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Sunday, June 28, 2026– 10 A.M.
Penny Sunday

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.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Serenade in Es KV 375 *Allegro Maestoso*" Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Serenade in Es KV 375 *Menuetto 2*" Mozart

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is no hope like you, O God!

People: You alone bring hope to those who cry out from the deserts of their lives.

Leader: There is no grace like you, O God!

People: You alone offer grace to those rejected, ignored, and cast aside by the world.

Leader: There is no love like you, O God!

People: You alone give love to those who have known days of trouble and nights of loneliness.

Leader: There is no one like you, O God!

People: You alone are the One True God. Amen!

† HYMN 548 "As the Deer"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 89:1-4, 15-17
(New International Version)

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David my servant,

'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

We rejoice in your name all day long; we celebrate your righteousness.

For you are our glory and strength.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM "Serenade in Es KV 375 *Adagio*" Mozart

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Serenade in Es KV 375 *Menuetto 1*" Mozart

† 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.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 22: 1-14
(New International Version)
God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

REFLECTION "God's One and Only"

† HYMN "We Shall Overcome"
We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, some day.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, some day.

We shall all be free, we shall all be free, we shall all be free, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, some day.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, some day.

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, some day.

† BENEDICTION Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Go forth now in the Name of Christ. Go into the cities, towns, villages, and all regions of the Church. Go into your own neighborhoods. Go to unknown lands and places. Go where God's name is well known and where it has yet to be known. Go forth into the world and share the Good News of God's love for all God's children. Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE "Serenade in Es KV 375 *Finale Allegro*" Mozart

A NOTE OF THANKS—

We thank The Venner Clarinets (David Ciucevich, Dick K. Ingersoll, Marc Paige, Caroline Stilwell, and Suzanne Taber) for today's worship music! As always, thank you to our music team: Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich!



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, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

SERVING

TODAY – JUNE 28		NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 5
Roger & Judy Davis	Greeters	Linda Plain
Sharon Maresco	Liturgist	Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Judi Pavisich	Head Usher	Bill Robinson
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
The Venner Clarinets	Special Music	Dave Williams
Ingrid Dickson	Summer Sunday School	Irene Joyce

ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN!

Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a name to the prayer chain.



FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL:
PENNY SUNDAY TODAY!

It's time to donate your coins, cash, and checks to UCC!

The next Penny Sunday will go to Ohio Guidestone, formerly known as Berea Children's Home, offering hope and caring to foster children and their families. **OhioGuidestone** is a faith-based agency that provides a range of mental health and substance use disorder services for children and adults. The next Penny

Sunday will be **August 30th** and will go to our own Sunday School.



A SIGN-UP FOR TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL! We still have some slots left!

The altar flowers are given—

In loving memory of Lloyd & Barbara Bridle

Love, their children: Laura, Sue, and Ken



A 2026 SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALTAR FLOWERS IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL. The cost of flowers is \$18 for 1 vase and \$36 for 2 vases. We still have some Sundays available!



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday on June 30th to Josh Sauter!

With love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Cheryl Sobek, Ian Rolland, and Edison Woodward!



MINISTER SURVEYS can be found on the greeters' table in the Gathering Area. Please take a few moments to complete yours and return it to the black collection box located in

the Gathering Area today. It is a responsibility of the Board of Trustees to conduct employee reviews periodically and your input will assist in this important task.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Mission Outreach Committee will meet on the second Sunday of the month, **July 12th** following the worship service.
- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **July 14th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **July 21st** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will have an email meeting in July.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 5,212.00
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 2,942.01
Difference -(\$ 2,269.99)

Thank you very much for your support.
PLEDGES RECEIVED: 62



**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--
Wednesdays
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**PLEASE NOTE: ON JULY 15th, FREE LUNCH WILL BE
CARRY-OUT ONLY.** Lunches must be reserved in advance.

IT'S HAPPENING!

CHURCH GARAGE SALE



FRIDAY, JULY 17th from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.

AND

SATURDAY, JULY 18th from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Donations will be accepted now through July 17th.

We accept household items, home décor, sporting equipment, craft supplies, books, games, toys, small electronics, furniture, kitchenware and dishes, plus clothing & shoes (for the Thrift Shop)

We DO NOT accept liquids of any kind, hazardous materials, or large televisions.

Please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist it on the church." Also, please plan to carry your items yourself or bring a helper (or two). Thanks!

We'll need lots of volunteers, too—

On the days of the sale and every day the week before, sorting the items. Come in the morning, afternoon, or evening.

Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can give a couple of hours of your time to help sort donations either day or evening from July 12 - 16 (or just show up)!

WE ALSO NEED LARGE SHOPPING BAGS! (Marc's Bags)
If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office anytime.



**BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday, July 17th before 6 p.m. or Saturday, July 18th before 9 a.m.



ATTENTION TREASURERS!

**It's time for the Mid-year audit of the books of all
our church organizations!**

Please submit your financial records, including receipts and statements to the church office by July 7th.

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**FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE
COMMUNITY BAND:**

Mark your calendar for **SUMMER CONCERTS 2026:**
July 3rd, July 10th, July 24th (new date, Rotary cookout) and
August 7th. Concerts will be held on the Strongsville Middle

School lawn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for outdoor concerts. In case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the Ehrnfelt center.

**AN EASY WAY TO HELP OUR CHURCH AND
ENJOY QUALITY MEATS!**

When you shop at **Smitty's Meats** (12966 Prospect Road Strongsville), mention the church's phone number--**440-238-6697** and 10% of your bill will be donated to our church at the end of the year!



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Jen Barry, Jean Bittinger, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Colette Emerson, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Jim Joyce, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Erv Koch, Jill Kundtz, Carol Konet, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Jan Meier, Ken Mehalko, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Sandy Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, Debbie Thomas, Barbara White, Heather Williams, Jan Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Jim Wonnacott



Extended Church Family: Teresa Beba (Free Lunch friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Sarah & David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson & wife), Ellen Harrison (Linda Elkins' friend), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), McKenna Hassel (Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Ben Hoty (Tony & Jo-Ann Hoty's son), Helen Leckwatch (Dale Parson's mother-in-law), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Michael & Judy Richter (Roz Fotos' friends), Bob Ritchie (Dorothy's grandson), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Jeaneane Steinmeyer (Greg Dickson's aunt), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich's friends), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Iran, and Israel, victims of violence and natural disasters, First Responders

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$63,764.72 in our capital campaign account. The acoustic tiles in Pilgrim Hall project is underway. A new roof for Pilgrim Hall and the church building may be on the horizon. Things are happening, but we still have more projects on the list. Please make sure you designate your donation for "Capital Campaign." Thanks for your continuing support.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—



**Our Daytime group will meet on Wednesday,
July 1st, at 1 p.m.**
Our Evening group, Monday, July 6th, at 7 p.m.
All ladies are welcome.

The Women's Fellowship July meetings will be a discussion on charitable giving and what it means to us. All ladies are welcome.

CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM



If you like to cook or bake or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate would LOVE to have you be a part of our team! (You don't need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)

**YES! I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CARE
TEAM.**

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____



I AM INTERESTED IN:

_____ OFFERING OR RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

_____ CALLING FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN PRAYER
CHAIN, BUT DON'T USE EMAIL

_____ PREPARING AN EXTRA MEAL AND DELIVERING IT TO
SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ HELPING COOK A DISH AND OR SERVE MEALS AT
FUNERAL LUNCHEON

_____ BECOMING A "PHONE BUDDY" AND PERIODICALLY
CHECK IN WITH SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO TAKE MEMBERS
TO APPOINTMENTS

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO OUR CHURCH
SERVICES

_____ BE PART OF A CARD CREW TO SEND CARDS TO
FOLKS ON HEIDI'S PRAYER LIST AND OUR HOMEBOUND
MEMBERS

_____ I WOULD BE WILLING TO...



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are the last or almost the last person to leave the church building on any given day, please make certain that all the lights are off, no water is running, and most importantly, that the door to the kitchen and the parking lot doors are locked and “undogged” using the Allen key provided. Thanks in advance for your diligence.

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CHURCH OFFICERS 2026

**Elected February 1, 2026*

Moderator: Rachel Zielinski *

Vice-Moderator: Herb Hampson*

Treasurer: Sally Herzog* **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Elkins

Board of Trustees

Karen Bates Jen Barry* Greg Dickson*
Bill Giuliano* Chris Goff Les Fox* Cathy Hawk
Sandy Pogozeleski* Bill Robinson * Cheryl Sobek
Alex Tomoff Mike Willis

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Sarah Hayes Amanda Marshall* Lora Rung

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Jen Barry * Gina Cathcart Bobbi Cook*
Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Lora Rung
Mary Willis Mary Ellen Zimmerman

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THERE’S STILL TIME TO PLEDGE FROM YOUR H.E.A.R.T.!

Hospitality, Engagement, Activities, Resources, Time, Talent, & Treasure

United Church of Christ 2026 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2026:

Name _____

Address _____

I plan to give \$_____ each

☐ week ☐ month ☐ other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$_____

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$_____

☐ ☐ I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

☐ ☐ I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. *Matthew 6:21*

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THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from

10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of

interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations

are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your

donations to what you can carry downstairs. **Please do not abandon**

items outside the church doors.

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IMPORTANT INFO

—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.

