, Sheri Martin, Dan Masuga, Roy Merkle, Bob Pogozelski, Ray Suttle, Doug Thorn, Clay Williams, and Dale Hawk took photos.

In addition, the following ORC member worked at the breakfast: Judy Gaumer, Jim Heinrich, Frank Jefferis, Sarah Keenen, Sharon Metivier, and Sandy O'Shea.

Congratulations to Vince Ardito, who won the Gift Card Raffle and to Marge Bedell, who won the 50-50 Raffle!

FOUR COURSE FEAST FUNDRAISER



The Organ Restoration Committee extends a huge, heartfelt thank you to the following people for their special volunteer work for the fabulous Four Course Feast on Saturday, May 17, 2014: Chef Marty

Winch (with extra special thanks for all her hard work to present an outstanding meal), Lori Deertz, Lauren Deertz, Dave Namosky (Marty's nephew), Beth Giuliano, Claudia Bader, Jim Nicoulin, Sandy Pogozelski, Doug Thorn, Ryan Heinrich, Dan Davis and Sharon Heinrich.

Organ Restoration Committee members who helped with the dinner were Jim Heinrich, Bruce Keenen, Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sandy O'Shea, and Pastor Becky Stephenson.

Thirty-nine people were served dinner in the Gathering Area / Parlor, and three people had take-out meals. Diners / contributors included Betty Bushea, Gina Cathcart, Betty Craig, Greg Dickson, Ingrid Dickson, Judy Gaumer, Tom Gaumer, Amanda Hawk, Cathy Hawk, Dale Hawk, Jim Heinrich, Sharon Heinrich, Ryan Heinrich, Frank Jefferis, Pat Jefferis, Irene Joyce, Jim Joyce, Bruce Keenen, Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Amanda Lapp (guest of Amanda Hawk), Ken Mehalko, Bev Wehr, Allen Mihlack, Michele Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Ginny Oerkfitz, Kenn Oerkfitz, Linda Plain, Karen Rak, Bill Ritchie, Dorothy Ritchie, Sharon Ritchie, Bruce Sperber, Gayle Sperber, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Jack Stephenson, Ray Suttle, Sandy O'Shea, Doug Thorn, Susan Tressa, and Rich Tressa.

Thank you to all who supported this special fundraiser for the restoration of our church's pipe organ.

"GOD IS STILL SPEAKING" EMBROIDERED LOGO

In the Gathering Area a sample polo shirt with the embroidered logo is on display. To have your shirt embroidered with the logo shown here, the cost is \$8.00. The shirt's left chest area must be free of seams, embroidery, and pockets. Shirts made of cotton, polyester or a blend are



ideal. Leather and silk are not good fabrics for embroidering. To order embroidery, please provide your own shirt, your name, your phone number and payment (cash or checks payable to *Excellence in Embroidery*) to the church office. For questions or special requests, please email: excellenceinembroidery@gmail.com

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Christians all over the world are dismayed and concerned over the kidnapping of the Nigerian girls on April 14. Speaking for many countries and churches, the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK) feels that it was an act of religious terror, and asks for prayers and support from all faith communities that these young women may be returned safely to those who love them, and for prayers that violence and sexual discrimination may be done away with. It asks for support for the World Council of Churches and the United Nations in their work for security and equal education for **all** young people.

This act of terror hits the NCCK particularity hard, perhaps because they are struggling with the loss of over 300 young people, mostly students, in the sinking of the ferry in South Korea recently. As part of Global Ministries and its work of healing and reconciliation, we hear the cries of pain of those parents in Nigeria and South Korea, and rejoice that concerned Christians, along with those of other faiths, continue to both care and offer help and encouragement.

We ask for your support for a peaceful and hopeful world.

Mission and Outreach Committee

NEW CHILD SPONSORSHIP

We were recently informed by Linda Lawrence, Program Manager of the Child Sponsorship Program of Global Ministries, that little Keerthana, age 8, is no longer at the Village Farm School outside Vellore, India. She has returned to her home following her mother's death and the illness of her father, to be of whatever help she can be.

