

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Congregational)
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Pastor

Worship 10 a.m. (+online)

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Go ahead and ask.

Recently someone came to me asking "for a friend" why we have a cross in our sanctuary, instead of a crucifix like they were used to in their Catholic sanctuary. (They said their friend was afraid to ask me themselves. Am I really that scary?)

I explained that as Protestants, we worship a *risen* Christ, so the cross is empty. They then asked me why the Catholics have a crucifix, since they also believe in the Resurrection.

I did not know the answer. But I knew who to ask: My friend and colleague, Fr. Joe Mamich. I sent Fr. Joe an email-- and was so glad I did! Here is his response:

The crucifix has been the traditional sign and statement of our faith in God's love and mercy. It reminds us that Jesus never promised his followers an easy life (Matt. 16:24) but that if we join our sufferings to his, we too we ultimately triumph as he did. Sometimes, I've heard people say that using a crucifix denies his Resurrection, but I do not think that it does, just as an empty cross doesn't deny his suffering.

Just think: if no one had asked, we might have never learned this fact about our siblings in Christ! Questions, when asked with love and respect, are a terrific learning tool. The more we learn about one another, the closer we become as the Family of Christ.

So go ahead: ask me anything (well, okay—not *anything*. . .). Let's continue to learn and love *together* as we journey closer to the Cross, remembering that we are never alone as we walk.

Peace, Love and Hope,
Pastor Heidi

P. S. While on the subject of questions . . . a few folks asked me to share with them the words of Henri Nouwen that I offered in a sermon (June 25, 2023). If there are a few folks who asked, I always assume there are others wishing *they* had asked. So here is the reflection from Henri Nouwen, which I invite you to meditate on at day's end before bed:

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I speak words of healing? Did I let go of anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and in the life to come.



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)!

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers go out to Kristen & Brian Kohler on the death of Kristen's great grandfather, **James Burgess** in Tennessee on June 10, 2023. He was 94 years old.



MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Megan (Dickson)** and **Jacob Geiermann**, who were married on June 3, 2023 in Michigan. Megan is the daughter of **Greg** and **Ingrid Dickson**.

Graveside Memorial Service for Paul E. Hirt: Saturday, July 15th at Strongsville Cemetery. Meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. and we will proceed to the gravesite.

Paul, a United States Army Veteran, died January 4, 2023 and his ashes will be buried with military honors. He was a 63 year member of our congregation.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, JULY 2 – 10 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

Greeter: Linda Plain

Liturgist: Linda Ponstingle

Ushers: Frank Jefferis, Judi Pavisich

Special Music: Ken Mehalko, Robert Foley,
Carol Foley

Summer Sunday School: Irene Joyce



SUNDAY, JULY 9 – 10 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Jean Bittinger

Liturgist: Tom Gaumer

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Special Music: Satori Winds

Summer Sunday School: Mary Ellen
Zimmerman

SUNDAY, JULY 16 – 10 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Judi Pavisich

Liturgist: Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Ushers: Judi Pavisich

Special Music: Venner Clarinet Quartet

Summer Sunday School: Cathy Hawk

SUNDAY, JULY 23 – 10 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Linda Ponstingle

Liturgist: Mike Willis

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Special Music: Music Team, Ken Mehalko

Summer Sunday School: Volunteer needed

Guest Minister: Rev. Mary Willis

SUNDAY, JULY 30 – 10 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

Greeters: Judy & Roger Davis

Liturgist: Luke Giuliano

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Special Music: Music Team

& Special Guests



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.**

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 21st
from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.

AND

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd
from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.



Donations will be accepted starting July 2nd through July 20th.

We accept household items, home décor, sporting equipment, craft supplies, books, games, toys, small electronics, furniture, kitchenware and dishes, plus clothing & shoes (for the Thrift Shop)

We DO NOT accept liquids of any kind, hazardous materials, or large televisions.

Please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist it on the church." Also, please plan to carry your items yourself or bring a helper (or two). Thanks!

We'll need lots of volunteers, too—

On the days of the sale and every evening the week before, beginning around 6 p.m. and sorting until about 9 p.m.

Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can give a couple of hours of your time from July 16 - 20 (or just show up)!

WE ALSO NEED LARGE SHOPPING BAGS!

(Marc's Bags) If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office anytime.



BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday, July 21st before 6 p.m. or Saturday, July 22nd before 9 a.m.

PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 30th

On our church grounds following outdoor worship.

Please bring a lawn chair, and a salad, side dish, or

dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided.

Sign up with your side dish in Pilgrim Hall.

HAWAIIAN SHIRT CONTEST at the Picnic—wear your best colorful outfit! Prizes will be awarded!





NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES:
 The Board of Trustees welcomed **Brandi Garsteck** to our staff as Nursery Attendant. Our deepest thanks to **Amanda Marshall** for her many years of service!
 The repairs to the Royalton Road house following the Christmas Day water pipe burst and subsequent flood are complete! Our tenant is set to resume residence in July. Special thanks to **Ed Sobek** for overseeing this major project.

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, Barb Camp, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Bruce Lerch, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Bill Schneider. Peter Smith, John Toth, Sharon Wilson, Dave Williams, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Summer Sunday School!
 We still have some openings for Summer Sunday school teachers. All lessons and materials will be provided in

advance. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall or contact Linda Elkins for more information.

PENNY SUNDAY

Many, many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Penny Sunday collection for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Your contributions of \$345.00 will enable us to continue to provide gift cards for gas, groceries, etc., along with occasional assistance with utility bills to folks when life has simply hit them too hard. This is what being the Hands and Feet of Jesus is all about. --Pastor Heidi Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to SUCC) for our next Penny Sunday, **August 27th**.



Congratulations to Nina E. Jannsohn, recipient of the 2023 Sunday School scholarship.

Extended Church Family: Edward and Sharon Acton (Sally Herzog's friends), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Angie Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Garipey (Sally Herzog's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Bill Luca (Marianne's husband), 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), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), Weston (Chelsey Cathcart Cox's friend's son), Don Wills (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, 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

THANK YOU NOTES



I am so grateful to my church family for all the cards, prayers, and food during my recent surgery and recovery. I am truly blessed—I love my church! **Ingrid Dickson**

Dear Strongsville UCC and the Sunday School, I was so honored to receive the Sunday School Scholarship. It will certainly be a help to me as I begin my college adventure at Kent State University. I also want to express my thanks for the abundant welcome I got when I attended the church service. I have so many great memories of the church and now I have another one!
 Sincerely, **Nina Jannsohn**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



Are you interested in joining our congregation? Pastor Heidi will be offering a membership class in the fall. Please contact her or the church office if you would like to become a member of the Strongsville UCC.



Did you know that **Greg Dickson** donates and installs the sanitary units in all of the toilets in the building? Thank you, Greg!

Did you know that **John Marshall, Sr.** repaired the header on the parking lot door at a moment's notice? Thanks for coming to the rescue and making sure we can get in and out of the building, John!



DIACONATE "WING" NIGHT

We made over \$4,300 for the church thanks to everyone's participation. Stay tuned for an even more fun Wing Night next year!

MUSIC NOTES



Many thanks to the the **Chancel Choir** (**Bruce Keenen, Dave Williams, Mike Willis, Richard Densmore, Rob Toth, Clay Williams,**

Sarah Keenen, Irene Joyce, Pam Keenen, Ingrid Dickson, Sharon Maresco, Sarah Toth, and Sandy O'Shea, our supplemental singers, **Craig Hardy, Jackie Foley, Marianne Luca, Pastor Heidi, and Barb Fraunfelder,** and Thursday members **Bobbi & Wayne Cook), Dave Williams, Richard Densmore, Garrett Brezina, Jackie Foley,** and of course, **Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich, and Mike Elkins** their music in June.

CALLING ALL SINGERS, ENSEMBLES, AND INSTRUMENTALISTS! Do you want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, but can't commit to joining the music team throughout the year? How about providing music for a service on one Sunday this summer? Please see **Tom Foley** or **Mike Elkins** and choose a summer Sunday--We're happy to work with you!



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND—Summer Concert Schedule

Friday, July 7: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Middle School Lawn

Friday, July 21: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Middle School Lawn

Friday, July 28: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Rotary (Ehrnfelt Center)

Friday, August 4: Strongsville City Jazz 7:30 p.m.

Strongsville Middle School Lawn

Friday, August 11: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Middle School Lawn

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.

