


Easter Sunday		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	“Crown Him With Many Crowns” SUMC Brass Ensemble	arr. Evans
Choral Call to Worship	“Easter Introit” Sanctuary Choir, Crossroad Ringers, Trumpets	Moore
<b>*Call to Worship</b> Leader: Jesus says, “This is my commandment: People: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends.” Leader: Jesus called the outsiders, outcasts and outlaws “friends” before he gave up his earthly life. People: Jesus calls us “friends”. Leader: So we join with believers through the ages in rejoicing: Christ is risen! People: Christ is risen indeed! All: Alleluia! Amen!		
*Opening Hymn	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (Verses 1-4)	UMH #302
<b>*Unison Prayer</b> (Response: Leader: Christ is risen! People: Christ is risen indeed!) Luke 24:1-12 Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn’t know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn’t believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.		
*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)		
Anthem (9:25)	“When Morning Gilds the Skies” Crossroad Ringers	arr. Behnke
<b>Time of Prayer</b> 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		
Giving of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” Sanctuary Choir, Crossroad Ringers, Trumpet	arr. Dobrinski

*Offertory Response	“Up From the Grave He Arose” (Verse 1 and Refrain)	UMH #322
*Offertory Blessing		
*Gospel Lesson	(Response: Leader: Christ is risen! People: Christ is risen indeed!)	Luke 24:13-35
Message	“Jesus Loves and Lives” Rev. Abby Auman	
*Closing Hymn	“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”	UMH #304
*Go and Serve		
Choral Benediction	“All Praise to Thee” Sanctuary Choir	Vaughan Williams
Postlude	“Rondeau” SUMC Brass Ensemble	arr. King

Circle of Concern		
HOSPITALIZED:		
IN HOSPICE CARE:		
AT HOME: Len Bogacki, Barb Bennett, Kevin Joniak, Darlene Franz, Liz Myers, Denise Snyder, Linda Wiegand, Pam Hilton, Joyce Bakeman, Eva Hawk		
FRIENDS & FAMILY: Aubrey Bowers (Linda Voyles’ father), Jim Rogers (Ruth Rogers’ son)		
OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Kay Housum, Generations; John Lendzian, Care Core Willowood; Craig Comstock, The Avenue; Sandy Moir, Len Schmidt, Arden Court; Wendell Ebersole, Brookdale Senior Living; Janet L. Doak, Sally Householder, Marge Stecki, Altenheim Senior Living; Dave McKinnon, Lake Continuing Care Center; Myrna Nored, Nancy Jones, Tom & Marion Mueller, Richard Pinkerton, Vitalia North Royalton; Jim Brickley, 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		

Online Giving:		
		
April 13		
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		
Regular Ministry Offering	\$16,373	Attendance
Hope Grows Here	\$1,668	Worship 375
		Sunday School 83

\*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](mailto: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! Be sure to fill out your contact information and drop this form in the offering plate.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SUNDAY PRAYER TEAM:** I want to join the team that prays over our services while we worship.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** I am interested in being on the committee to help plan this event.

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# DID YOU KNOW ?

**PIANO DEDICATION:** Join us April 27 at 3 pm for a piano concert with special performer William Shaffer. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken.

**BBQ, BIDS & KIDS:** Saddle up to support foster children! Come and join us for the 2025 Fostering the Future Auction on May 3, 2025, at the Strongsville Recreation Center. Enjoy finger-lickin' BBQ, wrangle up some amazing auction items, and help change the future for foster kids in Northeast Ohio. How you can help: Donate a basket – Round up a themed auction item to support the cause. Place a business ad – Show your support while reaching a great crowd. Join the fun – Come ready to bid and make a difference! Tickets go on sale April 1. Don't worry, we have childcare covered on site for the evening. Let us know if you need childcare so we can make sure we have enough volunteers and food. Every dollar raised helps provide mentorship, education, and opportunities for foster youth. Let's ride together and make a lasting impact! Ready to giddy up and give? Contact Paige Pierce ([ppierce90@gmail.com](mailto:ppierce90@gmail.com)) or Barb Diver ([gbdiverjr@cox.net](mailto:gbdiverjr@cox.net)) today!

**GARDEN BEDS AVAILABLE FOR USE THIS GROWING SEASON:** We have some beds available in the church garden once again this year, and are hoping some of the congregation will make use of the space to grow vegetables or flowers in a deer free environment with water easily available! Please contact Debbie Smith at [scrolledit@gmail.com](mailto:scrolledit@gmail.com) or 440-525-4356 if you are interested.

**LANDSCAPE FUNDRAISER:** A portion of all mulch, soil and compost sale at Kurtz Brothers using promo code "UMC" will be given to our Family Needs Fund. For more information, see the flyers available in the atrium.

**PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION:** The Companions Class is collecting empty pill bottles that will be sent overseas to countries who have medicines, but need containers to distribute them. Wash, remove labels, and bring to the basket in the Manna Room.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALL BUILD:** Come out June 21 to our exciting event building walls for a Habitat home right here in the SUMC parking lot! Find more information and sign up here: [crossroadsmissions.breezechms.com/form/strongsvilleumc25](https://crossroadsmissions.breezechms.com/form/strongsvilleumc25).

**FOOD BANK NEEDS:** The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank is in need of: Spaghetti O's, ravioli, ramen soup, pork & beans, mac & cheese, canned tuna (all sizes), squeeze bottles of jelly (30 and 32 ounces), peanut butter (all sizes), boxed baked goods and cereal. Donations can be brought to the bin the in Manna Room. Thank you!

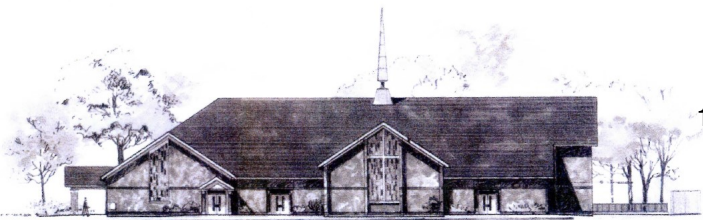
**BICYCLE DONATIONS:** Pastor Matt and Harbor & Bridge Community Center are always looking for donations of bikes and helmets of all sizes. The bikes are cleaned up and repaired and used by community members as a means of transportation. Every donation makes a difference! Bikes and helmets can be left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

**SUMC Brass Ensemble**

Trumpets: **Mike Rubin, Peter Hoekje**  
Horn: **Jay Calderhead**  
Baritone Horn: **Debbie Smith**  
Tuba: **Randy Border**

While we worship, a team of prayer warriors 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 **the Pelley and Zatezalo families**. 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](mailto: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

**April 20, 2025**



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**  
4/21

**Catalysts for Change**  
4/22, 7 pm

**Men's Group**  
4/24, 6:30 pm

