

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Congregational)  
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Pastor

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## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" –Acts 1:8*

#### Now what?

The shopping is done. Everything has been wrapped, and then unwrapped. Squeals of joy and sighs of delight have (hopefully) become quiet purrs of cooperative contentment.

We waited, wandering for a *whole month*, drawing ever nearer to the cradle and the babe it holds. Shepherds, angels, kings—all have come and paid their respects, honoring them with their gifts and talents. The star has faded back into the galaxies.

Now what? After all the build-up, after all the hype, what are we supposed to do now?

The church drifts back into the season known as "ordinary time." The liturgical color is green, the color of vibrancy and growth. When the excitement begins, transformation begins.

Howard Thurman's poem, "The Work of Christmas," sums it up perfectly:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.*

As the New Year begins, roll up your sleeves and prepare to plant seeds of loving change in your little corner of the world. God is still speaking, still sending gentle nudges to our hearts. Are we paying attention?

Love, Hope, Joy and Peace,  
Pastor Heidi

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – 10 a.m.**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

**New Year's Day**

**Greeter: Judi Pavisich**  
**Liturgist: Ingrid Dickson**  
**Ushers: Volunteers needed**  
**Special Music: Music team**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 – 10 a.m.**

*First Sunday after Epiphany*

**Sacrament of Communion**



**Greeter: Volunteer needed**  
**Liturgist: Elaine Coffey**  
**Ushers: Volunteers needed**  
**Special Music: Chancel Choir**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 – 10 a.m.**

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**Greeter: Volunteer needed**

**Liturgist: Tom Gaumer**  
**Ushers: Volunteers needed**  
**Special Music: Chancel Choir**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 – 10 a.m.**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**Greeter: Volunteer needed**

**Liturgist: Judi Pavisich**  
**Ushers: Volunteers needed**  
**Special Music: Bell Choir**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – 10 a.m.**

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**Penny Sunday**

**Greeter: Volunteer needed**  
**Liturgist: Matilda Sekorky**  
**Ushers: Volunteers needed**  
**Special Music: Chancel Choir**  
**ANNUAL MEETING following worship**



**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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), go to **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**. **HERE'S THE LINK TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos>  
**Thanks to Doug Thorn for posting these each week!**



**PENNY SUNDAY**



Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Penny Sunday collection. In November, we collected \$211.65 for Together We Rise, helping youth transitioning out of foster care. Save those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and yes, DOLLARS for our next Penny Sunday collection, **January 29, 2023!**

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the Children's Pageant, "When Christmas Comes,"**

Directed by Sarah Hayes & Rachel Zielinski  
 Music: Tom Foley Narrator: Irene Joyce  
 GUY 1: Oliver Sekorky MARY: McKenzi Abruzzino  
 GUY 2: Luke Giuliano JOSEPH: Aidan Hurtig  
 LADY 1: Matilda Sekorky ANGEL 1: Autumn Schneider  
 LADY 2: Riley Marshall ANGEL 2: Lacey Marshall  
 KID 1: Oliver Zielinski ANGEL 3: Ella Hayes  
 KID 2 Penny Zielinski SHEPHERD 1: Jack Hayes  
 BELL KID: Henry Hayes SHEPHERD 2: Chris Abruzzino  
 HOPEFUL ANGEL: Ember Schneider  
 JOYFUL ANGEL: Alaya Hitchens  
 PEACEFUL ANGEL: Veronica Kerns  
 FAITHFUL ANGEL: Olivia Kerns  
 WANDERING SHEPHERD: Elliott Joyce  
 Song: "When Christmas Comes" Music: Tom Foley  
 Lyrics: Irene Joyce & Ingrid Dickson

**Special Thanks** to Elena Joyce for writing the script, to our Sunday School teachers Linda Elkins, Lora Rung, and Serena Abruzzino, to Sarah Hayes, Amanda Marshall, and Rachel Zielinski for their assistance, and of course, our Sunday School families.



**Welcome "New" Members**

We welcome the return of members **Rev. Patricia (Pat)** and **Frank Jefferis**. They are transferring back from Middleburg Heights Community Church. Pat has already filled in for Pastor Heidi in October and Frank has been singing with the choir for the Advent and Christmas season. We are so happy to have them as a part of our church family!



