

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Heleluyan (Alleluia)" Trad. Muscogee

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

*Call to Worship (Based on Colossians 1:19-22.) Leader: Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in Christ, and God reconciled all things through Christ - whether things on earth or in the heavens:

People: Christ brought peace through the blood of his cross. Leader: Once we were alienated from God, and we were enemies with him in our minds,

People: which was shown by our evil actions. Leader: But now Christ has reconciled us by his physical body through death,

People: to present us before God as people who are holy, faultless and without blame.

All: Thanks be to God for forgiveness through Christ!

*Opening Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" UMH #295

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version UMH #881

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

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; And 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 into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic 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.

Children's Message (9:25)

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) "Daw-ke, Aim Daw-Tsi Taw" Littlechief

(Great Spirit, Now I Pray to You)

Carl Fernstrum, solo

(9:25)

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

arr. Hopson

(Grant Us Peace)

Sanctuary Choir

*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

*Gospel Lesson (Response: Thanks be to God.)

John 20:19-23

Meditation "Rule of Christ: Hell and Heaven" Rev. Abby Auman

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:15)

*Closing Hymn+ "Amazing Grace" UMH #378 (Verses 1-4)

*Go and Serve

*Choral Benediction (9:25) "Go Out With Joy" Johnson Sanctuary Choir

Postlude "Many and Great, O God" Dakota hymn

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

+Native American Ministries Sunday selection. The United Methodist Church has used funds in the past to help translate hymns into Native American languages. "Amazing Grace" is one such hymn translated into Cherokee, Navajo, Kiowa, Creek and Choctaw.

The flowers for this morning's services are dedicated to the glory of God and given by Mary Frank in memory of her aunt, Peg McDargh.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: Tom Wladyka, Fairview

IN HOSPICE CARE:

AT HOME: Dick Klink, Hildi Fitzpatrick, 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; 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 Helderman, Rebecca Helderman, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

April 7

Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Regular Ministry Offering (\$29,646), Hope Grows Here (\$1,675), and Attendance (Worship Center 334, Sunday School 72).

Each week's music and streaming are licensed by: CCLI #1090790, CCLI #20259337 and One License #736411-A.

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 ?

SMART PHONE DONATION: The ReCharge ministry team is in need of 3-4 smart phones to use with the classroom video system. If you have an old smart phone that you would like to donate, please contact Ms. Leanne at LeanneG@strongsvilleumc.org.

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.

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>.

UMCOR COFFEE: Equal Exchange products will be sold after services in the atrium on April 21. Stock up on coffee, tea, cashews, almonds, cocoa and a great assortment of candy bars.

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!

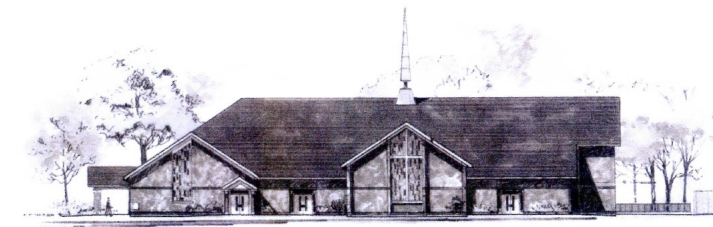
FOOD BANK: This month the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank is seeking donations of peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Donations can be left in the Manna Room.

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!

The Holy Grounds Café is being hosted today by **the LOGOS 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

April 14, 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

Hand & Foot Card Group
4/17, 12 pm

ReCharge Respite
4/19, 6:30 pm

Harbor & Bridge Work Day
4/20, 9 am

