

#### People: The tomb is empty! Where now, O Death, is your sting? Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection: ALL: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

# † HYMN 270

"Joy to the World" (vv. 1-3)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 118 (New International Version)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me: you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Leader:** The Word of God, for us, the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.

#### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

### **† BENEDICTION**

As you go out into God's world this week, be Easter people! Be those who say, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here. He is risen." Be ready to be surprised by what God will do next. Look for the risen Christ in those you meet. Let the Holy Spirit nudge you and guide you. The tomb is empty because Jesus is out in the world, and now we must go out into the world too! May the joy and wonder of that first Easter morning live in your hearts today, and every day. Amen.

**† POSTLUDE** "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel Keyboard Trio: Mike Elkins, Carol Foley, Sharon Heinrich

Please join in singing hymn #39 the second time through. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, select Worship, and click on Service Videos.

	SERVING	
TODAY – APRIL 9		NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 16
Roz Fotos	Greeters	Jean Bittinger
Dale Hawk	Liturgist	Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Jan Meier, Judi Pavisich	Ushers	Roz Fotos
Oliver & Matilda Sekorky	Acolytes	Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall
Tom Foley	Director of Mus	sic Tom Foley
Mike Elkins Ass	ociate Director o	f Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Choir, Brass Ensemble	Special Music	Music Team

severe weather

## A NOTE OF THANKS-

We thank the Chancel Choir, our Brass Ensemble: Tom Foley, Jim Heinrich, and Tom Nazelli, Carol Foley, Mike Elkins and Sharon Heinrich for sharing their music with us

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Our steeple will light the sky this week— Congratulations to Bryana Hitchens on her graduation from nursing school!-Love, the Joyces Happy Birthday to Charles Jannsohn on April 13th Love, his sisters

Happy Anniversary today to Beth & Bill Giuliano and Lori & Bob Kovatich

Happy Birthday today to Bruce Keenen!

FRESH FLOWERS EACH WEEK! Please sign up for 2023 altar flowers on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Many Sundays are available to honor a special date or loved one.

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#### OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Laurie Meister, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Maggie Struhar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Linda Kapcar, Wavne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Bruce Lerch, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozelski, Cade Raymond, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Lora Rung, Peter Smith, John Toth, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Ron & Yvonne Adams (Judi Pavisich's friends), Dorene Baldridge, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart

Wilhoit's friend), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tom Irelan (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Patty Kubancik (Sue Gigliotti's sister), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend). Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich). Weston (Chelsev Cathcart Cox's friend's son), Don Wills (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by earthquakes and

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com







## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—

**TASTY TREATS FOR SALE!** Puppy Chow (for people) will be sold following our Easter Worship service. Perfect to add into your Easter baskets! Only \$3.50 per package!

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#### BEREA ARF COLLECTION

The Sunday School children and youth are holding a donation drive to benefit Berea Animal Rescue Friends through Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Three specific items will be collected per the



recommendation of the shelter manager:

- Small bags (approx. 3 lbs.) of any brand dry cat food (Meow Mix, Purina Cat Chow...)
- Bags of soft, small treats for dogs for training
- "Kicker" toys for cats (with or without catnip).

The donation box will be located in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Densmore.

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#### **OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,617.01 Last Week's Offering Received \$3,663.00 Difference \$ 45.99



Thank you very much for your support. Pledge cards received to date: 62

#### CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO MAY 14<sup>th</sup>



You may recall that our church had a congregational photo scheduled in 2020, which was cancelled by the global pandemic. Well, three years later, we are trying again! The congregational photo is important to the historic records of the church and the last group picture

of our congregation was taken in 2010. Please try to include this rare event in your Mother's Day plans. (The photo is scheduled to be taken immediately following the benediction of the worship service, so you will still have plenty of time to take your mom to brunch.) \_\_\_\_\_



#### FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOUTHWEST **COMMUNITY CHORUS**

Community SWCC will have a spring concert "The Music's Always There," on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at 3 p.m. at the Berea United Methodist Church (170 Seminary Street in Berea). The Chorus is under

the direction of Tom Foley, accompanied by Carol Konet; some of the singers this season include Jackie Foley, Craig Hardy, Sharon Maresco, Marianne Luca, Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, and a few other familiar faces and voices. Tickets will be available at the door

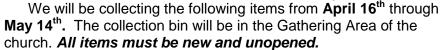
or from our own choir members who sing with the chorus. -----



**SPECIAL THANKS** to Dale Hawk and the breakfast crew for prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning up our Easter breakfast this morning!

