

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(8:15)

(9:25)

“Song of Peace”

“I Can Only Imagine”

Denny Franz, solo

Ross

Millard

Choral Call to Worship

(9:25)

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

Sanctuary Choir

Mason/Wesley

*Call to Worship

(Romans 8:38-39)

Leader: For I am convinced that

People: neither death, nor life,

Leader: nor angels, nor rulers,

People: nor things present, nor things to come,

Leader: nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

People: nor anything else in all creation

All: will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(Verses 1, 3 and 5)

UMH #139

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version

UMH #882

Leader: Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. 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)

“I Will Sing”

Rainbow Express

Murphy

Testimony Spotlight

Special Needs Ministries

Becky Telischak

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)

“I Can Only Imagine”

Denny Franz, solo

(9:25)

“For Love Shall Be Our Song”

Sanctuary Choir; Reneé McDermott, flute

Millard

Wagner

*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.)

Galatians 5:13-6:10

Message

“Unity in Christ in a Divided World: Breaking Open”

Rev. Abby Auman

*Closing Hymn

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

UMH #438

*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: **Mary Frank** in memory of her parents, **Joe & Ellen McMillan**; **Barbara Heisel** in memory of **Richard Heisel**.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to **Clay & Laura Jernigan** upon the passing of Laura’s brother, **Brian Carter**, on October 1.

The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of **Iradelle Lily Hoyt** on September 30. Proud great grandmother is **Tammy Haseley**.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: Dave Puffer, *Fairview*; Rich Smyrak, *Regency*

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

AT HOME: Tammy Haseley, Bill Fiesler, Cedric Plavney, Frank & Eleanor McGee, 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: Jan Wardlaw, *Evergreen Gardens*; Carol Hoglund, *Mount Alverna*; Myrna Nored, 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*; 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 Helderma, Rebecca Helderma, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

October 5			
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		Attendance	
Regular Ministry Offering 2025		\$29,862	Worship 248
Hope Grows Here		\$1,100	Sunday School 64

*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 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?

APOSTLES’ CREED: We have started using “universal” instead of “catholic” in the Apostles Creed because “universal” is the original meaning of “catholic.” Most of us think of the Roman Catholic Church instead. To clear up confusion, we are making a word change but not a meaning change.

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 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. 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).

MARYSSA’S MISSION: We are excited to collect Christmas boxes for Maryssa’s Mission Foundation, a local organization that provides Christmas gifts to children who are going through treatments or recovery from serious illness and are staying at local Ronald McDonald Houses, again this year. They give each sibling in the family a Christmas present, too, and our boxes will be those presents! We can use shoe boxes, plastic totes, or Ms. Leanne even has Operation Christmas Child boxes that can be used! Tags are provided in the atrium to help guide everyone in items that can be packed in each box. Gift box total \$20-40. Complete boxes will be due back November 4th.

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.

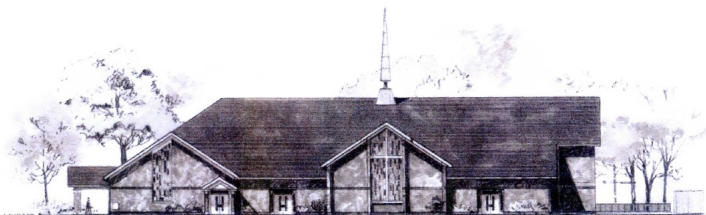
WE ARE HIRING: Strongsville UMC is seeking a part time Caring Ministries Director to lead our church in caring for each other during different seasons and difficult times of life so that people experience the healing power of Christ. This role will be a mix of direct spiritual caregiving, organization, 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.*

Online Giving:



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 **SUMC Friends**. If you would like to take a turn serving in the café contact Krissi Swab at kswab10@aim.com.



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October 12, 2025

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



Youth Worship
Today, 6 pm

The Quilters Documentary Screening
10/15, 6 pm

SAM Fall Celebration
10/17, 11:30 am