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, Maria Graeff, Linda Elkins, Cherie Teagno, Wayne & Bobbi Cooke, and Sharon Lempner,** who are enabling the Panera Bread ministry to continue!

IN OUR COMMUNITY



Girl Scouts.

The "Hygiene Library," is located on the lawn facing Royalton Road.

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.

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.**



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.

ADDRESS CHANGES/ADDITIONS

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

Brandi Garsteck

627 Marks Road E
Brunswick, OH 44212

Roz Fotos

3920 Turnbridge Court #206
Brunswick, OH 44212

Sally Herzog

10846 Fence Row Drive
Strongsville, OH 44149



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!

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

COMING SOON...Back-to-School collection of school supplies and needed items. More information and a list of needs will be in future communications.

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 July would be Peanut Butter & Jelly or Tuna.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., but be on the lookout for some extended

hours on Thursdays.

PLEASE NOTE: THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR VACATION ON JULY 6th and JULY 13th.

WE WILL REOPEN ON JULY 20th.

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR LAST MONTH

The altar flowers are given—
June 4th

Celebrating Hannah's high school graduation today. Love, Grandpa and Grandma Camp

*Blessings & thankfulness for our 10 grandchildren
Barbara & John Toth*

June 11th

*Celebrating "GiGi's" 99th Birthday today
Love, the Zielinski family*

*Happiest birthday to my June babies: Izzy
(21), Ken (25), and Chris (13) Love you
guys--Mum*

Serena Abruzzino

June 18th

*In honor of our Father in heaven and all fathers and men
who follow His teachings and lessons*

Peter Smith

June 25th

Celebrating our 61st Anniversary on June 30th!

Pat & Frank Jefferis

*In remembrance of Erik & Irene Jannsohn's anniversary
6/23/62*

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. WE HAVE A FEW SUNDAYS STILL AVAILABLE!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **July 11th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **July 18th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **July 25th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of June 4th

Happy Birthday to Tom Foley on June 8th!

Week of June 11th

Happy Birthday to Dan Sauter on June 14th!—Love, Grammy

Honoring the dedicated singers in the Chancel Choir and dedicated ringers in the Bell Choir

Week of June 18th

Celebrating Brandi Garsteck & Sarah Hayes on their birthday week--The Nursery Kids

Week of June 25th

*Happy Birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30th
Happy Anniversary to Rob & Sandra Wentz on June 27th
With love, Grammy*

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

Please email strongsvilleuuc@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who lights our steeple!

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL Wednesdays

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

Thank you to all our faithful

volunteers! Special Thanks to Mary Densmore for baking cookies for our Free Lunch desserts!

Faith in Action Grants Team of the Living Water Association, Ohio NorthEast, Heartland Conference United Church of Christ, awarded Strongsville UCC's Free Lunch for All project a grant of \$2,217.11.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—

Wednesday, July 5th at 1 p.m.

View a movie with Sharon
Maresco

Monday, July 10th at 7 p.m.

Movie night

Everyone is welcome at all our programs!

COMING IN THE FALL...

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Plans are forming to put together a new photo directory for SUCC! Each family that is photographed for the directory will receive a free 8x10 of their photo and a free copy of the directory. So much has changed since our last pictorial directory and this is an excellent opportunity to have a studio portrait of you or your family. We would like EVERYONE to be included! Stay tuned for more information!



Congregational photo orders were placed on June 26th and the pictures should arrive within the next few weeks.

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*

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.)

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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. You may also mail a check to Strongsville UCC 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 or drop it off in the church's mailbox.

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers are needed to serve as tellers on Sunday mornings after church (usually less than an hour of your time). Please indicate on your attendance card or speak to Mike Elkins, Financial Secretary, if you can help.

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 **May 28 through June 18, 2023.**



Thank you to everyone who supports our church and its ministries.

Offering Needed \$14,468.04 for 4 Sundays
Offering Received \$17,339.00
+ \$2,870.96

Pledge cards received so far for 2023: 62

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE! You may pledge anytime.

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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 ____/____/____

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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!

