

Worshiping in your car? Tune in to AM 1620.

***Call to Worship** (Based on Romans 8.)
Leader: Neither past hurts nor future fears
People: nor disagreements nor differences
Leader: nor anything else in all creation
People: can separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Opening Worship Songs “The Church’s One Foundation” Wesley

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| The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord She is His new creation By water and the Word From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died | One holy name she blesses Partakes one holy food And to one hope she presses With every grace endued Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won O happy ones and holy Lord give us grace that we Like them the meek and lowly On high may dwell with Thee | Though with a scornful wonder We see her sore oppressed By schisms rent asunder By heresies distressed Yet saints their watch are keeping Their cry goes up how long And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song |
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| Elect from every nation Yet one o'er all the earth Her charter of salvation One Lord one faith one birth | “How Great Is Our God” Tomlin |
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| The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice | Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God And all will see how great, how great is our God | Beginning and the end The Godhead, three in one Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb |
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| He wraps himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice | And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end | Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing: How great is our God |
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| | “Goodness of God” Fielding/Ingram |
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| I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me All my days I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God | so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend I have lived in the goodness of God | Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me |
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| Chorus: All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so | |
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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.

Children’s Message

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| Offering | “Total Praise” | Smallwood |
| | Sanctuary Choir and The 11:05 Worship Team | |

Offertory Blessing

Scripture Lesson (Response: Thanks be to God.) 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Message “Unity in Christ in a Divided World: Called to Reconciliation”
Rev. Lindsey Funtik

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| Closing Hymn | “How Great Thou Art” | Hine |
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| O Lord my God When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed | How great Thou art How great Thou art When through the woods And forest glades I wander And hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees When I look down From lofty mountain gran- deur And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze | Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died To take away my sin When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art |
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| Chorus: Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee | And when I think That God His Son not sparing |
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Go and Serve

Prayers and Sympathy of the church are extended to **Toni Panovec** upon the passing of her mother, **Marilyn Panovec**, on September 10.

A memorial service for **Janet L. Doak** (Tom’s mother) will be held September 20 at 11 am in the worship center. Calling hours will begin at 10 am.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: John Shanfelt, *Fairview*; Brad Wilkison, Rich Smyrak, *Regency*

IN HOSPICE CARE: Bob Hill, *home*

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

FRIENDS & FAMILY: 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 Lendzian, *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*, Tom & Marion Mueller, *Vitalia North Royalton*; Richard Pinkerton, *Vitalia Strongsville*; Jim Brickley, Jan Zverina, Nancy Jones, *Kemper House*; John Shanfelt, *Wesleyan Village*; Sally Spisak, *Western Reserve Masonic in Medina*; Ying Lai, *Vitalia Rockside*

IN UNIFORM: Connor Funk, Joe Lang, 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

WELCOME TO
STRONGVILLE 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.

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.

Serve on a Committee

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

- ☐ Audit
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Investment
- ☐ Nominating
- ☐ Reception and Hospitality
- ☐ Special Needs Ministries
- ☐ Staff Parish Relations
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Trustees
- ☐ Welcoming
- ☐ Worship

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

UNDIE SUNDAYS: Through the month of September, join the Missions Committee in collecting socks and underwear to benefit the Blue Bus and other organizations. Donations of the following can be left in the Missions bin in the Manna Room: Women’s socks of all sized and underwear size 3x and down; men’s crew socks of all sizes, undershirts sizes 2x and down, and boxer brief underwear sizes 3x and down.

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!

DIVORCECARE: Those who are dealing with the very real pain of separation or divorce are invited and encouraged to attend this 13-week support group and program. The next session begins September 21 at 7 pm. To register, contact the church office.

BLESSING THE ANIMALS: Join us Sunday, October 5 at 3 pm at the pavilion for a special blessing of the animals service (rain plan - drive thru service under the port cochere). Please bring pets on leashes or in carriers. If your pet would not enjoy this experience, you may bring a photo or toy to represent him or her. The event planning committee is taking up a collection for cats and dogs to benefit local rescue groups. Donations of food, toys, paper towels, blankets, towels, leashes, collars, harnesses, litter and litter pan can be brought to the Manna Room until October 5.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Everyone is invited. Come as often as you can. Third Thursday of each month at 10 am. Our September 18 book pick is “The Thursday Murder Club” by Richard Osman. See you there!

FAMILY NEEDS FUND: This year, SUMC’s family needs fund was able to provide a hand up to 23 individuals facing utility shut off, eviction, food shortage and other hardships. As the holiday season approaches, we invite you to consider a donation to the family needs fund which will enable SUMC to continue to share God’s love in our community.

NEED A LIFT: Need a Lift Ministry: Did you know SUMC has a ministry to provide rides to Sunday morning and Monday evening church services for those unable to drive? We are currently seeking drivers who would be willing to participate in the ministry. Safe Sanctuary certification, a clean driving record and a heart for helping others are all that’s required to help out! If interested please contact the church office.

WE ARE HIRING: Strongsville UMC is hiring a part-time custodian, primarily for weekends! The weekend custodian is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the church building and surrounding areas throughout the weekend. Duties must be completed so the building is in excellent condition for all weekend events and Sunday services. The full job description can be found on our website. Anyone interested should send their resume to jobs@strongsvilleumc.org.

Online Giving



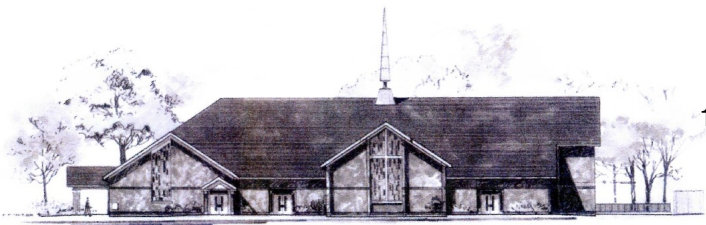
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Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts

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| Attendance | |
| Regular Ministry Offering 2025 | \$20,530 |
| Hope Grows Here | \$940 |

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.

We invite you to enjoy a pancake breakfast hosted by the **Men’s Group** at the conclusion of the service in the porte cochere



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Worship Schedule

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

September 14, 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

Church Wide Study Groups Begin
Week of 9/14

Book Discussion Group
9/18, 10 am

ReCharge Respite
9/19, 6:30 pm

