

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Miller

Choral Call to Worship

(9:25)

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

Mason/Wesley

Sanctuary Choir

***Call to Worship**
Leader: We belong to the Lord alone.
People: May we live lives worthy of that truth.
Leader: We will conduct ourselves with humility, gentleness and patience.
People: We will accept each other with love.
Leader: God, we want your peace to tie us together.
People: Draw us into oneness with the Lord and one another.
Leader: Because 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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH #117

***Unison Prayer**
Holy Spirit, Breath of God, fill us from the inside out with your peace which not only surpasses understanding, but which can also help us surpass our brokenness. That brokenness wants uniformity, but you want unity. By your grace and in your power, we will look in the mirror and at our neighbor with eyes that see only beloved children created in your image, diverse in thought, word, and deed. Because of the love you have showered upon us with abandon, we will abandon our hunger for control and instead lean into the wild goodness of all that you are and all we are becoming through you. 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.

Special Music

(9:25)

“This Is the Day (Psalm 118:24)”

Combined Children’s Choir

Children’s Message (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.

Prayer Response (9:25)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(8:15)

“Keep Your Lamps”

spiritual

Carl Fernstrum, solo

(9:25)

“Come As You Are”

arr. Hamby

Sanctuary Choir; Bruce Wilson, cajon

*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.) Ephesians 4:1-6

Message

“Unity in Christ in a Divided World:
Loving Those With Whom We Disagree”

Rev. Lindsey Funtik

*Closing Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

***Go and Serve**

Choral Benediction

(9:25)

“Benediction Hymn”

Trad. Irish melody

Postlude

The flowers for this morning’s services are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by **David & Denise Snyder** in memory of **Gordon Bargar** and **Bryan Bargar**.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended the family of **Shirley Skapes** upon her passing on September 23.

The rose displayed celebrates the birth of **David Andrew Liggett** to **Andrew and Victoria Liggett** on September 21. Proud great grandmother is **Nancy Bartko**.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: Brad Wilkison, Rich Smyrak, *Regency*

IN HOSPICE CARE: Margaret Eakin, Bob Hill, *home*

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

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

OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Carol Hoglund, *Mount Alverna*; Myrna Nored, John Lenzian, *Care Core Willowood*; Craig Comstock, *The Avenue*; Sandy Moir, *Arden Court*; Wendell Ebersole, Brookdale Senior Living, Tammy Haseley, 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*; Eva Hawk, 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:



September 21			
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		Attendance	
Regular Ministry Offering 2025		\$21,047	Worship 306
Hope Grows Here		\$985	Sunday School 50

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

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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

NEED A LIFT: I can provides rides for our Need a Lift ministry.

CALMING ROOM: I am interested in helping in the children’s calming room during the 9:25 and/or the 11:05 service.

CHILDCARE: When childcare is requested during a small group, please count me in as someone willing to help.

NURSERY: I would like to help in the nursery during the 9:25 and/or the 11:05 service.

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.

BINGO AND BREADSTICKS: Clear your schedules to join us for Bingo and Breadsticks on todayfrom 3:30 - 5 pm! Have some fun and enjoy a variety of breadsticks and dipping sauces. This event is open to everyone and we encourage you to invite your friends and family. See you there! No money will be exchanged to play bingo or as prizes. This event is for fun only.

UMCOR COFFEE: Equal Exchange products will be sold on October 5 after services. Coffee, tea, cashews, almonds, hot chocolate and candy bars will be available. The cart will be located by the café. Come and stock up on your favorite products!

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, leases, collars, harnesses, litter and litter pan can be brought to the Manna Room until October 5.

SAM FALL CELEBRATION: Join our Senior Adult Ministry for our fall celebration on Friday, October 17! We will enjoy a lunch of pork roast, roasted vegetables and rolls with apple crisp and ice cream for dessert. John & Renee McDermott will give a presentation on SUMC’s heritage and we will take up a collection for Life of Hope Ministries of socks, scarves, gloves and hats for teens and adults. The cost is \$6 at the door. Call the church office to register. See you there!

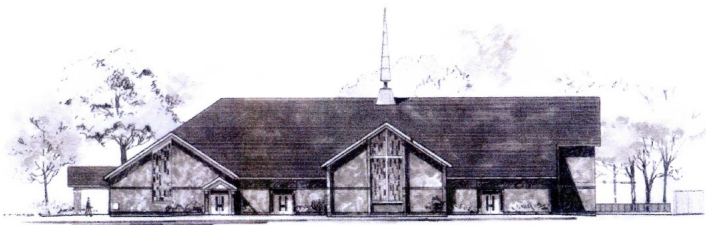
FAMILY NEEDS FUND: This year, SUMC’s family needs fund was able to provide a hand up to 23 individuals facing utility shut off, eviction, food shortage and other hardships. As the holiday season approaches, we invite you to consider a donation to the family needs fund which will enable SUMC to continue 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 seeking a part time (~20 hours/week) Caring Ministries Director to lead our church in caring for each other during different seasons and difficult times of life so that people experience the healing power of Christ. This role will be a mix of direct spiritual caregiving, organization, and training. See the full job description and application information at strongsvilleumc.org/career-opportunities/.

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 hosted today by **the Ryan family**. If you would like to take a turn serving in the café contact Krissi Swab at kswab10@aim.com.



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September 28, 2025

Worship Schedule

Sunday: Traditional - 8:15, *9:25

Contemporary - *11:05

Monday: Adult Meditative Worship - 7:30 pm

*Livestreamed service

Rev. Abb y Auman, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lindsey Funtik, Associate Pastor



Confirmation Classes & Parenting Support Group
Today, 5 pm

Lydia Circle
10/2, 12:30 pm

Every Moment Holy Zoom Begins
10/5 8:30 pm

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

