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

NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Where has 2018 gone? Suddenly, summer's warmth has all but disappeared; leaves begin to turn color and fall, inviting us to shuffle and crunch through deep piles on the way to our cars. (Go ahead—you know you want to!) Trick-or-Treat is behind us, and Thanksgiving lurks just around the corner.

What better time to pause and reflect on some of the many, many things I am thankful for?

Where to begin?

- ♥ A few weeks ago, we added twenty new members to our family of faith, including one who was baptized and accepted Christ in her life for the first (official) time. I can't wait to continue getting to know you all better as we journey into God's future for Strongsville UCC together!
- ♥ We have added four new babies to our fold, as well, baptizing Lacey, Ella, Owen and Everett. Their presence in this place reminds me that Life wins, every single time.
- ♥ Our Free Lunch for All continues to be a place of fellowship and community (and really delicious food). Every week, we feed 60 or more hungry bodies and souls.
- ♥ Sunday morning worship continues to be active and vital, as our new Music Director Tom Foley and Associate Music Director Mike Elkins bring out the best in our Chancel Choir, Bell Ringers, and Band—and the Children's Choir. So

much beautiful music filling the sanctuary!

Most of all, I am thankful for you. You are God's beloved, unlike any other. When we all come together in love and worship, God's Kingdom is glorified. As we approach Advent and the joyous excitement it brings, take time to rest. Sit in a quiet moment and offer your own voice of gratitude for the wonderful things God has done in your life—and just wait till you see what God's got in store next!

Peace, Love and Hope,
Pastor Heidi



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are so happy to have **Bobby Foley, Jackie Foley, Jimmy Foley, Sue Gross, Gary Hackett, Herb Hampson, Kay & Ken Konicek, Tony Koussa, Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Maresco, Judi Pavisich, Linda Ponstingle, Richard Taylor, Barbara & John Toth, Dave Williams, Janis & Bill Williamson** join our congregation on October 7!



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 4 – 10:00 A.M.

***Sacrament of Communion
Sacrament of Baptism***



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Bruce Keenen

Greeter: Linda Plain

Ushers: Linda Plain/Marty Winch

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed

Special Music: SUCC Chancel Choir and Band

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 11 – 10:00 A.M.

***Veteran's Day
Stewardship Sunday***

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Michelle Mihlack

Greeters: Lola Millhoane

Usher: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: SUCC Chancel Choir and Band

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 18– 10:00 A.M.

***Thanksgiving Sunday
Open House and Live Nativity 5 p.m.***

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Greg Dickson

Greeter: The Rolland Family

Ushers: Roy Merkle

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed

Special Music: SUCC Chancel Choir and Band

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 21– 7:00 P.M.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship



SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 25– 10:00 A.M.

Penny Sunday

Reign of Christ

Liturgists: Ted Bickley

Greeters: The Clotworthy Family

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hour: Volunteers needed

Special Music: SUCC Chancel Choir and Band

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & LIVE NATIVITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 5 P.M. – 8 P.M.

Join the Strongsville Community, your church family, Charlie the camel, Pete the donkey, and their furry friends for the Live Nativity and Open House. Bask in the glow as the City of Strongsville lights the town square and our church welcomes families and friends into our worship home for cookies and hot cider. There are many ways to be involved in this major event: See the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall and sign up to be a part of inviting the community into our church with fellowship, warmth, music, and celebration.



LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Mark your calendars for a busy and blessed Christmas season:

December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent—10 a.m.

**December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent—10 a.m.
Blue Christmas Service
Sunday evening at 7 p.m.**

**December 14: Christmas Jazz Concert
Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.**

**December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent—10 a.m.
Christmas Pageant followed by reception
and visitor from the North**

December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent—10 a.m.

**December 24: Christmas Eve Worship
Monday at 7 p.m. & 11 p.m.**

December 30: Last Sunday worship of 2018



**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP SERVICE**

November 21 at 7 p.m.

