

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Worship at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*The church is not a building.
The church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place—
The church is the PEOPLE!
--Donald S. March*

We are the Church. Together.

Pastors and church people are always trying to unearth new and exciting ways to spread the gospel message of God's unfailing love, ways to convince folks that *their* church is the *very best church* out of all the dozens of churches in town. How do we get the message out, they wonder?

Survey after survey conducted by Pew Research, Gallup and others always come to the same conclusion:

Depending on the survey, between 70% and 85% of respondents say the Number One reason they come to a church and *continue* to come to a church is because **someone invited them**.

Think about it. Which is more likely to entice you to attend a church for the first time, a tract listing Bible verses and service times? Or a warm, smiling face offering you a cup of coffee and asking sit with you? Especially if you are questioning, which is more likely to help you find someone with answers (or a willingness to admit we don't have all the answers, either)?

Strongsville United Church of Christ is an amazing place. Even other pastors have gone out of their way to tell me how welcomed they feel by this church family. **We need each other. We need you.**

Don't be shy! Share God's Love freely! It doesn't always take words, now, does it? To paraphrase Omar Khayyam . . . a warm smile, a loaf of bread, a cup of coffee—and *thou*-- are great openers. Listen for God's nudge, and let God's Spirit guide your heart and your words. As Saint Francis of Assisi famously said:

*Preach the Gospel—and when necessary, use words.
See you soon!*

Peace, Hope and Love,
Pastor Heidi

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY – MAY 5 – 10:00 A.M.

Third Sunday of Easter

**Sacrament of Communion
Baptisms**



Liturgist: Dale Hawk

Greeter: Linda Plain

Ushers: Linda Plain, Judi Pavisich

Coffee Hour: Ken & Kay Konicek

Special Music: Chancel Choir and Band

SUNDAY – MAY 12 – 10:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Liturgist: Pam Keenen

Greeter: Billie Cantrell, Dorothy Ritchie

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Elaine Coffey and Teri Barbish

Special Music: Children's Choir, Bell Choir and Band



SUNDAY – MAY 19 – 10:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Kenn Oerkfitz

Greeter: Elaine Coffey

Usher: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Special Music: SUCC Choir & Band

SUNDAY – MAY 26 – 10:00 A.M.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Penny Sunday

Liturgist: Linda Ponstingle

Greeter: Joyce Reed

Usher: Roy Merkle

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: SUCC Choir & Band



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 of members or indicate your interest on your attendance card and place it in the offering plate.

WELCOME, BABY BOY!

Congratulations to **Ginny (McKenzie)** and **Matt Basenback** on the birth of their son, **James**

David Basenback, on April 2, 2019. Grandparents are **Kim and Dave McKenzie** and Great Aunt is **Kris Fischer**.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

The Mission and Outreach Committee, through the Child Sponsorship Program, Global Ministries, sponsors Caroline Y, from the King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Vellore, India. With our congregation maintaining this sponsorship, Caroline, currently in 8th grade, will continue her studies and escape a life of poverty.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for 2019:

- January—The Sunday School
- February—Bev Wehr
- March—Dorothy & Bill Ritchie
- April—Mary Densmore
- May—Gina Cathcart
- June—The Hawk Family
- July—Doug Thorn
- September—Bill Robinson
- October—Judy Carte
- November--Linda Plain
- December--The Hawk Family



Please place your payment in the offering plate with "Child Sponsorship" on the envelope or in the memo line of the check. The cost is \$30.

The Child Sponsorship Program is a part of Global Ministries, United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Churches.

UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that **Mary Densmore** took the time and effort to tidy up the Outdoor Worship Space in preparation for the Easter Sunrise Service? Thanks so much, Mary!



Did you know that **Linda Ponstingle** noticed some cobwebs on the spotlights above the altar in the sanctuary and then took the initiative to rig up a clever tool to clear them using her husband Dan's telescoping saw, a rag, and a lot of stretching? Thank you for being so industrious, Linda!

Did you know that **Jane Deutsch**, the sister-in-law of **Karen Morgan**, has created and donated beautiful runners and table coverings for the Gathering Area and Parlor? Thank you, Jane, for sharing your talent with us!



