

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Pastor

Worship at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

True independence and freedom can only exist in doing what's right. —Brigham Young

Getting it right.

There is always someone willing to tell you: *you're doing it wrong!* (Much of the time, they really don't have any authority to say so, but they do it, anyway.) As a church, there are as many ways "out there" to *do church* as there are people. Some work; others, not so much. But we keep trying, and wondering why visitors aren't beating a path to our doors.

Recently, hundreds of folks who visited a church and never came back were asked why. What bothered them about the churches they visited? Here are their Top Ten Answers:

- An unfriendly/ awkward stand-and-greet time;
- Unfriendly church members/ regulars
- Unsafe/ unclean children's areas;
- No place to get information about the church;
- Bad/ out-of-date church website;
- Poor signage;
- "Insider" church language;
- Boring/ bad church services;
- Members telling guests they're in the wrong pew;
- Dirty facilities.

This week, take time to look around. Ask yourself: *If I were attending for the first time, is there "enough Jesus" here to make me want to come back? What do we do well? What could we do better?* Next Sunday, invite a guest-- and see if they agree. . . .

I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the Church—together!

See you soon!

Peace,
Pastor Heidi

*And the Lord added to their number every day.
Acts 2: 47*

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 1 – 10:00 A.M.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Barb Fraunfelder

Greeter: Linda Plain

Ushers: Linda Plain/Judi Pavisich

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: Gary Hackett



SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 8 – 10:00 A.M.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

Rally Day

Liturgist: Linda Ponstingle

Greeter: Billie Cantrell

Ushers: Bill Schneider

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: The Chancel Choir & SUCC Band



SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15 – 10:00 A.M.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Judi Pavisich

Greeter: Elaine Coffey

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: The Chancel Choir, Richard Densmore

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 22 – 10:00 A.M.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

New Members Welcomed

Liturgist: Dave Williams

Greeters: The Rolland Family

Ushers: Teri Barbish

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: The Chancel Choir

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 29 – 10:00 A.M.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Penny Sunday

Liturgist: Jim Studer

Greeter: Judi Pavisich

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed

Special Music: The Chancel Choir



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Marriage blessings to **Nicole (Rachid) and Lewis Stevens**, who were married by Pastor Heidi on August 3, 2019 in Seville, Ohio.



LIFETOUGH

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM THANK YOU TO THE OVER 100 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR PHOTO DIRECTORY!



Directories will be sent to the church and should be available before Thanksgiving. If you did not get photographed by Lifetouch, please contact the church office to submit a photo by **September 5**. P.S. Our church had the 2nd highest participation rate in 20 years of Lifetouch church directory photography!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP LABOR DAY WEEKEND

(Weather permitting)

Give thanks and praise for the last throes of summer as we worship outdoors on our church property on Sunday, September 1st at 10 a.m. **Please bring a lawn chair.**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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,



New Members Are Joining

September 22 during worship. Please contact the church office or Pastor Heidi if you are interested.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Andrea Jade Paterna** and **James Cassiel Kovacs**, who were baptized at our church by Pastor Heidi on Thursday, August 8, 2019. The family was visiting from Arizona.



IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Vicky and Dan Masuga, whose brother-in-

law, Joe Valli, passed away mid-August of esophageal cancer. Joe had been on our prayer list for some time. The funeral was Wednesday, August 14.



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**.*

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, bread/pastry sorter, or nursery helper! Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. Don't forget popping in to help sort Panera bakery donations on Monday or Friday mornings—lots of fun and carbs!





OUR PRAYER LIST

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: 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), Rich Tressa, 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.

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT ST. JOSEPH:



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 Road 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.



FIT CLUB

We welcome any new participants, of any age or fitness level to join us and get moving on most Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. We were on hiatus in August, but will be back in September.

UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that **Len Lane's** daughter, **Lori Schumacher**, went to the effort and expense to mail a package full of white bottle caps to us? Thank you, Lori!



Did you know that **Aidan Hurtig** gave the last two Wednesdays of his summer vacation to help at the Free Lunch for All program? Thanks to grandparents **Tom** and **Judy Gaumer** for bringing our awesome helper!

