

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Thank You, Lord" Sykes

Choral Call to Worship (9:25) "The Strife is O'er" Monk
Sanctuary Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We worship today with hearts open to the good news of Jesus.

People: We want to be people who live into the promise of the resurrection.

Leader: Let us proclaim to all the joy of the risen Christ.

People: Christ is alive in our hearts and in our world.

Leader: Together, let us be transformed by the power of abundant life.

People: So that we might live as new creations.

***Opening Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

***Unison Prayer**

God of life and hope, we desire to be your Easter people; your people who live transformed by the resurrection of Christ. We trust that in Christ our sins are forgiven. We trust that in Christ light has overcome darkness. We trust that in Christ our joy might be made complete. May this trust guide our hearts and our lives. In Christ's holy name we pray. 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.

Scripture Lesson (Response: Thanks be to God.) [1 John 1:1-2:2](#)

Meditation "Complete Joy"
Rev. Hannah Weisbrod

Time of Prayer

Prayer Response (9:25)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:15) "Go Light Your World" Rice

Carl Fernstrum, solo

(9:25) "Coronation" Courtney

Sanctuary Choir; Jay Calderhead, horn

***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**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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** "My Hope Is Built" UMH #368

***Go and Serve**

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

Postlude "That Easter Day With Joy So Bright" arr. Ross

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



The flowers for this morning's services are dedicated to the glory of God and given by **Bonnie Harris** in memory of **George & Mary Jean Harris**.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to **Bob & Diane Carlson** upon the passing of Bob's sister, **Carolyn Carlson**, on April 3; **David Snyder** upon the passing of his wife, **Denise (Easter) Snyder**, on April 4.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

AT HOME: Meredith Stone, Gail Spence, Sandie Wojnowski, Jessie Wilson, Frank Buchwald, Dan Devadan, Liz Myers, Karen Cannon, Pam McConnell, Gary Hawke, Kevin Groves, Scott Smith, 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: Craig Comstock, The Avenue; Wayne Pullman, Ohio Veterans Home; Sandy Moir, Len Schmidt, Arden Court; Wendell Ebersole, Brookdale Senior Living; 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, 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, Adam Gajewski, Patrick Helderan, Rebecca Helderan, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

March 31

Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts

Regular Ministry Offering	\$17,825	Attendance	
Hope Grows Here	\$216	Worship Center	674
(building campaign)		Sunday School	83

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UMH refers to the United Methodist Hymnal.

**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.

___ **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 ?

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 tonight 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!

SOULFUL SIMPLICITY WOMEN'S GROUP: Soulful Simplicity is an invitation to de-clutter; not just things and possessions, but also what we allow into our hearts, minds and home. This 5-week course meets 9:30 - 11 am Thursdays from April 18 - May 16 and is led by Rosemary Marshall. The cost is \$11. Register online or in the atrium.

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. Register online or sign up at the table in the atrium. This class is led 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>

STRONG LIKE WATER: In this five-session guided journey through Aundi Kolber's Strong Like Water, you'll discover that it's possible to be both soft and strong; in fact, they sustain and empower each other. Join Becky Zatezalo on Mondays 6:30 - 8 pm from April 22 - May 20. Cost: \$12 Workbook; \$15 Book. Register online or in the atrium.

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!

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.

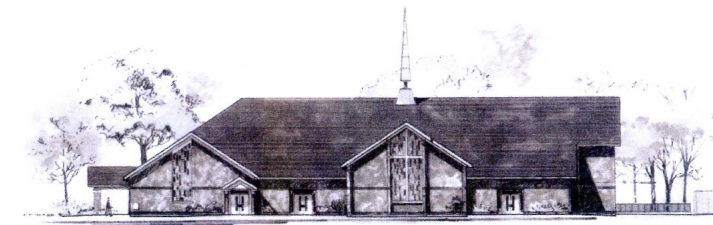
BICYCLE DONATIONS: Pastor Matt and Harbor & Bridge Community Center are always looking for donations of bikes and helmets of all sizes. The bikes are cleaned up and repaired and used by community members as a means of transportation. Every donation makes a difference! Bikes and helmets can be left in the SUMC pavilion for pick up.

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!

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!

Today's liturgist is **Brian Sheetz**.

The Holy Grounds Café is being hosted today by **the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)**. 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

April 7, 2024

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

Monday: Adult Meditative Worship - 7:30 pm

*Livestreamed service



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

Eclipse Watch Party
4/8, 1:45 pm

Blue Bus Goes Out
4/10

Youth Friday Fun Night
4/12, 7 pm