Are you an online shopper? If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church. **Every little bit helps!**



And since you're in a shopping mood...you can benefit the church even more by buying Amazon (or many other) **gift cards** from Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall prior to whipping out that credit card.

Please keep us in mind for your upcoming shopping needs!

ALTAR FLOWERS

April altar flowers were given

April 7 – Celebrating our 30th Wedding Anniversary on April 8th

Irene and Jim Joyce
In remembrance of our dad, Roger Robinson, on his birthday today
Bill and Becky Robinson

April 14 – Celebrating my birthday on the 16th and to the Glory of God!
Wishing ALL of you a Blessed Day!

Linda Plain

April 21 – Easter Lilies

April 28 – Happy Birthday on May 1st to Sharon Maresco and also in loving memory of her twin, Karen Zeyn.

Sharon Maresco

Happy 70th Anniversary to Betty and Milton Jacobson!
Lola Millhoane and Mary Carey



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays are still available for this year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Penny Sunday –Thanks again to the **Post-Confirmation class** for sorting the coins and especially to **Jan Stough** for counting them!

March's Penny Sunday collection was for flood victims in Nebraska and the Midwest through **UCC Disaster Ministries**: We collected \$188.61. Thank you!



United Church of Christ

The April Penny Sunday will go to **Laura's Home for Women and Children** through the **City Mission**.



THE
CITY MISSION
REACHING HEARTS | CHANGING LIVES

At Laura's Home, women & children find rest and restoration. For women and children, **Laura's Home** is a bridge from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency.

With 166 beds and 55 rooms, Laura's Home offers specialized, wraparound services designed to empower families and individuals to live healthy lives. Their hope is that in the near future, life-changing meaningful solutions will be offered to the women and children of Cleveland who need lasting change, not simply for them, but for generations to come.



Our church supports the **Strongsville Emergency Food Bank**. They are

especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, and canned fruit. 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 to **David Sekorky** for hauling bags and boxes of food. Through 2019, our church has donated \$1,075.00 worth of food to the Strongsville Food Bank!

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Meeting – Attention all ladies of our church! Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Our program will be to listen to the songs of birds that we see in our backyards. We will also share ideas for future programs. Please join us (friends are welcome too!) and bring a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.



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**.

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
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

Thank you for your support!

OUR PRAYER LIST

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, Sam Cuyler, Jr., Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Steve Herzog, Paul

Hirt, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan Fred and 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), Susan Conn (friend of Debbie Krause), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), 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), Rich Tressa, Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich)

DIACONATE WING NIGHT



Hurry and get your tickets for a terrific night of filling food, refreshing suds, basket raffles, side boards, and hanging out with the coolest folks around! **Friday, May 3, 2019** is the date. 6:30 p.m. will be the time. Grindstone Tap House in Berea will be the place. As always, many volunteers will be needed for Wing Night to be successful and the committee will be recruiting helpers.

It's not too late to donate a themed basket to the event. Any and all donations will be gratefully accepted! Thank you in advance for supporting this important fundraiser for the Diaconate, which supplies all of the worship needs of our church.

Tickets are on sale now and are only \$25!

THANK YOU



Thanks to **Brian Kohler, Kristen Burgess, and Papa John's Pizza Strongsville** for donating 28 pizzas to the Free Lunch for All Program on March 24.



Thank you to **A.J. Jaffary and Solar Windows and More** for their generous donation to our church and for supporting our work in the Strongsville Community and beyond.

Thank you to **Painesville Dental Group** for donating a case of toothbrushes and toothpaste to our church to use for the tote bag program and to help those in need.

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!



PLEASE KEEP SAVING YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS!

A friend of Amanda Hawk is making a memorial bench constructed of plastic bottle caps. A container to collect them is located in Pilgrim Hall by the coffee pots.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL!
WEDNESDAYS 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Thank You Messages Received:

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today to do what I meant to do a few weeks ago. I stopped in to eat lunch with a friend, because we both were broke that Wednesday and hungry.