Did you know that **Lola Millhoane, Elaine Coffey, Judi Pavisich, Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt, and Mary Ellen Zimmerman** gave hours of their time to assist our folks coming in for their photo shoots? Their friendly faces made getting pictures taken a painless experience!

Did you know that **Jim, Sharon, and Ryan Heinrich, Chuck & Heidi McDougall, Sandy Pogozelski, Mary Densmore, Herb Hampson, and Dale Hawk** got up at the crack of dawn on a Saturday morning to help clean up the church's property adjacent to the parking lot? Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Did you know that **Greg Dickson** took the time to spackle nail holes, sweep the garage, and generally touch up our Royalton Road house to make it just right for our potential tenants? Thanks so much, Greg!

Did you know that **Jennifer, Oliver, and Tilly Sekorky, Clara Barry, Dawn, Alysha Rolland, Olivia, Emma, Ben, and Kristen Clotworthy**, along with **Sharon Heinrich** and **Rosemary Bechtel** assembled 60 Tote Bags for kids at the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank? Thanks also to everyone who supported this project.



**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
WEDNESDAYS 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**





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. **Every little bit helps!**

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 shopping needs!**

MULTI-CULTURAL OUTREACH:



SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our church is going to host concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for **Saturday, September 7 at 3 p.m.**, for a presentation of song and celebration, with the voices of children and traditional instruments. Here is their website:

www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/

There is no charge for the concert, but there will be a free will offering and Ugandan crafts for sale to benefit the group and its ministries. Plus, refreshments will follow the performance!

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

All men are invited the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. to Gourmé Deli & Restaurant. (15315 Pearl Road in Strongsville)



ALTAR FLOWERS

August altar flowers were given

August 4 – *In memory of Lynne Golden's birthday on July 30th*
Lynne was Carol's daughter and Sandy's sister

Carol Merkle and Sandy Pogozeleski
August 11 – *In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn (August 12, 1999)*

and Aimée J. Jannsohn (August 12, 2018)
The Jannsohn, Dickson, and Joyce Family

August 18– *In memory of Eric R. Jannsohn*
Happy Birthday to the twins, Ingrid & Irene, on August 21
The Jannsohn, Dickson, and Joyce Family

In celebration of Katelyn Deertz's birthday on August 13
Love, Granny Marty Winch

August 25 – *Remembering our Aunt Rhea Clements on her birthday August 28*

Becky and Bill Robinson
In honor of Betty Bushea's 92nd birthday on August 27.
With love, your daughter, Barb Fraunfelder

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. 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.

2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays are still available for this year!

STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of August 4, 2019

In loving memory of Brooke M. Akins
The Jannsohn, Joyce, Dickson Family

Week of August 11, 2019

Happy Anniversary to Tom and Suzi Foley August 12!
Love your church family
In gratitude to Claire Wills for her wonderful quilt program for Women's Fellowship on August 6

Week of August 18, 2019

Happy Anniversary to Bill & Pam Craig on August 19
Happy Birthday to Madison Wentz on August 22
Happy Birthday to Joe Craig and Nate Johnson on August 24

With love, Mom/Grammy

Week of August 25, 2019

In celebration of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig's 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 30
Rev. Larry and Christina Craig

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Sunday School:
Thank you to **Mary Densmore** (twice!), **Eddy Bond**, and **Kristen Clotworthy** for teaching in August.



The **August Penny Sunday** collection of \$161.23 will go toward refurbishing our upstairs Sunday School classrooms. The next Penny Sunday will be on **September 29**.

NEWS FROM UPSTAIRS

The Christian Education Committee is putting together a plan to make the second floor a more usable, appealing space for meetings, classes, and activities. Ideas include carpet cleaning, painting, reorganizing, and better storage.



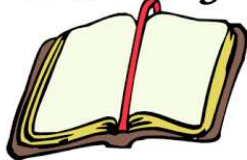
RALLY DAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 8th!
Hope to see you for a new, exciting year of Sunday School classes!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Facilitated by **Linda Elkins**, this 7 week study, called "Uppity Women of the Bible," is open to all adults. The first day will be

Wednesday, September 18 at 1 p.m. following the Free Lunch for All program, so plan to nourish your body and then nourish your spirit.

Bible Study



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!



