

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Evans
Brass Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Against all the forces of evil, injustice and oppression in this world, we proclaim:

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: To despairing hearts, weary souls and all who grieve, we announce with a smile:

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: As joy wells up, hope springs eternal and love overflows, we celebrate:

People: Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Choral Call to Worship "An Easter Celebration" Courtney
Sanctuary Choir, Crossroad Ringers, Brass Ensemble, Percussion

The opening hymn will begin during the choral call to worship. The choir director will indicate when to rise and begin singing.

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH #302
(Verses 1-4)

***Unison Prayer**

Almighty God, there is no stone that can hold you back—no heavy rock rolled by grieving hands nor plots made by stony hearts. Wrap our sins into the folded graveclothes! Call our names so that we recognize you at work in our lives. May our songs of joy on earth today join with all the saints and angels in saying, "thank you, thank you, thank you!" for your great love for us. Alleluia! In the name of the risen Christ, 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.

Anthem (9:25) "The Strife Is O'er" arr. Sherman
Crossroad Ringers

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 "Resurrection Hymn" (See What a Morning) arr. Strite
Sanctuary Choir, Brass Ensemble, Percussion

***Offertory Response** "Up From the Grave He Arose" UMH #322
(Verse 1 and Refrain)

***Offertory Blessing**

***Gospel Lesson** (Response: Thanks be to God.) [John 20:1-18](#)

Meditation "Prayers of Jesus: Is "Go Tell" a Prayer?"
Rev. Abby Auman

***Closing Hymn** "Christ Is Risen" UMH #307

***Go and Serve**

***Choral Benediction** "Go Out With Joy" Johnson
Sanctuary Choir

Postlude "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. Evans
Brass Ensemble

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

Brass Ensemble

Trumpets: **Peter Hoekje, Scott Rovniak**

Horn: **Jay Calderhead**

Baritone Horn: **Debbie Smith**

Euphonium: **Jeff Quartermaine**

Tuba: **Randy Border**

Percussion: **Daniel Castner, Andrew Maloney, Darryl Mika, Jess Quartermaine**

The rosebud displayed celebrates the life of **Henry Guinta**, born to **Danny & Cait Guinta** on March 22 and passed on March 25. Loving great grandparents are **Del & Jeanette Painting**.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to **John & Lori Karpinsky** upon the passing of John's father, **John Karpinsky Sr.**, on March 21; the family of **John Haight** upon his passing on March 23; the family of **Phyllis Havier** upon her passing.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

AT HOME: Gail Spence, Sandie Wojnowski, Jessie Wilson, Frank Buchwald, Dan Devadan, Liz Myers, Karen Cannon, Pam McConnell, Gary Hawke, Kevin Groves, Scott Smith, Shirley Skapes, Joyce Bakeman, Eva Hawk

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Bill Hacker (Lynne Koszkalda's father), Jason Dublo (Sandy Dublo's son), Mary Ann Kriynovich (Eileen Simpson's daughter), Aubrey Bowers (Linda Voyles's father)

OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Wayne Pullman, Ohio Veterans Home; Sandy Moir, Len Schmidt, Arden Court; Wendell Ebersole, Brookdale Senior Living; Craig Comstock, Lewis Stokes VA; Hildi Fitzpatrick, Renaissance; Carol Olin, Southwest Commons; Sally Householder, Janet L. Doak, Shurmer Place; Marge Stecki, Altenheim Senior Living; Pat Cassell, Park Creek Assisted Living; Dave McKinnon, Lake Continuing Care Center; Myrna Nored, Nancy Jones, Tom & Marion Mueller, Ed Michalski, Richard Pinkerton, Vitalia; Jan Zverina, Kemper House; John Shanfelt, Wesleyan Village; Sally Spisak, Western Reserve Masonic in Medina; Ying Lai, Vitalia Rockside

THOSE IN UNIFORM: Joe Lang, Erich Reese, Elise Schraibman, Ryan Polcar, Noah Polcar, Adam Schraibman, Devin Fullerman, Zak Boggs, Adam Nebenzahl, Phillip Giampapa, Chad & Nicole Dronay, Brendon Horn, Bryan Rocks, Jay Rueschhoff, Brandon Vanderwyst, Evan Peck, Jerry Pickryl, Bob Waltz, Adam Gajewski, Patrick Helderma, Rebecca Helderma, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

March 24

Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts

		Attendance
Regular Ministry Offering	\$13,146	Worship Center 363
Hope Grows Here (building campaign)	\$1,485	Sunday School 93

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**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



Let us know how you'd like to get involved! Fill out the contact information below and drop this in the offering plate.

