

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Pastor

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*People always do crazy things when they're in love.
—Hercules*

Crazy? Hardly.

Most people, when we think about **love**, conjure up images of candlelight dinners and soft, romantic music. Gazing across a table into the eyes of someone we care deeply about. But if that's the best we can come up with, **love** isn't really much good out in the real world, now, it is?

Jesus instructs us to love one another as we have been loved by God. I don't recall any candlelight dinners or slow dances with God . . . do you?

But when we gather on Sunday for worship, **love** is in the air. In the words we speak, in the hymns we sing—and in the hugs and laughter we share *together*.

On Tuesday afternoon, when we learn someone is coming home from the hospital, **love** looks like people pulling out their favorite recipe for a delicious casserole and preparing *two*: one for their family—and one for this second family, in need of a little extra TLC. That's **love**.

On a cool, drizzly Saturday, when it feels as if the world is ending and we come together to remember someone who's died, and the sun begins to come out, and instead of tears, there is laughter and dancing—that's just **crazy love!**

Eugene Peterson (*The Message*) sums it up: *Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end.*

Love never dies.

Crazy, isn't it? Thank you for showing one another how to love like Jesus loves.

Peace, Hope-- and Love,
Pastor Heidi

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 – 10 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Sacrament of Communion

Greeter: Linda Plain

Liturgist: Elaine Coffey

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Special Music: Chancel Choir

Summer Sunday School: Mary Densmore



SUNDAY, JUNE 11 – 10 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Recognition Sunday

Greeter: Linda Ponstingle

Liturgist: Dave Williams

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Special Music: Chancel Choir

Summer Sunday School: Mary Densmore



SUNDAY, JUNE 18 – 10 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Judi Pavisich

Liturgist: Herb Hampson

Ushers: Judi Pavisich

Special Music: Richard Densmore

Summer Sunday School: Colette Emerson



SUNDAY, JUNE 25 – 10 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Penny Sunday

Greeters: The Abruzzinos

Liturgist: Dan Winrod

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Special Music: Music Team

Summer Sunday School: Volunteer needed



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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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IT'S HAPPENING! 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.

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Our deepest sympathy to **Brandi Garsteck** and her family on the death of her grandmother, **Barbara A. Cook** on May 18, 2023. She was 83 years old.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

On May 21st, we welcomed **Emma Louise Boden** into the family of God. Emma is the daughter of **Katelyn and Vince Boden**, sister of **Charlotte Boden**, Granddaughter of **Lori Deertz and Dave Deertz** and Great-Granddaughter of **Marty Winch**. Godparents are **Lauren and Eric Raymond**.



NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES:



Board of Trustees

- In April, the congregation voted to approve hiring Leaf Filter to install new gutters on the church building. The Trustees will move forward and coordinate the install and payment.
- Repairs to the house on Royalton Road are concluding and our tenant can resume residence in the house after the damage caused by a water pipe bursting on Christmas Day. Special thanks to Ed Sobek for continuing to oversee the restoration.
- The work in the vestibule off the sanctuary is nearly finished. Thanks to John Marshall, Sr. and Herb Hampson for putting the finishing touches on this project.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Summer Sunday School! We are looking for folks to commit to teaching a single Sunday with our children. All lessons and

materials will be provided in advance. Start thinking about which Sunday you're available for this special ministry!

PENNY SUNDAY

Thanks to everyone who contributes to our Penny Sunday collection. Penny Sunday on April 30th collected \$201.70 for Laura's Home via the City Mission. In May, our collection went to Strongsville Food Bank. Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to SUCC) for our next Penny Sunday, **June 25th**.



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 **Herb Hampson** has been staining the closet doors and wood trim and painting in the newly remodeled sanctuary vestibule? Thanks so much, Herb!

Did you know that **Jim Heinrich** donated a file cabinet for the bell choir music? Thank you to Jim and **Ryan Heinrich** for delivering the cabinet and hauling it up the stairs!

Did you know that **Jim Heinrich**, along with **Ed Sobek**, reinstalled the threshold at the kitchen door? We really appreciate that this important item was fixed so quickly!

Did you know they're at it again? **Kathie** and **Gary Paul** planted flowers around the church building, beautifying our property with their hard work and artistic eye for plants. Thank you so much!

Did you know that **John Marshall, Sr.** installed the new flooring in the sanctuary vestibule? Looks great, John!

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., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Bruce Lerch, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozelski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Peter Smith, John Toth, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Edward and Sharon Acton (Sally Herzog's friends), Dorene Baldrige, 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), Dr. Angelo Gagliani (Ingrid Dickson's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tom Irelan (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), 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), 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), Vicky 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), Lee & Brad Wright (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friends), 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

To Pastor Heidi and prayer warriors of UCC:
I personally have appreciated your prayers and support. Pastor

Heidi's counseling on arrangements was so appreciated and helpful.

Over the past year, Bruce and I have really felt the uplifting of prayer giving us strength and faith in the Lord for what we would face. Bruce is at peace and healed. Thank you, Becky Unger

Dear Strongsville UCC,
Thank you for all of your cards expressing sympathy and prayers of comfort on the passing of my mother, Muriel McKeever.--Alice Dunn (Pastor Heidi's sister)



DIACONATE "WING" NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported this

event! Whether you bought a ticket, provided a dessert, donated a themed basket or a bigger prize, or helped before, during, or after the evening, you made this event a huge success!

