

Music Appreciation Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (8:15) **“Sonata in D”** Smith
(9:25) **“When Morning Gilds the Sky”** arr. Behnke
Crossroad Ringers

Choral Call to Worship (9:25) **“When In Our Music God is Glorified”** Stanford/Green
Sanctuary Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Has God gifted you with a new day?
People: This is the day that the Lord has made, so we will rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: Has God stayed by your side during your troubles?
People: Whatever our lot, God has taught us to sing, “it is well with my soul.”
Leader: Have you entrusted your life to God’s care?
People: Still our souls sing God’s praise unending, ten thousand years and forevermore!

***Opening Hymn** **“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”** UMH #158

***Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Let us join in affirming our faith through music:
I believe in God, the first music-maker; who delighted in hearing the wind play the plants while the water sang back up and each creature sang in harmony; who breathed into us the breath of life that we use to sing and play instruments; who gave us ears to hear and minds to dream music; and who is the reason for our praise. I believe in Jesus Christ our Lord; whose birth was and is heralded by song; who quoted worship songs in his teaching and from the cross; and whose resurrection we proclaim with every note. I believe in the Holy Spirit; who joins our hearts to God’s through music; who inspires composers and musicians the world over throughout time to create music to strengthen faith; who unites the faithful in song in every language, so that together we sing with all the saints and heavenly beings, “Amen! Blessing and power and honor and glory be to our God!”

***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) **“Lift High the Name of Jesus”**
Combined Children’s Choir

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) **“You Raise Me Up”** Loveland/Grahm
Denny Franz, solo
(9:25) **“The Gospel Train”** arr. Stephenson
Youth Bells

***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.)

[Psalm 98](#)

Message in Music **“Mary, Don’t You Weep”** arr. McDonald
(8:15) Carl Fernstrum; (9:25) Sanctuary Choir, The 11:05 Worship Team

“Idyll of Praise” Courtney/Babcock
(8:15) Carl Fernstrum; (9:25) Sanctuary Choir

“Won’t Stop Now” Elevation Worship
(8:15) Carl Fernstrum; (9:25) The 11:05 Worship Team

“Walk in Jerusalem” arr. Dilworth
(8:15) Carl Fernstrum; (9:25) Sanctuary Choir, The 11:05 Worship Team

Sacrament of Baptism (9:25)

Congregational Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

***Closing Hymn** **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** UMH #89

***Go and Serve**

***Choral Benediction** (9:25) **“Walk With Me”** Bushong
Sanctuary Choir

Postlude **“Praeludium in C Major”** Bach

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

Receiving the sacrament of baptism at the 9:25 service today is **Carina Emery**, daughter of **Cory & Colleen (Burgund) Fosnight**.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to **Mike & Diane Chesney** upon the passing of Mike’s mother, **Mary Chesney**, on April 23.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

AT HOME: Don Rahm, Tom Wladyka, Dick Klink, Hildi Fitzpatrick, Meredith Stone, Sandie Wojnowski, Jessie Wilson, Frank Buchwald, Dan Devadan, Liz Myers, Karen Cannon, Pam McConnell, Gary Hawke, Joyce Bakeman, Eva Hawk

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Beth Siller (Barb Weiser’s niece), Karen Smallegan (Marcus Smallegan’s mother), Bill Hacker (Lynne Koszkalda’s father), 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: Connor Funk, 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 Helderma, Rebecca Helderma, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward



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**

___ **HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ**

___ **SENSORY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Pentecost Geranium Orders

Cost: \$7 Order Deadline: May 12
Payment must accompany order
 (Check payable to: Strongsville UMC)
 (No names will be listed in bulletin.)

I would like (#) _____ plants at \$7 each.

Plants may be picked up following the 11:05 service on May 19, and no later than May 26.

Please check one:

___ **YES**, I will pick up my plant(s)

___ **NO**, I will not pick up my plant(s)

Please fill out contact information below.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

SENSORY SUNDAY SCHOOL: Great news! SUMC has a great reputation for being a caring church to all kids but especially our sensory seeking friends. That means sometimes we need a few extra hands at Sunday school to make sure everyone is able to enjoy their

morning and their learning. Ms. Leanne is looking for adults this summer who are willing to join us at 9:25 or 11:05 for some fun and games. We know summer is hard to schedule but we assure you the hour difference in your Sunday morning will make a world of difference in their Sunday morning. See Ms. Leanne for more details today!

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!

BLUE BUS: Sign up to serve with the Blue Bus using the QR code or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca4ad2fa4fbce9-blue#/>. We will be having an informational meetings this Sunday at 12:30 and May 5 at 7 pm in the cafe. If you can't attend either, please reach out to Kelly McKelvy at (440) 465-1053 or kmckelvy06@gmail.com.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY: Join us Friday, May 17 at 11:30 am for our annual potluck celebration! RSVP by using the sign up sheet in the atrium and let us know what dish you will bring to share. We will provide brownies and ice cream for dessert. There is no cost to attend. Pastor Matt will be our guest speaker! He will offer an update about what's happening down at Harbor and Bridge. We will collect donations of full size and travel size toiletries that will go to the Blue Bus and Trials for Hope. See you there!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: This summer, worship with us outside at 11:05 every third Sunday! Bring a chair and a friend - see you by our outdoor stage (next to the pavilion) May 19!

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.

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!

April 21

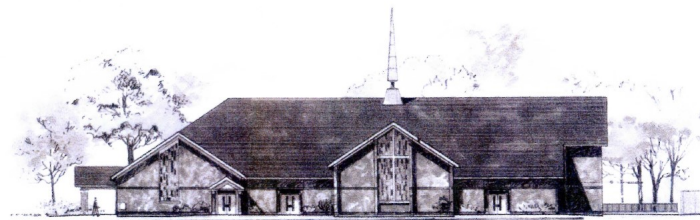
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts

Regular Ministry Offering	\$12,681	Attendance	
Hope Grows Here (building campaign)	\$1,400	Worship Center	362
		Sunday School	67

The Holy Grounds Café is being hosted today by **the Worship Committee**. 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 28, 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

Confirmation Service
 Today, 4 pm

Church Office Closed for Staff Retreat
 4/30

Ad Board Retreat
 5/5, 2 pm

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY 2024

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD ALL THE EARTH
PSALM 98