

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Pastor

Worship Sundays at 10 a.m. (+online)

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Only you can make this world seem right.
Only you can make the darkness bright.
--The Platters*

The Power of One

Sometimes it all feels like it's just *too much*, doesn't it? When we have one of those days (or weeks) that feels overwhelming, between job demands, political craziness and worldwide angst, we can feel total insignificant. Worthless. Unimportant.

And of course, feeling that way only makes us feel *even worse*.

But time and time again, throughout history, it has been shown that while there may be safety in numbers, the true power of change lies in the courage of individuals who are willing to speak up and take a stand, even when it's an unpopular one.

Language lesson: that word *courage* has, at its root, the French word *coeur*, which means *heart*. Think about it: while the *brain* allows us to process, to think, to do, it's the *heart* that keeps the life-giving blood circulating, enabling everything else to happen. Once you come to understand the direction your heart is leading you, take *courage* and follow. Listen to your heart.

Others may come on board—or not. It really doesn't matter. You have the Power of the Most High, the seed of the *Imago Dei* planted in you. *This* is the way God works to bring God's Kingdom of Love into the world.

Peace, Love and Unity,
Pastor Heidi

*If you think you're too small to make a difference,
you have never spent a night with a mosquito. –
African proverb*

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 10 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Greeter: Linda Plain
Liturgist: Elaine Coffey
Music: Chancel Choir**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 – 10 a.m.



**Church Anniversary Sunday
Recognition of 50 year members**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
**Greeters: Roger & Judy Davis
Liturgist: Carol Konet
Music: Bell Choir**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 – 10 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
**Greeter: Volunteer needed
Liturgist: Linda Ponstingle
Music: Chancel Choir**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 10 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Penny Sunday
**Greeter: Susann Lerch
Liturgist: Barb Fraunfelder
Music: Chancel Choir**



TRUNK OR TREAT

After church

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, go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**. **HERE'S THE LINK TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos> Thanks to Doug Thorn for posting these each week.



**ALL ARE WELCOME AT
GOD'S TABLE!**

As we seek to walk ever more closely with Jesus and welcome all without question or singling anyone out, we offer gluten-free bread to ALL who come forward to the Table for Holy Communion. ALL means ALL at The United Church of Christ (Congregational)!

BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome to the world, **Cooper William Cox**, who was born on August 28, 2026, the son of **Chelsey** and **Jeremy Cox** and little brother of **Theo Cox**! Grandparents **Gina** and **Chris Cathcart** are thrilled, as is great-grandmother, **Dorothy Ritchie**!

Congratulations to **Courtney** and **Nick Gigliotti** on the birth of their daughter, **Gianna Louise Gigliotti**, on August 30, 2026. Grandparents **Sue** and **Lou Gigliotti** are over the moon with excitement at the birth of their first grandchild!



MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS



Wishing many years of love and happiness to **Mary Martha** and **Joe Hattery**, who were married at our church on September 5, 2026. The bride and groom reside in Bowling Green, Ohio, but are members of Strongsville UCC and they attend worship here whenever they are in the area.

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to **Gabby** and **Jordan Mustee** and their sons, **Leo** and **Austin** on the death of Gabby's mom, **Shelly Lynn Plasky**, on August 25, 2026 at the age of 62. A Memorial Service for Shelly was held on September 19th at our church.



Love and prayers go out to the family and friends of **Dr. Beth Kay Remaly**, who died on July 28, 2026. Her husband, **Rev. John H. Remaly** is the dad of **Lori Kovatich**. Sending our sympathy to **Lori**, **Bob**, and **Rachel Kovatich** on their loss.

Beth's celebration of life was held at our church on September 26th. She was 78 years old.

On September 10th, we received word from Spring Mist Farms that our long-time dromedary friend, **Charlie the Camel**, has died at the age of 18. Charlie was a fixture at our Live Nativity and was loved by all who got to meet him.



OCTOBER 11th IS OUR CHURCH'S 209th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY!



We will recognize our 50-year members during the service and celebrate with a reception following worship! We will celebrate with a pizza party!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST 50 YEAR MEMBERS!

The following church members will be recognized at our worship service on October 11, 2026.

Austin Eggert (05/09/1976)

Patti Johnson (05/09/1976)

Donald Kovach, Jr. (05/09/1976)

Lynne McCray (05/09/1976)

Many congratulations also to our newest 60 year members: **Gina Cathcart**, **Madelyn Ewald**, **Donna Skrant**, and **Stanley Skrant**

Our newest 70 year member, **Nancy Taylor**,
And of course, our 80 year member, **Betty Craig**!

Become a Member!



NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTING SOON!

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you'd like to begin your Strongsville UCC membership journey!

PIG ROAST!

THE OFFICIAL BOARD IS HOSTING A PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER AT THE

CHURCH ON SATURDAY,

OCTOBER 3RD! 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

TICKETS ARE \$30. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 440-238-6697 FOR LAST-MINUTE TICKETS!

(INCLUDES ROAST PORK, SMOKED CHICKEN, CHOICE OF SIDES, ROLL & BUTTER, BEVERAGE, & DESSERT)
(HOT DOG MEAL AVAILABLE FOR KIDS \$10)





FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL:

PENNY SUNDAY.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our September Penny Sunday for The Alzheimer's Association. We collected \$478.72.



Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday, which will be on **October 25, 2026** and go to our own Thanksgiving "Basket" project.

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN WITH OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS ON OCTOBER 25th at 11:45 A.M. in the church parking lot.

Decorate your vehicle, park it at the edge of the parking lot, 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!**



RALLY DAY CLASS OF HOPE

Colette Emerson, teacher

Lena Ashforth Charlotte Boden

Theo Cox Henry Hayes

Elliott Joyce Brecken Raymond

Ember Schneider Leo Thorn

CLASS OF PEACE

Linda Elkins, teacher

*Everett Ashforth *Joey Brack

*Ella Hayes *Alaya Hitchens *Lacey Marshall

CLASS OF FAITH

Lora Rung, teacher

Riley Marshall, assistant

Mason Bittinger *Natalie Brack

Jack Hayes Autumn Schneider

Oliver Zielinski Penny Zielinski

**Received a Bible*

STRONGSVILLE FIRE STATION #4 OPEN HOUSE

The Strongsville Fire Department would like to invite you to their Open House on **Sunday, October 4th** from 1 pm to 4 pm at Fire Station #4 at 17000 Prospect Road.



PLEASE DON'T FALL FOR A SCAM! Pastor Heidi will never ask you for cash or gift cards via text or email. If there is a need, she will approach you in person.

BE A GREETER! A new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area is waiting for your name to be added as a greeter. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know. Being a greeter is a wonderful way to get to know people and welcome them to worship.



Did you know that **Greg & Ingrid Dickson** spent several hours repositioning the acoustic panels in Pilgrim Hall? The panels look

so much better and are now installed properly—thanks, Dicksons!

Did you know that **Setta Trophy** in Cleveland donated the engraving of the brass plates for our 50 year member plaque this year? Thank you!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th is VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY! Join us during worship as we show our appreciation for our hardworking volunteers in our church. A reception in Pilgrim Hall will follow.



FROM THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE



After a two-year process of working to sell our beloved Templed Hills, following the decision made in the fall of 2024, the sale is now complete, and the conference

has received the funds. They received a total of \$2,657,359.00 from the two auctions.

In anticipation of the sale of Templed Hills, the Heartland Conference Board of Directors, at its June meeting, voted to create a ministry endowment to help offset decreases in OCWM giving over the past several years.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the cards, good wishes, and most of all, prayers for healing!

Bonnie Khavaran





OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Jen Barry, Jean Bittinger, Mark Camp, Judy

Carte, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Colette Emerson, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Jim Heinrich, Cindy Hurley, Carole Kapcar, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Bonnie Khavaran, Erv Koch, Jill Kundtz, Carol Konet, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Ken Mehalko, Barbara Morgan, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothe, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Sandy Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, Debbie Thomas, Barbara White, Heather Williams, Jan Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Teresa Beba (Free Lunch friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Derek Denman (Pastor Heidi's son), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), David Fargo (Sally Herzog's brother), Dr. Natalie Feagin (Pentecostal Church of Christ), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend, Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson), Ellen Harrison (Linda Elkins' friend), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Ben Hoty (Tony & Jo-Ann Hoty's son), Tami Klammer (principal of Snow School); Helen Leckwatch (Dale Parson's mother-in-law), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Jeff Peacock (former member), Michael & Judy Richter (Roz Fotos' friends), Bob Ritchie (Dorothy's grandson), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich's friends), Julia Wright (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's granddaughter), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Iran, Venezuela and Israel, victims of violence and natural disasters, First Responders

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—

The Evening Group will watch and feed your children chicken nuggets and mac and cheese for a **"Parent Night Out"** on **Monday, October 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Parents, please sign up on the sheet on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board.

The Daytime Group will have a **"Craft Day"** when Diana Creecy will teach knitting, and Judi Pavisich, crocheting on **Wednesday, October 7th, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. All ladies are welcome to attend "Craft Day."



IN OUR COMMUNITY--Girl Scout Troop #71363 is stocking and maintaining a "Hygiene Library," located on the lawn near the parking lot facing Royalton Road.

GIFT CARDS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR

PROGRAM. You may place orders by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-346-4161 in advance. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**



KEEP US IN MIND FOR THE THANKSGIVING "BASKET" PROJECT AND FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!



MUSIC NOTES

Many thanks to **Ken Mehalko**, our **Chancel Choir** (with our new singer, **Will Foley**), **Satori**

Winds (**Robert Gref**, **Dick E. Ingersoll**, **Dick K. Ingersoll**, and **Ken Mehalko**), and of course, **Tom Foley**, **Mike Elkins**, and **Sharon Heinrich**, for their music in September!

ARE YOU A GUITAR PLAYER? OR DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO PLAYS GUITAR AND IS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PLAY?

Our music team is looking for someone to play guitar in our Praise Band. Please see **Tom Foley** or **Mike Elkins** if you can help with this search!



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From our friends at
Strongsville Community Theatre
TRIBUTE TO AMERICA

Saturday, November 14th at 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 15th at 2 p.m.

Call 440-879-8817 for tickets and information.

LOOKING TO ENJOY SOME LIVE MUSIC AND SUPPORT A LOCAL MUSICIAN? Follow our own **Bobby Foley** using this QR code and get information about his upcoming performances!



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FROM OUR FRIENDS AT COLUMBIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Saturday, October 3rd
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free admission, local artisans, handmade goods, unique gifts

25453 Royalton Road
Columbia Station



GO SHOPPING BEFORE OUR PIG ROAST!



PANERA PALS

Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters & sorters: **Teri Barbish, Colette Emerson, Carole Kapcar, Linda Elkins, Cherie Teagno, Wayne & Bobbi Cook, Jane Kossin & Ed Geyer, Irene Joyce, and Sharon Lempner**, who are enabling the Panera Bread ministry to continue!

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP CONTINUES!



Join us on **Monday, October 19th**—at 7 p.m. It will be an in-depth look at

The Lord's Prayer which is an integral part of our weekly worship services. And there will be a bit of fun involved too. Attendees are encouraged to bring a Bible to the sessions.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Did you know? The "tip jar" you see next to the coffee on Sunday mornings is there for a reason. The "tips" go directly to keeping the coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, etc., supplied. Your generosity is appreciated!



MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

MORE MISSION OUTREACH PROJECTS:



Now Accepting Donations for our Thanksgiving "Basket" project

We will not be collecting actual food items for those in need, but 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." **Also, if you know of someone in need, please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office.**

And the Mitten Tree...

We will collect hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for the needy this year. From **November 8th through December 6th**, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. After the 1st, 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!



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](#) (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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO TUNNEL TO TOWERS IF YOU SIGNED UP TO DONATE!



The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a charitable organization that focuses on providing mortgage-free homes to families of fallen first responders and catastrophically injured veterans, as well as helping to eradicate veteran homelessness. We are sponsoring 2 veterans/first responders a month. The cost is \$11 for 1 and \$22 for both. (Checks to UCC) **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already signed up for 2026-27!

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE FOOD BANK:



The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank has always been supported by our congregation. Please remember, we do not accept expired goods. The needs for the food bank in October would be PB & J, canned soups, cans of tuna, and beef stew.

Special Thanks to **Dale & Cathy Hawk, Irene Joyce, and Sharon Lempner** for their weekly transportation and distribution of donations from **Grocery Outlet in Strongsville** (12421 Pearl Road). And thank you to **Cindy Hurley, Karen Bates, Ed Sobek, Mindy Carte, Chris Hainaut, and Jane Kossin & Ed Geyer** for

picking up food donations from Strongsville **Costco**. Some other organizations that we are helping with the bounty we received: Pentecostal Church of Christ in Cleveland, Lakewood United Methodist Church, Mary Queen of Peace in Cleveland, St. Malachi, Westside Catholic Center, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, St. Vincent DePaul, Edna House, the Farm, Audrey's



Outreach, and an outreach ministry for the needy downtown. Thank you also to **Ginny Churnega**, who picks up ham and ham bones from Honeybaked Ham for our free lunch!

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Our Free Lunch for All program is so thankful for our 16 youth who served on various Wednesdays throughout the summer! We will certainly miss them!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Mission Outreach Committee will meet on the second Sunday of the month, **October 11th** following the worship service.
- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **October 13th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **October 20th** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **October 27th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$28,435.43 in our capital campaign account. Several projects have been completed and several are underway. We started in March 2025, so September 2026 was the halfway point of the campaign. Please make sure you designate your donation for "Capital Campaign." Thanks for your continuing support.

A photo of the parking lot repairs and striping.



POLE BARN UPDATE: Bids for concession door being obtained and the builder was notified to shim the entry door and obtain final inspection from city.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of

interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. **Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.**

THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, THE CHURCH, AND THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

YOUTH GROUP

Stay tuned for information on our fall and winter plans for activities and service projects!



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YOU CAN ACCESS RESOURCES FROM AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HEARTLAND CONFERENCE OF THE UCC! Looking for a way to get connected for ministry resources in the wider church? Just scan the QR code.

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SERMONS AVAILABLE!

Ever hear something in the sermon on Sunday morning and wish you could hear it again? Our services are always available on YouTube, but if something *really* catches your heart, send Pastor Heidi an email and she will send you her manuscript.



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GIVING OPTIONS



If you are interested in giving electronically, you can set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website or on our church's website:

www.strongsvilleucc.com. You may also

mail a check to The United Church of Christ (Congregational) 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.

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FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Gary Zielinski

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from

September 6 through September 27, 2026.

Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.



Offering Needed \$20,848.00 for 4 Sundays
Offering Received \$25,275.50
+ \$4,427.50

2026 PLEDGE CARD TOTAL: 62



PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

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All checks to the church and its organizations should be made out to **United Church of Christ or UCC or United Church of Christ (Congregational).**

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ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

If you move or change your phone number, please be so kind as to let the church office know—thanks!

Courtney, Nick, & Gianna Gigliotti
22125 Smokestack Trail
Olmsted Falls OH 44138



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of September 6th

Happy Birthday to Stacie Sauter on
September 9th and Eli Sauter on
September 12th! With love, Grammy

Week of September 13th

With gratitude to Linda Elkins for her work with our
Sunday School

Week of September 20th

Happy Birthday to Abby Craig tomorrow!
With love, Grammy
Happy Birthday tomorrow to Nina Jannsohn!
Happy Birthday on September 22nd to Sally Herzog!
Happy Birthday to Erik Joyce on September 23rd!
Happy Birthday to Dale Hawk on September 23rd!

Week of September 27th

Happy Birthday to Luke Giuliano on September 30th!
Happy Birthday to Dave Williams on October 1st
The Choir
In memory of Mary L. Joyce-Smith's birthday on October
1st and in celebration of Betty Dickson's Birthday on
October 1st--The Joyces & the Dicksons

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is
\$5.00. Multiple dedications are welcomed for each
week. Please email strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com.
Thank you to everyone who lights our steeple!

ALTAR FLOWERS

September altar flowers are given—

September 6th

Happy Birthday to Gary Zielinski on
September 1st!

In loving memory of Karen K. Morgan
Love Rachel, Penny, & Oliver

September 13th

In loving memory of Jan Meier on her 89th birthday,
September 15th
Love, The Breakfast Bunch

May our members enjoy peace and many blessings from
our Heavenly Father.

Honoring our grandchildren, Isla and Chloe.
Bonnie Khavaran

September 20th

Celebrating our Grandson Weston Reed's and Great
Granddaughter Quinn's Birthdays this month.—

Love, Grandma Joyce Reed
In honor of my brother, Rick and Happy Birthday to my
husband, Wayne! Bobbie Krisak

September 26th

Celebrating our 35th Wedding Anniversary!
Barbara and John Toth

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 IS POSTED IN
PILGRIM HALL. Please sign up for fresh flowers in
honor or in memory of a loved one or just for
yourself. Cost is \$36 for two vases; \$18 for one. WE
STILL HAVE A FEW SUNDAYS LEFT!



CHURCH OFFICERS 2026

*Elected February 1, 2026

** Appointed by the Official Board

Moderator: Rachel Zielinski *

Vice-Moderator: Herb Hampson*

Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Elkins

Board of Trustees

Karen Bates Jen Barry* Greg Dickson*
Bill Giuliano* Chris Goff Les Fox* Cathy Hawk
Sandy Pogozeleski* Bill Robinson * Cheryl Sobek
Alex Tomoff Mike Willis

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Linda Stepan* Dave Williams*

Diaconate

Jean Bittinger Elaine Coffey* Diana Creecy*
Bobbi Cook Wayne Cook Judy Davis
Judy Fox* Marsha Hemphill* Lynne McCray*
Linda Ponstingle Lora Rung Cherie Teagno**

Christian Education Committee

Linda Elkins* Colette Emerson* Dale Hawk
Sarah Hayes Amanda Marshall* Lora Rung

Music Committee

Karen Bates* Ingrid Dickson*
Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko Mike Willis
ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Ingrid Dickson Sue Gigliotti* Linda Stepan
Rob Toth* Sarah Toth Dave Williams

Mission and Outreach Committee

Jen Barry * Gina Cathcart Bobbi Cook*
Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Cindy Hurley**
Lora Rung Mary Willis Mary Ellen Zimmerman

CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM



If you like to cook or bake or reach out to
others in love . . . as winter and
circumstances continue to make it hard to
stay connected, your Diaconate would
LOVE to have you be a part of our team!

(You don't need to be a member of the Diaconate to
participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)

IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where
the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the
church? They are adjacent to the doorway in
Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation
classroom



SAFE SPACES IN THE CHURCH

In the case of a weather or other emergency,
designated safe spaces in the church include the

basement, the Parlor, the restrooms, and
other spaces without windows such as
interior hallways. In the event of an
emergency, we will proceed in an orderly
fashion to these areas.



2027 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN THE B.R.E.A.D. OF LIFE

Be Present
Relationships
Engagement
Activities
Donate



Strongsville United Church of Christ 2027 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2027:

Name _____
Address _____

I plan to give \$_____ each

☐ week ☐ month ☐ other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations
\$_____

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)
\$_____

☐ I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including our church in my will.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking account.

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____

I am the bread of life. John 6:48



FALL / WINTER 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

Special Activities in addition to our weekly worship, our monthly Penny Sunday, Holy Communion of the first Sunday of each month, our regular Free Lunch for All on Wednesdays, and our usual Thrift Shop hours on Thursdays.

October 3rd—PIG ROAST

October 4th—WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 11th—CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY/START OF STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
FOR 2027

October 25th—TRUNK OR TREAT

November 1st—ALL SAINT'S DAY

November 8th— STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 15th—VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
SUNDAY

November 22nd—LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN
HOUSE

November 26th— THANKSGIVING DAY

November 29th—ADVENT BEGINS

December 11th— SWINGIN' SOUNDS OF THE
SEASON JAZZ CONCERT

December 13th— CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT

December 24th— CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



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