



Ministry Opportunities

Let us know where you'd like to get involved. Drop this tear-off in the offering plate. You will be contacted shortly.

- I'd like to rock babies during 9:25 or 11:05.
- I'd like more information on helping pass out hot cocoa downtown and represent our Conference.
- I'd like more information about the Women's Retreat in June of 2017.
- I'd like more information about Financial Peace University.
- I'd like more information about the Couples Ministry.
- I'd like more information about a Young Adult Ministry.

Poinsettia Order

Poinsettias will decorate our worship center for a portion of the Christmas season, and can be In Honor of and In Memory of a loved one. A portion of the cost (**\$12**) will benefit Heifer International. **DUE TODAY.**

Number of plants @ **\$12** each _____
Amount enclosed: \$ _____
Envelope # (if applicable): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

I **will not** be picking up my poinsettias.

I will pick up my plants at the end of the 9 pm service on Christmas Eve or by Tuesday, Dec 27.

(Please also fill out your contact information below.)

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW



ANGEL TREE: Gifts are due back today. They can be placed under the tree in the atrium.

STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK TAGS: Did you pick up a tag from the tree a few weeks ago? We're still missing a few of these gift cards. Please contact the office right away, or place it in the gift wrapped box outside the office.

A DISCIPLE'S JOURNAL, carefully designed and deeply Wesleyan, provides a pattern of daily prayer and scripture reading for disciples who want to grow in holiness of heart and life. It invites readers into a Wesleyan way of following Jesus Christ. Copies are available in the lobby today only. Makes a great gift. Cost is \$10.50. Contact Becky Zatezalo: bzatezalo@gmail.com, 440-476-8248 with any questions.

A FRIENDLY SMILE: SUMC will offer smiles and hot cocoa to greet commuters in Tower City and Public Square on Thursday Dec 15 from 8 am-2 pm. This is an effort to join the East Ohio Conference in connecting with the Greater Cleveland community at Christmas, encouraged by our District Superintendent. If you might like to help (even if for a brief time), fill out the tear-off and we'll contact you.

A NEW COUPLES MINISTRY: Sundays from Jan 22 through April 30, from 3-5 pm. Whether you want to prepare for spending your life together, improve a good relationship, or rebuild a troubled relationship, this program provides practical tools you need to find the closeness you desire. Facilitated by Al and Charlotte Hartman who have over 30 years of experience helping couples strengthen their relationships. Child care provided. For more info complete the tear off or contact Becky Zatezalo (BeckyZ@StrongsvilleUMC.org, 440-476-8248) or the church office.

HAT & MITTEN TREE: Donations of hats and gloves are being collected throughout the month of December to help as many people along our Blue Bus ministry route as possible. Simply hang your donation on the small Christmas tree located in the parlor.

SAM CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC 16 AT 11:30 AM: The Senior Adult Ministry will gather for a Christmas party and sing-along. Bring a large salad to share, along with a wrapped white elephant gift for exchange. Coffee, water, bread, and dessert will be provided. Please remember to donate \$1 to the SAM fund. Please RSVP to the church office by Dec 12.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - led by Mike Johnson on Sundays from 3-5 pm from Jan 8-March 5. Incorporating small group discussion, members will learn that with baby steps, one step at a time, they can take control of their money. Sign up online, on the bulletin tear-off, by contacting the office or at the tables December 11, 18, January 1. Contact Becky Zatezalo at bzatezalo@gmail or 440-476-8248 for more information.

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL COMING SOON! Beginning Sunday, Jan 8, while you worship at the 11:05 service, your child can join us in our special needs Sunday School classroom with a curriculum designed for children with special needs. Child care and Sunday School for siblings through grade 5 are also available. If you are interested in participating or know someone who is, please contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE: SUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT JUNE 23-24 at Loyola Retreat House in Clinton, OH. A guest speaker will discuss how we care for ourselves spiritually in a challenging work/home/church environment. More information to come after the new year, but for now we are beginning a list of those who are interested in attending so we can get an idea of the headcount. Please contact Becky Zatezalo at bzatezalo@gmail.com or 440-476-8248 or on the bulletin tear off if you would like to be added to the list of possible participants. Feel free to invite friends and family to join you. No commitment required at this time.

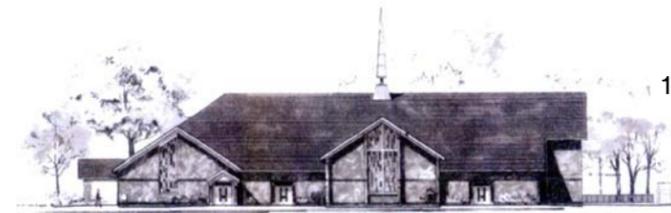
ALTAR FLOWERS AVAILABLE: Many dates are still available to purchase flowers. Check out the flower chart just outside the Worship Center doors.

Christmas Eve Services

- 3:00 pm** Traditional Communion & Candlelight Service
- 5:00 pm** Contemporary Candlelight Service (Childcare up to age 3)
- 7:00 pm** Traditional Candlelight Service, Children's ensembles (Childcare up to age 3)
- 9:00 pm** Traditional Candlelight Service, Sanctuary Choir, Brass

Christmas Day Service

10:00 am One family friendly service to celebrate Christmas. Pajamas encouraged!



