

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Ancient Words”

DeShazo

*Hymn Sing

Backpack Blessing (9:25)

Time of Prayer
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:15)

(9:25)

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Carl Fernstrum, solo

Youth Worship Band

Carmines

*Doxology

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Blessing

Scripture Lesson (Response: Thanks be to God.)

Genesis 15

Message

“Adventures of the Covenant: The Promise”

Rev. Lindsey Funtik

*Closing Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”

UMH #116

*Go and Serve

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: Brad Wilkison, *Regency*; Rich Smyrak, *Medina*

IN HOSPICE CARE: Walter Thompson, *Patty Gross’s brother*

AT HOME: Jack Eck, Betty Pierce, Dave Puffer, Janet R. Doak, Sandy Kepke, Becky Zatezalo, Debbie Miller, Therese Spence, Ellen Wagner, Bob Hill, Liz Myers, Joyce Bakeman

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Aubrey Bowers (Linda Voyles’ father), Jim Rogers (Ruth Rogers’ son)

OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Myrna Nored, Eva Hawk, John Lenzian, *Care Core Willowood*; Craig Comstock, *The Avenue*; Sandy Moir, *Arden Court*; Wendell Ebersole, *Brookdale Senior Living*, Sally Householder, *Altenheim*; Dave McKinnon, *Lake Continuing Care Center*; Nancy Jones, Tom & Marion Mueller, *Vitalia North Royalton*; Richard Pinkerton, *Vitalia Strongsville*; Jim Brickley, Jan Zverina, *Kemper House*; John Shanfelt, *Wesleyan Village*; Sally Spisak, *Western Reserve Masonic in Medina*; Ying Lai, *Vitalia Rockside*

IN UNIFORM: Connor Funk, Erich Reese, Elise Schraibman, Noah Polcar, Adam Schraibman, Devin Fullerman, Zak Boggs, Adam Nebenzahl, Phillip Giampapa, Chad & Nicole Droney, Brendon Horn, Bryan Rocks, Jay Rueschhoff, Brandon Vanderwyst, Jerry Pickryl, Bob Waltz, Patrick Helderman, Rebecca Helderman, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

Online Giving:



August 3

Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		Attendance	
Regular Ministry Offering 2025	\$35,242	Worship	308
Hope Grows Here	\$1900	Sunday School	60

*Please rise in spirit or body. Our different physical abilities mean we will assume different postures of worship.

UMH refers to the United Methodist Hymnal.

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Please note, security cameras are in use in our facility.

WELCOME TO
STRONGSVILLE UMC!

INTRODUCE YOURSELF...
Don't worry, we won't make you stand in front of everybody. Help us get to know you by filling out some basic information and dropping the tear-off in the offering plate later in the service.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME...
To all God’s children, we offer the opportunity to explore the love of God and the hope found in Christ through relationships and the study of God’s Word with our Children's Ministry. Children and youth ages 3-18 can participate in Sunday School during 9:25 and 11:05 worship services. The sensory friendly class is offered during 11:05. Parents and guardians may leave children ages 0-3 in the nursery during 9:25 and 11:05 and take a pager to worship. They can stay in the nursery where children can play while listening to the worship service as well. We also welcome children in worship and are not fussed if they fuss! To learn about any of these opportunities, contact Ms. Leanne at LeanneG@StrongsvilleUMC.org.

HOW ELSE CAN WE HELP?
Hearing aid devices and large print hymnals are available from our ushers. Children’s activity bags are also available. Let us know if you have other needs while you’re with us today.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SUMC THIS MORNING?
___visiting family
___new in community
___looking for a church
___invited by:_____
___other_____

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON:
___Children/Youth Ministries
___Music Ministries
___Small Group Opportunities
___Missions at SUMC
___A Discovery Class where I can learn more about SUMC.

Contact me:

Name:_____

Phone:_____

E-mail:_____

Ministry Opportunities

 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: I can be the liaison for the church to Habitat for Humanity.

 MEAL TRAIN: I'd like to be included in the SUMC meal train.

 MOVIN’ WITH THE SPIRIT: I'd like to restart this walking/running devotional ministry.

