



The Wesley News

Mission Statement

The Strongsville United Methodist Church is committed to building the body of Christ by
Sharing God's Word,
Showing God's Love and
Serving in God's World.

Strongsville United Methodist Church

Strongsvilleumc.org

August 2010

Hello to Matt Whisenhunt – Youth Director

After a long, worldwide search for a Youth Director, the SPR Committee is proud to introduce Matthew Whisenhunt. Matt comes to us from Cleveland Catholic Charities where he was a youth residential treatment worker. As a Mount Vernon Nazarene University alumnus, he holds a BA in Youth Ministries and served in their youth ministries as an intern. He is married to Carrie and they currently live in North Olmsted.

Matt was introduced to the congregation on Sunday, July 18th, and immediately started his outreach to the youth in our community. You will find Matt in his Youth Director's office at the bottom of the main steps at the church. We expect we will all be hearing a great deal from Matt very soon.

Over the past few weeks the SPR Youth Director Task Force received over 50 qualified applicants from as far away as India. On June 26th a team of SPR members, parents and youth interviewed the top three candidates. Fortunately, our number one choice accepted the job! The SPR Committee Chairpersons want to thank Tom Doak and Diane Chesney for their hard work on this task force.

Amy Robertson and Bill Thompson
Staff Parish Relations / Co-Chairpersons

New Weekend Custodian

Please join the Staff Parrish Relations Committee in welcoming our newly hired weekend custodian, Joe LaBianca. Joe is a recent graduate from Strongsville High School and is currently attending Cuyahoga Community College. During the summer he works for the Cleveland Metroparks. He comes to us through his father, Tony LaBianca, who is our winter time custodian. Welcome to the church, Joe!

August Worship Services

In August, Pastor Abby and Rev. Ron will be looking at different hymns that are used within our worship experiences. This is also hymn-sing month so come prepared in August to name your favorite hymns. The good news is that there are five Sundays in August.

Disciple I

Want to know what the Bible says? Ever questioned why a passage is in the Bible? Does the Bible have any meaning to me? If these are questions you've considered, you might want to look at being in the Disciple I Bible Study. We will begin the study, taught by Rev. Ron, at the end of August and be finished by the first part of May, meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Enrollment is limited and the class is filling up quickly. If you would like to be a part of the study please make contact with Rev. Ron.

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From the Pastor's Study "Downloaded Pictures"



"For in him we live and move and have our being."

Acts 17:28a

Recently, Sue downloaded some pictures from her camera to the computer. In so doing we were again looking over some of the reminders that come to us as we view the screen. The early pictures were of some winter scenes taken in January when we had a particularly harsh snow storm.

Also on the download, however, were some pictures of spring where the flowers were beginning to bloom around the house. I wanted to mark where our daffodils and tulips were so that as I planted in the fall, I would not be unearthing bulbs that were already in place. On the screen before me were the multi bright colors of tulips against the white house, yellow blossoms of daffodils set off against green background of shrubbery.

As I write this we are in the midst of several consecutive 90 degree days and I am reminded of how quickly the weather in Ohio changes. How interesting that just a few months ago we were bemoaning the winter elements and not long ago the earth was awakened and spring flowers were beginning to appear. Those images on the screen serve as a reminder that change does occur. The bleakness of winter is destroyed by the freshness of spring, spring leads to the warmth (and heat) of summer. The cold of the night is demolished by renewed warmth. The early dark hours are slashed away by an extended length of day.

The downloaded images before me serve as a reminder of the past. They are the visible appearances of what was. What a joy to be able to look at them and recall those events which have been experienced.

But today is not winter, nor is it spring. Today is not the past. Today I am in the present moving into the future. There are obviously no pictures that can yet be developed for the days ahead. But we live in the certainty that those days will bring us new memories and experiences.

We dare not live surrounded only by the representations of yesterday for they remind us of what was real and is no longer reality. Today we prepare for tomorrow. Today we have opportunities to build upon that which was in order that we can receive tomorrow with its freshness and promise.

Our scripture reminds us that it is in God in whom we live and move and have our being. It is God who is the constant. It is God who was here yesterday and will be with us in the days that lie before us. The changes will occur but God's presence will never depart. The winters, springs, summers and falls of life will come upon us, but we are assured of the constant undergirding of God.

