



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 more information about the Women's Retreat in June of 2017.

___ I'm interested in more information about Financial Peace University.

___ I'm willing to help occasionally with set up in the Worship Center.

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 DEC 11.**

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: Share God's love with prison inmates, their innocent children and caregivers this Christmas. Stop by the tree in the atrium after services today and select an Angel Tree tag or two. The wrapped gifts (with tag attached) due back next Sunday, Dec 11.

STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK TAGS: If you picked up a Christmas tag last week for the food bank, please return it to the church office, or drop it off in the gift-wrapped box on the bench in front of the office.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be available today after the 11:05 service for anyone 5th grade or older who would like to learn more.

UMCOR FAIR TRADE: Buy your coffee and chocolates for the holidays today between services. Baskets filled with UMCOR products make great Christmas gifts.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS EVENT TODAY: The holidays are fast approaching. This can be a very difficult time for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Please join us for a special program "Surviving the Holidays" today at 2:00 pm. Our hope is that this will give you an opportunity to be around others who may understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. Valuable information from various resources might also help you through this loss.

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 each Sunday through December 18th or through the church office during the week. Makes a great gift. Cost is \$10.50. Contact Becky Zatezalo: bzatezalo@gmail.com, 440-476-8248 with any questions.

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HOUSE: While out doing your Christmas shopping please remember to buy gifts for the West Side Community House. A wish list is posted on the bulletin board and there are copies in the kiosk. The gifts should be new and unwrapped, then turned into the baskets under the coat racks. The last day of collection is next Sunday December 11th. Please share some of the joy and generosity of this wondrous season with these children. Thank you.

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.

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.

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 2:8-10

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 4, 2016



Angel Tree Gift Tags on Tree
Today (Gifts due back next Sunday)

Surviving the Holidays

Today 2 pm
(see back panel)

Caregiver Support Group

Today 7 pm

Ad Board Meeting

Mon 12/5, 7:30 pm

Christmas Program

Sun 12/11, 6 pm

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



Prelude "Come Home for Christmas" Ross
Carl Fernstrum, solo

Choral Introit (9:25) "Rejoice!"

***Call to Worship**
Leader: Today there is good news of great joy for us to embrace!
People: Those who feared that they were worth little to God have found favor and value in God's sight.
Leader: For in the mercy and love of God, the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain, those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing, and there shall be peace and joy.
People: God's mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.
Leader: Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.
People: We believe in the power of God in all things for all times.

***Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

Lighting of the Advent Candle, the Candle of Joy
8:15 - Curtis & Rachel Ungerecht 9:25 - Dave Powell

Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Gospel Reading (Response: Thanks be to God.) Luke 2:11-15

Meditation "The Vulnerability of God"
Rev. Dave Scavuzzo

Time of Prayer
Choral Response (9:25)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory (8:15) "My Peace" Routledge
Carl Fernstrum, solo
(9:25) "Advent Hymn" Besig
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.

***Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** Pg. 15
Servers: (8:15) Randy Border, Jean Comstock, Becky Zatezalo
(9:25) Nick Maricic, Derek Van Lehn, Randy & Connie Border, Sue Shear,
Jeanne Kane, Tom & Sandy Moir, Barb Weiser

***Hymn** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230

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

Postlude "Gavotte" S. Wesley



The flower arrangements for this morning's services are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by: **Lynn Tinnirello and Leslie Leis** in honor of the 60th anniversary of their parents, **Chuck & Lita Staley; Doug & Laura Rummery** in memory of Laura's father, **John Krupar**.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to **Rick & Kris McGuigan** upon the passing of Rick's mother, **Judith McGuigan**, on Nov 30.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

IN THE HOSPITAL: Jessica Kossin, University Hospital

AT HOME: Joyce Gruss, Bob Tomek, Linda Hecker, 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 Puiunno (Judy Puiunno'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: Margery School, 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 Droney, Brendon Horn, Bryan Rocks, Cary Cohen, Tim LaBahn, Jay Rueschhoff, Brandon Vanderwyst, Evan Peck, Ryan & Noah Polcar, Jerry Pickryl, Bob Waltz, Adam Gajewski, Patrick Helderma, Rebecca Helderma, 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.

Nov 27

Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts

Regular Ministry Offering \$15,789
Impacting God's World (Building Fund) 3,240
Showing God's Love 970

Attendance

Worship - 515
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 Feb 9, where I can learn more about SUMC.

Contact me:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

* All who are able, please stand.