#### **MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:**

In honor of Mother's Day, Mission Outreach will be collecting items for Laura's Home in the West Park Neighborhood of Cleveland, Laura's Home is a complex with "166 beds and 55 rooms. offering specialized, wraparound services designed to empower families and individuals to live healthy lives."



- Full size body wash
- Full size deodorant
- Full size lotion
- Feminine hygiene products
- Twin sized sheets
- Twin sized blankets
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Pull up diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Unexpired baby food and formula

#### **DIACONATE "WING" NIGHT**



FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grindstone Tap House in Berea. It is \$25 per ticket. Ticket includes boneless wings, pizza, pasta, salad, draft beer, well drinks, wine, soda. There will be a basket raffle, sideboards, and

a great chance to socialize. Tickets are on sale every Sunday, starting next week, April 16<sup>th</sup>, in Pilgrim Hall. (Cash or check only).

In addition, we will be looking for basket donations for Wing Night. Please see any member of the Diaconate if you'd like to donate or volunteer.

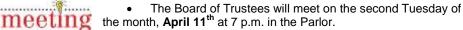
#### FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays

#### 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Our Free Lunch for All Program welcomes everyone to enjoy a nutritious meal and warm fellowship. Many thanks to our wonderful prepping, cooking, serving, and clean-up volunteers!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month,
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

#### BEE A BUSY BEE IN 2023

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Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for **your** name to be added as a greeter or an usher. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know! Everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



THRIFT SHOP

#### The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of

interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are being accepted during those

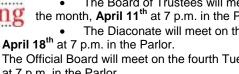
hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. Thanks, as always, to our dedicated volunteers!



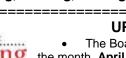
**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2023** \*Elected January 29, 2023 Moderator: Greg Dickson Vice-Moderator: Jen Barry Treasurer: Sally Herzog Clerk: Judy Gaumer **Sunday School Co-Superintendents** Linda Elkins Mary Densmore\* Board of Trustees Diana Creecy Chris Goff\* Herb Hampson Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes Cheryl Sobek\* Dan Winrod\* Laura Winrod\* Rachel Zielinski **Endowment Fund Subcommittee** Greg Dickson Linda Stepan Dave Williams\* Diaconate Teri Barbish Jean Bittinger\* Elaine Coffey Bobbi Cook\* Wayne Cook\* Judy Davis\* Cherie Teagno Barbara White\* Mary Ellen Zimmerman\* **Christian Education Committee** Serena Abruzzino\* Marv Densmore\* Amanda Marshall Linda Elkins Lora Rung **Music Committee** Richard Densmore Ingrid Dickson Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko\* Mike Willis\* ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins **Stewardship Committee Richard Taylor** Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider\* Rob Toth Mary Willis\* Mission and Outreach Committee Judy Carte\* Sarah Haves Bobbie Krisak Lora Rung\* Jennifer Sekorky Peter Smith \* Bev Wehr Mary Ellen Zimmerman\*

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Carole Kapcar\* Linda Kapcar Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle **CAREGIVING PRESENTATION** 

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY is next week, April 16<sup>th</sup>! Life's too short and too precious to be serious all the time! So put on your bright spring colors, bring a (clean) joke and come worship as we also celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism!



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### IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences to Pastor Heidi and her family on the death of her mom, Muriel McKeever, who died on April 5, 2023 in Colorado. Muriel was 99 2/3 years old.

# SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>

### Following the worship service

Wayne and Bobbi Cook have put together a presentation about the journey he and Bobbi have travailed in the past 10 years since her stroke. They will discuss some tips they have learned to move on with Bobbi's after-stroke condition.