____ **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE PLANNING TEAM**

____ **COMMUNION SET UP/CLEAN UP**

____ **HARBOR & BRIDGE WORK DAY**

____ **HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ**

____ **PRAYER CHAIN**

____ **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

APRIL MISSIONS COLLECTION: This year the SUMC Missions Committee, Children and Youth Ministries are teaming up to support Feed The Kids, a local program that offers weekly food bundles to children in the area each summer. Our church has set a goal to

make 100 food bundles! To donate, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A5AB29A7F58-48548830-sumc#/> to sign up for a needed food item. Bring your donation back to the Manna Room by April 30. Please note that food with an expiration date earlier than August 2024 cannot be used. Thank you, church!

AUCTION TICKETS: Tickets are now available for the April 6 Fostering the Future Auction! Purchase your ticket online (fosteringthefuture.ticketleap.com/2024-auction/) or in the atrium today after services.

MOVIN' WITH THE SPIRIT: will begin our 12-week spring program, Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 am at the church. All are welcome. This is a chance to connect with others, grow in faith, and enjoy good health while exercising together. For more information, contact Diane at dianekrn@gmail.com.

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP: If you've considered being a Royal Family Kids Camp volunteer, you probably have a sleeping bag full of questions. Join us Sunday, April 7 at 6:30 pm here at the church to learn more and get those questions answered. We need volunteers for jobs ahead of camp, for a day or two during camp and, of course, weeklong camp staff. Come yourself and bring a friend or two. If you are concerned for foster kids and want to be involved, we can put you to work!

NATURE JOURNALING: Join us for a 4 week introductory class on nature journaling! This discipline can help us cultivate the habits of seeing, wondering about and connecting with all of creation. No art experience is necessary! Basic drawing and watercolor techniques will be explored. Supplies will be provided at \$35/person. Classes meet weekly on Thursdays from 6:30 - 8 pm, beginning April 18. Meetings are either indoors or outside as weather permits. Limit 12 people. Register online or sign up at the table in the atrium. This class is lead by Nichole Fewell. Contact nicholefewell@yahoo.com for more information.

HARBOR & BRIDGE WORK DAY: Join our Missions Committee on April 20 from 9 am - 3 pm for a work day at Harbor & Bridge Community Center. For more information and to RSVP, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FABAC2BA0FA7-48724766-harbor>

FOOD BANK: This month the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank is seeking donations of peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Donations can be left in the Manna Room.

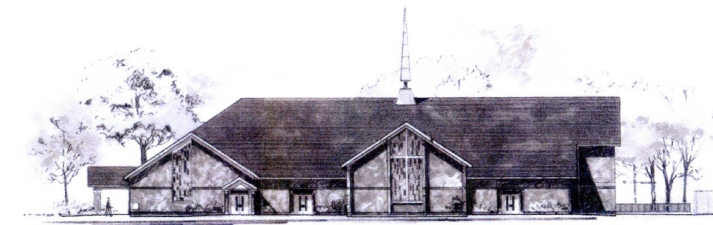
LANDSCAPE FUNDRAISER: A portion of all sales of mulch, soil and compost from Kurtz Brothers will benefit SUMC's Family Needs Fund. Order online at [kurtz-bros.com](https://www.kurtz-bros.com) and enter promo code UMC at check out. Take a flyer in the atrium for full details.

BLUE BUS: To better meet the specific needs of the community we serve, moving forward, the Blue Bus will only be accepting donations of socks, underwear, toiletries, bedding and candy. Thank you, church!

PRAYER CHAIN: Submit your requests or join our team of dedicated prayer warriors by contacting Mandy at MandyS@strongsvilleumc.org.

CAR NEEDED: One of our RFKC graduates is about to graduate high school and is looking for a car to get her to school and/or a job. If you have a used car you are thinking about trading in that you would be willing to donate for a tax write off, please contact the office. Thank you!

The Holy Grounds Café is being hosted today by **the Café Team**. If you would like to take a turn serving in the café, you can [sign up here](#) or contact Krissi Swab at kswab10@aim.com.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday: Traditional - 8:15, *9:25
Contemporary - *11:05

Monday: Adult Meditative Worship - 7:30 pm

*Livestreamed service

March 31, 2024



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

Church Office Closed
4/1

Lifeline Screenings
4/3

Youth Foosball Tournament
4/7, 5 pm

