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Sunday – June 9, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Pentecost Sunday
Sacrament of Baptism



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 “Enter with Reverence” R.C. Foley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT “Jesus, Stand Among Us” Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, teach us your language of wonder:

People: Let our words speak your language of grace,
that all might understand.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, teach us the music of your heart:

People: Teach us songs filled with memories; teach the children
new songs of faith and hope.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, rattle the windows of our souls:

People: Burst through the closed doors of our hearts, set us alight
with your fire of renewal. Come, Holy Spirit, fill us this day!

Amen!

† HYMN 225 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECOGNITION OF 2019 GRADUATES Rachel Zielinski

PRESENTATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 11: 1-9

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 “Lord, Hear Our Prayer” Elkins

ANTHEM “With A Voice of Singing” Shaw

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Allison Nicole Sieving

Parents: Kyra Krause and Justin Sieving

Sponsors: Dakota Brammer and Chris Schnitzer

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY WORDS

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FROM THE FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to Allison, as she lives and grows in Christ? (*We promise our love, support and care.*)

PRAYER OF BAPTISM (Pastor Heidi)

Christ be with you. (*And also with you*)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy with the gift of Jesus. Bless this child, Allison Nicole; fill her with your strength and courage for life's journey; joy for all to see; freedom of love; and hope for a new life. May she never be ashamed to confess her personal faith in you. Amen.

† HYMN “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Child of blessing child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign
With this water God has sealed you, Unto love and grace divine.

Child of love our love's expression; Love's creation, loved indeed
Fresh from God refresh our spirits, Into joy and laughter lead

Child of joy our dearest treasure, God's you are from God you came
Back to God we humbly give you, Live as one who bears Christ's name

Child of God your loving Parent, Learn to listen for God's call
Grow to laugh and sing and worship. Trust and love God more than all.

CCLI Song # 1727790

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Impromptu #3” Elkins

† DOXOLOGY 815

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

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2: 1-8, 12-13

SERMON Say What???

† HYMN 586 “He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Lutkin

† POSTLUDE “Mighty is Our God” Greco

SERVING

TODAY, JUNE 9

Bruce Keenen
Billie Cantrell
Teri Barbish
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Mary Densmore

Liturgists
Greeters
Ushers
Coffee Hour
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Summer Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Jim Studer
Elaine Coffey
Teri Barbish
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Irene Joyce

The altar flowers are given—

In Honor of all the Graduates

The Gigliotti Family

In Celebration of Izabella's birthday today!

We love you & Get well soon!

The Abruzzino/Krisak Family

(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—

In celebration of Tom Foley's birthday yesterday!

Love, your Music Ministry family

Happy Birthday today to Izabella Abruzzino!

The Trustees will meet Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.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**.



PENNY SUNDAY—The next Penny Sunday Collection will go toward refurbishing the upstairs Sunday School classrooms and will take place on **June 30**.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School starts today – 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. Thanks to **Mary Densmore** for teaching today.

Children will meet in the classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02

Last Week's Offering Received \$4,232.00

(Difference \$709.98)



As summer approaches, 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 one of the five annual collections. It is used to support the expansion of ministry and growth of congregations. 20% of our contributions stay in our conference which includes Ohio, West Virginia, and Northern Kentucky. Envelopes are in the pews for your donations throughout June.

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, Joan Beckwith, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., 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, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great 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 McKeever (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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Church Members:

Olivia Clotworthy, Strongsville High School
Nick Gigliotti, Ohio University
Nicole Giuliano, Ashland University
Evan Joyce, Cleveland State/Case Western Reserve
Emmett Metivier, Brunswick High School
Nick Miller, Ohio University
Chris Minnick, Strongsville High School
Rachel Pogozeleski, Kent State University
Schylar Thorn, The Ohio State University



Church Family:

Sierra Desiderio, University of Dayton
(Granddaughter of **Sharon** and **Karl Kuhlenschmidt**)
Emily Hampson, Alverno College
(Granddaughter of **Herb Hampson**)
Caroline Hazapis, Notre Dame
(Granddaughter of **Mary Ellen** and **Bob Zimmerman**)
Stephen Polansky, Strongsville High School
(Son of Pam and Steve Polansky)
Michelle Sasala, Bowling Green State University
(Granddaughter of **Patty Sasala**)
Noah Sheppard, University of Dayton
(Grandson of **Ken Mehalko** and **Bev Wehr**)
Colin Wilhoit, Jennings County Education Center
(Grandson of **Gina & Chris Cathcart**, Great-grandson of **Dorothy & Bill Ritchie**)

THANKS TO BARB CAMP FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE GRADUATE BOARDS!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in joining our family of fellowship by becoming a member of the Strongsville UCC? Please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office if you would like to be a part of the new class, on **June 16**, with the opportunity to join on the following Sunday, **June 23** during worship. (You may also indicate interest on the back of an attendance card.)



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 the dedicated members of the Chancel, Bell, and Children's choirs for sharing their talent with us this year!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is now available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native Flute, **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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



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 June 30, 2019.** 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! Saturday, June 29-- 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.



We know you've been holding on to your treasures, but it's time to part with them. Please donate household items, sporting goods, décor, kitchen items, small electronics, books, toys, furniture, and any usable item that is not liquid to the Garage Sale. **Set up is June 26!**

DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S BAKE SALE! Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, and cakes are needed to sell. This is our main fundraiser and everyone's support is appreciated. Please bring wrapped baked goods to the church any time on Friday, June 28th or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, June 29th. Thank you!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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

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 – Horseshoe Pits
Bocce Ball Courts – 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.

JUNE 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

9	Sun	Worship 10am Pentecost Sacrament of Baptism Graduate Recognition Coffee Hour
11	Tues	Trustee Meeting 7pm
12	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
13	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
16	Sun	Worship 10am--Father's Day New member class
18	Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
19	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Adult Social Club 7pm Fit Club to <i>Romeo et Juliette</i> 7 pm
20	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
23	Sun	Worship 10am--New Members Received Coffee Hour
25	Tues	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
26	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm Set Up for Garage Sale 7pm
27	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
29	Sat	Garage Sale/Bake Sale 9am – 2pm
30	Sun	Worship 10am--Penny Sunday Coffee Hour



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! Please see Rachel Zielinski, Kristen Clotworthy, or Sarah Hayes if you would like to participate.