



JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY – JUNE 4 – 10:00 A.M.

*Pentecost Sunday / Communion
Recognition of Chancel Choir and Band*

Guest Minister: Rev. Joseph Santomen
Liturgist: Dan Masuga
Greeter: Linda Plain
Ushers: Linda Plain
Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed

SUNDAY – JUNE 11 – 10:00 A.M.

*Trinity Sunday
Recognition of Graduates*

Guest Minister: Rev. Mendle Adams
Liturgist: Betty Craig
Children's Message: Annette Karr and Wink the Dog
Greeter: Barb Bridle
Ushers: Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed

SUNDAY – JUNE 18 – 10:00 A.M.

*Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day*

Guest Minister: Rev. Mendle Adams
Liturgist: Dale Hawk
Greeters: The Bickley Family
Ushers: Ted and Kelly Bickley
Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed

SUNDAY – JUNE 25 – 10:00 A.M.

*Third Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Worship, Picnic Potluck Meal, Picnic Games*

Guest Minister: Rev. Joseph Santomen
Liturgist: Lynne McCray
Greeter: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour: Allen and Michele Mhlack

*Strengthen the Church Offering will be received
throughout the month of June – please see page 2.*

UPDATE FROM THE PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee has met twice and has begun the task of completing our Local Church Profile. A survey is being developed to collect information from the congregation for the Profile. The survey will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. Your prompt completion and return of the survey will be appreciated. More information will be provided when the survey is distributed.

Committee Members

Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy,
Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, Bill Schneider

DIACONATE WING NITE A SUCCESS!



The Diaconate would like to thank everyone who supported our annual "Wing Nite" fundraiser. Thanks to those who bought tickets and attended the event, thanks to those who donated the wonderful baskets to raffle, and thanks to those who bought raffle tickets. This is the only fundraiser we have during the year.

Most of you are aware of the Diaconate responsibilities, some of which include providing coffee hour, greeters, ushers, and acolytes. Financial responsibilities that you may not be aware of are the annual fee for the CCLI license that gives us copyrights of music (\$600), funding the tent revival (\$500), Christmas open house (\$600), donating \$1,000 towards the operating expenses, Maundy Thursday meal (\$250), and several other items that include the candles and oil for services, Christmas candles, chalices for new members and chalices for confirmands.

Everyone enjoyed themselves at the Grindstone Tap House in Berea. The food was great, the location was great, but the people who attended were the best! We made a profit of \$4,025! Thank you so much for your support!

HEADLINE NEWS

178TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

October 8, 1995, marked the 178th anniversary of the church. We dedicated the tower and the entrance addition. One of the church goals was to reactivate the use of the church bell. During inspection, it was noticed that the existing tower was leaning toward the west. The main support beam for both the roof and the tower was failing and presented an immediate danger. Worship had to be held in Pilgrim Hall until the roof and tower were stabilized. The bell was sent for restoration. The original bell bears the inscription "From Meneelys: West Troy. N.Y. 1854". The bell has a diameter of 33 inches, and its estimated weight is 700 pounds. The new tower was erected on Good Friday, April 14, and the restored bell was rung for the first time on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1995.

SAVE THE DATE!



Our church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, we are having an **Anniversary Luncheon on October 15, 2017**, right after the church service that Sunday. The luncheon will be held at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet room.

We are currently working on finalizing all the details pertaining to special guests, menu, and out-of-pocket costs, if any. Once those are completed, we will provide you with more information.

In the meantime, we request that if you think you may attend, please let Joyce Reed know now. There is a sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall, where you can indicate your preliminary attendance and number of guests coming. Thank you.

The 200th Anniversary Committee

200TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH COOKBOOKS



Please see Dianne Maringer to get your copy – 45 cookbooks are still available at a cost of \$12.00 each. We also have six old church cookbooks from 2006 at a cost of \$10.00 each. If you got a cookbook

and did not yet pay, please give payment to Dianne Maringer or Joyce Reed, or place payment under the church office door. Thank you!

IN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Linda Dettmer and family on the recent passing of her brother Allan.

Our condolences also to church member, Austin Eggert, and family on the passing of his mother Rosemary on May 2, 2017. The funeral was held on May 6 at Jardine's Funeral Home.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School begins June 4. 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 are provided. Please see Irene Joyce if you have questions.