The point I'm making is that although I was broke, I still feel I owe you all for the delicious meal of grilled hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and more. I would like to donate \$20 to help wherever needed. My friend and I were welcomed in with smiles and friendliness. Your church is the epitome of the Christian faith as you truly do walk in the example that Jesus set. Thank you for your kindness (and the delicious grilled hot dogs!)

Sincerely blessed,
A Free Lunch Guest

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To the Congregation of Strongsville UCC:

I want to thank everyone at the Strongsville United Church of Christ for your thoughts and prayers and to all who sent cards or made my day by calling me, it means so much. God bless you all. I am doing much better-80% good!! So I will see you soon and again, Thank You All.

Love, Ginger Rothel

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Rev. Erv Koch extends his thanks for the cards, messages, and prayers he received from our congregation during his recent illness.

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Special Thanks to the members and friends of Strongsville UCC for the cards, prayers, and love for our son Sam as he recovers. Love, Lora Rung and Sam Cuyler, Sr.

HELP WANTED

Someone in our church family is looking for a driver for short trips, mostly within the Strongsville city limits, on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in helping out. Thanks!

FROM THE KITCHEN:

Please label any items that are placed in the refrigerators with your NAME/GROUP and the DATE!



If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. Also, we could use empty, clean large sour cream/cottage cheese/yogurt containers for the Altar Flowers.



STEWARDSHIP
As of this writing, we have received 78 pledges totaling \$134,932.00.

Thanks to all who already pledged.

Please know that the church will accept Estimate of Giving cards at any time, and additional Estimate of Giving cards are on the greeters' cabinet in the Gathering Area, where the bulletins are distributed.

GIVING OPTIONS

If you are interested in giving electronically, Here's how: You can customize your giving based on how, when, and how much through **E-Offering**. Log on to our church website at www.strongsvilleucc.com and click "Donate Now". You will be taken to the church's myEoffering page. Simply click on the "Sign-up" button and you will then fill in your personal information and "Register". Follow the prompts to set up your payment, one-time or ongoing. You can also set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website.

NEWS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Adria Bond

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **March 17 through April 14, 2019.**



This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.

Offering Needed \$18,246.60 for 5 Sundays
Offering Received 19,783.66
Difference (\$ 1,537.06)

We had a good month! We are on our way to repaying our savings for the shortfalls of the first quarter of the year, so please keep giving and invite a friend to come and join us.

Thanks for supporting your church!

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH All men are invited the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. to Gourmé Deli & Restaurant. (15315 Pearl Road in Strongsville)



MAY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 2 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 5 Sun **Worship 10am**
Communion & Baptisms
Coffee Hour
Children's Choir
SUMC Confirmation Bkfst. 8 am-10am
- 7 Tues Women's Fellowship Meeting 9:45am
Worship Team Meeting 7pm
- 8 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 9 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 12 Sun **Worship 10am**
Mother's Day
Children's Choir
- 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
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 17 Fri Wedding Rehearsal 5pm
- 18 Sat Lauren & Eric Wedding 1:30pm
- 19 Sun **Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
Children's Choir
- 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 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
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm

FIT CLUB



Our group is small, but enthusiastic. We welcome any new participants, of any age or fitness level to join us and get moving on most Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. Plus, once a month, we have a field trip to the Opera! In April, we went to see *La Traviata* at the Maltz Performing Arts Center. Please join us for more fellowship, exercise, and opera!

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.



MUSIC NOTES

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 2019 Spring Concert on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. This year's performance, entitled *Rhythm of Life*, features our Director of Music, Tom Foley as director, accompanist Carol Konet, and church singers—Ingrid Dickson, Gary Hackett, Irene Joyce, Sarah Keenen, Pam Keenen, Bruce Keenen, Sharon Maresco, and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$15 for adults and are free for children 12 and under. We like looking into the audience and seeing our fellow church members, so please try to attend!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. WE NEED HELP! If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop.

