

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
(Congregational)  
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Pastor

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

## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." –Matthew 25:40*

### Walking the Walk Together

In case you were wondering what we've done lately with the help of our generous benefactors, who see the good we can do in the community when we work *together*. . . . In July, we received a special gift with the instructions to make ten gifts of \$500 each to local providers of food, groups who are helping pick up the slack during these difficult times. Here is who received an extra boost:

- **After Hours Denver**, a pub church that also prepares and serves brown bag lunches and communion to around 150 homeless friends every week in City Center Park (my little brother Jim is my contact);
- **St. John Lutheran Church** on Prospect hosts a Food Pantry monthly, aiming to serve the Greater Strongsville's Latino population, as well;
- **Clearview Church** in Columbia Station has an amazing warehouse stocked with foods from broken pallets, etc., that retailers refuse but are perfectly usable;
- **Strongsville United Methodist Church** has been operating its Big Blue Bus for a number of years, going into the city and finding those without homes where they live, offering a hot meal and blankets as needed;
- **Lakewood United Methodist Church** offers a community meal once a month, feeding 50-100 hungry souls from the neighborhood;
- **Westlake United Methodist Church** operates a food pantry, clothing pantry and serves meals regularly--yes, in the "nice" community of Westlake;
- **Strongsville Emergency Food Bank** allows residents to come for groceries once a month, aiming to help "tide folks over" between paychecks;
- **Christians In Action** in Olmsted Falls allows residents to come and actually shop for groceries in their warehouse, where the shelves are stocked and marked with guidelines for family size and folks can choose what *they* like, as well as for frozen meats and other limited perishables;
- **Pearl Road United Methodist Church** in Old Brooklyn area has a community meal served in cooperation with a UCC church and a Disciples of Christ congregation once a month to whomever shows up hungry;

- And of course, **Strongsville United Church of Christ's Free Lunch for All** serves around 100-110 folks a hot, nutritious meal every Wednesday to whomever shows up hungry and/ or lonely.

Peace and Full Tummies (and Hearts),  
Pastor Heidi

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – 10 a.m.**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Greeter: Linda Plain**

**Liturgist: Judi Pavisich**

**Music: Venner Clarinets**

**Summer Sunday School: Volunteer Needed**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – 10 a.m.**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**RALLY DAY!**

**Greeter: Mary Ellen Zimmerman**

**Liturgist: Sandy O'Shea**

**Music: Chancel Choir**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – 10 a.m.**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Greeter: Lynne McCray**

**Liturgist: Dave Williams**

**Music: Chancel Choir**

**Guest Speaker:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – 10 a.m.**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Penny Sunday**

**Greeter: Judi Pavisich**

**Liturgist: Dale Hawk**

**Music: Chancel Choir**



**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.

## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to our dear Free Lunch volunteers, **Jane Kossin** and **Mary Lou Shuey** and their family on the death of their brother, **Glenn R. Kossin**, who passed away on August 8, 2025 in Florida. Glenn had been suffering from brain cancer. He was 76 years old.



## BABY CONGRATULATIONS



**Barb Fraunfelder's** niece, **Sara Grega Springhetti** and her husband **Tyler** welcomed a baby girl into the world very early Sunday, August 24, 2025. **Giorgia Rose Springhetti** checked in at 4 lbs., 2 oz., and 17-1/2" long. She was

not scheduled to arrive until October, but Sara's high blood pressure necessitated her joining us early. So far, so good-- all are doing well! Congratulations also to the new grandmother, **Sally Bushea!**



## 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)!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**THE OFFICIAL BOARD  
WILL BE HOSTING A PIG  
ROAST FUNDRAISER AT  
THE CHURCH ON**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>!**

**5 P.M. - 7 P.M.**

**TICKETS WILL BE \$25 AND WILL GO ON  
SALE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR DETAILS!  
WE WILL HAVE A SIGN-UP FOR DESSERT  
DONATIONS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL**



## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

The Board of Trustees needs someone to fill an unexpired term on the

board. The Trustees oversee the building, property, and finances of the church. The Trustees meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The Official Board would appoint the willing volunteer to complete the term ending in 2027.