These tips and resources will help others in a similar situation of being either caregiver or the person needing a caregiver.

People of all ages and whatever reason for needing a caregiver are welcome to hear the Cooks' story.

Please join us for an informative and inspirational time-cake is included! \_\_\_\_\_





# **To the Glory of God** Easter flowers were given...

For those who can't be with loved ones and those suffering from depression, keeping them from loved ones. The Abruzzino Family

> In Loving Memory of Russ Bittinger Jean Bittinger

In Memory of our parents' Warren and Hallie Strine and Harold and Louella Camp Mark and Barbara Camp

Happy Easter around the World! In Loving Memory of My Grandparents— Peter and Edna Lansell, LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie Gina Cathcart

In Memory of Gordon Cockrell Harry and Kathryn Johnson and Harold and Wava Cockrell Kathryn Cockrell and Family

We remember and honor our families and friends Jim and Linda Dettmer

In Loving Memory of Michael E. & Deborah M. Dickson Ingrid and Greg Dickson and Family

> In Honor of Tom Foley In Loving Memory of William J. Foley Carol Foley

> > Happy Easter! Roz Fotos

In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder and Don and Betty Bushea Barb Fraunfelder

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents, Betty and Don Babics The Gigliotti & Kubancik Families

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents, JoAnn & Louis Gigliotti The Gigliotti Family

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents, Don and Lois Winch and Bill and Ruth Giuliano Bill and Beth Giuliano, Nicole and Luke Giuliano

In Loving Memory of Lois Anne Hampson Herb Hampson

In Loving Memory of Charles and Thelma Hawk In Loving Memory of Richard and Sally Mack Dale and Cathy Hawk

> For the Joy of our Grandchildren: Riley, Jack, Lacey, Ella, and Henry Cathy and Dale Hawk

In Loving Memory of our Parents, Franklin and Beatrice Jefferis and Paul and Dorothy Jackson Rev. Pat and Frank Jefferis



In Celebration of the lives of Erik O. Jannsohn, James J. Joyce Sr. and Mary Joyce-Smith Eric R. Jannsohn, Aimee J. Jannsohn, and Brooke M. Akins Irene A. Jannsohn, Ingrid and Greg Dickson, Irene and Jim Joyce

Some have much; Some have nothing, but we have each other. God is Good. Love to Family and Friends Bobbie and Wayne Krisak

In Memory of Mary and William Hackman and Winifred and Carl Lerch Susann and Bruce Lerch

> In celebration of the Life of Christ and his faithful disciples at Strongsville UCC. May we continue to worship and honor God together. Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

> > Blessings on Easter Audrey McQueen

In Loving Memory of our loved ones in their Heavenly Home With love, Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

> Easter Blessings to our Family and Friends! George and Judi Pavisich

In Memory of Family Members Paul and Eileen Mlincek, Dale Mlincek George Reed Sr. and Marie Wolf George and Joyce Reed

In Loving Memory of Peter and Edna Lansell In Loving Memory of LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie Bill and Dorothy Richie

In Loving Memory of Our Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clements In Loving Memory of Our Parents, Roger and Lorna Robinson In Loving Memory of Our Aunt Rhea Clements Becky and Bill Robinson

> In Memory of Rev. and Mrs. George A. Smith In Honor of the Ukranian People In Honor of All Special Olympians Peter R. Smith

In Gratitude and Joy, we remember our friend and family: Tad and Gen Thorn, Bernice Cooper, Susan Stevenson Tressa, Charles Garner, Jan Stough, and Mike Lucan

Sandy O'Shea, Doug, Schyler, Devin and Leo James Thorn

Easter Blessings to our Beautiful Grandchildren John and Barbara Toth

> In Loving Memory of Donna Fargo Sarah Toth

In Honor of our Granddaughter, Elizabeth Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko

For our Grandchildren: Isaac, Jonah, Luke, Leila, and Hannah Mike and Mary Willis

In Loving Memory of David Woodward Carol Woodward

In Loving Memory of Bob Zimmerman Mary Ellen Zimmerman