This year, our church is hosting the community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Worship with fellow Christians as we give Thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

Clergy and choir members from our sister churches here in Strongsville will be participating in the service. Won't you join your fellow Christians for a time of gratitude and praise?



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.

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 Christmas shopping!



Our most sincere sympathy to the **Maringer** family on the death of **Dianne's** mother, **Leola Higham**, who passed away on Friday, October 12.

A memorial service was held on October 18 at Bauer Funeral Home in Valley City.

Deepest condolences to **Carol Woodward, Steven and Kyle** and their families and friends. **David "Woody" Woodward** died on October 18 after a battle with cancer. The funeral was October 22.



With deep sadness, we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Rita Budd**, especially her fiancé, **Gary Hackett**. Rita passed away at Parma Hospital on Wednesday, October 24. A funeral mass will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Parma.



ARE YOU A FACEBOOK USER?



"Like" our page at Strongsville United Church of Christ and get the latest updates,

links to videos of our worship services, and fun connections to your church family!

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! **Help is especially needed to pick up the donations**

from Panera on Monday or Friday mornings. No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



VETERAN'S DAY

Sunday, November 11th
Our church will join churches from all over the country with a special worship service and in tolling our bell at 11 a.m. in honor of veterans.



ALTAR FLOWERS

September altar flowers were given

October 7 – Remembering our Dad, Roger Robinson, on the 48th Anniversary of his passing. Love you, Dad.
Becky and Bill Robinson

Happy 86th Birthday, Mom-Banny-Gigi
Love, Valerie, Dale, Vicky, Dan, 6 grandkids and 9 great grandkids

October 14 -- Happy 5th Anniversary!
Deborah and Bill Schneider

In loving memory of Aimee J. Jannsohn
The Dickson-Joyce-Jannsohn family

October 21 - In Celebration of our 10th Wedding Anniversary
Ginny and Kenn Oerkfitz

Remembering Don's birthday
Betty Babics, Pat & Mark Kubancik, Sue & Lou Gigliotti

October 28 - In loving memory of John
and the Soucie Family-- Doris Soucie



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. A new chart for 2019 will be posted at the end of the month!

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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE OUR ORGAN FESTIVAL A SUCCESS!

Now that the Organ Restoration project is complete after nearly a decade, the Organ Restoration Committee will focus on maintaining our valuable instrument. Special thanks are extended to the **Leek Pipe Organ Company**, our committee members, the congregation and community for their support of our fundraiser Especially our talented organists:

(L to R) **Nick Cantello, Greta Pasztor, Carmen Massaro, Sharon Heinrich, and Jarred Sorauf**



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

BE A PART OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

Singers and ringers and players are invited to join in the fellowship and praise!



Basses: **Bruce Keenen, Rob Toth, Clay Williams, Dave Williams** Tenors: **Gary Hackett, Craig Hardy*, Evan Joyce*, Chuck McDougall*** Altos: **Barb Fraunfelder*, Sarah Keenen, Irene Jannsohn, Karen Morgan, Sharon Metivier*** Sopranos: **Ingrid Dickson, Connie Gunn*, Irene Joyce, Pam Keenen, Sharon Maresco*, Sandy O'Shea, Sarah Toth** *New and/or visiting singer

-If you can read music (even if you're rusty), the **Bell Choir** has a few openings and their rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Please join our ringers **Linda Elkins, Linda Ponstingle, Mary Densmore, Karen Morgan, Ingrid Dickson, Sarah Toth, Irene Joyce, Rob Toth, and Mike Elkins**, under the direction of **Tom Foley**, in praising God on Thursdays and one Sunday a month.

-There is room in the loft for you, sopranos, altos, tenors, basses! The **Chancel Choir** practices every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

-Instrumental musicians are invited to join the **SUCC Band**. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 8:15 p.m.

