



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

(Congregational)

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**Sunday – May 19, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**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** "Lied" Louis Vierne

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**CHILDREN'S INTROIT** "I Am a C" Traditional

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: All God's children, praise the Lord! All Creation, praise the Lord!

People: **Watch as whales do backflips in the air; squid and octopi dance on the ocean floor; giant redwoods stretch their branches to the sky. All Creation, praise the Lord!**

Leader: Mountains stand noble before the sunrise; little ones sit in a story-time circle; grandparents share their ancient song.

People: **Redbuds bloom glorious in our backyard; grass grows with lightning speed, right before our eyes.**

Leader: In all these things and more, may God be praised!

People: **In all times and seasons, praise the Lord! Amen!**

† **HYMN 215** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** John 13: 31-35

**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, Listen to Our Prayer" Foley

**ANTHEM** "Hallelujah" Cohen

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Grace Meili Lattner**

Daughter of Beverly Jayne Clark

Sister of Christian DeAngeles Clark

Granddaughter of Barbara and Wayne Clark

**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 Grace, as she lives and grows in Christ? **(We promise our love, support and care.)**

**PRAYER OF BAPTISM**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy with the gift of Jesus. Bless this child, Grace; 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. Bless us, O God, that we, too, may be faithful to your Word, united in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. 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** "Spirit Song" Wimber

† **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. 21: 1-6

**SERMON** Heaven on Earth

† **HYMN 778** "Sweet By and By"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" Spiritual



We are deeply saddened by the passing of 53 year member, **Betty Babics**, on May 10, 2019. Our love and prayers go to **Sue, Lou, Louie, Nick, and Gina Gigliotti**, as well as the **Kubancik** family. Visitation will be at Jardine's Funeral Home on **Wednesday, May 22** from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., with a funeral service here on **Thursday, May 23** at 10 a.m. A funeral luncheon here in Pilgrim Hall will follow the interment at Sunset Memorial Park on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SERVING**

**TODAY, MAY 19**

Kenn Oerkfitz  
Elaine Coffey  
Teri Barbish  
Barb Camp  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins  
Richard Densmore  
Riley Sheppard

**Liturgists**  
**Greeters**  
**Ushers**  
**Coffee Hour**  
**Director of Music**  
**Associate Director of Music**  
**Guest Organist**  
**Guest Vocalist**

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26**

Linda Ponstingle  
Joyce Reed  
Roy Merkle  
Volunteer needed  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins

**The altar flowers** are given—

*Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday to our Granddaughter, Jamie Wilson  
and Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Kay's brother, Don Johnson*

Kay and Ken Konicek

(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 memory of Eric R. Jannsohn*

The Jannsohn-Joyce-Dickson families

*Happy Birthday to Ryan Craig and Tracey Hill on May 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Happy Anniversary to Adam & Kristina Craig and Stacie and Dan Sauter on May 25<sup>th</sup>! With Love, Grammy*

**Happy Birthday today** to Barbara Bridle!

**The Diaconate** will meet Tuesday, May 21 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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

**FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**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**.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Marriage blessings to **Lauren (Deertz) and Eric Raymond**, who were married here yesterday, May 18, 2019.

Congratulations also to Lauren's parents, **Lori Deertz and Dave Deertz** and grandmother **Marty Winch**.



**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02  
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,396.50  
**(Difference -\$1,125.52)**



**Thank You for supporting your church!**

**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, 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), 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.**

**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 (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           |

**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. 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.



**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, which will be starting in June, with the opportunity to join on the following Sunday during worship. (You may also indicate interest on the back of an attendance card.)



**MAY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 19 Sun **Worship 10am with Baptism**  
Coffee Hour
- 21 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Visitation at Jardine's 4pm-8pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop CLOSED (Memorial Service)  
Men's Lunch Gourmé 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

**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.**



**NEW DATE FOR GARAGE/BAKE SALE!  
Saturday, June 29, 2019 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 a liquid to the Garage Sale, starting **June 2.**

**FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND**

The **Strongsville Community Band Concert today, 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.



**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.



**GRADUATES**

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 9, 2019, during the 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 email the church office with this information by **next Sunday, May 26.**

**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