

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude

(8:15)

(9:25)

“Simple Gifts”

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Crossroad Ringers

arr. Ross

arr. Philips

*Choral Call to Worship

(9:25)

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Sanctuary Choir

Dearmer

*Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 65:4-5, 9, 11-13.)

Leader:

God of our salvation, bring us close,

People:

so we are filled full by the goodness of your house by the holiness of your temple.

Leader:

You, God, who are the security of all the far edges of the earth,

People:

visit the earth and make it abundant, providing people with grain because that is what you’ve decided.

Leader:

You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food.

People:

Even the desert pastures drip with it, and the hills are dressed in pure joy.

All:

Together with creation we shout for joy; we break out in song!

*Opening Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

UMH #89

*Unison Prayer

Creator of the Universe, on this planet where all living things need water, you send us rain. When we need to know what to do, you send us your Holy Spirit and your holy Word. We would be lonely but you give us this church. Instead of the death we deserve, you offer us eternal life. When scarcity seems reality, help us live in the abundance of your steadfast love. We pray in Jesus’s name because he taught us these things, 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)

“Simple Gifts”

Youth Bells

arr. Stephenson

Stewardship Testimony

Dave Powell

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)

“For the Fruits of This Creation”

Carl Fernstrum, solo

(9:25)

Jackson/Green

Mengel/Skoog

*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.)

James 1:12-18

Message

“Trusting in God’s Steadfast Love: Everything We Have Is a Gift from God”

Rev. Abby Auman

*Closing Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

*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: Jim & Betty Pierce in memory of loved ones; Dan & Susan Renner in honor of their wedding anniversary.

A memorial gathering will be held for Shirley Skapes on Saturday, October 25 from 2-4 pm in the Holy Grounds Café.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: Rich Smyrak, Regency

IN HOSPICE CARE: Margaret Eakin, Bob Hill, home

AT HOME: Joe Fink, Matt Jenkins, Dave Puffer, Tammy Haseley, Bill Fiesler, Cedric Plavney, Frank & Eleanor McGee, John Shanfelt, Dave Fink, Jack Eck, Rosemary Marshall, Janet R. Doak, 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 Rehab; 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 12			
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		Attendance	
Regular Ministry Offering 2025	\$13,921	Worship	295
Hope Grows Here	\$2,810	Sunday School	64
Online Giving			
			

*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:_____

Adult Discipleship Survey

Do you prefer short or long term offerings?

- ___ Long term
- ___ Short term
- ___ Either is fine with me!

What sort of time commitment would you be willing to give adult discipleship material?

- ___ I do not mind doing a lot of reading
- ___ I could manage a chapter or two a week, depending on the length.
- ___ I work best with bite-size readings or in settings that require not preparation at all.

What might have stopped you from participating in programming in the past?

- ___ I did not have time.
- ___ None of the topics interested me.
- ___ I did not feel connected to the people.
- ___ I was not well-informed about the studies that were happening.
- ___ Other: _____

How do you feel about virtual studies and small groups?

- ___ Not for me.
- ___ Zoom is my favorite!
- ___ I would be interested in hearing about some other digital possibilities beyond Zoom.

Are you a part of any existing small groups or studies?

Would you be interested in facilitating a small group or leading a study?

- ___ Yes– please contact me.
- ___ No thanks!

Please list any topics, books, or portions of Scripture which you would be interested in studying, other hobbies, interests, or comments:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

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!

HABITAT FAITH BUILD: Anyone interested, no skills needed, can sign up to work alongside other Habitat long-term volunteers and staff on November 1 & 6. Stop by the Habitat table in the atrium for more information and to sign up.

ANGEL TREE BAKE SALE: Stop by the Angel Tree table in the atrium for a sweet treat! All proceeds benefit the Angel Tree program, which aims to strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children.

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 today at 2 pm..

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).

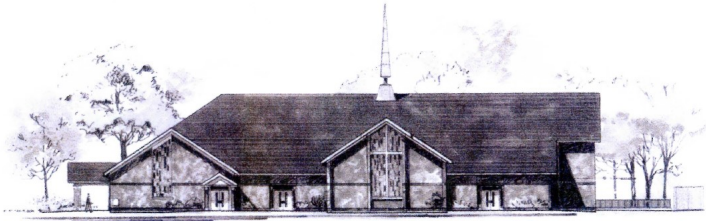
MARYSSA’S MISSION: We are excited to collect Christmas boxes for Maryssa’s Mission Foundation, a local organization that provides Christmas gifts to children who are going through treatments or recovery from serious illness and are staying at local Ronald McDonald Houses, again this year. They give each 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: The Staff Parish Relations Committee is in the process of reviewing resumes and conducting initial interviews for both of our open positions: the Weekend Custodian and the Caring Ministries Director. Stay tuned for updates!

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



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October 19, 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

Charge Conference
Today, 2 pm

Overeaters Anonymous
10/20, 7:30 pm

Crosstalks
10/21, 10 am

TRUSTING



GOD

Everything We Have
Is a Gift From God

James 1:12-18