The church will be needing a new treasurer at the beginning of the year, as our treasurer, Sally Herzog, will be completing her 3<sup>rd</sup> term of service. The treasurer position is an elected office and is responsible for facilitating the payment of the church's bills and working closely with the Financial Secretary. Sally is willing to thoroughly train her successor. Please see Rachel Zielinski or Cathy Hawk if you can serve in either capacity.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**We are so thankful for everyone who volunteered to teach in the summer!**

## PENNY SUNDAY.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our August Penny



**Sunday for Berea Animal Rescue Friends.** We collected \$340.41.



Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday, which will be on **September 28, 2025** and go to Sanyuka Children's Ministry.



## RALLY DAY IS COMING!

Mark your calendars for a brand new Sunday School year beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>! We will be holding a Blessing of the Backpacks, Bags, and Briefcases during

worship.

## RALLY DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Envelopes will be in the pews for a special collection to offset the cost of curriculum and Sunday School supplies.

## BOOK STUDY-- SISTERHOOD!

On **September 15<sup>th</sup>** at **7 p.m.**,  
Pastor Heidi and Linda Elkins will  
continue leading the study of *Sisterhood*.



### 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.



### 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, Mark  
Camp, Judy Carte, Elaine Coffey, Betty "Grammy"  
Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Bruce Keenen, Erv  
Koch, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon  
Kuhlschmidt, Roy Merkle, Amanda Moulton, Ginny &  
Kenn Oerkfritz, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie,  
Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith,  
Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, Sharon Wilson, Claire  
Wills, Marty Winch

**Extended Church Family:** Amorie Acevedo (Dennis  
Smith's daughter), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister),  
Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Allison  
Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah  
Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend),  
Joanne Garipey (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghetti  
(friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don &  
Sandy's daughter-in-law), Sarah & David Gleichauf (Don  
& Sandy's grandson & wife), Karen Greenway (Judi  
Pavisich's friend), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's  
sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Barb & Dale Holmberg  
(Tiffany Hassel's parents), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's  
friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law),  
Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Mike  
Pavisich (Judi's step-son), Jeff Peacock (former  
member), The Price Family, Mike Rung (Lora's brother),  
Jim Schock (Judi Pavisich's friend), Amanda Shannon  
(Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner  
Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Brad  
Wilkson (Susan Lerch's friend), The people of Ukraine,  
Sudan, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence, those  
affected by 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](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)

**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.



### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Board of Trustees will meet  
on the second Tuesday of the  
month, **September 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the  
month, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday  
of the month, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the  
Parlor.

### 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.



### A NOTE OF THANKS—Thank

you to **Ken Mehalko,**  
**Megan Denman, EKCO**



**Ringers (Ed Krzes & Cheryl**

**Onesky, with Carmen Massaro), the Praise Team**  
**(Karen Bates, Rob Toth, Mike Willis, Sharon**  
**Maresco, & Irene Joyce), Lisa Heinrich, the Satori**  
**Winds (Dick K. Ingersoll, Dick E. Ingersoll, Don**  
**Kubec, & Ken Mehalko), and of course, Tom Foley,**  
**Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich, for their music in**  
**August!**



### ATTENTION SINGERS & RINGERS: CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE ON

**THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 8 P.M. &  
BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL  
START SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> AT 7 P.M.**

Can you carry a tune? There's room in the  
choir loft for YOU! Can you read music?  
Come ring with us in Bell Choir! Please see  
Tom Foley or Mike Elkins if you'd like to be  
a part of our Music Ministry.

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## 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.**



## OUTDOOR WORK PARTY— SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>!

**Please note the new date!**

Join us for a bit of much-needed work in the area outside the kitchen door. Come and give an hour or two and stay for lunch, which will be provided. Bring garden tools and a can-do attitude. See Rachel Zielinski with questions.

## MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a charitable organization that honors the legacy of Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter who died on 9/11, by supporting America's heroes. The foundation 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 would like to sponsor 2 veterans/first responders a month. The cost is \$11 for 1 and \$22 for both. Please sign up for a month on the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall. (Checks to UCC)



## A NEW BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT



Purchase a \$25 Target, Walmart, or Amazon card to help with the start of a new school year. Teachers in the Strongsville City

School District or at Snow School will benefit from your generosity. See Jim Joyce to buy a gift card from the Organ Preservation Fund, which helps the church, too! Gift card ministry runs through September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 September would be tuna, mac & cheese, and canned veggies.

## CARB CREW

Are you able to give less than an hour of your time on a Monday or Friday morning to pick up and/or sort Panera bread, bagels, and pastries? Please contact the church office if you can help with this worthwhile ministry.



Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters & sorters: **Teri Barbish, Colette Emerson, Carole Kapcar, Roz Fotos, Maria Graef, 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!

## NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

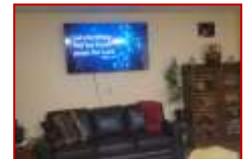
**REMINDER:** The "tip jar" you see next to the coffee on Sunday mornings is there for a reason. The "tips" go directly to keeping the coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, etc., supplied. Your generosity is appreciated!



**UNSUNG  
HEROES**

Did you know that **John Marshall Sr.**

and **Dale Hawk** installed a new TV in the parlor and a new TV upstairs in the Sunday School



area? Thank you both for your hard work!



Did you know that **Les Fox** painted the new kitchen door white to match the other exterior doors of the church? Thanks for taking the time, Les!

Did you know that **Kathie Paul** always keeps our church looking beautiful by providing and tending the flowers around the building? Wow—thank you, Kathie!



Did you know that **Dale Hawk** took the time and effort to level the trench in the church's front yard facing Pearl Road? Thank you to you and your tractor, Dale!





## THANK YOU NOTES: FROM TAMI KLAMMER AT SNOW

**SCHOOL:** Oh my goodness! I cannot express enough how blessed we are to have all of you. I cried when I saw ALL the donations! I am also going to have the Snow staff plan a way for the students to show their appreciation. I will let you know when we get something figured out. Your church is a true blessing and I am so thankful for you!

Thank you to everyone who sent Betty Jacobson a card for her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday last month! She was delighted that so many folks remembered her extra-special day.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers, good wishes, and cards following my recent surgery. I really appreciate the caring of my church family. **Jim Joyce**

## SANYUKA—THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who made time to celebrate the song, dance, and mission of Sanyuka Children's Choir last month! It was a wonderful afternoon of music and movement! We will be collecting for their ministry at next month's Penny Sunday!



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are the last or almost the last person to leave the church building on any given day, please make certain that all the lights are off, no water is running in any of the sinks, and that the doors are locked. Thanks in advance for your diligence!



## ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

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



## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Many thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers, especially the young people who helped in the summer, and to all who come and enjoy food and fellowship on Wednesdays!



## 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.** **THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED**



**VOLUNTEERS, THE CHURCH, AND THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

## CHURCH OFFICERS 2025

*\*Elected January 26, 2025    \*\*appointed by Official Board*

**Moderator:** Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry  
**Treasurer:** Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer  
**Sunday School Superintendent:** Linda Elkins

### Board of Trustees

Bill Giuliano Chris Goff\* Mike Elkins  
Les Fox Herb Hampson Cathy Hawk\*  
Sandy Pogozelski Cheryl Sobek\*  
Alex Tomoff\* Mike Willis\* Rachel Zielinski

### Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson\* Dave Williams\*

### Diaconate

Teri Barbish Jean Bittinger\* Elaine Coffey\*  
Bobbi Cook\* Wayne Cook\* Judy Davis\*  
Judy Fox Pam Heimburger\* 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

Gina Cathcart\* Bobbi Cook\*\* Myron Costin\*  
Diana Creecy Cathy Hawk\* Sarah Hayes  
Lora Rung\* Peter Smith Mary Willis\*  
Mary Ellen Zimmerman

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR LAST MONTH

The altar flowers are given—



### August 3<sup>rd</sup>

*In loving memory of Ellie Heinrich  
The Heinrich-Hileman Families*

*In loving memory of John Garsteck—Happy  
Heavenly Birthday--Brandi Garsteck*

### August 10<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday today to Bryana Joyce!*

*The Jannsohn-Dickson-Joyce Family*

*Happy Birthday, Dear Katelyn!*

*Love you forever, Grandma Marty xoxo*

### August 17<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday to Riley Marshall today and Amanda  
Marshall on Tuesday!*

*Dale & Cathy Hawk*

*Thank you to Irene Joyce and Ingrid Dickson for all you  
do—Lojuanna & Jeff Udvardy and Cannon Schuler*

### August 24<sup>th</sup>

*Remembering our aunt, Rhea Clements on her birthday,  
August 28<sup>th</sup> Love and miss ya! Also, Happy Birthday on  
August 25<sup>th</sup> to our "middle" brother, Dave Robinson!*

