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Sunday – June 30, 2019 – 10:00 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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" Young, arr. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

INTROIT "As the Deer" Nystrom, arr. Larson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On days when it seems as if God has nothing to do with work or family or the world,

People: The Bible tells us of Jesus, a carpenter, who wandered the streets and puzzled his family.

Leader: On days when we think our purpose in life is to prefer making money to friendships and family,

People: The Bible speaks of giving away ourselves, building a loving, caring community as we do so.

Leader: On days aching with loneliness and empty of love and laughter,

People: The Bible draws us closer into the embrace of God's loving heart.

† HYMN 38 "Ye Servants of God"

FIRST READING FROM THE EPISTLES Galatians 5: 1, 13-14

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" Whelpton

ANTHEM "Lamb of God" Paris, arr. Larson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" Traditional, arr. Rosenhaus

† 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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 9:51-62

SERMON But first--

† HYMN 690 "He Leadeth Me"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Westendorf

† POSTLUDE "Alleluia" Mozart, arr. Felton

SERVING

TODAY, JUNE 30

Judi Pavisich	Liturgists	Tom Gaumer
Allen & Michele Mhlack	Greeters	Linda Plain
Elaine Coffey	Ushers	Linda Plain
Cathy Hawk	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Serena Abruzzino	Summer Sunday School	Linda Elkins
Sharon & Lisa Heinrich	Special Summer Music	Megan Denman

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7

The altar flowers are given—

Dedicated to my husband, John Toth, for being my "rock" this past year
Love, Barbara

Congratulations to Cathy Hawk on her retirement

Love, your Garage Sale buddies

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday today to Josh Sauter

With love, Grammy

In celebration of Peg Weakley's birthday on June 29th

Dorothy and Bill Ritchie

Happy Birthday today to Heidi Rutch and Aimee Haluska!

Worship Team will meet next Sunday, July 7 at 11 a.m.

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, go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School— Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please add your name to our sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help—only 2 Sundays are left to fill. **Children will meet in the classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. Thanks to Serena Abruzzino for teaching today.**



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,926.00
(Difference **-\$1,596.02**)



During the summer months, the church often faces a shortfall. Please remember to keep up with your offerings and pledges as you enjoy the gift of God that is summertime.



COMING SOON...LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM

Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! We will soon be scheduling times for **Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20** from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. for our families and individuals to be photographed AT NO COST. This is an important project that will take many folks helping out in order to be a success, so please contact the church office if you would like to assist in making the directory a reality.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

This special UCC offering is used to support the expansion of ministry and growth of congregations. Today is the last Sunday we are collecting for this special offering. Envelopes are in the pews.

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.



Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Christopher Minnick, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tilly Sekorky, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.
Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. COME HELP US ON MONDAY OR FRIDAY MORNINGS AS WE SORT THE PANERA DONATIONS—LOTS OF FUN AND CARBS!





Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, and family meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board.

SUMMER MUSIC—vocalists, instrumentalist, ensembles are invited to provide music for a Sunday in the summer. Please see Tom Foley if you would like to be a part of the music ministry while the choir and bell choir are on hiatus.

Thank you to Lisa and Sharon Heinrich, for sharing their talent with us this morning. Lisa, who grew up in our church, teaches kindergarten through fifth grade general music at Cloverleaf Elementary School in the Cloverleaf Local School District. She is the 2019 Medina County Teacher of the Year and a recipient of a Fulbright teaching grant. Sharon is familiar to all of us as our supplemental organist and our retired church secretary.

COMING NEXT SUNDAY: You don't want to miss **Megan Denman**, daughter of Pastor Heidi and Chuck, sharing her talent with us as a guest musician on July 7. Megan is a professional organist, pianist, and instructor. More summer musicians scheduled for July include organist **Richard Densmore**, vocalist **Sandy O'Shea**, vocalist **Sharon Metivier**, and guitarist/vocalist **Gary Hackett**, along with inspiring music from our own **Mike Elkins**, **Tom Foley**, and the **SUCC Band**. Be sure to join us every Sunday for worship!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is now available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on NativFlute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. **Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15. CDs are available through the church office.**



PLEASE SAVE YOUR WHITE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE CAPS!