It is because of this consistency of God's love and presence that we can look with hope and joy into the tomorrows. We are able to acknowledge that the times which lie before us will not be devoid of meaning. God will be with us, the presence of the almighty will sustain us.

Oh Lord, enable us to treasure what is past, to live fully in the present, and to look forward to that which is yet to come. Amen.

The **confirmation registration deadline is August 31!** Get those postcards in by 8/31/10!

Hey! Are you 6th grade or older but didn't get a confirmation invitation? Contact Pastor Abby or the church office if you'd like to participate, because we'd love to have you.

The **Taizé theme for August** is seeking the Holy Spirit. Join us for a quieter and more intimate service at 7:30 pm on Monday, August 9.

Did you know SUMC is on **Facebook**? Search for "Strongsville United Methodist" and like us or become a fan. Last month we had 1642 page views! We update prayer concerns as well as upcoming events and other church news there. Occasionally Pastor Abby takes a poll for upcoming sermons, too!

Youth Mission Thanks You!

Your team of 14 that left for the Bahamas June 13 experienced a very different world on Eleuthera Island. The natural beauty was awe inspiring – you could see the Atlantic on one side and the Caribbean on the other while sitting on the deck outside the second story office at Camp Symonette. The people of the island witnessed to us of God’s love and what community really means in a very economically depressed area. We were able to serve at several job sites including a renovated church that will soon be a community center, and most likely storm shelter, for a settlement called Hatchet Bay. One was a house that will soon be ready for occupancy in a senior center, and one team enlarged a doorway and installed a new door in another house in that settlement. We learned a lot of new skills including the use of several kinds of power tools, as well as the good old shovel, as we did some carpentry, plumbing, tile work, painting, and cement work. We also made some new friends in the communities as well as our coworkers from West Middlesex, PA . Working in 95-105 degree heat from 8 to 4 made a trip to the beach a real treat before dinner. The kids in James Cistern (the settlement closest to Camp Symonette) enjoyed our gift of recorders, books, and percussion instruments as we invited them to camp one afternoon. Bahamas Methodist Habitat is a very active participant in the communities of many of the islands, and is sister organization to a group that is flying supplies and relief workers in to Haiti. We got to know Cameron, one of the first pilots to make it into Haiti with relief supplies after the earthquake. Visit their web site to learn more – BahamasMethodistHabitat.org.

Our second team travelled to Bethesda, Ohio, leaving July 4 and serving through the SOWER Mission. We had 4 adults and 12 youth. Out of the 12 youth, half of them had never been on a mission trip before. We were very blessed to be able to work on a lady’s two story home. Her name was Holly. She had had a kidney transplant and was very grateful for everything we did. Day 1 & 2 we scrapped the whole house. Day 4 & 5 we were able to paint the whole house with 2 coats and do the trim work. Along with the scrapping and painting we totally tore off and replaced shingles on two sides of her roof. We were very lucky to be fed lunch every day by the Caldwell United Methodist Church. YUM! We had a great group of people sharing God's word, showing God's love and serving in God's world. We all were very proud to be out there representing our congregation. The team would like to thank the congregation for the prayer and financial support that made this trip a reality! If you are interested in more details, just talk to any member of the teams!

Blessings!

Brenda Soja and Debbie Smith





August 9 – 13, 2010 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Elementary Ages only
Registration open through July



Vacation Bible School 2010

Dear Parents,

We'd love for your child to join us at MEGA Sports Camp! All the kids who attend will choose one of these sports to focus on: Basketball, Soccer or Cheerleading.

But that's not all. Kids will also enjoy upbeat rallies filled with energetic music, fun sport stories, ultracool object lessons, and Bible stories that will help them discover character traits that can help them excel in sports and in life. All this sports fun takes place here at Strongsville United Methodist Church.

We'll start off every day at 6pm. After a fun-filled evening, you'll be able to pick up your child at 9pm. Ready to sign up? Just download then complete the registration form and bring it in to the church any time during the month of July.

Your child will get quality training, a T-shirt, snacks, fun awards, and extras all for an affordable \$25. Scholarships are available.

Volunteers needed in all areas: Huddle Coach, Snack Coach, Registration Coach, Safety Coach(nurse) etc. Please contact Jessica Van Lehn in the Christian Education office if you can help. jessvl@sbcglobal.net

It's time to register for LOGOS!

