

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Amanda Weiss, piano

arr. Labenske

Hymn Sing

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

“This Kingdom”
Carl Fernstrum, solo

Bullock

*Doxology

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.

UMH #95

*Offertory Blessing

Scripture Lesson

(Response: Thanks be to God.)

1 Chronicles 17:1-15

Message

“Adventures of the Covenant: The Kingdom”
Rev. Lindsey Funtik

*Closing Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

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*Go and Serve



The flowers for this morning’s services are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by: **Sandy Kepke** in memory of her sister, **Della Wagner**.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to: **Ray & Patty Gross** upon the passing of Patty’s brother, **Walter Thompson**, on August 18; **Bryan & Sarah Salisbury** upon the passing of Bryan’s father, **John Salisbury**, on August 19.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: Dave Fink, *Southwest*; Brad Wilkison, Rich Smyrak, *Regency*; Kevin Joniak, *University*

IN HOSPICE CARE: Bob Hill, home

AT HOME: Rosemary Marshall, Matt Jenkins, Jan Miller, Dave Puffer, Jack Eck, Betty Pierce, Janet R. Doak, Sandy Kepke, Becky Zatezalo, Liz Myers, Joyce Bakeman

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Marilyn Panovec (Toni Panovec’s mother), Aubrey Bowers (Linda Voyles’ father), Jim Rogers (Ruth Rogers’ son), Paul Finnicum (Linda Flinn’s brother-in-law)

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 Helderma, Rebecca Helderma, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

Online Giving:



August 17			
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts			
Regular Ministry Offering 2025	\$14,992	Attendance	
Hope Grows Here	\$310	Worship	318
		Sunday School	66

*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.

CLEANING: I can help with cleaning during custodial absence October 23-November 2.

REARRANGING: I can help with set up/tear down for events during custodial absence October 23-November 2.

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: Cheer on SUMC's team tonight at the championship play off! The first of two games starts at 4 pm at Volunteer Park (21410 Lunn Road).

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. [Register here.](#)

FALL SMALL GROUPS: Take your relationship with Jesus and others to the next level by joining one of our many groups and studies this fall. A full listing of offerings can be found in the booklets in the atrium and on our website. See you in class!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: SUMC has signed up for three work days with the Habitat Faith Build. Anyone interested, no skills needed, can sign up to work alongside other Habitat long-term volunteers and staff on Saturday, September 6. Anyone interested should contact the church office.

MULTICULTURAL LIFE GROUP: SUMC and New Community Bible Fellowship have created a special partnership in our shared life group! Women interested in joining for our next session where we will study Flourish: Becoming Who God Created via Zoom on Wednesday at 6:30 pm from September 10 - December 12, should contact the church office for the Zoom link.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: On Sunday, September 14 join us as we worship outdoors at 10 am! Worship in your car or bring a chair. We will celebrate with two seatings of a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Men's Group. The first serving will be 8:25 - 9:40 am and the second serving will be 11 - 12:15 pm. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual 5 of a Kind Women's Brunch will be Saturday, November 1. Registration opens October 1.

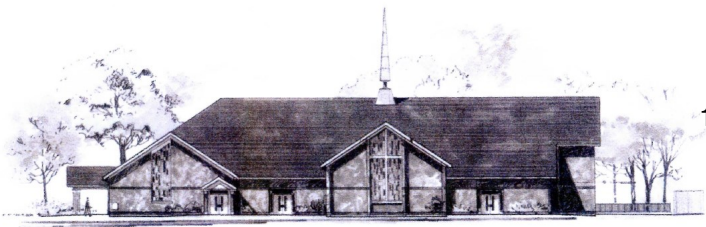
BLUE BUS: The Blue Bus Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the congregation over the years for the various clothing, hygiene and other items that have been donated as there was never a time when the bin wasn't full. The individuals that benefited from these donations are better because 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!

WE ARE HIRING: Strongsville UMC is hiring a part-time custodian, primarily for weekends! Please share when you see the info show up in our communication channels soon. Interested people can send resumes now to jobs@strongsvilleumc.org.

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](#).

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.

The Holy Grounds Café is being sponsored today by the **Blue Bus Ministry**. 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 24, 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



Crosstalks
8/26, 10 am

Life Line Screenings
8/27, 8 am

Summer Pastor Series
8/28, 6:30 pm