MUSIC NOTES



Many thanks to the **Bell Choir (Elaine Coffey, Linda Ponstingle, Linda Elkins, Barbara Toth, Barb Fraunfelder, Ingrid**

Dickson, Sarah Toth, Irene Joyce, Mike Willis, Mary Densmore, Rob Toth, and subs Mike Elkins, John Hattery, and Nicki Haire) and 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)**, the **Children's Choir (Jack, Ella, and Henry Hayes, Riley and Lacey Marshall, Alaya Hitchens, Penny and Oliver Zielinski, and Autumn Schneider), Sarah Keenen, Ken Mehalko, and of course, Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich, and Mike Elkins** their music in May.

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!



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SUNDAY, JULY 30th

On our church grounds following outdoor worship. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided.



PANERA PALS—HELP NEEDED

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 and sorters who stepped in after the loss of our "Carb Captain" **Linda Kapcar: Teri Barbish, Carole Kapcar, Maria Graeff, Linda Elkins, Cherie Teagno, and Sharon Lempner**, who are enabling the Panera Bread ministry to continue!



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:

Thank you to everyone who supported our drive for **Laura's Home!** Total collection: 6 boxes diapers, 1 box baby wipes, 1 baby formula, 2 blankets, 14 bed sheets, 6 deodorants, 8 bags of feminine products, 15 toothpastes, 18 toothbrushes, 17 body washes, 9 lotions, 7 misc soaps, hairbrush, and 170 pairs of socks. Thanks to all!



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

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.



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!

Rachel Pogozelski & Gus Bembenick

3774 Walter Road
North Olmsted, OH 44070

Margaret Stayrook
168 Coe Street #101
Berea, OH 44017



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 June would be Ravioli, Tuna, or Side Dishes.

RIVER VALLEY PAPER RECYCLING

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





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.

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—
May 7th

*Happy 2nd Birthday to Leo Thorn on May 6th!
Doug Thorn and Sandy O'Shea
Happy Birthday to Dorothy Ritchie on May 10th!*

Love, your family

May 14th

*In honor of our mothers, of all mothers,
and those who fill the role of mothers—
Frank & Pat Jefferis*



Happy Birthday to Gina Cathcart on May 15th!

Love, Mom & Dad (Dorothy & Bill Ritchie)

May 21st

*Happy 21st Birthday to our grandson, Jay Hassel,
on May 23rd!—Love Grama P. & Gramps*

*Happy Birthday on May 31st to our Grandson, Tucker.
Happy 55th Anniversary to George & Joyce Reed
on May 27th.*

May 28th

*Remembering our mom, Lorna M. Robinson, on her
100th birthday May 29th! Love and miss ya, Mom!--Becky
and Bill Robinson*

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, **June 13th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **June 20th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **June 27th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Week of May 7th

*Happy Birthday to Haley McKane today,
to Debbie Wentz on May 9th, and to Patti
Johnson on May 11th!—With Love,
Grammy/Mom*

Week of May 14th

*Happy Birthday to Don Rapp on May 15th!
With Love, Grammy
Honoring all mothers—past present and future
Lola Millhoane*

Week of May 21st

*Happy Birthday today to Iris Craig, and on May 22nd to
Tracey Hill and Ryan Craig! Happy Anniversary on May
25th to Stacie & Dan Sauter and Adam and Kristina Craig
With love, Grammy*

Week of May 28th

*Happy Birthday today to Sandra Wentz. Happy
Anniversary to Patti & Nate Johnson on June 3rd!
With love, Grammy/Mom*

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Multiple dedications are welcomed for each week. Please email strongsvilleuc@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!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—

Monday, June 5th at 7 p.m.
Disaster Preparedness with
Diana Creecy

Wednesday, June 7th at 1 p.m.
Disaster Preparedness with Diana Creecy

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!



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.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO

If you would like to purchase an 8" x 24" congregational photo, please contact the church office. The cost is \$29.95 (Checks to UCC.) Orders are due NO LATER than June 25th. *****This is a change to earlier info, so that we may order all together and get bulk pricing.**

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 April 2 through April 23, 2023.



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

Offering Needed \$14,468.04 for 4 Sundays

Offering Received \$14,579.00

+\$ 110.96

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

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

Hannah Marie Coleo
Mentor High School
Daughter of Abby Camp and
Todd Coleo
Granddaughter of Mark & Barb
Camp



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.



Alexander 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 is currently employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse at O'Neill Health Care in Fairview Park, but is taking a position at Metro Health in June.



Hannah Grace Hosford
Padual 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. His sister Kristen will start Law School also at Case Western Reserve in August and pursue a law degree and Masters in Bioethics and Medical Humanities.



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 lunches. National Honor Society, math, honor Society, GPA, 4.5. She will be attending Ohio University to major in physical therapy.

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



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



**FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE
 STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY
 BAND—Summer Concert Schedule**
 Friday, June 16: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville
 Middle School Lawn

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



Aylah Grace Purdum
Lakeview HighSchool
 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. Cengel Memorial Award. Julia was matched at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she will begin her residency.



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