- Who?* Children & Youth in Kindergarten through High School.
What? LOGOS
Where? In every room and corner of SUMC.
When? Thursday nights from 5:30 – 8:30 beginning September 2nd, 2010
Why? To grow our relationships with other children and youth, with adults and (most importantly) with God.

God does not want any child or youth to stand alone spiritually. LOGOS provides an in-depth and well-rounded experience of Christian nurture in a loving supportive environment. LOGOS is not a substitute for Sunday school; it is a part of the total Christian education program of the church.

Registration for the Fall semester of LOGOS is going on now. You can find registration forms and information sheets in the atrium at the church. Registration forms can be turned in to the Church office or Christian Education office (to Jessica Van Lehn). Please watch the weekly bulletin for news of our informative parent meeting.

There is always a need for adult help in the many areas of LOGOS. No matter how little time you have to give, we can find a job for you. We welcome men and women of all ages and abilities to come and share their talents with our children/youth. We are currently especially in need of consistent teachers and kitchen help. As you bless them, you too will be blessed.

Our amazing week of VBS is wrapping up as I write this and once again I am in awe of the wonderful people we have in this church and the surrounding community. We had 150 kids along with 85 volunteers who came every day to learn more about God, see His love in action and reconnect or make new friends.

This year we embarked on a **High Seas Expedition to explore the Mighty Love of God**. We learned five Bible stories, all from the Book of Acts, and five corresponding Bible verses from the Book of Psalms. Your children should now be a little more familiar with these stories and how each story conveys a lesson about God's Love. These 5 wonderful stories were weaved consistently through the stations so that the kids could experience the daily Bible point in a variety of ways.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this another great VBS. God has blessed us with many giving friends, giving of their time, talents, prayers and donations.

Thanks to those who shared their wonderful children with us, these little ones are truly a gift from God. We were especially blessed to have many volunteers. Most of our preschool crew leaders were kids I have watched go through our VBS for the past 6 years. These leaders are VBS pros and did a great job.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! – To & From: Jessica Van Lehn, Kristin Caldwell, Becky Zatezalo & the rest of our High Seas Expedition VBS team.

Christian Education News

I can't believe that Summer is almost over already. August is a busy month for the Christian Education office. Not only have we added a new evening sports themed VBS, Sunday school curriculum for fall is ordered and being reviewed and sorted, rooms are getting organized and supplies are being restocked, and our new Speith Children's Library is finally coming into fruition. Plans are being made for Promotion Sunday (September 5th) and Christian Education Sunday as well as many other events this fall. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information as it becomes available.

The fall semester for Sunday School begins on September 5th. Teachers are needed in all grades for the 9:25 classes and the 1 multiage class during the 11:05 service. Our kids love the commitment of a full time teacher and weekly teachers and helpers are also much appreciated. Please check your calendar and sign up to teach. Fall sign-up sheets will be posted soon, or contact me at jessvl@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in teaching.

God Bless!
 Jessica Van Lehn

King David's Musical Legacy is Calling Us

It is a remarkable fact that, after the establishment by God of the tabernacle and its accompanying worship system through Moses, as recorded in Exodus and Leviticus, there is virtually no mention of music being used in the public worship of Israel for many centuries. Except for the Numbers 10:10 instruction for trumpets to be blown "over" the sacrifices at days of gladness, feasts and the beginning of the month, the only songs we can read are the songs of Moses and Miriam after the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 15) and the victory song of Deborah and Barak (Judges 5). Worship in the tabernacle seems to have been practiced without musical praise – until David drastically and dramatically changed the situation.

I have been reading a book, FROM SILENCE TO SONG: The Davidic Liturgical Revolution, by Peter Leithart, which outlines the effects of David's establishment of Jerusalem as the political and religious capital of Israel. As the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant go from being portable, mobile worship sites to being stationary, established worship venues David enriched the worship and celebrations of Israel. Most notably he assigned and organized whole ranks of Levites to be full-time musical ministers, as singers and instrumentalists, in the worship of God by the people.

Leithart, himself a musician, points out that when Christians sing hymns, spiritual songs and psalms in worship, when we play organs or pianos, guitars or trumpets, we are heirs of David's "liturgical revolution". David made public musical praise a centerpiece of the corporate worship of God's people in a way that still continues in churches today!

