

October 5, 2025	Order of Worship	8:15 & 9:25 am
World Communion Sunday		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	“Siyahamba” (We Are Marching)	South African hymn
Choral Call to Worship (9:25)	“Spirit of Faith, Come Down” Sanctuary Choir	Mason/Wesley
*Call to Worship		
Leader: Neither countries nor denominations, People: nor communion liturgies or ways of receiving, 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	“Jesu, Jesu”	UMH #432
*Unison Prayer—The Prayer of Saint Francis		
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.		
*Gloria Patri		
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		
Prayer Response (9:25)		
Giving of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory (8:15)	“Yes, We All Agree” Carl Fernstrum, solo	Walker
(9:25)	“Come, Come Unto Me” Sanctuary Choir	Dosso
*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.		
*Offertory Blessing		
Scripture Lesson (Response: Thanks be to God.)		
Galatians 5:13-6:10		
Message		
“Unity in Christ in a Divided World: Breaking Open” Rev. Abby Auman		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
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.		
*Closing Hymn+	“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”	UMH #344

*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: Dale & Rita Bodey in memory of mother, Ruth Cowie; Sandy Kepke in memory of her brother, Alan Ambrose.		
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.		
Circle of Concern		
HOSPITALIZED: Rich Smyrak, Regency		
IN HOSPICE CARE: Margaret Eakin, Bob Hill, home		
AT HOME: Bill Fiesler, Cedric Plavney, Frank & Eleanor McGee, Bev Bogacki, John Shanfelt, Dave Fink, Jack Eck, Rosemary Marshall, Matt Jenkins, Jan Miller, Janet R. Doak, Sandy Kepke, 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 Lendzian, 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 28		
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		
Regular Ministry Offering 2025		\$11,586
Hope Grows Here		\$85
Attendance		
Worship		306
Sunday School		50
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 ReCharge Respite Ministry and Friends. If you would like to take a turn serving in the café contact Krissi Swab at kswab10@aim.com.		
*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.		
+National Hispanic Heritage Month selection		
Each week’s music and streaming are licensed by: CCLI #1090790, CCLI #20259337 and One License #736411-A.		
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 provide 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 ?

POUR INSPIRATION GROUP: Stop by our table in the atrium after each service today! We will be giving away art so that all may find blessing in creativity.

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!

SAM FALL CELEBRATION: Join our Senior Adult Ministry for our fall celebration on Friday, October 17 at 11:30 am! 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!

TRUNK OR TREAT: Cars and candy needed! If you and your trunk can’t join us on October 18 from 1-3 pm for Trunk or Treat, 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. The work of the charge conference includes reviewing the mission and ministries, adopting, recommending candidates for ordained, lay or other forms of ministry, setting salaries and compensation for pastors and staff appointed by the bishop, and more. All formal members are invited to the joint charge conference SUMC is hosting for many churches at 2 pm on October 19.

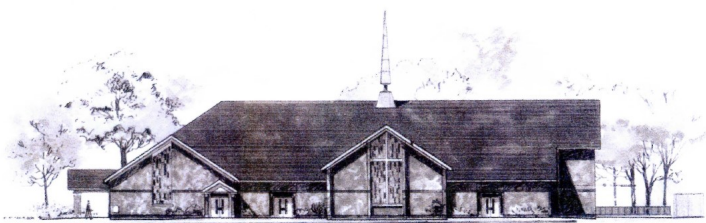
NIGHT TO SHINE: Put your creative talents to work! Night to Shine needs your help making corsages and boutonnieres for the 2026 prom. Join our workshop on Sunday, October 26 from 1 – 4 pm in the parlor. Contact Shelley Hoffman to register (sea6shell@att.net).

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. Lunch and childcare provided (childcare upon request). 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: 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/. *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.*

UMCOR COFFEE: Equal Exchange products will be sold today after services in the atrium. 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!



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Worship Schedule

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

*Livestreamed service

Rev. Abby Auman, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lindsey Funtik, Associate Pastor

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



City Mission Meal
10/6, 4:45 pm

Blue Bus Goes Out
10/8, 5 pm

Youth Worship
10/12, 6 pm

