

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude** "Be Ye Glad" Blanchard**\*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 Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103**\*Unison Prayer** (Adapted from "A Liturgy for Seeking Amendment and Reconciliation" from *Every Moment Holy: Volume II* by Douglas McKelvey.)**Oh Christ, through whose death we have been reconciled to God, now shepherd our hearts unto a truer conviction, repentance, and forgiveness. May we receive such guidance not as condemnation, but as a grace-filled invitation to a better freedom. Let this request be about obedience to your will, as we are all recipients of divine reconciliation who are learning daily what overwhelming grace would require of us. Grant us the necessary grace and conviction to see, to acknowledge, to say or do what would be healing, helpful, necessary, and true. Amen.****\*Gloria Patri** UMH #70  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.****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** "The Reconciliation Song" Chapman  
Carl Fernstrum, solo**\*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.) 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**Message** "Unity in Christ in a Divided World: Called to Reconciliation"  
Rev. Lindsey Funtik**\*Closing Hymn** "Amazing Grace" UMH #378  
(Verses 1-4)**\*Go and Serve****Postlude**The flowers for this morning's services are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by: **Tammy Haseley** in memory of Ray Haseley; **Carl Mieyal** in memory of **Terri Meiyal**.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 &amp; 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 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*, 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, Erich Reese, Elise Schraibman, Noah Polcar, Adam Schraibman, Devin Fullerman, Zak Boggs, Adam Nebenzahl, Phillip Giampapa, Chad &amp; Nicole Droney, Brendon Horn, Bryan Rocks, Jay Rueschhoff, Brandon Vanderwyst, Jerry Pickryl, Bob Waltz, Patrick Helderan, Rebecca Helderan, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

**Online Giving:****September 7**

Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		Attendance	
Regular Ministry Offering 2025	\$20,530	Worship	318
Hope Grows Here	\$940	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.

     **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 will be 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.

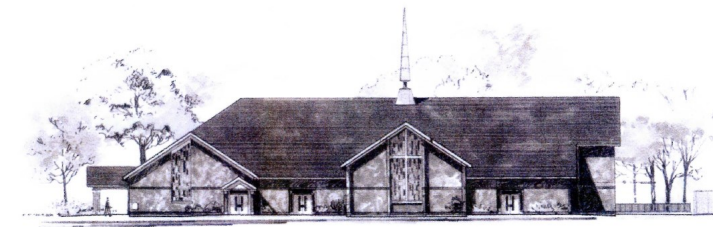
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Everyone is invited. Come as often as you can. Third Thursday of each month at 10 am. Our September 18 book pick is "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman. See you there!

**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.

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.



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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