What does this mean for us? In the United Methodist Church congregational singing is indispensable in worship, as Wesley declared. The whole church demonstrates its priesthood in song in using singing as a vital spark for believers. The crucial question is not 'Do you have a voice?' but 'Do you have a song?' Additionally, as we are called to sing together, some of you are being called to lead in worship with your musical talent, however great or meager!

The leaders of the music ministry of Strongsville United Methodist Church fervently pray that you will listen, discern and heed the request that God has placed before you to give thanks to the Lord and sing praises to His name. There are many opportunities here each week to follow the call first given by David, "the sweet psalmist of Israel", to praise God with our whole heart by singing and making music together. Whether you would like to sing, ring or play an instrument in most any style there is a place for you here this fall!

"He is the Founder of our Song,
So it's to Him we come!
His Son Is the Foundation of our Song,
So it's Him we praise!
His Spirit is the Fountain of our Song,
So we drink of Him!"

(author unknown)

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If you were kind enough to donate America's Garden Book to the Attic to Cellar Sale, please contact Jean Comstock.

An item of family history was found among the pages.

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Sanctuary Choir

Fortunately for you, the Sanctuary Choir is seeking new members in all sections this year. Voices of every kind are needed to produce a full, balanced choral blend. The group welcomes everyone and there are no auditions. Come join us and bring a friend; we'd love to have you sing with us. Our worship responsibilities are mainly for the 9:25 a.m. service as well as other special services. Rehearsals for the Sanctuary Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 1, at 8:00 p.m in the Choir Room on the lower level and we begin singing on Sunday, September, 12. If you have any questions, please contact Don Shearer, Director of Music. We are all looking forward to having you join us singing in praise of God and about His wondrous works!

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Save The Date

Please mark October 3rd on your calendar and plan to attend a fund raising tea at the Bishop's home in support of Flat Rock Homes. Flat Rock is an organization that cares for children who have MRDD and is also the site of the sheltered workshop facilities for their area, as well as residential and day client facilities. Watch for more details to follow.

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BEYOND DISCIPLE CLASS is welcoming new class members to it's Fall class which starts on Wednesday September 15th. The class will be listening and discussing video lectures surrounding the history of the New Testament books. This will not be a theological study but a historical study. Come and join us. Contact Ray Zahm for details.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."
Proverbs 1:5

Attention all nurses and social workers! You might not be aware that besides the initial 50 hours of training, the Stephen Ministers of our congregation participate in continuing education to enable them to continue to hone their skills. This fall a series of guest speakers from Southwest General Hospital will be leading these continuing education sessions. These particular sessions also qualify as continuing education hours for nurses and social workers. The Stephen Ministers are inviting any nurses or social workers from our congregations to join us for any or all of these sessions. Contact Pastor Abby if you are interested in attending any of the sessions listed below in order that we may have the appropriate paperwork on hand for you to receive credit and space in the room for you. All sessions are scheduled for 7:30 pm.

- Sept. 14 What is Palliative Care and Hospice?
- Oct. 12 Keys to Successful Aging
- Nov. 9 Negotiating Community Services for the Elderly
- Dec. 14 Spirituality during Life-altering Healthcare
- Jan. 11 Healthy Grief - What it is & is not

I wish to thank all of the people who supported our family with their cards, food, and visits to the Funeral Home and service for my father. Your love continues to sustain us as we deal with his loss.

God's Blessings to you all,
Janel Gelo

Dear Rev. Ron, Pastor Abby and Church,

I want to thank everyone for the honor of receiving the Chapman Scholarship. This church has become my second home over the past 17 years and I am thankful to call each and everyone here my family. Thank you for this scholarship to help me continue my education and my journey in Christ.

Benjamin Weisbrod

United Methodist Women's Attic to Cellar Sale

As acting chair of SUMW for the summer, I want to thank Sandy Ogle for organizing the Attic to Cellar sale. Also thanks go to all who worked setting up the never ending donations, as well as all those who worked Thursday and Friday during the sale.

And clearing out the event is just as thrilling every year. A big thank you to those who filled the bags and boxes, filled their cars and trucks with the left-overs and took them to the various charities.

Please thank the husbands, non e-mail friends, and pat yourselves on the back.