-**Children's Choir** is on Sundays, immediately following Sunday School classes.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School had a great time at their **Pumpkin Party on October 28!** The **Annual Christmas Pageant** is in the planning stages and is scheduled for **Sunday, December 16** during worship. **More information will be coming soon!**



Penny Sunday –The Sunday School students voted and the \$224.90 that was collected in September went to Hurricane Florence Relief efforts through the United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries. Money from the October Penny Sunday will go to **Together We Rise** and November and December collections will go to the Giving Tree for NYAP—the National Youth Advocacy Program's branch in Cuyahoga County, which helps children in the foster care system.

OUR PRAYER LIST



Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Mindy Carte (daughter of Judy), Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Christopher Dragony, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie

Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Doris Soucie, Linda Stepan, Barbara Toth, Kyle Woodward, the family and friends of Rita Budd, Leola Higham and David Woodward

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), 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), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Jeff Stimson (friend of Keana Dickson), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (just down the road)

On **Sunday, November 18th, 3:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church, Strongsville** is

pleased to host Dr. David Pilgrim, founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia located on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. Dr. Pilgrim is also the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at Ferris State, and is one of the country's leading experts on multiculturalism, diversity, and race relations. Dr. Pilgrim will give a one hour presentation on "The Power of Honest Conversation About Race" using artifacts from the museum, followed by a brief break for refreshments, then we will have an hour of "engagement time" in small groups that will be led by Dr. Pilgrim. The event is free and open to the public, and is appropriate for ages 12 and older. Youth groups are particularly welcome. Please join us for what promises to be an enlightening and provocative discussion. First Lutheran Church is located at 19419 Royalton Road in Strongsville. For more information please contact Pastor Chuck Knerem at 440-238-7890 or pastorchuck1@gmail.com.



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 **September 23 through October 21, 2018**. This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.



Offering Needed \$18,246.60 for 5 Sundays
Offering Received 15,862.69
Difference (-\$2,383.91)



FINAL TOTAL

Thank you to everyone for their donations, purchases, and hard work; we made \$1,697 this year.

MISSION OUTREACH

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

If you would like to provide financial assistance to victims of Hurricane Michael in Florida and other states, you may do so via the offering plate by writing a check to Strongsville UCC and writing "Disaster Relief" in the memo line or contributing cash in an envelope and marking "Disaster Relief."

http://www.ucc.org/hurricanes_2018_ucc_response

Our project to put together **Comfort Kits** for distribution to local veterans in need during the month of November was a great success. Thank you to everyone who supported this important mission.

October was **Neighbors in Need** special collection month. December will be the **Christmas Fund** collection (formerly known as Veterans of the Cross) to support retired clergy.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

November 13 – Tuesday

at 6:30 p.m. at Carrie Cerinos: Dinner & Show featuring "A BRANSON

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS (with a Special Tribute To Our Veterans)" Cost \$49.75 per person (if we get 16 or more people) Note: Show Only \$38.50

Own Transportation (let us know if you need a ride) Reservations to Linda Plain (email)

Lindaplain416@aol.com or 440-668-4848 (**We only have seats for 30 people**) Check payable to: Linda Plain **NO LATER THAN NOV. 11th.**

As always, all adults are welcome!





NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Many offices in the church will be available for the coming year. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve. Some of the positions that are available include serving on the:

Moderator, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community

Vice-Moderator, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee, and enlists volunteers for dinners and other Official Board events.

Treasurer: Manages the outgoing finances of the church in conjunction with the Financial Secretary

Diaconate, which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

Board of Trustees, which oversees the finances and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning and Memorial/Endowment.

Mission & Outreach, which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

Stewardship, which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

Christian Education, which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

Music Committee, which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry

Remember the old but true saying, *Many hands make light work*. Plan to be a part of one of these boards or committees. Thank you for your consideration.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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

Please Note: NO LUNCH ON DECEMBER 26th

STEWARDSHIP AND GOD'S PIE



In this year's campaign we acknowledge the bountiful pie that God gives to us and respond by making a pie for Him with our time, talents and treasures. The campaign continues on November 4, when we see

the many ministries of our church in the slices of our cut pie for God; and it concludes on November 11, when we



dedicate our Estimate of Giving cards in worship and then enjoy eating pie at Coffee Hour! Please remember to return your Estimate

of Giving Card to the church by November 11. We thank you very much for your gifts of time, talents, and treasures!