We are grateful for the people who have signed up for monthly financial support for the Village Farm School. We have heard several times from the Superintendent there, saying that she is most thankful for our helping Keerthana during these difficult times in her young life. She did receive our Christmas letter and pictures, and appreciated them.

On May 21, 2014, we learned from Global Ministries that we have a new eight-year-old girl, Caroline Y, to sponsor in the family village—more later.

Congratulations to Judy Gaumer!

who won the beautiful quilt made by Ha Bennett as a fundraiser for the Mission and Outreach Committee!

The raffle raised \$445.



Celebrate Strengthen the Church! "INVEST IN THE VISION"

Through this special offering of the UCC, visions and dreams can become reality. On Pentecost Sunday, June 8 – known as "The Birthday of the Christian Church" – the special offering called "Strengthen the Church" will be received. Please bring or send in the enclosed offering envelope to help celebrate this festival Sunday.

Our gifts help plant new UCC churches in the U.S., help existing congregations and pastors implement new ideas for local ministry, and enable more people to hear the good news that "God is Still Speaking!" "Stillspeaking" is the shorter form of the campaign by the United Church of Christ to remind us that God has a lot more to say.

"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams . . ."

Acts 2:17



STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK

Our church continues to support the Strongsville Food Bank. Although all non-perishable items are needed, the bank especially needs **peanut butter**, **jelly**, **pork and beans**, **canned meals**, **pasta sauce**, **canned fruit**, **and toilet tissue**. You may place donations in (or by) the box under the coat rack by Pilgrim Hall.

TRIP TO ISRAEL – APRIL 22-30, 2015

An information meeting will be held in mid-August.



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. Please inform the church of updates to this list.

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Jim Davis at Parkside Villa, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Stayrook, Susan Tressa

Extended Church Family: June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Megan Craig (granddaughter of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig), Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeier (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo). Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodwards), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

IN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to . . .

Marti Powers and family on the passing of her sister, Carrie Feick, on May 4, 2014. The funeral was held on May 9 in Cincinnati.

Beth (Fraunfelder) and Harold Lewis on the passing of Harold's father Dale from Mansfield on May 22. Visitation and the funeral took place on May 27 in Lexington, Ohio.



NEWS FROM THE ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

The church's Advertising Committee of the Diaconate is in the early stages of planning how to get the word out to church members and the community about all the activities going on at the church. In these early stages, the committee is making up a wish list of what we want to do, making a budget to pay for it, and figuring out ways we can raise money for that budget. There is a lot of excitement on the committee about creative ways we can tell our story of how we are growing and how we are an asset to the community.

For example, one of the big items now is replacing the sign in front of the church with one like the Cleveland Browns have that would allow us to use a computer to change displays and even put pictures on our bulletin board. Essentially, we would use new technology to make our sign a television screen. The committee is planning field trips to look at such signs and to get more detail of how they work. Such a sign would put us in the forefront of what other community groups are doing to display their work.

We are also looking into getting the capability to broadcast all our services live so they could be seen as they happen by anyone in the world with Internet capability. This would mean anyone could tune into our church. It would give us a chance to make church available to those we want to serve who cannot be present in person, such as members on vacation. We could use this capability not only to broadcast services, but also any activity we want. For example, we may want to broadcast live events such as our Open House at Christmas time.

We would also like to put several televisions around the church where we could show pictures from all the activities of the church. It would enable members and new people to see at a glance the kinds of things we are doing, such as the newly-formed Kids for Christ (KFC). The committee is exploring ways we can use new media such as Facebook, Pinterest and others, many of which are free.

And of course, there are the traditional kinds of advertisements we are planning such as an updated flyer and advertisements and news stories about some of the activities of our church.

The committee wants to make a full report with recommendations to the congregation of what all we are planning as we finalize more of our plans.

