

## MORE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Bishop Jung visits SUMC:** Join us Sunday, January 18 for special MLK weekend worship services featuring our Ohio Episcopal Area Bishop, Hee-Soo Jung, whose ministry centers on strengthening interracial cooperation in the church. You won't want to miss this! Please note: we will not have an 8:15 service on January 18. Both 9:25 and 11:05 services will proceed as usual in person and via livestream.

**Communion:** Serving communion to your community is a special honor. If you are willing to serve communion, please check the box on the tear off.

**Families Anonymous:** This is a 12-step program for relatives and friends of individuals with substance abuse issues. It addresses addiction as a family illness, helping members learn to stop contributing to the problem and instead become part of the solution. Participants can find peace and serenity through the FA program amidst chaos. FA meets every Thursday at 7 pm in the SUMC conference room.

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

### Ministry Opportunities

Fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate.

\_\_\_\_ **I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE COMMUNION.**

#### COMING SOON: SUMDISCIPLIE

SUMDisciple will be a monthly digital resource sheet that will bring ideas for spiritual growth directly to your inbox. Each month will fall under a theme and will include such things as: Scripture passages to ponder, Prayers and liturgies, further reading, action steps, songs, media, and more!

\_\_\_\_ **SIGN ME UP FOR THE SUMDISCIPLIE MONTHLY EMAIL LIST.**

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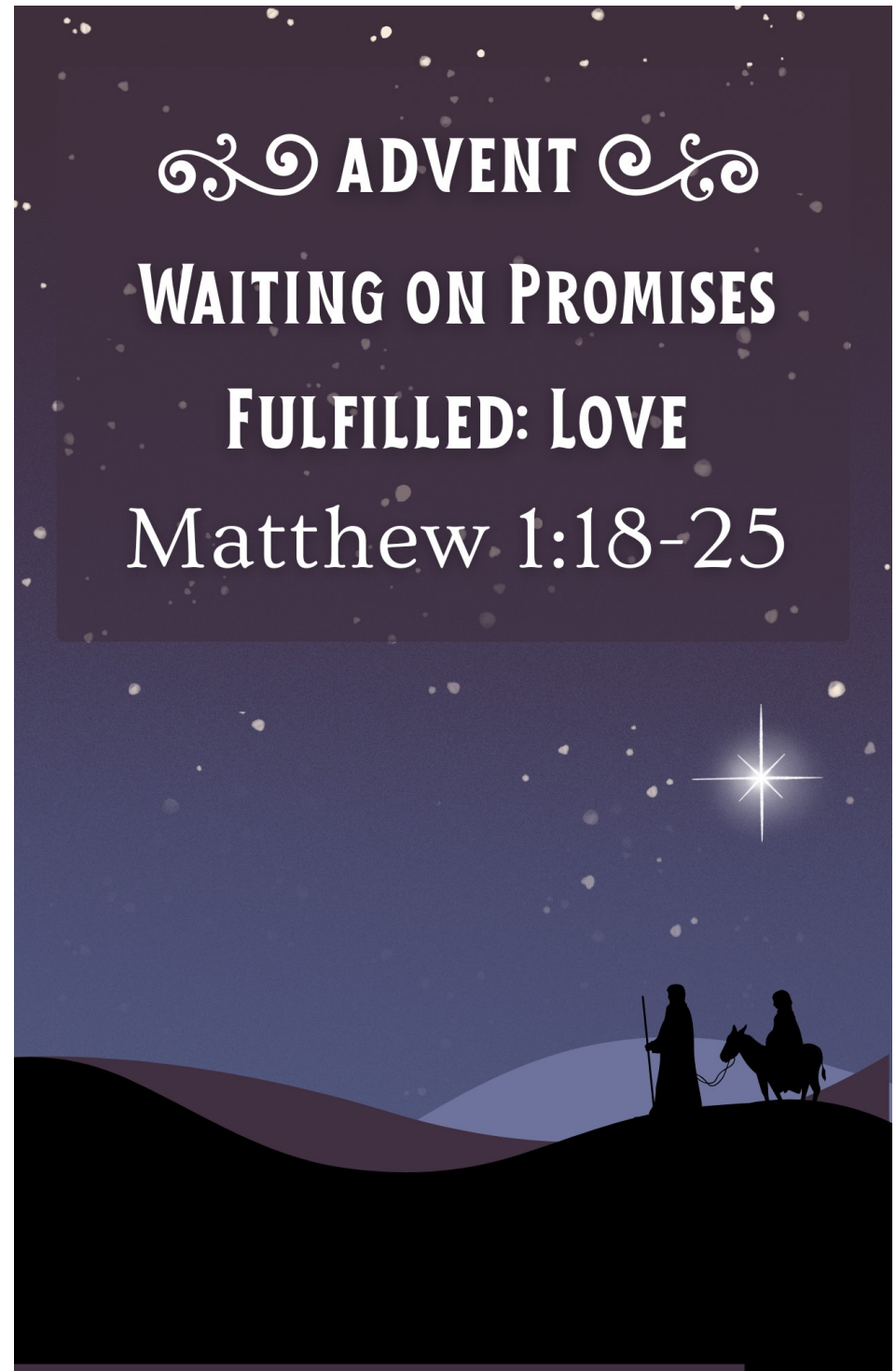
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## WAITING ON PROMISES

### FULFILLED: LOVE

## Matthew 1:18-25



## TODAY'S SERVICE

**December 21, 2025**

**Today's Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25**

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

Rev. Abby Auman

### **In the Hospital:**

**In Hospice Care:** Sandie Wojnowski, Margaret Eakin, *home*

**Recently At Home:** Gary Wojnowski, Jack Eck, Tammy Haseley

We welcome and celebrate the new members who joined at the 9:25 service today: Sandy Kelley and Marge Srack.

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

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## 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.

**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.

**Longest Night:** We wish to invite anyone hurting to our Longest Night Service that will be held tonight at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center. This service is a time for remembering both loved ones and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but have now changed. We will worship in a quiet meditative service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:** Join us in worship this 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.

**Winter Small Groups:** Pastor Lindsey and a team of faithful volunteers have put together a comprehensive program for our winter session of Adult Discipleship small groups here at SUMC. For offerings that are designed to take you deeper in your faith and community, see the full Adult Discipleship catalog in the atrium. You may sign up for classes and groups in the atrium or online by visiting [strongsvilleumc.org/small-group-registration](http://strongsvilleumc.org/small-group-registration).

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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