On Sunday, June 11, we will recognize graduates within our church family and also enjoy a special Children's Sermon presented by Annette Karr and her dog Wink.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

June 4 – Summer Sunday School begins.

June 11 – Graduates' Recognition and Special Children's Sermon

June 18 – Father's Day

June 25 – Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic, 10:00 a.m.

September 10 – Rally Day

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Enclosed is an envelope for this offering. Our congregation will receive this offering throughout the month of June. Thank you for your support.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB



The Adult Social Club meets the third Wednesday of the month at the church. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m. All adults are welcome, as these events are planned:

LOLLY THE TROLLEY

Tour of Lake View Cemetery

Saturday – June 17

We need 30 people – please sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board or contact Adria, 440-227-8410.

Total cost of tour is \$895.00 + tax (\$32.22 / person).

We will be picked up at SUCC at 10:00 a.m.

for a 1 to 1-1/2 hour tour of Lake View Cemetery and return to SUCC at 2:00 p.m.

. Reservations and money are due by June 8.

BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER

Salute to America

Sunday – July 2

\$18.50 per person includes fireworks, pavilion seating and parking pass.

INDIANS GAME

Cleveland vs. Los Angeles Angels

Thursday – July 27 – 12:30 Game

\$25.00 each for a minimum of 16 people.

More people means a larger discount.

WOLF CREEK WINERY

Thursday – August 17

Bring your own food.

They only have snack foods like pretzels and chips.

Indoor shelter is first come/first serve. No cost.

CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO

Sunday – September 10

Tram makes two stops—
at top of hill and at bottom of hill

Adults \$13.25 Seniors (62 and over) \$11.95

THISTLEDOWN

Saturday – October 7

STAN HYWETT MANSION

December – Details to follow.

*For more information, please contact
Adria Bond at 440-227-8410 or
Eddy Bond at 440-554-7380.*

THE THRIFT SHOP

Now is the time to stock up on summer items by shopping at The Thrift Shop. Need summer reading material? We have it. We have lots of books and magazines to scan while on vacation or sitting at the pool. Need summer sandals? We have them. How about summer clothing? We have summer clothing for the entire family.

We'll be open this summer on Thursdays from 10 to 4 and hope you can stop in to visit, shop or donate. If you are looking to find a new home for clothing, books, household items, greeting cards, toys, music, craft items or games, please remember the shop. Donations may be dropped Thursdays in the shop. At other times, please be sure to leave your donations, **marked "Thrift Shop,"** in a safe place so no one trips or falls on the steps. Thank you.

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: Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie

Church Family: Betty Babics at Concordia Rehab, Steve Herzog, Irene Jannsohn, Don Kovach, Martha Liebert, Pam Peacock, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Shirley Weinhold, Kyle Woodward, Rachel Zielinski

Extended Church Family: Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiautraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Sue Mason, Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

Please provide updates to this list. Thank you.

GARAGE SALE POSTPONED

The Garage Sale, originally scheduled for July 8, 2017, has been postponed. Please hold on to your treasures for a little while longer. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you very much.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of May 7, 2017

*Happy Birthday on May 7 to Hayley McKane
Happy Birthday on May 9 to Debbie Wentz
Happy Birthday on May 11 to Patti Johnson
With love, Grammy and Mom*

Week of May 14, 2017

*Wishing All Moms a Happy Mother's Day and
Happy Birthday to My Mom
Love, Gina and Chelsey*

*Happy Birthday, Gina, on May 15
Love, Mom and Dad*

Week of May 21, 2017

*Happy Birthday on May 22 to Ryan Craig and Tracey Hill
and
Happy Anniversary on May 21
to Stacie and Dan Sauter and to Adam and Kristina Craig
With love, Grammy*

*In Celebration of Our Wedding Anniversary
Ron and Ginger Rothel*

Week of May 28, 2017

*Happy Birthday on May 28 to Sandra Wentz and
Happy Anniversary on June 3 to Patti and Nate Johnson
With love, Grammy and Mom*

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 for lighting the steeple.



The charts for Ushers, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Hour still have openings for helping. The charts are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please sign up if you are able to assist in these areas.

If you are new to a task, please call the church office, 440-238-6697; and we will direct you to someone who will train you. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS

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.

