

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Congregational)  
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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall**  
Pastor

## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better person. —Benjamin Franklin*

#### Out with the old!

You know, it seems as if each year over the past several years has tried to outdo the previous one. First there was COVID, in all its isolation and illness and fear. Then in the wake of that, the nations have found one reason after another to go to war. The latest incarnation of war in Gaza is one in which there truly will be no winners; and yet the fighting goes on, and children and innocents on all sides continue to die. Friends in Ukraine wonder if we have forgotten about them. (No, we have not!)

Now, as 2023 draws to a close and we begin contemplating New Year's resolutions, I invite you to meditate on some resolutions Almighty God made a long time ago, and which God continues to honor, to, these millennia later. From the Book of Revelation, as found in *The Message*:

*"Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making a home with men and women! They're God's people, he's their God. God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone."*

As mere humans, we can lose sight of the Bigger Picture. But in the midst of turmoil and confusion, I simply want to remind you: God has been faithful in the past, and God will remain faithful to us, God's children, for all time. So bid 2023 a fond farewell, and trust in the Lord to make 2024 as good as it gets!

Peace, Love and always Hope,

Pastor Heidi

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – 10 a.m.**

*The Baptism of Christ*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Greeter: Linda Plain  
Liturgist: Elaine Coffey**

**Ushers: Volunteers needed  
Special Music: Chancel Choir**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 – 10 a.m.**

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**Greeter: Barbara Toth  
Liturgist: Sandy O'Shea**

**Ushers: Roz Fotos  
Special Music: Chancel Choir**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – 10 a.m.**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**Greeter: Pam & Doug Hansen  
Liturgist: Dan Winrod**

**Ushers: Volunteers needed  
Special Music: Chancel Choir**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – 10 a.m.**

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**Penny Sunday**

**Greeter: Susann Lerch  
Liturgist: Tom Gaumer  
Ushers: Volunteers needed  
Special Music: Bell Choir**



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**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**, 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.**

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### ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE!

As we seek to walk ever more closely with Jesus and welcome all without question or singling anyone out, we will now be offering gluten-free bread to ALL who come forward to the Table for Holy Communion. ALL means ALL at The United Church of Christ (Congregational)!



**Become Part of Our Church Family**

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in joining our

**congregation?** Pastor Heidi will be offering a membership class in the near future. Please contact her or the church office if you would like to become a member of the Strongsville UCC.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

**Chairs of church organizations:** Annual reports are to be submitted electronically and are due in the church office on **January 7, 2024**. Please be kind an email your reports in on time. Thank you!!!

Once completed, Annual Reports will be available for pickup prior to the Annual Meeting.



### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place Sunday, **January 28, 2024**, 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 7, 2024**. It is extremely important that all books be audited before the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024. All organizations are required to submit:

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).

Thank you for your cooperation.

### IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers to the family and friends of **Marie Bury**, who died on December 21, 2023. She was 96 years old. Although she was not officially on the membership rolls of our church, she was a blessing to our congregation.



We have received word that **Ken Konicek** died on December 25, 2023. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends, and especially to his wife, **Kay**. The Koniceks joined the church in 2018 and have been living in South Carolina for a couple of years. A celebration of Ken's life at the church is being planned for February.

### THANK YOU NOTES

On behalf of the entire Lerch family, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to the church family and Strongsville UCC for the cards, prayers, and kindness during the difficult days of losing our loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and coach, Bruce Lerch. **Susann Lerch**



### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Good News!