 SMALL GROUP LEADER: I'm interested in leading a small group this fall.

Serve on a Committee

Do you feel gifted or called in a certain area? Drop this in the offering plate to be contacted.

- Audit**
- Committee on Education**
- Finance**
- Investment**
- Missions/Peace Work**
- Nominating**
- Reception and Hospitality**
- Special Needs Ministries**
- Staff Parish Relations**
- Stewardship**
- Trustees**
- Welcoming**
- Worship**

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

SLIDE INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR: Our annual favorite is back! Join us Sunday, Come back today from 1 - 2:30 pm as we prepare to slide into a new school year. All children, youth and families are invited. Don't forget to bring a towel!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Everyone is invited. Come as often as you can. Third Thursday of each month at 10 am. Our August 21 book pick is “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelly Van Pelt about an unlikely connection between a widow and a giant Pacific octopus.

PASTOR SUMMER SERIES: To conclude our summer series, join Pastor Lindsey as she explores the Steadfast Love of Samwise Gamgee and reflects of God, relationships and hobbits. We will meet in the pavilion on Thursday, August 28 from 6:30-8pm.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE: One of our Royal Family graduates is in urgent need of housing. She is 19 with a 9-month-old baby and trying desperately to set down roots. If anyone has a connection to someone with an in-law suite or room to rent, please contact the church office.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SUMMER TITHING: Strawberry is currently beating grape for the first time ever! Creamy peanut butter is clearly the favorite at SUMC. There is one month left to drop off your favorites to see who will win in the end! All items can be dropped off to the tithing Tree outside Ms. Leanne’s office. Donations will be divided between Feed the Kids and St. Augustine in Cleveland.

MEAL TRAIN: Did you know that faithful volunteers deliver many lovingly prepared meals to members of our congregation when they could use a helping hand? To join our meal train and be able to sign up to take meals when someone is in need, or to request meals dropped off to your home after surgery or other major life event, contact the church office.

LOST AND FOUND: Lose something at church? Find it in our Lost and Found bin in the Manna Room.

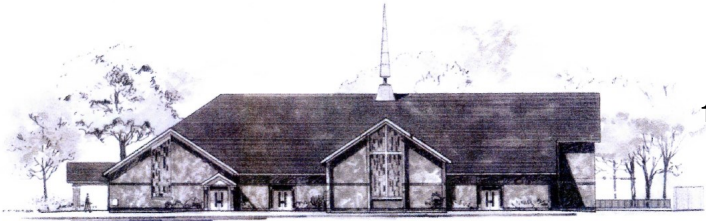
GRIEF SUPPORT: A grief support group helps you understand the journey you are on- the emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical challenges- and offers ways to navigate and live with the ups and downs of grief. Our grief support groups are led by Rev. Debbie Cerra and are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The in-person group meets at 10 am and the Zoom group meets at 6:30 pm. To join, register at strongsvilleumc.org/grief-support-groups/

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS: a 12-step program for relatives and friends of individuals with substance abuse issues. It addresses addiction as a family illness, helping members learn to stop contributing to the problem and instead become part of the solution. Participants can find peace and serenity through the FA program amidst chaos. Family Anonymous meets Thursday at 7 pm in the conference room.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Strongsville UMC is hiring a part-time custodian, primarily for weekends! A full job description will be released next week. Interested people can send resumes now to jobs@strongsvilleumc.org.

While we worship, a prayer team is lifting up every person in the congregation as well as the needs, concerns and joys of the church.

If you would like to take a turn serving in the café contact Krissi Swab at kswab10@aim.com.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday: Traditional - 8:15, *9:25
Contemporary - *11:05
Monday: Adult Meditative Worship - 7:30 pm
*Livestreamed service

August 10, 2025

Strongsville United Methodist Church is committed to:

Making and maturing disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

We do this by:

Showing God’s Love,
Sharing God’s Word,
and
Serving in God’s World



- Slide into the School Year**
Today, 1 pm
- Blue Bus Goes Out**
8/13
- ReCharge Respite**
8/15, 6:30 pm