HELP WANTED

Someone in our church family is looking for a driver for short trips, mostly within the Strongsville city limits, on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in helping out. Thanks!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 3, at 10:00 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.

We thank Claire Wills for her wonderful program of handmade quilts last month.

Please mark your calendar for **upcoming events:**

Tuesday – October 1

10:00 a.m. Meeting in the Parlor at Church
Program: Decorating Pumpkins (or another craft) with Linda Elkins

Sunday – October 13 – Church Anniversary

Thrift Shop Style Show – after worship and our traditional potluck meal

Tuesday – November 5

10:00 a.m. Meeting in the Parlor at Church
Program: Pet Sitting by Elaine Coffey, Election of Officers, Planning our Christmas Tea

Sunday – December 1 – Christmas Tea

1:30 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
Details will be provided as they are decided.

All ladies (and friends) are welcome to all programs. You need not be a member of Strongsville UCC to join in the fun!

FROM THE KITCHEN:

Please label any items that are placed in the refrigerators with your **NAME/GROUP** and the **DATE!**

If you have any large plastic serving trays with domed covers, round or rectangular, that you do not need, please donate them to the kitchen for our Coffee Hour pastries. **Also, we could use empty, clean large sour cream/cottage cheese/yogurt containers for the Altar Flowers.**



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

soup, tuna, and canned fruit. 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. Thanks, as always, to everyone who donates and especially to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** who transport all the food to the Food Bank every week.



STEWARDSHIP

Prepare your hearts: a new stewardship campaign will begin in a couple of months.

Thanks to all who already pledged. Please know that the church will accept Estimate of Giving cards at

any time, and additional Estimate of Giving cards are on the greeters' cabinet in the Gathering Area, where the bulletins are distributed.

GIVING OPTIONS

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.strongsvilleuucc.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.

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 **June 23 through July 21, 2019.**

This information also appears on a weekly basis in our worship bulletin.

Offering Needed \$18,246.60 for 5 Sundays

Offering Received 16,853.85

Difference **(-\$ 1,392.75)**

Have you been noticing some negative numbers lately? During the summer months, the church often faces a shortfall. This year, thanks to our members and friends, we did not have to borrow money this summer. Please continue to give from the heart.

Thanks for supporting your church!



SEPTEMBER 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Sun **Outdoor Worship 10am**
Coffee Hour
- 2 Mon Labor Day—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 3 Tue 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 6pm
Safety Forces Prayer Service- 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



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Thank you to everyone who

donates to, helps at, or buys from the Thrift Shop!

UPCOMING BAG SALES:

Wednesday, September 4: \$6

Thursday, September 5: \$5

PLEASE NOTE: The Thrift Shop will be closed for fall changeover on Thursday, September 12.



River Valley Paper Company

KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER, MAGAZINES, AND CARDBOARD!

The next bonus week is **September 15 – 21**; during that week, the church receives an extra percentage from our paper bin from River Valley Paper Company. Of course, the church (and everyone else) benefits anytime you recycle. Thank you!

MUSIC NOTES

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Soloists, ensembles, and instrumentalists provided an amazing variety of music for worship during the summer months. Please see Tom Foley if you are interested in sharing your talent with us in choir, bell choir, or band this season.



THANK YOU AUGUST GUEST MUSICIANS!

- We thank **We3Ring--Edward Krzes, Nicki Haire, and Cheryl Onesky**--for sharing their handbell music with us on August 4. Special thanks also to Sharon Heinrich for enriching our worship with her musicianship on the organ and keyboard.
- **Sarah and Pam Keenen**, along with **Bruce Keenen**, provided beautiful vocal music for our worship on August 11. Family voices blending together make the message sound extra special!
- We thank **Riley Sheppard** and her granddad, **Ken Mehalko**, for sharing their musical talents with us on August 18. Riley Sheppard holds a Bachelor's Degree in Bio Engineering and Master's Degree in Chemistry from Miami University. She presently works as a Systems Engineer with RoviSys. She is engaged to be married next fall.
- Thank you to the **Satori Winds: Ken Mehalko, Mike Sherwood, Ed Lichtenberg, and Richard Ingersoll** for providing special instrumental music, including some inspiring spirituals, for worship on August 25.