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Worship Schedule

Traditional: 8:15, 9:25
Contemporary: 11:05

Weekly Children's Sunday School
During 9:25 and 11:05 services

Scripture for next week:
Luke 2:1-7

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

December 11, 2016



Angel Tree Gifts
Due back today (in the atrium)

Christmas Program
Today 6 pm

Taizé Worship Service
Mon 12/12, 7:30 pm

Angel Tree Fruit Basket Prep
Thur 12/15, 7:00 pm

SAM Lunch
Fri 12/16, 11:30 am
(see back panel)

Angel Tree Gift Delivery
Sat 12/17

To find a complete calendar of events, please visit our website.



Prelude "Mary's Little Boy Child" Hairston
Wendell Ebersole, baritone

Choral Introit (9:25) "Rejoice!"

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather in the promise of God's coming, anticipating joyful moments.

People: We have come to praise God. Hallelujah!

Leader: We come waiting for the promise of Christ in difficult and painful moments.

People: We gather to seek and trust God. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Leader: We come at Advent in quiet moments of peace.

People: We come in every moment to thank God for his real presence.

***Hymn** "People, Look East" No. 202

Lighting of the Advent Candle, the Candle of Joy

8:15 - John & Marie Rady 9:25 - Dave & Jen Phillips

Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Anthem (9:25) "The First Noel" traditional
Joyful Noise Angels

Children's Message (9:25)

Anthem (9:25) "Heaven Everywhere" arr. Beck
Rainbow Express

Kiosk Moment Couples Ministry

Time of Prayer

Choral Response (9:25)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:15) "Immanuel" Card
Wendell Ebersole, baritone

(9:25) "There Is Faint Music" Forrest
Sanctuary Choir

***Doxology** No. 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.**

Scripture Readings (Response: Thanks be to God.) Isaiah 7:13-17; Matthew 1:22-23

Meditation "Jesus: God with Us"
Rev. Dave Scavuzzo

***Hymn** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218

***Go and Serve**

***Choral Benediction** (9:25) "Abide With Us" Brooks

Postlude "Hymn of Joy" Tomlin



The flower arrangements for this morning's service are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by: **Carl & Terri Mieyal** in honor of our church family; **Dan & Bonnie Cooper** in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

IN THE HOSPITAL: Margery School, Southwest General Hospital

AT HOME: Richard Myers, Jessica Kossin, Joyce Gruss, Bob Tomek, Linda Hecker, Tom, Hajostek, Della Wagner, Mary Ann Edwards, Mary Boyce, Ellen Dublo, Ron Irons, Diana Jones, Jan Langstone, Eileen Bambam, Ethel Evans, Mark Nelson, Tom Verbsky, Jerry Lawrence, Katie Prinkey, Dorothy Stoner

FRIENDS/FAMILY: Shane Osborne (Phil Weisbrod's nephew); Michael Joy (Sandy Moir's son); Sheri Little (Diana Lindsay's daughter); George Lawson (Keith Lawson's father); Adam Puinno (Judy Puinno's grandson); Bonnie Owens (Bob Tomek's sister); Ethel Dean (Ellen Dublo's mother); Arthur Kraatz (Gerry & Marlene Kraatz's son); Jeannette & Megan Silk (Carolyn Blaha's sister and niece); Alice Krupar (Laura Rummery's mother); Gabriel Wojnowski (grandson of Gary & Sandie Wojnowski); Paul Smith (Scott Smith's father); Joan Sinko (Shelley Puntel & Arnie Sinko's mother); Gretchen Wade (Eric Wade's mother); Kenny Willis (Sylvia Gerkin's brother); George Skapes (Shirley Skapes' son); Dolores Colapietro (Carolyn Hennon's mother); Katie Nebenzahl (Nancy Nebenzahl's daughter); Jerry Herron (Jeff Herron's father); Carol Jones (friend of Mike & Karen Cannon)

OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Mary Waite & Doris Fiesler at Parkside Villa in Middleburg Hts.; Darleen Price, Kemper-Strongsville; Doris Thwaite, Crystal Waters; Vaughn Esch, Barbara Lee at Altenheim in Strongsville; Ken Brooks at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina

THOSE IN UNIFORM: Zak Boggs, Joe Snyder, Greg Heiser, Adam Nebenzahl, Phillip Giampapa, Chad & Nicole Dronney, Brendon Horn, Bryan Rocks, Cary Cohen, Tim LaBahn, Jay Rueschhoff, Brandon Vanderwyst, Evan Peck, Ryan & Noah Polcar, Jerry Pickryl, Bob Waltz, Adam Gajewski, Patrick Helderman, Rebecca Helderman, John Karpinsky, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward and all our troops

December Prayer Life Focus

Not only for Christmas but all the year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

December 4

Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts

Regular Offering \$25,737

Impacting God's World (Building Fund) 4,543

Attendance

Worship - 538

Sunday School - 102

**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...

Did you bring younger family members with you today? We invite them to stay in worship with you if you'd like. Also, during our 9:25 and 11:05 services we have Nursery Care available for infants, and Sunday School programs for children on our lower level. Simply ask our ushers how to get downstairs to our children's area to meet our teachers and drop off your kids.

HOW ELSE CAN WE HELP?

Hearing aid devices and large print hymnals are available from our ushers. Children's activity bags are also available in the atrium. 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 _____

How did you hear about SUMC?

I would like more information on:

___Children/Youth Ministries

___Music Ministries

___Small Group Opportunities

___Missions at SUMC

___A Discovery class, beginning February 9, where I can learn more about SUMC.

Contact me:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____