Members of the committee include Pastor Becky, Dale Hawk, Ryan Heinrich, Bev Wehr, Jamie Habart, Doug Thorn and Tom Gaumer. Any of them would be happy to hear from the congregation what the committee should do and ideas for fund raising.

OFFICIAL BOARD PLANT SALE 2014

THANK YOU to all who ordered flowers and/or shared the idea with family and friends for our Spring Plant Sale. On Friday, May 9, Maria Gardens Greenhouse delivered plants for our 25 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 \$459.65! This fundraiser is sponsored by the Official Board, and the funds will be used to support the needs of the church.

COFFEE HOUR

We have decided to extend our Coffee Hour every Sunday to gather together after **both** services. Anyone can bring bakery, fresh fruit, etc. Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

The Diaconate

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting – Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Brandi Garsteck will talk about her trip to California and about Invisible Children. Corrine Jackson is the hostess, and she will lead devotions. Please bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. As always, all ladies are welcome!

Tote Bags – Women's Fellowship will <u>not</u> collect items for tote bags this spring. We will do that project from July 13 through August 10, which is closer to the start of school. A list of needed items will be printed at that time. Thank you.

Betty Craig, Tote Bags Chairman

TICKETS FOR "MOTOWN - THE MUSICAL"

As a community service for the Rotary and the City of Strongsville, Linda Plain is selling tickets to Playhouse Square. Linda has reserved seats for the show, "Motown – the Musical," for Sunday, October 19, at the State Theatre for the 1:00 p.m. matinee. The seats on the first floor (Orchestra) cost \$80 each and seats in the balcony are \$60 each. Parking inside the attached garage is \$10 per car. For tickets or more information, please contact Linda Plain at 440-668-4848 or email her at lindaplain416@aol.com



This show will be a sellout, as it is the music of The Temptations, Diana Ross and The Supremes, The Jackson 5 and all the other great stars discovered by Barry Gordon, Mr. Motown.

AIR CONDITIONING PILGRIM HALL

As most of you know, we have talked about air conditioning Pilgrim Hall for many years. We have had many obstacles such as asbestos content in the walls and trying to find more than one contractor willing to bid on the project. Because of the selected installation method, we will not have to deal with any asbestos issues.

The good news is we have signed a contract with E & L Heating & Air Conditioning to install air conditioning in Pilgrim Hall. The total cost is \$25,973.00. There is \$5,000.00 in the air conditioning fund, and The Thrift Shop will pay the remaining balance. Thank you, Thrift Shop!!!!

Work should begin the last week of May or first week in June. The project should take about one week to complete.

There will be two separate five-ton air conditioning units. The two air handler units will be placed in the balcony. The two compressor units will be placed on the north side of the sanctuary, next to our existing four units. There will be two round ducts running the length of Pilgrim Hall, placed as close to the peak of the ceiling as possible without hitting the fans. The ducts will be painted to blend in with the wood ceiling. This method will provide the quietest and most efficient system that is possible in Pilgrim Hall.

You may start planning your summer events in Pilgrim Hall!

Respectfully submitted, James R. Heinrich for the Board of Trustees

ATTENTION LADIES!

If you are looking for a little getaway, come and join in for a spiritual and fun weekend at our second annual

Women's Retreat Weekend

August 22 through August 24, 2014 at Pilgrim Hills

The cost of \$93.60 includes room and meals.

Please contact Kim McKenzie to sign up or if you have questions at davekimmckenzie@cox.net or call 216-398-1462



STEEPLE LIGHTING

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.