Great job again this year! Karen

I want to thank everyone who helped to make our rummage and bake sale a HUGE success. Thanks to all of the people who donated items for the sale, to everyone who made the delicious bakery, to all of the people who helped set up for the sale and the ones who worked the days of the sale.

Also, a big thanks to everyone who came to help us on the clean up. With all of the help we were done really quick. I appreciate all of you very much. You made the sale very successful and I couldn't have done it without all of you.

Thanks again!
Sandy Ogle

Dear Reverend Mowry,

Thank you for all that you have done and your church has done to support our family over the past several months and particularly this past Saturday. We had a wonderful celebration of the life of Bill Campbell and the life of Jennie Campbell this past weekend. Your church body provided us with terrific support, outstanding music, delicious food and a Godly spirit. My mom and dad loved the Strongsville United Methodist Church and the membership and community. I still remember as a small child attending Sunday school at the church when it was on Rt. 42 across from the cemetery. Mrs. Sharard was my teacher. While my family deals with the sadness of not having our parents here on earth, we are celebrating that they have gone on to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Praise God.

Thank you and best regards,
Craig Campbell

Dear Rev. Mowry,

I wanted to send my sincere thanks to you and the rest of the Strongsville Methodist Church Congregation for your thoughts, prayers and support during these difficult times. You were all so wonderful and we are truly blessed to be a part of the Strongsville Methodist Church family.

Sincerely,
Jim Campbell

Dear Rev. Ron Mowry,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the United Methodist Scholarship. I thank you for your generous support of this award and for helping local Strongsville students with financial need to attend college.

I plan on attending Ohio University in the fall to major in Video Production. I hope to be able to work for Disney when I graduate, because of the large part Disney productions played in my youth and because of the values they uphold and teach children.

Attending college is very expensive and I cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for your support.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Jessica Rovniak

To Rev. Mowry, Pastor Abby and the Chapman Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me to be one of the 2010 recipients of the Chapman Scholarship.

I am very grateful and it will be a huge help as I begin my college career. I also want to thank the congregation for their prayers and best wishes. Thank you again for this honor.

Sincerely,
Brian Doak

Dear Rev. Ron & SUMC,

I want to send a sincere thanks to you for selecting me as one of the students to receive the Chapman Scholarship. The scholarship will be very helpful when I attend OSU in the fall. I am so thankful and fortunate to have such a caring church to support me. Thanks again for the thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Kyle Kuklo

Dear Rev. Ron and Pastor Abby,

This church and its congregation have been like a family to me throughout the years. Thank you so much for helping grow my faith in Jesus Christ, and also for helping me out with my college education.

Megan Hawk

Dear SUMC,

Thank you so much for awarding me with a Chapman Scholarship. I feel blessed to have such a supportive community behind me. Being apart of this church has truly made me a better person. Once again I deeply appreciate being named a Chapman Scholar.

Thank you,
Chloe Patten

A huge thank you to Eileen Bambam, Wende Bambam, Shirley Rutherford, Barbara Caspell and Tami Chappelle for all their help in getting the July Wesley News in the mail. These folks work quickly and tirelessly to ensure our newsletter gets into your hands in a timely manner. We couldn't do it without them!!!

Thank you for putting the rose on the altar for the birth of my great-grandson, Evan Jacob Lanier, who was born June 13. That was my 15th great grandchild.

I hope everyone is doing well. I miss helping out at the church.

Love,
Marie Stands

Taste of Justice The UMCOR Coffee Project



Equal Exchange is a democratically organized, worker-owned, co-operative founded in 1986 to pioneer a new model of trade built upon stronger relationships between farmers and consumers. This is called fair trade, supporting farmers, artists, and other goods producers without a middle person who often takes the largest share of the money. This is different from free trade defined as unrestricted trade that is not subject to protective regulations or tariffs. In 2008, the United Methodist General Conference passed a resolution calling on all United Methodist Churches to use fairly traded products. It is my hope that members and groups of the Strongsville United Methodist Church will share this vision and use the UMCOR coffee and tea products in all their gatherings, whether Bible studies, receptions, group meetings, or other activities. The sale of these products will resume on August 29th between services. Please stop by and see what is available. Sales will be on the 1st Sunday of every month starting in October. Please feel free to contact me anytime to purchase products. Help small farmers --- enjoy great coffee, tea and chocolate while contributing to UMCOR with each purchase.