**MUSIC NOTES**

Many thanks to the **Bell Choir** and the **Chancel Choir**, **Carol Foley**, **Ken**

**Mehalko**, **Sarah Keenen**, **Dave Williams**, **Sandy O'Shea**, **Lisa Heinrich** and of course, **Tom Foley**, **Sharon Heinrich**, and **Mike Elkins** for their music in December.

Extra Special Thanks to the **Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band** with **Cindy Smith** for their terrific concert last month, as well as the organizers and helpers for the wine and cheese reception following the show. Thanks to the exceptional support of our church family and the community, we brought in \$1,160.00 for the Music Ministry.

We are so grateful to everyone who participated in the exquisite cantata, "Peace" by Joel Raney, presented by our Chancel Choir and the Chancel Choir of the Columbia United Methodist Church. **Tom Foley** directed, with **Mike Elkins** leading the band of **Bob Faulkner** (electric guitar), **Robert Foley** (percussion), **Brian King** (bass guitar), and our own **Sharon Heinrich** (keyboard). Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make that performance so wonderful, particularly our friends from Columbia UMC and **Marcia Wonnacott**.

**PANERA PALS**



Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters and sorters: **Judy Carte**, **Neal Flowerman**, **Maria Graeff**, **Linda & Mike Elkins**, **Linda Kapcar**, **Sharon Lempner**, and **Rick & Cherie Teagno**, who continue to make the Panera Bread ministry possible!

**BEE A BUSY BEE IN 2023**

Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for **your name** to be added as a greeter or 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.



**CHURCH CHRISTMAS MAIL BOX**

Please take a look and see if any greetings are left for you in the church family mailbox. Cards will be discarded in mid-January.



**NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN**

Did you know? The "tip jar" you see next to the coffee on Sunday mornings is there for a reason. The "tips" go directly to keeping the coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, etc., supplied. Your generosity is appreciated!



Did you know that **Gina Cathcart** and **Bill Ritchie** procured the pumpkins for the Sunday School decorating party? Thank you so much—the kids (and adults) loved them!

Did you know that **Nancy Liszak**, one of our Free Lunch volunteers and daughter of the late Ed Anderson, has been delivering our food donations to the Strongsville Food Bank every month? Thank you very much, Nancy!

Did you know that **Linda Ponstingle** made the HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE signs for the advent season? They looked so nice hanging on the entrance door and then in the sanctuary. Thanks so much, Linda!

Did you know that **Doug Thorn** installed a beautiful chair rail in the sanctuary behind the choir chairs? You may not notice it right away, but it was a much needed addition to our choir loft. Thanks, Doug!

**DON'T FORGET!**

Even though Christmas has passed, you may still need to shop online. Why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy!



Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church. To date, our church has received **\$622.53**.

**GIFT CARDS PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT THIS EASY, CONVENIENT**



**PROGRAM THAT BENEFITS THE CHURCH.** You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**



Girl Scout Troop #71363 has placed, and will be stocking and maintaining a weather-proof box with hygiene items on the church's property for people in need. The "Hygiene Library," is located on the lawn facing Royalton Road

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Please provide updates for this list to the church office. Thank you.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Sue Hawk, Paul Hirt, Charles Jannshon, Bruce Keenen, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozelski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Maggie Struhar, Sharon Wilson, Dave Williams, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Rachel Zielinski, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), 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), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by severe weather

**EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN—OPT IN**

**Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.**  
[h.e.denman@gmail.com](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)

**Thank you** to the Memorial Fund and the Thrift Shop and everyone who supports these aspects of our church's ministry, who enabled the purchase of Charley the Camel and Melchior the Magi to add to our outdoor Nativity scene.



## MISSION-OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank has always been supported by our congregation.

Please remember, we do not accept expired goods. The needs for the food bank in January would be large sized peanut butter and jelly and soup.

## ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

If you move or change your phone number, please be so kind as to let the church office know—thanks!