We have room in the choir loft for you! Chancel Choir rehearses at 8 p.m. every Thursday evening. Don't sing, but play an instrument? The SUCC Band practices on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m., and...

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 7p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS BACK IN ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 15, RIGHT AFTER CHURCH!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY



A CD of Native American Flute, "Love and Tranquility" is still 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 per CD and may be purchased through the church office. We have fewer than a dozen CDs left!

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	Judy Gaumer**

Sunday School Superintendent
Kristen Clotworthy*

Board of Trustees

Greg Dickson*	Mike Clotworthy	
Myron Costin	Tom Gaumer	Bill Giuliano*
Dale Hawk*	Bob Kovatich	Sandy Pogozelski*
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*

THANK YOU KAREN MORGAN

With sincere gratitude, the members of Strongsville UCC extend our thanks for the many years of service that **Karen Morgan** has dedicated to the office of Clerk. Her commitment to our church is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered. Karen is a valuable part of our church family, having sung in the choir, played in the bell choir, taught Sunday School, and served on every board in the church!



FAREWELL CUSTODIAN OLIVIA CLOTWORTHY



We say farewell to our custodian Olivia Clotworthy, who has been in the church's employ since June 2018.

Olivia is beginning the next step in her life journey

as she starts her freshman year at The Ohio State University. Her sister, Emma, along with her brother, Ben, will be filling her shoes as custodian. Emma has been working with Olivia and is ready to take on the job.



WELCOME CUSTODIANS EMMA & BEN CLOTWORTHY!

CONSTRUCTION ON THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 42 & 82!

Please take extra care when travelling to and from church in the coming months.

On **Monday, August 26th**, construction began at the **intersection of Pearl and Royalton Road** and last **approximately eight weeks**.

Traffic will be maintained on both Pearl and Royalton during the construction, but delays will occur. Don't let this obstacle keep you from receiving your spiritual enrichment at church!



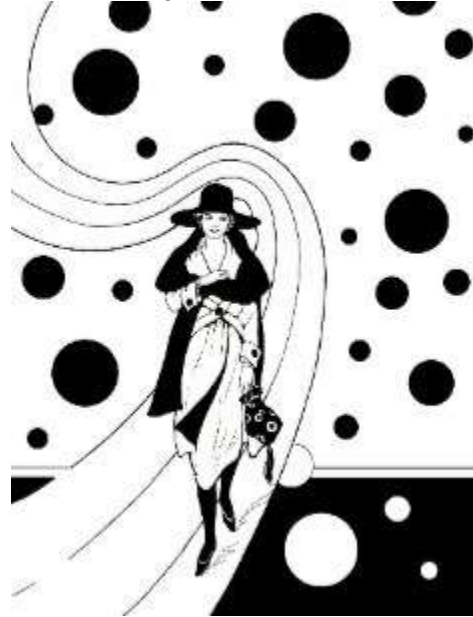
CHURCH SECURITY

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!



STYLE SHOW IN OCTOBER!

You've always wanted to walk the catwalk and strut your stuff, right? You ARE model material! In conjunction with our church's 202nd Anniversary Potluck on October 13, the Women's Fellowship is hosting a **STYLE SHOW** with fashions from our own **THRIFT SHOP**. We need runway models—men, women, kids—to show off the ensembles. We will put together an outfit and our models will wear them down the runway. We have 16 slots available, so sign up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall right away! We can't wait to see you "Make it work!"



FROM OUR FRIENDS DOWN THE ROAD... YOGA AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

There will be two yoga classes this fall at First Church. Classes will begin the week of Sept 8 and will go for a six week cycle. The classes will need attendance of at least six individuals to move forward and need to be paid in advance at the first session. If you have any interest in these classes, please contact **Bonnie Eggers** (pmozbach@gmail.com; 440-477-3852).

UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Architect Ibrahim Hakki has submitted drawings for the ramp project going into Pilgrim Hall. These drawings, as well as 3D renderings, are on display in the Gathering Area. One bid was received for over \$46,000.00. The next step will be trying to secure more bids from contractors and obtaining permits from the City of Strongsville or exploring alternative solutions. What had seemed like a simple project is anything but simple. The Board of Trustees appreciates your continued patience as they deal with the complexities and impossibilities of this project.