MORE OF WHAT'S **HAPPENING?**

Pill Bottle Collection: Well done, church! We have reached our goal of supporting those overseas in need of a safe way to keep medication. At this time, we are no longer collecting pill bottles in the Manna Room. Remember to recycle your pill bottles at home!

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.

Online Giving:

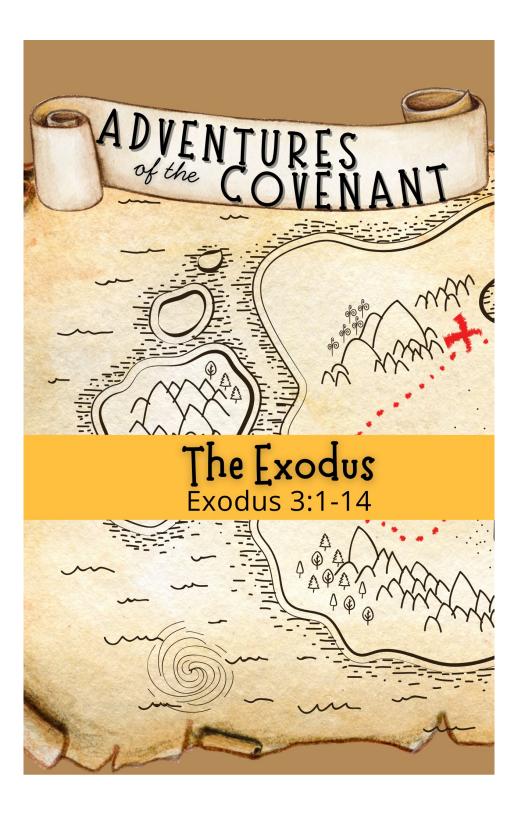


If you would like to take a turn serving in the café, contact Krissi Swab at kswab10@aim.com.

WAYS TO **CONNECT**

Serve on a Committee.

Fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate. ___Committee on Education ___Audit Finance Investment ___Missions/Peace Work ___Nominating ___Reception and Hospitality ___Special Needs Ministries ___Staff Parish Relations ___Stewardship ___Welcoming ___Trustees ___Worship Name:



TODAY'S **SERVICE**

August 17, 2025 Today's Scripture: Exodus 3:1-14 Message: "Adventures of the Covenant: The Exodus" Rev. Abby Auman

In the Hospital: Brad Wilkison, Rich Smyrak, *Regency*In Hospice Care: Walter Thompson, *Patty Gross's brother*Recently At Home: Jan Miller, Dave Puffer, Jack Eck

Receiving the sacrament of baptism at the 11:05 service today are Charles Keegan and Conley Oliver, children of Carlin Nathan & Megan Katherin (Anderson)

Culbertson.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to: Tom & Paula Fultz upon the passing of Tom's brother, Frank Fultz, on August 3; Robert Holmes upon the passing of his father, Raymond Holmes, on August 8; Joan Martin upon the passing of Diane Bates on August 10; Russ & Cheri Wells upon the passing of Russ's mother, Marian Wells.

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WHAT'S **HAPPENING?**

Can't make it in to church? Livestream this service on Facebook or YouTube.

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.

Men's Group: Join us in the parlor for devotion time and fellowship Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 pm.

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

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.

Blue Bus: The Blue Bus Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the congregation over the years for the various clothing, hygiene and other items that have been donated. The individuals that benefited from these donations are better because of your generosity. We have recently re-evaluated our donation system and in an effort to better streamline for space, organization and volunteer time, we will no longer be taking donations on a continual basis. Throughout the year, Blue Bus will periodically have monthly drives to collect specific items for that month and a bin will be placed in the manna room. Thank you again for always making a difference!

NEW VISITOR?

/	Welcome to worship! Nursery care and Sunday school (through High School) as well as a sensory friendly classroom, is downstairs for those families who wish to use them.
	Contact me about:
	$\hfill\Box$ A Discovery Class, where I can learn more about SUMC
	□ Children/Youth Ministries
	□ Small Group Opportunities
	□ Other
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