Directed by Sarah Hayes & Rachel Zielinski

Music: Tom Foley

ANCHOR 1: Oliver Zielinski

ANCHOR 2: Jack Hayes

MARY: Riley Marshall

JOSEPH: Jack Hayes

ROVING REPORTER: Penny Zielinski

SHEPHERD 1: Luke Giuliano

SHEPHERD 2: Everett Ashforth

SHEPHERD 3: Oliver Zielinski

ANGEL 1: Lacey Marshall

ANGEL 2: Ella Hayes

ANGEL 3: Autumn Schneider

ANGEL 4: Alaya Hitchens

GOOD NEWS ANGELS: Ember Schneider, Lena Ashforth

WANDERING SHEPHERD: Elliott Joyce

LITTLE LAMB: Henry Hayes

Songs: "Big Things" and "I've Got a Message"

Music: Tom Foley

Lyrics: Irene Joyce & Ingrid Dickson

**Thanks** to Elena Joyce for writing the script, to our Sunday School teachers: Linda Elkins, Mary Densmore, Lora Rung, and Serena Abruzzino, to Sarah Hayes, Brandi Garsteck, and Rachel Zielinski for their assistance, our Sunday School families.



## PENNY SUNDAY.



Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday on **January 28, 2024.**

Money collected will go to our own Retreat expenses via the Official Board.

## BOOK STUDY A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD



Continuing on **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Heidi and Linda Elkins are leading a monthly book study based on Rachel Held Evans's wonderful book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. Based on Old Testament rituals and practices, the book chronicles Rachel's attempts to follow these ancient practices in a modern world. The group will meet on the **third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**, for one hour. It's not too late to join us! **DECEMBER MAKE-UP DATE IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> AFTER WORSHIP!**

## OUR PRAYER LIST

*Please provide updates for this list to the church office.*

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

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Jennifer Cockrell, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Carole Kapcar, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfritz, Gary Paul, George Pavisich, Dan Ponstingle, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Peter Smith, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



**Extended Church Family:** Edward and Sharon Acton (Sally Herzog's friends), Dorene Baldrige, Ron & Yvonne Adams (Judi Pavisich's friends), Chris Anderson (Linda & Mike Elkins' son-in-law), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Angie Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Kim Filiautraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjzic (Judi Pavisich's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), Don Wills (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence, those affected by natural disasters

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

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS MAIL BOX

Please remember to check for any greetings. Cards left after the first week of January will be discarded. Thank you.



## PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

The proof was approved and sent in on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**, so production is underway. **Folks who were photographed receive a free copy. Extra directories may be purchased for \$10 each.**

## ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

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



### Kay Konicek

514 Robert Daniel Drive #240  
Daniel Island, SC 29492



Did you know that **Scott Harper** and his son, **Kevin**, came out and fixed the light on the steps to the parking lot in one day? Thanks for your speedy service, gentlemen!

Did you know that **Myron Costin**, who said YES when asked to be Santa's helper and suit up as our visitor from the North Pole on December 17<sup>th</sup>! You're the best, Myron!



## MUSIC NOTES

Thank you so much to **Sarah Keenen, Sharon Heinrich (with Jim), Ingrid Dickson (with Greg), and Irene Joyce (with Jim)** who set up, served, and cleaned up the reception for our Swingin' Sounds of the Season Jazz concert. Thanks to **Pam & Bruce Keenen**, who donated the wine, to everyone who contributed finger foods, to our sound crew, and especially, to **Ken Mehalko** and the Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band's musicians and **Cindy Smith**, who donated their time and talent! We made \$1,135 for our Music Ministry program. Many thanks to **the Bell Choir, the Chancel Choir (Richard Densmore, Ingrid Dickson, Jackie Foley, Craig Hardy, Frank Jefferis, Irene Joyce, Bruce Keenen, Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Carol Konet, Sharon Maresco, Sandy O'Shea, Sarah Toth, Robert Toth, Dave Williams, Mike Willis), Ken Mehalko, Carol Foley, Sarah Keenen, Sandy O'Shea, Craig Hardy, Lisa Heinrich, James Foley, Karen Bates, McKenna Hassel** and of course, **Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich, and Mike Elkins** for their music in December.

## GIFT CARDS

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM

You may place orders by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-346-4161 in advance. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**





## PANERA PALS

Are you able to give less than an hour of your time on a Monday or Friday morning to pick up and/or sort Panera bread, bagels, and pastries? Please contact the church office if you can help with this worthwhile ministry. Thank you so much to our faithful bread transporters: Teri



Barbish, Carole Kapcar, Roz Fotos, Linda Elkins, Cherie Teagno, Wayne & Bobbi Cook, and Sharon Lempner, who are enabling the Panera Bread ministry to continue! Special thanks to Pastor Heidi, Cathy Hawk, and Irene Joyce who transport the bread and pastries downtown when needed.

## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Thank you to all our faithful volunteers!



The mayor of Strongsville, Tom Perciak, presented the church with a proclamation lauding our program on its 10 year anniversary!

## RIVER VALLEY PAPER RECYCLING

KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER, MAGAZINES, AND CARDBOARD (Please break down cardboard.) PRO TIP: The bin is usually emptied on Mondays.



## BE MORE IN 2024!

New 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.



## PLEASE DON'T FALL FOR

A SCAM! Pastor Heidi will never ask you for cash or gift cards via text or email. If there is a need, she will approach you in person.



**IMPORTANT INFO**—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.

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## 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!



## IN OUR COMMUNITY



Girl Scout Troop #71363 is stocking and maintaining a "Hygiene Library," which is located on the lawn near the parking lot facing Royalton Road.

## MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who donated hats, mittens, socks, and scarves to our Mitten Tree project. This year, the men's and women's items went to a homeless mission and the children's items went to Angel Tree ministries, which provides gifts and clothing to children whose parents are incarcerated.

**MISSION OUTREACH is collecting cans of soup now through Super Bowl Sunday (February 11<sup>th</sup>) for the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. Please bring your cans of any kind of soup and place them in the receptacle in Pilgrim Hall near the bulletin board.**



The Strongsville Food Bank is searching for a coordinator for the Food Bank. They are looking for a community-focused, compassionate, and detail-oriented individual who will oversee all aspects of the Strongsville Food Bank, guaranteeing smooth operations.

- Average weekly work hours: 30 hours, some weekends and evenings; Compensation: \$30-\$35k

Qualifications for this job include: a strong desire to help others, ability to effectively communicate with community members as well as volunteers, organizational skills and Word/Excel knowledge for record keeping. If you are interested or want more information about this position, please ask for a complete job description or send a resume and cover letter to [strongsvillefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:strongsvillefoodbank@gmail.com)

**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 canned veggies or ravioli.

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR LAST MONTH

The altar flowers are given—  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>

In memory of Steve Herzog and Tom Fargo's birthday on 12/3—Sally Herzog & Sarah Toth

December 10<sup>th</sup>

In remembrance of my twin, Karen Zeyn--Sharon Maresco

December 17<sup>th</sup>

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Joyce & George Reed

December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

See Christmas Poinsettia listing

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2024 IS NOW 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 \$36 for two vases; \$18 for one.

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>

In loving memory of Alfred "Jiggs" Graves on his birthday, December 4<sup>th</sup>--Roberta Carpenter  
Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Elliott Joyce on December 9<sup>th</sup>!  
Love, your family

Week of December 10<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday today to Suzi Foley!  
Love, Tom, Jimmy, Jackie, & Bobby

Week of December 17<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday today to Bill Craig!  
With love, Mom

Week of December 24<sup>th</sup>

Happy Anniversary today to Ryan and Tony Craig!  
With love, Grammy

Wishing my church family and friends a very blessed, healthy, happy Christmas and New Year—Lola Millhoane  
Wishing a Merry Christmas to all!

May 2024 bring you love, joy, hope and peace.

--Barb Fraunfelder and Dennis Smith

Week of December 31<sup>st</sup>

Happy Birthday to Kristen Kohler on January 2<sup>nd</sup>!  
Your family

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—



All ladies are invited to **Game Day** on **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 1 p.m. and **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m.

January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.



## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** every Thursday 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.

As always, special thanks to our dedicated volunteers and to everyone who supports the Thrift Shop with donations or by shopping!

**THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> and JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



## 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.)

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **January 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

## 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.strongsvilleuuc.com](http://www.strongsvilleuuc.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

Gary Zielinski

Below is a monthly report listing the budget income we need to receive from Pledges and Offerings and the amount received from December 3 through December 24, 2023. Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.