Tom Gaumer 440-781-3772

Judy Gaumer 440-823-8274

Brandi Garsteck

4191 Magnolia Drive  
Brunswick, OH 44212

Rev. Becky & Jack Stephenson

4207 Dunhagen Road  
Greenville, NC 27858

Paul Hirt

Altenheim Senior Living  
18827 Shurmer Road #309  
Strongsville, OH 44136



## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on  
Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Come and see lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted during those hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 5, 2023.**

Special thanks to all our dedicated volunteers!

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR LAST MONTH

The altar flowers are given—

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

*In honor of our children and grandchildren*

Love, Barb & Mark Camp

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

*In loving memory of my parents, Alma and Caleb Higgins—Diana Creecy*

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

*In honor of all the lost souls in the world that cannot be with us this season—The Abruzzino Family*

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Poinsettias*



THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL. Please sign up for fresh flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or just for yourself. Cost is \$30 for two vases; \$15 for one vase.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **January 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Wednesdays

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

We received a Making A Difference Grant of \$815 through the Heartland Conference of the UCC!

Reminder: For the safety of our volunteers and friends, when the Strongsville City Schools are closed on a Wednesday for the weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be serving lunch.



## STEEPLE LIGHTING

**Week of December 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Happy, happy birthday to the Pastor's Wife, Chuck McDougall! Always loved, always missed.*

*In memory of my grandmother, Jane C. Graves--Roberta Carpenter*

**Week of December 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Happy Birthday to Bill Craig on December 17<sup>th</sup>—Love, Mom*

**Week of December 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Happy Anniversary to Ryan & Tony Craig on December 24<sup>th</sup>!—With Love, Grammy*  
*To celebrate Jonathan's Birthday today, my mother's heavenly birthday on December 24<sup>th</sup>, my great-grandson Cayden's Birthday on December 28<sup>th</sup>, and Rachel's Birthday on December 30<sup>th</sup>!*  
Dianne & John Maringer

**Week of December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Wishing my church family and friends a wonderful Christmas and a great year ahead!*  
With love, Lola Millhoane

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Multiple dedications are welcomed for each week.

Please email [strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com). Thank you to everyone who lights our steeple!



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**—Thank

you to everyone who supported the Women's Fellowship Candy Sale! We made a profit of \$425 for Laura's Home!

**CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM**

If you like to cook . . . or bake . . . or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate is organizing a Pastoral Care Ministry Team and would LOVE to have you take part! (You do not need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)



**PHONE A FRIEND!**

Are you interested in praying for others, but don't use email? Your Church Family Care Team has a number of folks who are willing to call you, typically once a week, to share with you the prayer requests Pastor Heidi shares via email. Please let **Linda Ponstingle** know.

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**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022**

*Elected January 30, 2022 \* = 1 year term  
\*\*appointed by the Official Board*

**Moderator:** Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry

**Treasurer:** Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

**Sunday School Co-Superintendents**

Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

**Board of Trustees**

Myron Costin Diana Creecy Bill Giuliano\*  
Herb Hampson Dale Hawk Sarah Hayes  
Sandy Pogozelski\* Dave Sekorky Ed Sobek\*  
Rachel Zielinski

**Endowment Fund Subcommittee**

Greg Dickson Linda Stepan Joyce Reed\*

**Diaconate**

Teri Barbish Barbara Camp\* Elaine Coffey  
Cathy Hawk\* Linda Kapcar Bobbie Krisak  
Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle Cheryl Sobek\*  
Cherie Teagno Barbara White\*  
Mary Ellen Zimmerman\*\*

**Christian Education Committee**

Serena Abruzzino\* Mary Densmore  
Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

**Music Committee**

Richard Densmore Ingrid Dickson  
Pam Keenen\* Ken Mehalko\* Rob Stepan  
*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

**Stewardship Committee**

Sue Gliotti\* Beth Giuliano\* Judi Pavisich  
Bill Schneider\*\* Richard Taylor Rob Toth

**Mission and Outreach Committee**

Judy Carte\* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak Lora Rung\*  
Jennifer Sekorky Peter Smith \*\* Bev Wehr\*

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**ANNUAL MEETING**



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place Sunday, **January 29, 2023**, and will be preceded by the traditional Pancake Brunch. All are

encouraged to attend this meeting.



**FINANCIAL OFFICERS OF CHURCH GROUPS:**

Please turn in your financial statements to the Auditing Committee through the church office by January 8, 2023.

