



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday – May 12, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Mother's Day
Good Shepherd 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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Milford

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Adagio" J.S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Frazzled and frayed, our lives overrun by tension and anxiety,
People: We gather together, here, seeking a place of peace that only God can offer.

Leader: Awash in our many worries and doubts, drowning in a sea of fears,
People: We gather together beside the still waters, where Jesus waits, offering us the cup of grace.

Leader: Weighed down by the burdens of life, wandering as if lost in a wilderness,

People: We gather again, asking the Spirit to restore our souls, and guide us along the path that leads to God's Kingdom.

† **HYMN 38** "Ye Servants of God" (vv 1,2, and 4)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 23

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 "Native American Flute" Mehalko

ANTHEM "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Bradbury

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "You Set Me Free" Becaud

† **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**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION Rev. 7: 9-17

SERMON The Good Shepherd

† **HYMN 688** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vv. 1, 2, and 4)

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Grace, Love, and Fellowship" Fettke

† **POSTLUDE** "Rondeau" Mouret, arr. Sanborn

SERVING

TODAY, MAY 12 **NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19**

Pam Keenen	Liturgists	Kenn Oerkfitz
Dorothy and Sharon Ritchie, Gina Cathcart	Greeters	Elaine Coffey
Teri Barbish	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Elaine Coffey/Teri Barbish	Coffee Hour	Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organists	Richard Densmore
Dave Williams, Gary Hackett	Vocalists	Riley Sheppard
Ken Mehalko	Woodwinds	

The altar flowers are given—

Celebrating Gina Cathcart's birthday on May 15th
Love, Mom and Dad

In memory of our moms, Bonnie Couchey and Anna Pavisich
And in celebration of our 29th Anniversary today!
Judi and George Pavisich

(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 to Patti Johnson on May 11th!
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to our mom, Dorothy Ritchie!
Love, your family

Happy Birthday today to Sarah (Herzog) Toth!

Happy Anniversary today to Judi and George Pavisich!

Worship Team will have a brief meeting following worship today.

The Trustees will meet Tuesday, May 14 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**.

On Thursday, our Director of Music, **Tom Foley**, was rushed to the hospital where he received an emergency appendectomy. He is on the mend and he and Suzi appreciate your prayers. Thank you to **Mike Elkins, Sharon Heinrich, Gary Hackett, Ken Mehalko, Dave Williams**, and the rest of the music team for stepping up and filling in today.



FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
In celebration of Mother's Day today, the Sunday School will be distributing fresh carnations to the ladies of the congregation!

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Summer Sunday School starts June 2 –

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.



PENNY SUNDAY—Our next Penny Sunday collection will be on **May 26** and go toward Women's Fellowship's Tote Bag Project, which benefits the **Strongsville Emergency Food Bank**.



WELCOME, BABY GIRL!

Congratulations to **Kyle and Kelly Bechtel** on the birth of their daughter, **Abigail Rose Bechtel**, on April 23, 2019 in California. Abigail is **Rosemary Bechtel's** first grandchild!

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, Betty Babics, Dakota Brammer, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Tom Foley, Sandy Gleichauf, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Kathe Lombardo, 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), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), 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), family of Mary Alice Paschal, Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added

Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, 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.



Thank you to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week and **Dave Sekorky** for carrying boxes and bags.

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.

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

MAY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12 Sun **Worship 10am**
Mother's Day
- 14 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Adult Social Club 7pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 16 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 17 Fri Wedding Rehearsal 5pm
- 18 Sat Lauren & Eric Wedding 1:30pm
- 19 Sun **Worship 10am with Baptism**
Coffee Hour
- 21 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourm  Restaurant 11:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 26 Sun **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Coffee Hour
- 27 Mon Memorial Day
- 28 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

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.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$4,862.50
(Difference \$1,160.48)



Thank You for supporting your church!

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Soloists, ensembles, instrumentalist are invited to sign up to provide music for a Sunday worship service during the summer months. Please see Tom Foley if you are interested in sharing your talent with us in the summertime.



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND

The **Strongsville Community Band Concert** on **Sunday May 19**, "Swinging With SCB" will feature music from the Big Band Era complete with jitterbuggers. Concert is at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Rec Center at 3:00 pm.



Save the Date!

Strongsville UCC

**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.



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.



GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 9, 2019, during the 10:00 A.M. Worship Service.** Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

Name: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date (month at least): _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned: _____

Future Plans: _____

Parents/Grandparents: _____

The graduate _____ will _____ will not be in church on June 9.



In addition, we would like a **graduation announcement and photo of the graduate for our church graduation bulletin board** that will be displayed in June. The announcement and photo will be returned to you.

Please place graduation information in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information by **Sunday, May 26.**

CHURCH SECURITY

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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

FREE CONCERT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berea is presenting a free concert cantata, "Of Faith and Freedom," celebrating America's legacy of liberty and the foundations of our faith on **Sunday, May 26 at 1 p.m.**
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at
 276 East Bagley Road in Berea