



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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Pastor

Sunday – May 26, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.  
Penny 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 "Abide With Me" arr. Shehi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Whitworth

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to this place, Strongsville United Church of Christ, a haven for healing and hope.

**People: We come, bearing the pain of our burdens; we come listening for God's Word of hope for our lives.**

Leader: Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us straining to hear God whisper our name, 'Beloved of my heart.'

**People: We join our voices in prayer and praise; together, we sing of our longing for renewal in our lives.**

Leader: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells in each one of us.

**People: Not just in us, but in ALL God's beloved children. God is teaching us ALL to love; God's Spirit is leading ALL peoples in peace.**

† HYMN 293 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 67

### 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 "Angels Watchin' Over Me" Poorman

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday Collection Eddy Bond

### THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Heavenly Chorales" R.C. Foley

† 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 GOSPELS John 5: 1-9

SERMON Well? Do You?

† HYMN 799 "America, the Beautiful"

### † BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Wood

† POSTLUDE "America" Traditional

### SERVING

TODAY, MAY 26 NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Linda Ponstingle	Liturgists	Barb Fraunfelder
Joyce Reed	Greeters	Linda Plain
Roy Merkle	Ushers	Linda Plain
Volunteer needed	Coffee Hour	Volunteer needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Bobby Foley	Guest Keyboardist	
	Summer Sunday School	Mary Densmore

The altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of Lois-Ann Habart on her birthday, from her family who love and miss her dearly this year and every year.-Jamie*

*Remembering our mom, Lorna Robinson, on her birthday*  
Love ya, Mom!—Becky and Bill Robinson

Special Flowers are presented in celebration of  
George and Joyce Reed's wedding anniversary on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

(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—

*To celebrate the 2nd Birthday of my grandson,*  
*Owen William Lewis on June 1<sup>st</sup>*  
Barb Fraunfelder

*Happy Birthday to Sandra Wentz on May 28<sup>th</sup> and thanks to*  
*Sharon Heinrich for going above and beyond for the Women's*  
*Fellowship meeting. With Love, Grammy/Betty C.*

Happy Anniversary today to Austin and Michele Eggert!

The Official Board will meet Tuesday, May 28 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.



**PENNY SUNDAY**—Today's Penny Sunday collection will go toward the Women's Fellowship's Tote Bag Project, which benefits the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. Checks to **SUCC**, please.

### 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.



### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02  
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,807.25  
(Difference **-\$1,714.77**)



**Have you noticed some negative numbers lately? 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.**

### 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., Dan Davis, Tom Foley, Sandy Gleichauf, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), 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.**



### 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.)

### 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.



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.



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)*

shampoo

body lotion

deodorant

tooth brushes

toothpaste *(small tubes)*

wash cloths

stuffed toys *(no bigger than 8”)*

blowing bubbles *(small bottles)*
- small tissue packets

small cars or trucks

decks of cards

activity books

coloring books

combs or brushes

crayons *(16 or 24 count)*

pencils

sidewalk chalk

MAY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 Luncheon 11:30am at Gourmé Restaurant
- 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.



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 28<sup>th</sup> or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



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.

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 Pogozeleski\*  
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\*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 **TODAY.**

CHURCH SECURITY

**Friendly, but important, 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 **TODAY Sunday, May 26 at 1 p.m.**  
**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church** is located at  
276 East Bagley Road in Berea.