It is extremely important that all books be audited before

the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023. All organizations are required to submit:

**THANKS!**

1. ALL bank books (savings and/or checking).
2. ALL bank statements for each month for each account. Checking accounts statements should show completed reconciliation on the back.
3. ALL monthly recap forms.
4. ALL bank deposit slips, withdrawal slips and bank check receipts (if received), attached to monthly recap forms.
5. ALL receipts and bills paid.
6. Copy of Annual Financial Report (original provided to church office for Annual Report).



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**WOULD YOU LIKE A WAY TO SERVE GOD AND SERVE YOUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME? How about volunteering to serve on a church board or committee?**

The Nominating Committee, through the Official Board, will be looking for church members to fill the many open positions on our boards. Please consider saying **YES** when a member of the Nominating Committee asks you to serve. Some of the positions that are available include:

**Treasurer:** Manages the outgoing finances of the church in conjunction with the Financial Secretary

**Diaconate,** which oversees the worship operations and church services. The committees of the Diaconate are Acolytes, Altar, Coffee Hour, Funeral, Greeters, Membership, Nursery, Pastoral Relations, Special Events and Ushers.

**Board of Trustees,** which oversees the finances and physical plant of the church. The committees of the Trustees are Building and Grounds, Finance, and Long-Range Planning and Memorial/Endowment.

**Mission & Outreach,** which sponsors projects and our church's benevolence in the local, national, and international communities, including the 5 for 5 offerings through the United Church of Christ

**Stewardship,** which administers a yearly campaign to assess and inspire giving of time, talent, and treasure

**Christian Education,** which oversees the Sunday School and Adult Education programs

**Music Committee,** which supervises all aspects of the Music Ministry

Remember the old but true saying, *Many hands make light work.* Plan to be a part of one of these boards or committees. Thank you for your consideration.

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# Annual Report



Attention Chairs of all Church Organizations, Boards, and Committees:

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE VIA EMAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 8, 2023.**

Please be so kind as to submit your report in a Word document to [strongsvilleucc@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvilleucc@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

## GIVING OPTIONS



If you are interested in giving electronically, you can set up your giving through Bill Pay on your bank's website or on our church's

website: [www.strongsvilleucc.com](http://www.strongsvilleucc.com). You may also mail a check to Strongsville UCC 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.

## FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY—Mike Elkins

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from **October 30 through November 20, 2022. Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.**



Offering Needed \$14,597.48 for 4 Sundays  
 Offering Received 15,617.00  
 +\$1,019.52

**Pledge cards received so far for 2023: 62**

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE! You may pledge anytime. 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN S.O.C.K.S.

Service Offering Community Kindness Sanctuary  
 Strongsville United Church of Christ  
 2023 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2023:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each

week  month  other \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_



I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking account.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL ALL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

February 17-19, 2023

Templed Hills Camp  
 in Bellville, Ohio



The Church's Annual All-Family

Winter Retreat will take place on President's Day weekend 2023: The sign-up sheet to attend and the sign-up sheet for things to bring and to volunteer will soon be posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Please reserve your spot and room now, as rooms will be first-come, first-served. The cut-off to sign up—January 8<sup>th</sup>—will be strictly enforced. Space is limited to 14 families. Also, please let us know if you have any special dietary needs. Finally, those that wish to come down on Saturday only—we would be happy to have you there, but we also need your reservation by January 8<sup>th</sup>, and the cost is \$10 per meal. Please contact Irene Joyce or Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.



### Here is the cost:

ADULTS (12 and up): \$75  
 CHILDREN (6-11): \$20  
 CHILDREN (5 and under): FREE

### Important dates to remember:

JANUARY 8, 2023: Reservations close; **MONEY DUE**

JANUARY 8, 2023: Special dietary needs reported  
 FEBRUARY 12, 2022: Retreat planning meeting in the church after the worship service



To the Glory of God,  
the Christmas Eve  
poinsettias were given...