News From Carl Fernstrum (aka "The 11:05 Guy")

Hello! August is here and I thought it was long overdue for a column from "The 11:05 Guy". I have found that, time and again, it is a very unique set up here at Strongsville UMC. After 4 years here, I am still amazed at the amount of musical talent that God has placed in one church. I have to mention that my main job here, being Contemporary Service Director, has been a challenge and one that never "bores" me. This comes from working with an incredible team of about 30 persons who bring their gifts "to the table" every week. Every 11:05 service is run by lay persons in the church. I am very proud of that. I count on their ideas and involvement, because the service would be incredibly dull if it was just consisting of my own ideas. We're always looking for new faces to join our team.

If you haven't tried 11:05 yet, summer is the perfect time to do so! Check it out, and remember to tell your friends and acquaintances who hesitate to "come to church". Shorts and tee shirts are the norm this time of year. It's great music and visuals that come together around the pastor's weekly message and a meaningful way to worship no matter where you are on your faith journey.
-Carl

SUMC will again be hosting One Way Street's Puppetry Festival on Saturday, August 7th. This is a day long event with workshops, competitions and performances. If you're interested in attending, you can call One Way Street at 1-800-569-4537 to register. We are also looking for helpers for the day or to help set up on the afternoon of the 6th, as well as contributions of individually wrapped snacks, such as granola bars, to be served at breaks. Any questions, call Lisa Johnson 846-6899.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Education is what you get
when you read the fine print.
Experience is what you get if you don't.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP FOR AUGUST

Summer is winding down and fall schedules are starting up. Friday Fellowship is one which will be resuming their meeting schedule on Friday, September 17th. We will meet at the Senior Center at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by an informative message from Thomas Strong, a medical lecturer and patient advocate. He will bring us information on non-medical options for controlling blood pressure. Since 90% of Americans have some degree of problems with elevated blood pressure levels, this meeting should be of interest and help to many. Make your reservations with Betty Smith and plan to attend.

Please note that in October our meeting will be one week earlier than usual. We will be traveling to Amish Country for that traditional, delicious Amish dinner. We will meet at the church to car pool. Betty Smith will be taking early reservations so let her know if you plan to attend. Look for times in the church bulletin in September.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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13 Marie Stands	29 Lloyd Stimson
14 Chuck Staley	30 Dwayne Tompkins
	31 Alice Waltz

Joys and Concerns

BIRTHS -

Congratulations to **Tim & Kathleen LaBahn** upon the birth of their son, **Alexander David LaBahn** on June 11, proud grandmother is **Nancy LaBahn**; to **Scottie & Leah Lanier** upon the birth of their son, **Evan Jacob Lanier**, on June 13, proud great-grandmother is **Marie Stands**; to **Max & Sherry Mendoza** upon the birth of their son, **Maximo Lee Mendoza IV**, on June 15; and **Jim & Julie Kramer** upon the birth of their daughter, **Dorothy Rose Kramer**, on July 11.

BAPTISMS -

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on July 11 was **Hugh Parker Kopittke**, son of **Arthur James Kopittke & Jill Elizabeth Heestand Kopittke**; **Clark Preston Kopittke**, son of **Arthur James Kopittke & Jill Elizabeth Heestand Kopittke**; and **Grace Benedict Hall**, daughter of **Chad Howard Hall & Erin Kathleen Basnik Hall**.

DEATHS -

The prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to **Tom & Barb Wladyka** upon the death of Barb's sister, **Carol Burris**, on June 25; to **Shirley Skapes** and family upon the death of her brother, **William Provance**, on June 26; and to **Carolyn Holtz** and family upon the death of her mother in law, **Thelma Holtz** on July 14; and **Chuck & Carolyn Hennon** and family upon the death of Carolyn's father, **August Colapietro**, on July 11.

WEDDINGS -

Congratulations to **Alissa Anne Rovny & Marcus Alan Hamman** who were united in marriage on July 3rd at SUMC; and to **Heidi Jo Litton & Matthew William Merriman** who were united in marriage on July 10 at SUMC. Congratulations to **Katharine L. Holmes & Gary Layman** who were united in marriage on July 17th at Christ United Methodist Church in Cleveland. Katharine is the daughter of **Marilyn Holmes**. We also congratulate **Chris Weigand & Duane Filley** who were married on June 26 at Good Shepherd UMC in Parma.