Week of May 4, 2014

Happy Birthday to Hayley Craig on May 7 and to Debbie Wentz on May 9 Grammy and Mom

Congratulations to Natalie Daniels on Her Graduation on May 3, 2014, from Tiffin University with a Masters of Humanities Degree in English Love ya and good luck, Your Church Mom

Week of May 11, 2014

In Memory of Karen Meek (Cochran) Love, Mom and Barb

Happy Birthday today to Patti Johnson,
Congratulations to Katie Lett on Receiving Her Masters
at the University of Cincinnati,
Congratulations to Samantha Wentz's Volley Ball Team
for winning in D.C. and now going to Nationals
Mom. Gram and Great-Grammy

Happy Birthday on May 10 to Dorothy Ritchie and on May 15 to Gina Cathcart Love, Sharon

Week of May 18, 2014

Congratulations to Sara Grega on Her Graduation from Miami University Love, Grandma and Aunt Barb

Happy Birthday on May 22 to Ryan Craig and Tracey Hill Love, Grammy

In gratitude for all of the church family who have been visiting, sending cards or flowers, calling, emailing, bringing meals, and helping me in so many ways these recent months during my illness. You inspire and encourage me with your loving kindness and your continued friendships since my retirement. And even though I won't be there with you every week, you all remain in my heart and prayers always.

I wish you joy and all the wildest blessings!

Susan Stevenson Tressa

Week of May 25, 2014

Happy Anniversary today to Adam and Kristina Craig and to Stacie and Dan Sauter, and Happy 40th Birthday on May 28 to Sandra Wentz With love, Grammy

Week of May 25, 2014 - continued

For the anonymous person or persons who gave me a ticket for the wonderful ORC dinner made by a fabulous cook and best friend anyone could ever have,

Marty Winch

Betty Craig

For Marty Winch--thank you for all your hard work to cater the fabulous dinner on May 17 for the Organ Restoration Fund. Bill, Dorothy, Gina and Sharon

In loving memory of all our service men and women who fought for our freedom, and in honor of those still serving our country. Lord, please watch over them all and keep them safe. God bless them all.

In honor and appreciation of Marty Winch, Lori Deertz, Lauren Deertz, Dave Namosky, Beth Giuliano, Claudia Bader, Jim Nicoulin, Sandy O'Shea, and Sandy Pogozelski for a marvelous meal and wonderful time on May 17, 2014

Thank you to all who light our steeple!



WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday – June 11, 2014 – 11:30 A.M.

Mom's Deli & Grille

13900 York Road in North Royalton

Meet at church at 11:00 a.m. to carpool.

For reservations, please contact Jean Straub at

(440) 238-6473.

As always, all ladies welcome!

THE THRIFT SHOP

Now is the time to shop for summer items in The Thrift Shop. We have a great selection of shorts, tops, slacks and accessories for the entire family.

We have a new "collectibles table." Check out our Boyd's Bears and Growing Up ceramic girls. You can always find a treasure on our collectibles table.

We are celebrating Father's Day on Thursday, June 12. There will be a gift for all fathers on that day.

We will be open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Thursday. We hope to see you then to shop, visit, or donate.

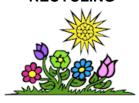




NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Barb Fraunfelder

RECYCLING



The River Valley Paper Company picked up 5,080 lbs. of recyclable material from us in March. We received \$25 per ton for a total of \$63.51.

THANK YOU for continuing to recycle. As most of you may know, we collect newspapers, office and school paper, phonebooks, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, mail hard and soft bound books, and cardboard.

FUN FACTS – Published by River Valley Paper Company (and posted on our Pilgrim Hall bulletin board):

	MARCH 2014	APRIL 2014
	Our 5,080 lbs. of	Our 7,010 lbs. of
	recycled paper	recycled paper
WE SAVED:	saved:	saved:
Trees	43.18	59.59
Pounds of CO2	635.00	876.25
Cubic yards of	8.38	11.57
landfill space		
Gallons of water	17,780.00	24,535.00
Kilowatts of	10,414.00	14,370.50
electricity		
Homes heated	2.54	3.51
for 6 months		
Pounds of air	152.40	210.30
pollutants		

PLEASE continue to **RECYCLE**; if you haven't started yet, please do so! It's important to our environment, and we can earn several dollars with everyone doing a little bit.