*In honor of our children and grandchildren: Brandt, Gelin,  
and Aidan Camp  
and Abby, Hunter, and Hannah Colao*  
**Mark and Barbara Camp**

*Merry Christmas to my parents, Bill and Dorothy Ritchie  
In memory of my grandparents, Pete & Edna Lansell  
and Leroy & Rusha Ritchie*  
**Gina Cathcart**

*In memory of Gordon Cockrell  
Harold & Wava Cockrell and Harry & Kathryn Johnson*  
**Kathy Cockrell**

*Remembering Lou  
Honoring our Sunday School Teachers  
For the People of Ukraine*  
**Diana Creecy**

*In loving memory of the Davis and Penasa families*  
**Roger and Judy Davis**

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

*In loving memory of Aimee J. Jannsohn, Eric R. Jannsohn,  
Michael E. & Deb Dickson, and Brooke M. Akins*  
**The Dickson-Joyce-Jannsohn Family**

*In loving memory of Bill Foley*  
**Carol Foley**

*In loving memory of Bill Fraunfelder  
and Don & Betty Bushea*  
**Barb Fraunfelder**

*In memory of our parents and grandparents,  
Donald & Betty Babics*  
**The Gigliotti and Kubancik Families**

*In memory of our parents and grandparents,  
Joanne & Louis Gigliotti, Sr.*  
**The Gigliotti Family**

*In memory of our parents and grandparents  
Don & Lois Winch and Bill & Ruth Giuliano*  
**Bill, Beth, Nicole, and Luke Giuliano**

*In loving memory of Charles & Thelma Hawk  
In loving memory of Richard & Sally Mack*  
**Dale and Cathy Hawk**

*In loving memory of our parents Franklin & Beatrice  
Jefferis and Paul & Dorothy Jackson  
In honor of our daughters Melanie Bowling and Stephanie  
Miles and their families*  
**Frank & Pat Jefferis**

*In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn  
and Mary Joyce-Smith & James J. Joyce, Sr.*  
**The Joyce-Jannsohn-Dickson Family**

*Merry Christmas, Trevor and Abby!*  
**Love, Aunt Sarah Keenen**

*In loving memory of the Pastor's Wife.  
Your hugs, your laughter, your dancing, your ministry will  
be missed*  
**Pastor Heidi and Family**

*In memory of John B. Millhoane from your loving family  
In loving memory of all our loved ones*  
**Lola Millhoane**

*In loving memory of our loved ones*  
**Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz**

*With love and blessings to all of our families and friends*  
**Judi and George Pavisich**

*In memory of Mac & Elsie DeWitt, Elton & Virginia Bedford,  
Walter & Agnes Perciak, and Sarah Perciak*  
**Tom & Debbie Perciak**

*In loving memory of Pete and Edna Lansell  
In loving memory of LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie*  
**Bill and Dorothy Ritchie**

*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 loving memory of our parents and grandparents,  
Jean & Joe Rung, and Willie Mae & Jimmy Lee Cuyler*  
**Lora, Sam, Samuel, and Braxden**

*A very Merry Christmas to our church family  
In loving memory of Walter and Geneva Thorn, Bernice  
Cooper, Mike Lucan, Charlie Garner, Susan Stevenson  
Tressa, and Jan Stough,*  
**Sandy O'Shea, Schyler, Devin, and Doug Thorn and family**

*In loving memory of Steve Herzog*  
**Sarah Toth**

*Love to our children and grandchildren*  
**Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko**

*In loving memory of Hilda & Carl Winch  
and Don & Lois Winch*  
**Marty and Lori**

*In loving memory of Bob Zimmerman*  
**Mary Ellen Zimmerman**





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**MISSION OUTREACH  
BREAKING NEWS:**

**Our church is going to be working in partnership with St. Joseph Strongsville Welcome Circle for Ukraine**

We are excited to announce that a group of us (St Joseph church and Strongsville UCC) are coming together to help a Ukrainian family escape danger and uncertainty due to the ongoing war. We are committed to providing support and guidance during the 2-year Uniting for Ukraine program by helping this young family assimilate to life in Northeast Ohio and guiding them towards self-sufficiency. If you would like to help us respond to this extraordinary humanitarian need or learn more, please contact **Sarah Hayes** as mission outreach coordinator with this project. We have a list of household items that are needed as well as opportunities to donate money. The family is humbled and very grateful for this opportunity and we are grateful to everyone for their support and prayers.