White water bottle caps (ONLY) are needed to help a little girl in Florida with a rare cancer. For every 1,000 caps collected, she will receive a free cancer treatment. A can to collect them is located in Pilgrim Hall by the coffee pots.

**SAVE THE DATE!
HOMETOWN PRIDE**



Our church will have a float in the **Strongsville Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, July 17**. We will need helpers, float decorators, walkers, and riders! Wear your green and white! Please see Rachel Zielinski, Kristen Clotworthy, or Sarah Hayes if you would like to participate.

We are now accepting donations of individually wrapped NON-CHOCOLATE candy to distribute at the parade. Please bring bags of candy to the church office any time.

Bible Study



Please watch your bulletins and newsletters for our Adult Bible Study, "Uppity Women of the Bible," coming in September! See Linda Elkins if interested.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will have a potluck picnic at church **Tuesday, July 2**, at 11:00 a.m. *Please notice the change in venue.* If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall and advise what side dish, salad, or dessert you will bring. Chicken, Sloppy Joes, coffee, tea, paper plates, cups, and napkins will be provided. All ladies are welcome!



Women's Fellowship will again put together 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 can purchase items) are appreciated. Please put monetary donations into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and place it in the church office. **Collection concludes TODAY.** The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target. Please do **NOT** provide FAMILY-size items.

soap (<i>facial size or smaller</i>)	small tissue packets	stuffed toys (<i>smaller than 8"</i>)
shampoo	small cars or trucks	pencils
body lotion	decks of cards	small bubbles bottles
deodorant	activity books	little toys/games/books
tooth brushes	coloring books	washcloths
toothpaste (<i>small tubes</i>)	combs or brushes	crayons (<i>16 or 24 count</i>)

GARAGE/BAKE SALE! Thank you to everyone for their support!

If you see an item you missed yesterday—it's not too late to make it yours. Please see Ingrid Dickson or Irene Joyce before Volunteers of America comes to pick up the leftovers on Tuesday.



WHETHER YOU DONATED, SORTED, SOLD, BOUGHT, OR CLEANED UP, YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VALUABLE AND APPRECIATED!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC
at Volunteer Park in Strongsville**

12410 Lunn Road, just west of Prospect, between Prospect and Foltz

Sunday – JULY 28, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.



Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion
followed by Potluck Picnic Meal and Games

Pavilion with Picnic Tables and Electricity
Restrooms – Playground – Baseball Fields--Batting Cages

Hot dogs, buns, beverages, paper plates and disposable silverware will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

If you have not already done so, please indicate the number of kids and adults on the back of your attendance card and place it in the offering plate today. Plus, there is a sign up for the potluck on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

WE'VE GOT 'EM--COME GET 'EM!

July Newsletters are available in the Gathering Area for those who choose to receive a printed copy. (March, April, May, and June newsletters that were not picked up have been discarded.)

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

JULY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

2	Tues	Women's Fellowship Picnic 11am
3	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
4	Thurs	Independence Day
7	Sun	Worship 10am--Communion Coffee Hour Worship Team
9	Tues	Trustee Meeting 7pm
10	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Fit Club to <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 7pm
11	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
14	Sun	Worship 10am Coffee Hour
16	Tues	Trustee Meeting 7pm
17	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm Fit Club to <i>Aida</i> , 7pm HOMECOMING PARADE 5:30pm
18	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
21	Sun	Worship 10am Coffee Hour
23	Tues	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
24	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
25	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
28	Sun	Worship 10:30am—CHURCH PICNIC AT VOLUNTEER PARK
31	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned off. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!



IN THE WORKS: SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Our church is going to host concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 7** at 3 p.m. for afternoon of music and celebration with childrens' voices and traditional instruments.

Here is their website: www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/

NEWS FROM UPSTAIRS

The Christian Education Committee is putting together a plan to make the second floor a more usable, appealing space for meetings, classes, and activities. Today's Penny Sunday collection will go towards the cost of funding this plan. Ideas include carpet cleaning, painting, reorganizing, and better storage.



PENNY SUNDAY—Today's Penny Sunday Collection will go toward refurbishing the upstairs Sunday School classrooms. (Checks to SUCC.)