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RIVER VALLEY PAPER RECYCLING

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



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GRADUATES



Olivia Marie Mapuana Clotworthy
The Ohio State University
Daughter of Kristen & Mike Clotworthy
Sister of Emma and Ben Clotworthy

Bachelors degree in May, 2023 from the Ohio State University



Kaelin Alexis Cockrell, M.D.
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Granddaughter of Kathryn & the late Gordon Cockrell

Kaelin was voted intern of the year by the medical staff of Akron Summa Hospital.

On July 5th, she will begin a 5 year residency and fellowship in Radiology at the University of Virginia

Hannah Marie Colao
Mentor High School
Daughter of Abby Camp Colao and Todd Colao
Granddaughter of Mark & Barb Camp
Sister of Hunter Colao

National Honors Society, Captain of Sparkle Cheerleaders, Summa cum Laude, Girl Scout Ambassador. Hannah is headed to Kent State University this fall to major in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education.



Alex Brian Dettmer
Berea-Midpark High School



Son of Kim & Jeff Dettmer
Grandson of Linda & Jim Dettmer
Brother of Owen Dettmer

Varsity Swim Team, Senior Class Executive Board, Band and Orchestra, Superintendent's Advisory Council, National Honor Society, Band President,

Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award, Homecoming King, graduate with Honors. Alex will attend Baldwin Wallace University majoring in Media Production. He will also be swimming for BW and in the Marching Band.

Bryana Mary Hitchens
Central School of Practical Nursing
Mother of Alaya Hitchens and Elliott Joyce

Bryana started her nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse at O'Neill Health Care in Fairview Park, but is now employed at Metro Health in Cleveland.



Hannah Grace Hosford
Padua Franciscan High School
Daughter of Melinda Hosford
Granddaughter of Mary & Mike Willis

She will attend Taylor University in Indiana in the fall and will play setter on the college volleyball team. Hannah is the youngest of the Willis's five grandchildren.

Nina Elizabeth Jannsohn
Fairview High School
Daughter of Charles & the late Aimée Jannsohn
Granddaughter of Irene & the late Erik Jannsohn

Cello player in the orchestra, member of Fairview Stage Crafters, Varsity bowler. Nina has plans to attend Kent State University in the fall to study fashion design and merchandising.



Taylor Scott Mehalko
Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Son of Scott & Candace Mehalko and Megan Mehalko
Grandson of Bev Wehr & Ken Mehalko

Taylor is working at McCarthy Lebit Crystal Liffman and will take his bar examination in July.



Alexander Michael Metivier
Brunswick High School
Son of Sharon & Mike Metivier
Grandson of Judy & Tom Gaumer

Brother of Emmett Metivier
Madrigal Choir, Men's Octet, After

school men's Chorus, Mixed Symphonic Choir, Rhapsody in Blue Show Choir, Theater productions, Top 30, Summa cum Laude. Alex will be studying Music Education at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory in the fall. He plans to become a high school choir director.

Emmett Raphael Metivier
Kent State University
Son of Sharon & Mike Metivier
Grandson of Judy & Tom Gaumer

Brother of Alex Metivier
Emmett has earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis on glass work. His future plans include having his own glass studio some day!





Katelyn Marie Milvet
Strongsville High School
 Daughter of Stacey Gareau
 and Steve Gareau
 Granddaughter of Janis
 Williamson

Varsity swimmer for high school for four years, lifeguard and coach for summer swim league. She has helped with the Free Lunch for All. National Honor Society; Math Honor Society, GPA, 4.5. She will be attending Ohio University to major in physical therapy.

Landry E. Minton
Aquinas High School
 Daughter of Melissa & Wayne
 Minton
 Granddaughter of Barbara &
 John Toth



Soccer team captain (2023 Georgia state champions), National Honor Society, Landry is the Toths' first grandchild to graduate from High School. She will be attending Mississippi State University to study Horticulture.



Aylah Grace Purdum
Lakeview High School
 Daughter of Andrew &
 Barbara Purdum
 Sister of Kyler Purdum and
 Jaslyn Purdum

Drama Club, Band. She will be attending Dartmouth College to major in Biology/Pre-med with hopes of becoming a pediatrician.

Julia Linn Wright
University of Toledo
Doctor of Psychiatry
 Daughter of Lee & Brad
 Wright
 Granddaughter of Sandy &
 Don Gleichauf



Recipient of the Theodore P. and Evelyn H. Cengelis Memorial Award. Julia was matched with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she will begin her residency.



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