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.

NOVEMBER 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 1 | Thurs | Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm |
| 2 | Fri | Prep for Turkey Dinner |
| 3 | Sat | Turkey Dinner 5 pm & 6:30pm |
| 4 | Sun | Worship 10am with Baptism and Communion
Children's Choir |
| 6 | Tues | Election Day
Trustee Meeting 7pm |
| 7 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
No Fit Club
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm |
| 8 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm |
| 11 | Sun | Worship 10am Stewardship Sunday
Veteran's Day
Children's Choir |
| 13 | Tues | Adult Social Club to Carrie Cerino's |
| 14 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm |
| 15 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm |
| 18 | Sun | Worship 10am
Children's Choir
Open House & Live Nativity 5pm |
| 20 | Tue | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm |
| 21 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7pm |
| 22 | Thurs | Thanksgiving Day
(Thrift Shop Closed) |
| 25 | Sun | Worship 10am
Penny Sunday
Children's Choir |
| 27 | Tues | Official Board Meeting 7pm |
| 28 | Wed | Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm |
| 29 | Thurs | Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Luncheon 11:30am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm |

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of October 7, 2018

In celebration of Pastor Heidi's and Chuck's 4th Anniversary

Week of October 14, 2018

*Happy Birthday on October 16 to Samantha Wentz!
With Love, Grammy*

With Special Thanks to everyone who helped with the major floor repainting project, especially take-down and set-up. The Thrift Shop

Week of October 21, 2018

*Happy Birthday to Kristina Craig
With Love, Grammy*

*In loving memory of Chris Morgan
from his family*

Week of October 28, 2018

*Happy Anniversary to Hayley & Joey McKane on October 28th and to Tracey & Natalia Hill on October 29th
Happy Birthday to Gabe Sauter on October 31st
with love, Grammy*

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.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets for needy families within our community. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 14 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 21 boxes of stuffing (like Stove

Top) and jars of gravy

- Oct. 28 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing

- Nov. 4 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix

- Nov. 11 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams

- Nov. 18 turkeys or hams

To make a cash donation instead, please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**. On the memo line, write **Thanksgiving Basket**. \$20 covers the cost of the turkey or ham; \$40 covers the cost of a whole basket. All financial donations will be gratefully accepted, whatever the amount. If you know someone who would appreciate a basket, please write the information on your attendance card, or tell Rev. Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

FIT CLUB



We continue to meet on Wednesday, (except November 21) at 7:15 p.m. Our group is small, but enthusiastic and we welcome anyone, of any age or fitness level to join us and get moving. Once a month, we have a field trip to the Opera. Please join us for more information and dates. **You do not have to be fit to be a part of Fit Club!**

THANK YOU FROM THE COCKRELL FAMILY



Many thanks to the congregation for the cards and condolences on the recent passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, Gordon Cockrell.

From Kathy, Susan, Brian, Jennifer, and family

KEEP BUYING THOSE GIFT CARDS! Our organ will need to be maintained and the sale of gift cards provides those funds. Stock up on Giant Eagle or Gordon Food Service cards for your Thanksgiving needs or get ready for Christmas gift buying! Please see Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall after every worship service.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

From September 6 through May 7, the church office will open at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please leave a message if you call prior to that time and your call will be returned promptly.



This beautiful watercolor painting by local artist, Joan Satow, was given to our church in memory of Erik O. Jannsohn and Aimee J. Jannsohn. It will be displayed in the Gathering Area.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

Officers elected on Jan. 28, 2018, have an asterisk* by their names.



Moderator	Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator	Bill Schneider
Treasurer	Lori Kovatich*
Clerk	Karen Morgan

Sunday School Superintendents

Kristen Clotworthy Jamie Trinckes

Board of Trustees

Tom Gaumer*	Eddy Bond*	Dale Hawk
Mike Clotworthy*	Jim Heinrich	Myron Costin*
Bob Kovatich*	Jim Dettmer	Kenn Oerkfitz
Greg Dickson	Ed Sobek	

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Irene Jannsohn* Joyce Reed *

Diaconate

Serena Abruzzino*	Judy Gaumer*	Jennifer Barry
Cathy Hawk*	Kelly Bickley	Sarah Hayes
Barbara Camp	Linda Plain	Gina Cathcart
Dawn Rolland*	Kristen Clotworthy	Marty Winch

Christian Education Committee

Kelly Bickley Sandy O'Shea
Kristen Clotworthy Lora Rung Jamie Trinckes

Music Committee

Ingrid Dickson Ken Mehalko
Pam Keenen* Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Rosemary Bechtel* Sue Gigliotti Adria Bond
Beth Giuliano * Ed Bond Sharon Heinrich
Laurie Meister

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte Gary Paul Brandi Garsteck
Lora Rung* Michele Mhlack Bev Wehr

THE THRIFT SHOP

Have you seen the newly painted floor and the bright lights in the Thrift Shop? If not, it is time to check out our improved shop. Besides the clean, shiny,

floor we are also replacing our lighting with LED bulbs so everything is bright in the shop. Jim Heinrich is replacing the bulbs and we can really see a difference. Stop in soon to see the difference a newly painted floor and bright lights can make in the shop.

The Thrift Shop needs a helper the second Wednesday each month to assist with sales during the Wednesday Free Lunch program. A regular volunteer will be in the shop, but an additional person is needed. If you are interested in helping for a few hours each month please contact the church office, Lola Millhoane, or Karen Morgan. Retail sales experience is not necessary!

Please remember the shop will be open during the Turkey dinner on November 3rd.



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE STRONGSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Strongsville Historical Society is looking for a volunteer to handle building maintenance. The individual should have some skills and experience with basic carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and general maintenance. In addition, it would help to have contacts with local contractors who can provide more complex repairs.

The mission of the Strongsville Historical Society and Village is to discover, collect, preserve, record, and interpret the history of the Strongsville area through programs that inspire, stimulate, and educate the community.

Additional information about the organization can be found on their website at:

www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org/about-us.html

If you have additional questions or have an interest, please contact Ruth Brickley, President, at rbrick@aol.com or 440-572- 0535.

MITTEN TREE ~ FAMILY OF FAITH TREE



The **Mitten Tree** will be in the Gathering Area from November 11th to December 8th for collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for Strongsville Food Bank. .

On December 8th, the hats, gloves, mittens and scarves will be

removed, and the tree will become the **Family of Faith Tree**, which we will decorate with Christmas ornaments donated by members and friends. **If you have not yet donated an ornament – or – if you'd like to donate an additional ornament, please bring it to the church office and include your name.** Official Board will prepare a tag with your name, attach the tag to your ornament, and hang the ornament on the Family of Faith Tree. Please know that **your ornament will NOT be returned to you**, but it will become part of the Christmas decorations each year. **Please do not bring expensive heirloom ornaments.**

Thank you for celebrating with your church family in the Mitten Tree, as well as the Family of Faith Tree!

UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that the **Ritchie and Cathcart** families procured and donated the pumpkins for the Sunday School? Thanks so much for your kindness every year!

Did you know that founding director of the bell choir, **Barb Fraunfelder**, came to the rescue and played bells so that the bell choir could play a three octave song on October 21st? Thanks, Barb!

Please submit any suggestions for "Unsung Heroes" to the church office. Our church is grateful for our members and friends who go the extra mile, beyond their regular duties or routine tasks to help the church.