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**Sunday, October 17, 2021 – 10 A.M.**  
**Penny Sunday**



## WELCOME!

*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the best interests of others. – Philippians 2:4*

For the safety and comfort of everyone, please continue to wear a mask in the Gathering Area and when entering or leaving the Sanctuary. When you are seated in the pews, you may lower your mask if you wish, while maintaining social distancing. **If you are not yet fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask at all times. Thank you.**

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**PRELUDE** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Barnby

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce  
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.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** **God's Work...Our Hands**

**INTROIT** "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" Yanerella

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What can we do to have life?

**People: We can seek God, who gives us life in every moment of every day.**

Leader: What can we do to serve justice in our world?

**People: We can set aside that which keeps us from following Jesus – wealth, pride, power, selfish desires.**

Leader: What can we do to share the Good News with others?

**People: We can open ourselves to the Spirit, so people can see God at work in our lives.**

**† HYMN 90** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
*(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)*

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** **Psalms 104**  
(New King James Version)

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, You are very great!  
You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment,  
Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.  
He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters,  
Who makes the clouds His chariot,  
Who walks on the wings of the wind. . . .  
The waters stood above the mountains.  
At Your rebuke they fled;  
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.  
They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys,  
To the place which You founded for them.

**Leader:** The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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.**

**ANTHEM** "Give Me Jesus" Spiritual, arr. Harlan

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** **Penny Sunday**

## OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

<https://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

**OFFERTORY** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher

† **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.

## † DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** **Mark 10:35-45**  
(New Living Translation)

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "We want you to do us a favor. . . . When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left." But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking!"

**SERMON** "Careful What You Wish For"

† **HYMN 562** "Be Thou My Vision"  
*(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)*

† **BENEDICTION** Maya Angelou  
My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness. Continue to allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart. Continue, in a society dark with cruelty, to let the people hear the grandeur of God in the peals of your laughter. . . . Continue to dare to love deeply and risk everything for the good thing. . . . Continue, and by doing so, you and your work will be able to continue eternally. **Amen.**

† **POSTLUDE** "Shaker Parting Song" arr. Purdum

TODAY – OCTOBER 17		NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 24
Judi Pavisich	<b>Greeters</b>	Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt
Rick Teagno	<b>Liturgist</b>	Herb Hampson
Judi Pavisich	<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteers needed
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Supplemental Organist</b>	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	<b>Sound</b>	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Chancel Choir/Tom Foley	<b>Special Music</b>	Richard Densmore

**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), select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

The altar flowers are given—  
Celebrating our Granddaughters Gabbie and Mallory and Grandson Grant's Birthdays this month! --Joyce & George Reed

*In honor of my church family*  
Linda Plain



Our steeple will light the sky this week—  
*Happy Birthday to Kristina Craig on October 22<sup>nd</sup>!*  
With Love, Grammy  
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**Happy Birthday today to Sharon Wilson and to Ted Bickley!**



**PENNY SUNDAY TODAY**  
You've been saving those pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters—or maybe even a nice, crisp bill or two. The Sunday School kids are collecting all of that today during the Children's Message. Proceeds will benefit our Free Lunch Program, which is incurring extra start-up costs as they are reopening. (Checks to Strongsville UCC)

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**Donations will be accepted for this UCC special offering throughout the month of October.**



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](http://CouncilforAmericanIndianMinistry.org) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

## STEWARDSHIP: GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS

Our 2022 Stewardship campaign is underway! Please prayerfully consider how you may give of your time, talent, and treasure to help with the mission and ministry of our church.



## A NOTE OF THANKS

Today, we thank our Chancel Choir, Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich for contributing to our musical worship today!





## OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato, Marge McKinney, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Tom Gaumer, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Irene Jannsohn, George Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Peter Smith, Autumn Schnieder, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen & Bob Zimmerman



**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Jackie Berkheimer (Judi Pavisich's friend), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiautraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Linda Harbison (Jan Meier's sister-in-law), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Diane Gregoire (Judi Pavisich's cousin), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.



### A TRIBUTE TO BROADWAY

to benefit SCT Scholarship Fund  
Presented by Strongsville Community Theatre  
Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> & Sat. October 30<sup>th</sup>  
at the Strongsville Rec Center

Many familiar Strongsville UCC faces will be participating in this event featuring music and food. Call 440-879-8817 or [www.strongsvillecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.strongsvillecommunitytheatre.com) for reservations and ticket purchases.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$4,933.00
Difference	\$1,283.63

Thank you very much for your support.



## CHRISTMAS FOR VETERANS

For many years, our congregation has provided a small gift for our military veterans of Cuyahoga County that are served by Church Street Ministries of Berea, helping those with needs, especially those transitioning from homelessness. Between 60-100 veterans are served. We include two pairs of socks, along with candy bars. Our Bombas Socks annual gift has been delayed until 2022. Mission Outreach would appreciate your help with donations of **men's crew socks (Med./Lg./XL)** or **regular sized candy bars** deposited in the container in the Gathering Area. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate, labeled "VETERANS."



## MISSION-OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank has always been supported by our congregation. We would like to resume having you drop donations off at the church. The

Kuhlenschmidts have agreed to transport the non-perishable food items to the Food Bank for us, which makes this ministry possible. Many thanks to Karl and Sharon. Please remember, we do not accept expired goods. The needs for the food bank in October would be PASTA & SAUCE, JUICE BOXES FOR KIDS!

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **October 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **October 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL IS RETURNING

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389

To-go meals will be available.



JOIN US FOR SOME FUN WITH OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> at NOON- 1 P.M. in the church parking lot. Decorate your vehicle, bring some candy to share, and wear a costume, if you'd like!



**Don't forget, we'll be decorating pumpkins and doing crafts during Sunday School class time!**



Our deepest sympathy to **Tony & Laura Koussa** and **Gabby Grace** on the unexpected death of Gabby's mom, **Jennifer L. Koussa**, age 36, on October 11, 2021. Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

TODAY with a celebration of Jennifer's life starting at 2 p.m. at Clearview Church, 23963 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station.

Our condolences to **Jim & Irene Joyce** on the death of Jim's uncle, **Robert J. Helman**, on October 11, 2021 in Windber, PA. Bob died of complications due to COVID-19. He was 88.

## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lots of fall merchandise on display. Donations are being accepted, but you must call the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.



### THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, **October 21, 2021 —**

**6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

(We're still open on our usual Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Also, the Thrift Shop is still in need of volunteers to help out for a couple of hours—sorting, organizing, and selling on Thursdays. Please call Cathy Hawk (440-781-7512) if you can help!

THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE is available (large print and pocket size) in the Gathering Area. Pick up your free copy today!



## COMING SOON...Thanksgiving "Basket" project



Due to the remaining effects of the global pandemic, we will not be collecting food items and putting together actual Thanksgiving packages for those in need. We still want to provide food assistance to those who may require it, so we will be accepting monetary donations or donations of food gift cards for the families on our list. If you would like to contribute, please give the gift cards to the church office or place a check in the offering plate, labeled "THANKSGIVING."

## And the Mitten Tree...

We will still collect hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for the needy this year. From November 7<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. After the 5<sup>th</sup>, the items will be given to the homeless shelter and the tree will become the **Family of Faith tree**. If you have not donated an ornament for yourself/your family, you may bring it to the church office and your ornament will join the others on our tree!