Offering Needed \$14,468.04 for 4 Sundays  
Offering Received \$18,622.50  
+\$ 4,154.46

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 50



**ANNUAL FAMILY WINTER RETREAT  
February 16-18, 2024**

Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio  
The Church's Annual All-Family Winter  
Retreat will take place on President's Day

weekend 2024. As you may already know, Templed Hills is being sold and this will be our last Retreat at that location—Let's make it the best ever! 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 7<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 7<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 7, 2024: Reservations close; **MONEY DUE**
- FEBRUARY 4, 2024: Retreat planning meeting in the church after the worship service

**CHURCH OFFICERS IN 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\*  
Carole Kapcar\* Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle  
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\* Mike Willis\*  
*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

**Stewardship Committee**

Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider\* Richard Taylor  
Rob Toth Mary Willis\*

**Mission and Outreach Committee**

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



**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:

**Moderator**, who presides over the Official Board and represents the church in the community

**Vice-Moderator**, who works in tandem with the Moderator, serves on the Nominating Committee, and enlists volunteers for dinners and other Official Board events.

**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.



**Due to a bank change,  
all checks to the church should be  
made out to **United Church of  
Christ or UCC or United Church of****

**Christ (Congregational). Please do not use  
"Strongsville" or "SUCC" in the "Pay to the  
Order of" line. Thanks!**

**2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

**M.A.P.L.E.**



- M- Making and moving
- A- Accepting and Acknowledging
- P- People
- L - Learning and Loving
- E- Encompassing

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE FOR 2024!**



To the Glory of God,  
the poinsettias are given...



*In honor of our loved ones in heaven and the lost souls with  
no one for the holidays.*

*Most importantly, Happy Birthday, Jesus!*  
**Abruzzino-Krisak Familia**

*In honor of all my grandchildren with joy!*  
**Teri Barbish**

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

*In loving memory of Debbie Churnega Krause-miss you!*  
**With Love, Mom & Kenn**

*In loving memory of the Davis-Heglund family  
In loving memory of the Penasa-Demichei family*  
**Roger and Judy Davis**

*In memory of family and friends*  
**Jim and Linda Dettmer**

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

*In loving memory of Bill Fraunfelder*  
**Barb Fraunfelder**

*In memory of my beloved husbands  
John Kompa and Don Garber  
and Mom & Dad, Mary & John Sainsbury*  
**Nancy Garber**

*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 William & Ruth Giuliano-always in our hearts*  
**Bill, Beth, and Luke Giuliano  
Nicole and Brett Wade**

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

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

*In loving memory of June & Joseph Harshey,  
Frank & Rose Kapcar  
and Linda Kapcar*  
**Frank and Carole Kapcar**

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

*In memory of Uncle Jimmy & mom, Caroline Davis*  
**Kristen and Brian Kohler**

*In loving memory of Charles Angus McDougall,  
aka the Pastor's Wife.*  
**Pastor Heidi**

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

*In memory of Gregory Perciak, Sarah Perciak,  
Max & Elsie DeWitt,  
Elton & Virginia Bedford,*  
**Tom and Debbie Perciak**

*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 Joe & Marian Davis,  
Rudy & Mary Penasa  
Dolores & Orrville Marshall, and Betty Sekorky*  
**The Sekorky Family**

*In memory of Rev. & Mrs. George A. Smith  
In honor of all Special Olympians*  
**Peter Smith**

*The Blessings of Christmas on all our church family and  
friends, and in loving memory of Bernice Cooper, Tad and  
Gen Thorn, Susan Tressa, Charles Garner, Mike, Lucan, Jan  
Stough, and in honor of Alan Van Kramer*  
**Sandy O'Shea, Doug, Schyler, Devin, and Leo Thorn**

*With loving thoughts and prayers for our grandchildren  
(all 10 of them)*  
**Barbara and John Toth**

*In loving memory of Steve Herzog  
Bill & Jane Herzog and Tom & Donna Fargo*  
**Sarah Toth**

*In loving memory of those who have passed before us*  
**Carol Woodward**

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





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