← PLEASE DON'T EVER BLOCK EXITS!
We are grateful for your donations of usable items to the Thrift Shop. However, it is very important that you do not place bags, boxes, or items in the stairwells. Doing so is a safety hazard. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of April 7, 2019

Happy Birthday to Barb Fraunfelder on April 5th
Happy Birthday to Betty "Grammy" Craig on April 8th
Happy Birthday to Bruce Keenen on April 9th
Love, your Church Family

Week of April 14, 2019

Happy Birthday to Charles Jannsohn on April 13th
Love, your family
In celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary today
John & Dianne Maringer

Week of April 21, 2019

In Memory of Aimee Jannsohn
Happy Birthday to Evan Joyce on April 20 and
Irene Jannsohn on April 24

Week of April 28, 2019

Happy Birthday to Judi Pavisich on April 29th

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



A CD of Native American Flute, "Love and Tranquility" is available for purchase. Music will feature 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 per CD.

MUSIC MINISTRY THANKS

Thank you to these Easter musicians:

Brass: Tom Foley, Adam Hamrick, Ryan Heinrich, Joe Stretch

Timpani: Clarence Barber

Native American Flute: Ken Mehalko

Bell Choir: Elaine Coffey, Mary Densmore, Ingrid Dickson, Linda Elkins, Mike Elkins, Sharon Heinrich, Evan Joyce, Irene Joyce, Linda Ponstingle, Sarah Toth

Chancel Choir: Ingrid Dickson, Will Foley, Gary Hackett, Craig Hardy, Irene Jannsohn, Evan Joyce, Irene Joyce, Bruce Keenen, Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sharon Maresco, Chuck McDougall, Sandy O'Shea, Dawn Rolland, Sarah Toth, Clay Williams, Dave Williams

Organ/Keyboard: Sharon Heinrich, Mike Elkins

Music Director: Tom Foley

Sound Tech: Jim Heinrich, Doug Thorn



BAPTISM— Congratulations to Owen Charles Woodward, son of Roxy and Steve Woodward, grandson of Carol, who was baptized on April 28. The family came from San Francisco, CA for this blessed sacrament!



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

For a number of years, our church members have expressed the need for a permanent ramp from the Gathering Area into Pilgrim Hall. The Board of Trustees has been investigating this project at length. Members of the board met with Mike Miller, Assistant Building Commissioner

for the City of Strongsville, along with architects, contractors, other building department officials, and members of our own congregation. As simple as building a ramp down two steps may sound, this project is anything but simple. Compliance with federal regulations is an absolute requirement, as is city approval. Mike Miller has helped to define the parameters of ramp construction and the next step is hiring an architect to produce drawings of a ramp that will meet the requirements that comply with ADA guidelines in order to obtain a permit. The Board of Trustees appreciates your patience as we move forward with this complex project.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

Officers elected on Jan. 27, 2019, have an asterisk by their names.
** = appointed by the Official Board*

- Moderator** Rachel Zielinski*
- Vice-Moderator** Rob Toth*
- Treasurer** Sally Herzog*
- Clerk** Karen Morgan*

Sunday School Superintendent
Kristen Clotworthy*

Board of Trustees

- Greg Dickson* Mike Clotworthy
- Myron Costin Tom Gaumer Bill Giuliano*
- Dale Hawk* Bob Kovatich Sandy Pogozelski*
- Ed Sobek* Linda Stepan* Rob Stepan*

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

- Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

- Serena Abruzzino Jennifer Barry* Eddy Bond*
- Barbara Camp* Kristen Clotworthy*
- Judy Gaumer Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes*
- Linda Plain* Linda Ponstingle** Nicole Rachid*
- Dawn Rolland Marty Winch*

Christian Education Committee

- Kristen Clotworthy Mary Densmore* Linda Elkins*
- Suzi Foley* Sandy O'Shea* Lora Rung*

Music Committee

- Ingrid Dickson* Ken Mehalko*
- Pam Keenen Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

- Rosemary Bechtel Sue Gigliotti*
- Beth Giuliano Bill Schneider**

Mission and Outreach Committee

- Judy Carte* Bobbie Krisak* Tony Koussa**
- Michele Mhlack* Gary Paul* Lora Rung Bev Wehr*



Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Charles**

Jannsohn, and Maggie Fraley and their families on the death of their brother **Eric R. Jannsohn**, age 62. Eric was found on April 25, 2019 in his Lakewood apartment.

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Our condolences also to **Sue Hawk**, whose mother, **Shirley Wilson**, age 96, passed away on April 26, 2019. Services were handled by Jardine Funeral Home.

STRONGSVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE



The Relay will be on **June 8-9** at Pat Catan Stadium. The survivor Lunch will be in the High School cafeteria.

The Survivor registration begins at 11:00 with the lunch beginning around 11:30am. Please let me know who would be available to provide the blessing. There may be team members as part of a congregation. For more information:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY19NCR?pg=entry&fr_id=92182

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The churches of Strongsville are proud to be partnering again with Habitat for Humanity! However, this year, we're

growing and we welcome any member of our Strongsville faith, business, and civic community to consider working with and an experiencing Habitat first-hand. All volunteers must be 16-years or older.

Our Strongsville dates are: Thursday, May 9, Thursday, May 23, Saturday, June 1, Thursday, August 8, Saturday, August 17 and Saturday, September 7.

Do you want to join us? Visit <http://faithbuild.clevelandhabitat.volunteerhub.com/>. Either use your existing account or create new one. Whatever you do, you will want to be sure and use the join code: StrongFaith to ensure that you're joining this Strongsville-based endeavor!

Once you sign up for a time slot, you will receive a confirmation email. We will also send a reminder email to you and your team three days prior to your event. We look forward to accomplishing a great deal together with Habitat!

UCC SUMMER CAMPS AT TEMPLED HILLS

<http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/>

Regular Registration: Two Weeks Before a Camp Begins
Camps & Retreats 2019

- [Choir Camp](#)
- [Discovery Camp](#)
- [Explorers Camp](#)
- [Faith Adventures Camp](#)
- [Floating with the Spirit](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 1](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 2](#)
- [Grandparent-Grandchild Camp 3](#)
- [Hand in Hand Camp](#)
- [Labor Day Family Camp](#)
- [Love the Pool Camp](#)
- [MMADD Camp](#)
- [Mission ASP](#)
- [Mission Camp – Mansfield](#)
- [Me and My Pal](#)
- [Ohio Foreign Language Association Camp](#)
- [Sports Camp](#)
- [Youth Counselor Training](#)
- [2019 Fall Lantern Women's Fellowship Retreat](#)



Summer camp has been a valued tradition in our denomination and we encourage families to participate in this life-changing experience!

OHIO FLAGS OF HONOR

The Strongsville VFW Post 3345 is putting together an event that will take place in Strongsville the weekend after Memorial Day. From **Friday, May 31-Sunday, June 2**, VFW Post 3345 will be hosting the Ohio Flags of Honor on The Commons. The OFOH is a traveling memorial dedicated to all of the Ohioans killed in actions during the Global War on Terrorism. Friday, at 6PM, they will be holding the opening ceremony, which will include Gold Star families, several political and military dignitaries, and a keynote speaker. They are also working on getting all the Strongsville area schools to have the students participate in the placement of the memorial flags as the names of the KIA's are read.

Our own **Pastor Heidi** will be offering the closing prayer for this event.



OUR NEW STOVE IS HERE!

Thanks to generous donations from the **Deaconess Foundation, Berea Elks #1815**, and the **Roub Foundation** last year, the Free Lunch for All Program was able to purchase a much needed stove. Many thanks to everyone who made this purchase and installation possible, **including Betty Craig, Mike Clotworthy, Rachel Zielinski**, and most especially, **Jim Heinrich**, who installed the gas hook-up virtually single-handedly.



KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER GOODS!



River Valley Paper Company

The next bonus week is **September 15-21**, but the church (and everyone else) benefits anytime you recycle.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



2019 Parma CROP Hunger Walk

Raising Awareness and Funds to Stop Hunger in Parma and Around the World

June 9, 2019 at 1:30 PM

Registration at 1:00 PM

Anthony Zielinski Park Splash Pad, 7620 W Ridgewood Dr, Parma

25% of Funds Raised Will Go to the Parma Area Family Collaborative for such programs as Mobile Food Pantry and Summer Student Lunches

75% of Funds Raised Will Go to Church World Service for International Relief and Development Work

Register or Donate at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/clevelandoh/>

Contact:

Rev. Chris Helton
330-461-1484

revchris.stpeter@att.net