

## MORE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Angel Tree: Support Angel Tree by sponsoring a child online (contact the office for the link). Remember that physical gifts are due back December 14. Thank you, church!

Advent: Join us in awaiting the birth of Christ this advent. Use our Reverse Advent calendar enclosed in your bulletin, pick up a print devotional in the atrium (contact the office for a downloadable version) and join us in worship on Christmas Eve:

**3 pm:** Traditional service with soloists, nursery available for children under 3.

**5 pm:** Livestreamed contemporary service, nursery available for children under 3.

**7 pm:** Traditional service with communion.

**9 pm:** Livestreamed traditional service with bell and brass ensembles, sanctuary choir.

Night to Shine: To volunteer for Night to Shine 2026, a prom for people with special needs, please visit [www.baypres.org/night-to-shine](http://www.baypres.org/night-to-shine). To make a donation, or for more information, please contact Shelley Hoffman at [sea6shell@att.net](mailto:sea6shell@att.net) or Janet Doak at [jrdoak12@gmail.com](mailto:jrdoak12@gmail.com).

### Online Giving:



You are invited to the Holy Grounds Café for refreshments and fellowship. If you would like to help in the café contact Krissi Swab at [kswab10@aim.com](mailto:kswab10@aim.com).

## MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

### Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Orders due by Sunday, December 14.

\$13 each; to be picked up after the last Christmas Eve service.

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) **memory/honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettias. \_\_\_\_ I will not pick up my poinsettias.

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

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



## TODAY'S SERVICE

**December 7, 2025**

**Today's Scripture: Luke 3:1-14**

**Message: "Waiting on Promises Fulfilled: Peace"**

Rev. Lindsey Funtik

**In the Hospital:** Sandie Wojnowski, *Metro*

**In Hospice Care:** Margaret Eakin, *home*; Carol Hoglund, *Holy Family Home*

**Recently At Home:** Ray Gross, Bob Holub

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to Andrew & Jackie Kinnen upon the passing of Andrew's father, Edwin Kinnen, on November 28.

While we worship, a prayer team is lifting up every person in the congregation as well as the needs, concerns and joys of the church.

## SERMON NOTES

## HOW TO CONNECT

Like us on Facebook: Strongsville United Methodist Church

Receive our weekly updates by emailing [office@strongsvilleumc.org](mailto:office@strongsvilleumc.org).

Visit our website: [strongsvilleumc.org](http://strongsvilleumc.org)

Prayer cards can be found with and submitted to the ushers.

Please note, security cameras are in use in our facility.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Can't make it in to church? Livestream this service on Facebook or YouTube.

**Generations of Joy:** Embrace the holiday spirit with a celebration of musical talent across all ages! Enjoy a Christmas Cantata by the Sanctuary Choir, joyful bell ringing and performances by our children today at 2 pm. See you there!

**Fostering the Future:** Support Fostering the Future this holiday season! Stop by the Fostering the Future Fundraising Committee table in the atrium today after all services. Donate and receive a beautiful, unique ornament, generously provided by The Pour Inspiration group. Interested in planning the 2026 auction? Reach out to Paige Pierce at [ppierce90@gmail.com](mailto:ppierce90@gmail.com) or Barb Diver at [gbdiverjr@gmail.com](mailto:gbdiverjr@gmail.com) to join the Committee. Need the perfect Christmas gift? Consider tickets to Choir of Man, a high energy song and dance show at Playhouse Square, with every ticket benefiting Foster the Future Ministries. Tickets for Tuesday, March 3, are \$81.88, just a couple bucks more than the list price and we make \$25 on each ticket. Tickets are limited and are available at <https://ChoirRFKC.eventbrite.com>. If you want to sit with a group, please have one person purchase all the tickets together. Physical tickets will be distributed well ahead of the show. Direct questions to Brian Sheetz, [BrianDSheetz@gmail.com](mailto:BrianDSheetz@gmail.com)

**Hat & Mitten Tree:** Donations of hats and gloves are being collected to help as many people along our Blue Bus ministry route as possible. Simply hang your donation on the small Christmas tree located outside of the parlor.

## NEW VISITOR?

Welcome to worship! Nursery care and Sunday school (through High School) as well as a sensory friendly classroom, is downstairs for those families who wish to use them.

### Contact me about:

- ☐ A Discovery Class, where I can learn more about SUMC
- ☐ Children/Youth Ministries
- ☐ Small Group Opportunities
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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