

MORE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Discovery Class: This is a great opportunity to know more about the United Methodist church in general and Strongsville UMC in particular. Participants are given the opportunity to join the church if they are ready, but there is no pressure to join. We will meet for three classes on Sundays, November 2, 9, and 16 from 12:15 - 2 pm. Register on our website.

Prayer Garden: Thank you to the trustees for overseeing the paving of the prayer garden pathway! In addition to being an easier walking surface for everyone, the width should accommodate wheelchairs, walkers and strollers so that even more people can experience God in nature. This project was possible due to reserve funds from the generous gifts that started the prayer garden. Thank you to the Van Lehn family for the hours and hours of weeding they put in this summer!

We are Hiring: SUMC is seeking a part time 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. See the full job description and application information at strongsvilleumc.org/career-opportunities/. *Please note that the pastors do now and will continue to make hospital and hospice visits, pastoral care phone calls, and conduct celebration of life services.*

Online Giving:

The Holy Grounds Café is being hosted today by **ReCharge Respite Ministry and Friends**. If you would like to serve in the café contact Krissi Swab at kswab10@aim.com.



WAYS TO CONNECT

Mission Opportunities

___ **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.

___ **Need A Lift:** I can provide rides for our Need a Lift ministry.

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Unity
IN CHRIST
in a divided world

Breaking Open
Galatians 5:13-6:10

TODAY'S SERVICE

October 5, 2025

Today's Scripture: Galatians 5:13-6:10

Message: "Unity in Christ in a Divided World: Breaking Open"

Rev. Abby Auman

In the Hospital: Rich Smyrak, *Regency*

In Hospice Care: Margaret Eakin, Bob Hill, *home*

Recently At Home: Bill Fiesler, Cedric Plavney, Frank & Eleanor McGee

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to Beth, Matthew and Alex Wilkison upon the passing of husband and father, Brad Wilkison, on September 26.

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.

SERMON NOTES

HOW TO CONNECT

Like us on Facebook: Strongsville United Methodist Church

Receive our weekly updates by emailing office@strongsvilleumc.org.

Visit our website: strongsvilleumc.org

Prayer cards may be found with and submitted to the ushers.

Please note, security cameras are in use in our facility.

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

Blessing the Animals: Join us today 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. See you there!

October Missions Collection: During the month of October the Missions Committee is collecting winter hats, gloves and mittens for both men and women, ages 10 and up. Please note: we are **not** collecting children's sizes or jackets. Thank you!

Trunk or Treat: Cars and candy needed! If you and your trunk can't join us on October 18 from 1-3 pm for the event, please feel free to drop off candy to the designated bin in the Manna Room by October 15. All individually wrapped candy is welcome!

Charge Conference: A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a pastoral charge presided over by the District Superintendent. All formal members are invited to the joint charge conference SUMC is hosting for many churches at 2 pm on October 19.

Night to Shine: Put your creative talents to work! Night to Shine needs your help making corsages and boutonnieres for the 2026 prom. Join our workshop on Sunday, October 26 from 1 – 4 pm in the parlor. Contact Shelley Hoffman to register (sea6shell@att.net).

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:

- ☐ A Discovery Class, where I can learn more about SUMC
- ☐ Children/Youth Ministries
- ☐ Small Group Opportunities
- ☐ Other _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____