As of this printing, the following are dates when vases are still needed so that two vases are on the altar for Sunday worship:

June 11 – 1 vase
July 9 – 2 vases
August 6 – 2 vases
August 13 – 1 vase
August 27 – 1 vase
September 3 – 2 vases
September 10 – 1 vase
October 8 – 2 vases
October 15 – 2 vases
October 22 – 2 vases
October 29 – 2 vases
November 5 – 2 vases
November 19 – 1 vase
December 10 – 1 vase

The sign-up chart for altar flowers is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Below the chart are forms and envelopes for submitting your bulletin information and payment to the church office.

NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY Adria Bond

The following monthly report lists the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount actually received. This information also appears weekly in our Sunday bulletin.

For April 23 through May 14

Offering Needed \$15,460
Received: April 23 through May 14 13,377
Difference (\$2,083)



UPDATING OUR WEBSITE AND TV's

If you have updates for our church Website or TV screens at church, please inform:

Michele Mihlack 216-324-9799 / m.mihlack@gmail.com
or
Irene Joyce 216-267-5043 / ij3e@sbcglobal.net

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting – Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m. Crystal Jardine will present a program, "Everything You Wanted to Know about Funerals But Were Afraid to Ask." After the meeting, the ladies are welcome to enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall. As always, all ladies are invited to the meeting.



Thank you for all the prayers, support and goodies that I received during my convalescence. Special thanks to Pastor Becky and Jack and to all my special friends in the Thrift Shop—I love you all.

Carol Lesiak

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Pastor Becky's pastoral care always extends beyond the doors of a church. Below is a letter from Trish Shields, whom Pastor Becky befriended after Pastor Becky conducted Trish's husband's funeral. Trish has been on our Prayer List.

March 25, 2017

Strongsville UCC, Pastor Becky & Women's Fellowship,

I wanted you all to know I'm grateful for your continued prayers—from the early days of my husband's death last year, through all my surgeries and recovery periods, and to this very day where I'm in recovery after surgery again.

It is an encouraging feeling to have a spiritual connection to other followers of Christ. Even though I do not know many of you personally, I have prayed for you all as kindred believers in our resurrected Lord. I will continue to pray for UCC and Pastor Becky as she makes the transition to retirement and moves to Florida.

I'm already missing Pastor Becky just knowing that she'll be gone soon. Even so, I'm happy for her and Jack and pray they enjoy many years of well-deserved retirement.

I will continue to pray for all of the members of UCC as they go about the difficult task of finding a new pastor. May God strengthen their resolve and faith throughout the process. Finally, I pray God strengthens the faith of each and every one of you and blesses you all.

Thanks to all of you again, for lifting me up to God in prayer.

*In friendship and love,
Trish Shields*



Tote Bags – Women's Fellowship Spring Project will be to fill 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 may purchase items, would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office.

The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target.

Collection concludes on Sunday, June 4.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING FAMILY-SIZE ITEMS.

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
body lotion	decks of cards
deodorant	activity books
tooth brushes	coloring books
toothpaste (small tubes)	small stuffed toys (<i>no bigger than 8"</i>)
wash cloths	blowing bubbles (small bottles)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 or 24 count)	

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

Please check with Betty Craig or Ginny Oerkfritz before assuming we need a certain product. We do not need drinking straws or toothpicks. We can always use luncheon napkins, 9 oz. cold cups, lemonade or punch mix, coffee, tea bags, Ziplock plastic bags (sandwich, quart or gallon sizes), paper towels. These things are used weekly for coffee hour and the free lunch program. Thank you for your donations.





CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2017

*Officers elected on January 29, 2017,
have an asterisk* by their names.*

Moderator Rachel Zielinski*
Vice-Moderator Bill Schneider*
Treasurer Kenn Oerkfitz*
Clerk Karen Morgan*
Sunday School Co-Superintendents Jamie Habart*
Irene Joyce*

Board of Trustees

Ed Bond	Lloyd Bridle*	Jim Dettmer*
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Jennifer Barry*	Kelly Bickley*	Adria Bond
Barbara Camp*	Gina Cathcart*	Ginny Oerkfitz
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Sarah Hayes*	Linda Plain*	Cheryl Sobek
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Kelly Bickley*	Jamie Habart	Irene Joyce
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Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson*	Pam Keenen	Elena Taylor
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Rosemary Bechtel	Barbara Bridle*	Sue Gigliotti*
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Judy Carte*	Brandi Garsteck*	Michele Mihlack*
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