*Becky & Bill Robinson*

*In loving memory of George on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
on August 26<sup>th</sup> —Love, Judi Pavisich*

*Celebrating our 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today!  
Wayne & Bobbie Bobbie Krisak*

### August 31<sup>st</sup>

*Celebrating our Daughter Holly's Birthday this  
month. Love Mom & Dad Reed*

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 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!**



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—

**Many thanks to everyone  
who participated in our**

**Showers for Snow School in August!** We  
delivered two suv-loads of school supplies, items  
for the school store, snacks, suitcases/backpacks,  
and hygiene products, all of which were thoroughly  
appreciated and will be put to good use by Principal  
Tami Klammer and her staff.

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m.—Disaster  
Preparedness with Diana Creecy**

**Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>—Picnic! Watch the  
bulletin for details.**



## STEEPLE LIGHTING

### Week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Happy Birthday this week to Jim  
Heinrich and to Sharon Heinrich!*

*In loving memory of Rebecca Oerkfitz-  
Garcia*

*With love from the Music Ministry*

### Week of August 10<sup>th</sup>

*In loving memory of Aimée J. Jannsohn  
and Erik O. Jannsohn*

*The Jannsohn-Dickson-Joyce Family*

*In loving memory of John McKeever, Pastor Heidi's  
father, who lived to tell the tale of having raised five  
ornery kids--Pastor Heidi*

### Week of August 17<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Anniversary to Bill & Pam Craig on August 19<sup>th</sup>!  
With love, Mom*

*Happy Birthday to Maddie Wentz on August 22<sup>nd</sup>!  
With Love, Grammy*

*Happy Birthday to Ingrid Dickson & Irene Joyce on  
August 21<sup>st</sup>!*

### Week of August 24<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday today to Joe Craig and to Nate Johnson!  
With love, Mom*

### Week of August 31<sup>st</sup>

*Happy Birthday to Gary Zielinski tomorrow!*

*Happy Anniversary to Mike & Mary Willis tomorrow!*

*Happy Birthday to Pastor Heidi on September 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

*With love, your Church Family*

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



**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.

We also have a Life-vac choking device to assist in the  
event that someone is choking. It is located just beneath  
the AED.



Girl Scouts.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY--Girl Scout

Troop #71363 is still stocking and  
maintaining a "Hygiene Library,"  
located on the lawn near the parking  
lot facing Royalton Road.

## 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.)





## 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.strongsvilleuucc.com](http://www.strongsvilleuucc.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.



**PLEASE  
REMEMBER  
THE CHURCH  
IN YOUR WILL.**

## 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 **August 3 through August 24, 2025.**

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

Offering Needed \$17,436.00 for 4 Sundays

Offering Received \$21,449.75

+\$ 4,013.75

**PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED : 61**



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



## THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: As of the current month, we have just over \$60,022.05 so far for our capital campaign.

We are still working on the handicap openers and are dealing with the contractors for that project. The tuck pointing of the church building has nearly been completed. The next project will be improving the acoustics in Pilgrim Hall and the Trustees are reviewing the proposals that have been submitted. Make sure you designate your donation for "Capital Campaign." Yellow pledge cards are available in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your continuing support.

**POLE BARN UPDATE**—We received the builders updated quote & had Judy sign it. We have been asked by the city to resubmit our permit request with a few additional questions to be addressed. We are working on that.--Cathy Hawk

## MEMBER UPDATE

Our friend and member, **Dick Colmery**, stopped by the church on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. He is doing well and pretty spry for age 94. He has written a book called, *A Wonderful, Rewarding Life*, which is being published sometime this year. He sends

his regards to his church friends.



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**ROYAL OAK PAPER RECYCLING**  
Please do not place papers/cardboard outside the bin if it's full. Thanks!



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**COMING SOON...**

## BLESSING OF THE BEASTS

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in the evening**



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**DISHES, and BOWLS, and PLATES--Oh My! They're starting to accumulate again.**



Many folks have been kind enough to bring dishes to the church for funeral luncheons or other events. After the delicious food is eaten, the dishes are sometimes forgotten. If you are missing one of your bowls or containers, please pick it up from the kitchen right away. Abandoned dishware will be sold at the Thrift Shop.

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Loving God, watch over our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to teachers as they serve their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.



**A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER**

