

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)**

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**June 22, 2014 10:00 A.M. Second Sunday after Pentecost**

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

**A SERVICE OF OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE / INTROIT** *Morning Has Broken* Eleanor Farjeon

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The sun shines more brightly.  
It's warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

**All: So we shake free of our routines.**

One: We wander about the wilderness:  
Hoping God will open our eyes,  
Praying God will make us worthy,  
Wanting to grow with God.

**All: Let us grow together in the  
wild ways of our God.**

**\*HYMN** *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GATHERING SONG** *Sanctuary*

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**OUR 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.**

**ANTHEM** *Friend of Mine* Eddie Kilbourne

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\* HYMN** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *A Living Prayer* Ron Block

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 10:24-39

**SERMON** *"They Say I am What?"*

**\* HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* RESPONSE / POSTLUDE** *Shaker Parting Song*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 22, 2014**

**Welcome, visitors!** We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

### ***Our Vision . . .***

*A world filled with God's love, where all are welcome at God's table.*

### ***Our Mission Statement . . .***

*Wherever you are on life's journey, the Strongsville United Church of Christ (Congregational) welcomes all to become passionate followers of Christ through Unconditional Love with Justice and Peace † Meaningful Prayer † The Celebration of Worship † Uplifting Music † Mutual Support † Joy of Service † Honoring Creation † the Giving Spirit, where all are welcome at God's table.*

**Today's flowers** celebrate God's blessings on Jim and Linda Dettmer as they observe their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Our steeple will light the sky this week—**

*Happy Anniversary to Rob and Sandra Wentz on June 27  
With love, Grammy*

*In Remembrance of Florence Davis on Her Birthday, June 27  
Jim Davis*

*In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder  
Happy Anniversary to Beth and Harold Lewis  
Happy Birthday to My Granddaughter, Ruby  
Barb Fraunfelder*

**Happy Birthday today** to Pat Jefferis and to Laverne Dingler!

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to Betty Jacobson and family on the passing of her son, Edwin Munger, back on March 12, 2014, in Maryland. Visitation will take place at Jardine's tomorrow-- Monday, June 23, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 7:00 p.m. Retired from the Navy, Ed will be laid to rest at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio, on Tuesday, June 24.

**We thank the Purdum family for their special music today** for our outdoor worship service.

**June Cleanup** – Each Monday in June from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, we continue to clean various areas around the church. 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.

**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. 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 by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. As always, all are welcome to enroll in the class.

### **NEW SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29:**

Contemporary Service – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour and Fellowship – 9:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour and Fellowship – 11:00 a.m.

**Blessing of Pets** will be Sunday, June 29, at 5:00 p.m. at church.

**Recognition of Susan Stevenson Tressa's dedication and extraordinary service to our church** will take place at the church on Sunday, July 13, after our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will celebrate with a potluck meal. Everyone, please come!

**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** from August 22 through 24, 2014, at Pilgrim Hills. The cost of \$93.60 includes room and meals. Contact Kim McKenzie to sign up or for questions: [davekimmckenzie@cox.net](mailto:davekimmckenzie@cox.net) or call 216-398-1462.

**“God Is Still Speaking” Embroidery** – In the Gathering Area is a sample polo shirt with the logo. To have your shirt embroidered, 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](mailto:excellenceinembroidery@gmail.com)

**Men's Luncheon** will take place this Thursday, July 26, at 11:30 a.m. at European's Best Restaurant. As always, all men are welcome.

**Pipe Organ Restoration Update** – Restoration of the Choir division (the third phase of restoration) is in progress and 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.

**Needed in the Church Kitchen:** Paper towels, paper napkins, small plastic 7-oz. cups for juice, GFS gift cards, or donations of money. Please see Betty Craig if you have questions.

**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

**Strongsville Community Band Concert** – Loras John Schissel, director of the Blossom Festival Band and guest director of the Cleveland Orchestra, will appear with the Strongsville Community Band at next Friday's concert on June 27 at 7:30 p.m. on the Commons. Some highlights will be music from *Jersey Boys* and *Sound of Music*.

**Picnic Lunch and Games** – After our worship service today, all are welcome to the potluck picnic lunch, followed by picnic games!

## 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:** Holly Elkins at Century Oak Care Center, Janet Kato at ManorCare in Parma, Margot James at Cleveland Clinic, 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 Hagemeyer (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)

## **June 2014**

- 23 Mon Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
26 Thu Men's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at European's Best Restaurant  
New Journey in Faith Class begins, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**29 Sun Summer Worship Schedule begins:**  
**8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service**  
**10:00 a.m. Traditional Service**  
KFC goes to the park, after 10:00 a.m. worship  
Blessing of Pets – 5:00 p.m.  
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
30 Mon Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

## **July 2014**

- 3 Thur Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
6 Sun Sacrament of Communion  
8 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
10 Thur Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
13 Fri Recognition for Susan Stevenson Tressa – potluck meal in  
Pilgrim Hall after 10:00 a.m. worship  
16 Wed Strongsville Parade  
17 Thur Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
24 Thur Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
27 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Group Meeting, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
31 Thur Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### **Serving Next Sunday – June 29, 2014**

Liturgist for both services	Tom Gaumer
Greeters for 10:00 a.m. Worship	Lola Millhoane and Linda Plain
Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship	Dianne Maringer
Coffee Hour	Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz