



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday – September 1, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Outdoor Worship



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. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

GATHERING MUSIC "O Love" Lindsey/Mayo/Simpson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Barb Fraunfelder

INTROIT "Ten Thousand Reasons" Myrin/Redman

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship our God, to listen for the voice of the One who has called us here.

People: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days, as our grandparents in the faith were called.

Leader: We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.

People: We come to worship the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.

Leader: We come as a gathering of God's faithful, to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

People: We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who loves us, just because.

† HYMN

"Pass it on"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God
It matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top - PRAISE GOD!
I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

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A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-12

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 "Try a Little Kindness" Austin/Sapaugh

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Get Together" Powers/Valenti

† **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 EPISTLES

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

SERMON

Always Remember

† HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine,
Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out.
I'm gonna let it shine,
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "Tune of Edelweiss" Traditional

† **DEPARTING MUSIC** "Annie's Song" Denver

SUMMER MUSIC

We thank Gary Hackett once again for providing special music for today's worship.



September newsletters are in the Gathering Area for those who choose to receive a printed copy to pick up.

SERVING

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Barb Fraunfelder
Linda Plain
Linda Plain
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Gary Hackett

Liturgist
Greeters
Ushers
Coffee Hour
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Supplemental Organist
Special Music

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Linda Ponstingle
Billie Cantrell
Bill Schneider
Volunteer needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Chancel Choir

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In memory of Rita Budd's birthday on September 2nd

Never forgotten, Gary Hackett

In celebration of Pastor Heidi's Birthday tomorrow!

Happy Anniversary today to Gayle and Bruce Sperber!

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**.



Women's Fellowship will meet **Tuesday, September 3**, at 10 a.m. in the parlor at church. **Please bring a bag lunch.** After our meeting, we will make Cross Christmas Ornaments with Cheri Teagno and then enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Mary Densmore will provide devotions and refreshments. As always, all ladies (and friends) are welcome.



Last week's **PENNY SUNDAY** made \$161.23 for our Christian Education program for refurbishing the upstairs. Thank you to everyone who supports our children's ministry. Our next collection will be **September 29**.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS



New Members Are Joining

Would you like to become an official member of the Strongsville UCC congregation? Pastor Heidi is hosting a membership class following worship on **Sunday, September 15** and receiving those folks who wish to join into membership on **Sunday, September 22** during worship. Please contact the church

office or Pastor Heidi if you are interested.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR PHOTO DIRECTORY!



If you did not get photographed by Lifetouch, please email a landscape photo of yourself (head and shoulders) to strongsvilleucc@gmail.com by **September 5th**.

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, Serena Abruzzino, Dolores Bail, Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Kay Konicek, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Josh Trinckes, Sally Vetovitz, Sharon Wilson, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Ron & Yvonne Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Joanne Gigliotti (mom of Lou), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), 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), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Judy & Bob Stenger (friends of Judi Pavisich), 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.

Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, tuna, 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.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,136.00
(Difference -\$1,386.02)



Please remember to give from your heart. Thanks for your support!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is still available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on Native American Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. **Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15. CDs are available through the church office. We have fewer than a dozen CDs left!**

- **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS: THURSDAYS at 8 p.m.**
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 7p.m.**
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS BACK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**
- **SUCC BAND PRACTICES ON WEDNESDAYS at 8 p.m.**



RALLY DAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 8th! Hope to see you for a new, exciting year of Sunday School classes!



CONSTRUCTION ON THE INTERSECTION OF PEARL & ROYALTON ROADS

CONTINUES! Please take extra care when travelling to and from church in the coming months and don't let these obstacles keep you from enjoying worship with us!

SEPTEMBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

1 Sun Outdoor Worship on our property 10am
Coffee Hour

2 Mon Labor Day—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

3 Tues Women's Fellowship Meeting 10am

4 Wed Free Lunch for All 11:30am-12:30pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm

5 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am—4pm
Chancel Choir 8pm

7 Sat Sanyuka Children's Choir Concert 3pm

8 Sun Worship 10am—Communion, Rally Day
Coffee Hour
Worship Team

10 Tues Trustee Meeting 7pm

11 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm

12 Thurs Thrift Shop CLOSED
Bell Choir 7pm
Chancel Choir 8pm

15 Sun Worship 10am
Membership Class following worship
CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour

17 Tues Diaconate Meeting 7pm
Safety Forces Prayer Service at St. Joseph 7pm

18 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm

19 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir 7pm
Chancel Choir 8pm

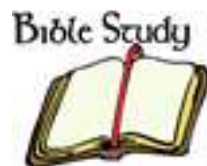
22 Sun Worship 10am, New Members Welcomed
CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour

24 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm

25 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Bible Study 1pm
Band Rehearsal 8pm

26 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
Bell Choir 7pm
Chancel Choir 8pm

29 Sun Worship 10am—Penny Sunday
CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Coffee Hour



BIBLE STUDY IN THE FALL

Our 7 week Bible Study, "Uppity Women of the Bible," will be on Wednesdays at 1 pm, starting on **September 18**, following the Free Lunch. Please see **Linda Elkins** if interested.

SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our church will be hosting a concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda.



Please join us this **Saturday, September 7** at 3 p.m. for an afternoon of music and celebration with children's voices and traditional instruments.

There will be no charge for the concert, but they will have a free will offering to benefit the Sanyuka Children's Ministries. The children will also have Ugandan handicrafts and CDs available for concert goers to purchase. www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/.

Help will be needed for the event. For the Sanyuka performance at our church, food is needed for the reception for everyone after the concert. To provide food, please either:

- see Sharon Heinrich to volunteer,
- contact the church office,
- or write your **food donation** on the back of your attendance card.

Thank you very much for your willingness to help.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



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

THRIFT SHOP END-OF SUMMER BAG SALES

Come down on these upcoming Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and score some terrific bargains, while helping your church!

September 5: \$5 per bag

BONUS:

Wednesday, September 4: \$6 per bag

We provide the bag and you fill it up!

The Thrift Shop will be closed for fall/winter change-over on **Thursday, September 12.**



Please Join Us...

"In support of those who serve"
Fifth Annual Community Safety Forces & First Responders Prayer Service
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.
St. Joseph Church (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville)

All are welcome to gather in offering prayerful support and appreciation to those who serve our communities.

Personnel are invited to wear their uniforms and to bring their families. A light reception will follow.

HELP NEEDED

Sign-up sheets for ushers, greeters, communion servers, and coffee hour helpers are located in Pilgrim Hall on the bulletin board. Please consider being a part of the life of our church by volunteering for one or more of these jobs.





**PLEASE PURCHASE GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR
BACK-TO-SCHOOL, GIFT GIVING, AND
EVERYDAY NEEDS!**

The Strongsville UCC gift card program continues to support the maintenance of our beautiful pipe organ, but we can't do it without you! Please see Jim Joyce in Pilgrim Hall following worship to see the plethora of gift card choices—something for everyone!



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SAVED
PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE CAPS!**

The collection has been suspended and we are no longer saving them. Please go ahead and recycle them along with your plastic bottles in your regular recycling. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this project!

CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned off. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!

