

ALTAR POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Order deadline is next Sunday, December 3, 2017. Please complete this form and place it to the Church office with your cash or check payment. The cost is once again \$6.00.

Wording for bulletin: _____

Given by: _____

Number of plants: _____ X \$6.00 / plant = \$ _____
Total

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and place it with your order in the offering plate or mail it to:

Strongsville United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, OH 44136



Thank you for placing a poinsettia plant on the altar!

For Church Treasurer's Records **2017 Christmas Poinsettia**

Total number of plants: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Offering envelope number: _____ Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

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ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 26, 2017

**STRONGSVILLE CITY JAZZ SWING BAND CONCERT
SWINGIN' CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS !**

Fundraiser for Our Music Ministry

Friday – December 8, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

in Our Sanctuary

\$10.00 Adults \$4.00 Ages 6-12 years

Free Age 5 and under

A reception in Pilgrim Hall will follow the concert.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

of Remembrance and Healing

Friday, December 15, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Come, rest in the arms of Jesus as we pause to rest, remember and celebrate our loved ones together.

All are welcome—especially you.

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 2017 Christmas concert next Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. This year's performance, entitled *Make the Season Bright*, features former church choir leader Tom Foley as director, accompanist Carol Konet, and Church singers: Irene Joyce, Ingrid Dickson, Sarah Keenen, Pam Keenen, Gary Hackett, Bruce Keenen and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Tickets are available at the door at a cost of \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under. You'll enjoy the music, and we'll get you in the Christmas mood. We like looking into the audience and seeing our fellow church members. So, please attend. Thank you!

December Newsletter – For those who get paper copies, please pick up your newsletter today in the Gathering Area. Thank you.

Poinsettia Orders for Christmas Eve are now being accepted, and the order deadline is next Sunday, December 3. The cost is once again \$6.00. An order form is on the back of this insert. Thank you for placing a poinsettia plant on the altar for Christmas Eve.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 3, 2017

Liturgist: Greg Dickson **Greeter:** Linda Plain
Usher: Linda Plain **Coffee Hour:** Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

Women's Christmas Tea is Wednesday, December 6, at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. If you would like, please bring a tea cup and share a Christmas tradition you have enjoyed in your home. Refreshments, coffee, and an assortment of tea bags will be available for this casual event. All ladies are welcome!

The Sunday School will present their Christmas Pageant during worship on Sunday, December 17. Brief rehearsals will take place on the Wednesdays of December 6 and 13 at 7:00 p.m., followed by Children's Choir rehearsal with Elena Taylor at 7:30 p.m. for the pageant music

Picture Re-take – Please contact Sarah Hayes or Cathy Hawk today to get your picture re-taken for our photo directory. Thank you.

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea, Margot James, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Gordon Cockrell, the Grabski/Williams Family, Lacey (daughter of Amanda Hawk), Steve Herzog, Martha Liebert, Michele Mihlack, Bill Ritchie, Betsey Santomen (wife of Rev. Joe Santomen) at Parkside Villa, Jan Stough, Rev. Oommen Thomas, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Donna Briggs (mother-in-law of Judi Pavisich's daughter), the Brlas family, Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sue Grunenwald (friend of Sharon Heinrich), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Piper Masuga (granddaughter of Dan and Vicky and great-granddaughter of Lola Millhoane), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), the family of Logan Sink (friends of Judy Pavisich's granddaughter), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Sheena Toth (mother of Dale), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NOVEMBER 2017

- 26 Sun Hanging of the Greens in Worship
Penny Sunday
Women's Fellowship Cheese Ball Tasting and Ordering
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm

DECEMBER 2017

- 3 Sun First Sunday in Advent, Communion
Poinsettia Order Deadline
Deadline for Gifts for Inner-City School + for Mitten Tree
- 5 Tue Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 6 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Women's Christmas Tea in the Parlor, 12:30pm
Pipe Organ Tuning, 1pm
Children's Pageant Rehearsal, 7pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal for pageant music, 7:30pm
- 7 Thu Sanctuary Piano Tuning, 10am
Set up for Jazz Concert Reception
- 8 Fri Set up for Jazz Concert Reception
Strongsville City Jazz Concert, 7:30pm
- 10 Sun Delivery of Cheeseballs by Women's Fellowship
- 12 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Children's Pageant Rehearsal, 7pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal for pageant music, 7:30pm
- 14 Thu Money due for Winter Retreat
Adult Social Club to Stan Hywet Hall, 4pm
- 15 Fri January 2018 Newsletter Deadline
Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance and Healing, 7:30pm
- 17 Sun Sunday School Christmas Pageant during worship
Advent Potluck Meal after church
Deadline for Gift Card Orders – to get them by Christmas Eve
- 19 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 12:30pm
- 24 Sun Christmas Eve Worship at 10am and 11pm (**No** 7:30 service)
- 25 Mon Christmas Day
- 27 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club, 7pm
- 28 Thu Deadline to report special dietary needs for Winter Retreat
- 31 Sun Penny Sunday, Annual Reports are due.

MUSIC REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK

Band (Adults and Students in Grades 6-12) – 8pm on Wednesdays
Bell Choir – 7pm on Thursdays **Chancel Choir** – 8pm on Thursdays