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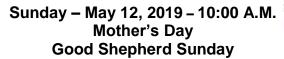
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WELCOME!

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

Honoring Our

Mothers

Joyce Reed J.S. Bach

INTROIT † 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

"Adagio"

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 quide 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 Bradbury

ANTHEM "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"You Set Me Free"

Tune: Old Hundredth

Becaud

† 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 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	N	EXT SUNDAY, MAY 19
Pam Keenen	Liturgists	Kenn Oerkfitz
Dorothy and Sharon Ritchie, Gina Cathca	rt Greeters	Elaine Coffey
Teri Barbish	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Elaine Coffey/Teri Barbish	Coffee Hour	Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Tom Foley D	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins Associ	ate 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.

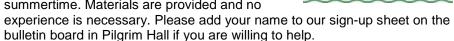
On Thursday, our Director of Music, **Tom Foley**, was rushed to the hospital where he received an emergency appendectomy. He is on the mend and he and Suzi appreciate your prayers. Thank you to Mike Elkins, Sharon Heinrich, Gary Hackett, Ken Mehalko, Dave Williams, and the rest of the music team for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

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





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 Mihlack, 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). Jovce 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-inlaw 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 nonperishable 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.

soap (facial size or smaller) small tissue packets shampoo small cars or trucks body lotion decks of cards deodorant activity books tooth brushes coloring books toothpaste (small tubes) combs or brushes wash cloths Crayons (16 or 24 count)

stuffed toys (no bigger than 8") pencils

blowing bubbles (small bottles) 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 Wedding Rehearsal 5pm 17 Fri Lauren & Eric Wedding 1:30pm 18 Sat

Worship 10am with Baptism 19 Sun

Coffee Hour

Diaconate Meeting, 7pm 21 Tues

Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm 22 Wed

Fit Club 7:15pm

Band Rehearsal 8pm

23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

Worship 10am--Penny Sunday 26 Sun

Coffee Hour

27 Mon Memorial Day

Official Board Meeting 7pm 28 Tues

Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm 29 Wed

Fit Club 7:15pm

Band Rehearsal 8pm

30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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

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.

School:
Graduation Date (month at least):
Activities:
Honors and Awards:
Diploma / Degree Earned:
Future Plans:
Parents/Grandparents:
,
The graduatewillwill not be in church on June 9.



Name:

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!

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