THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



(Congregational)

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Sunday, March 31, 2024–10 A.M. **Resurrection Sunday**

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE

"The Trumpet Shall Sound" Ralph Heimburger, soloist

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grea Dickson

CHORAL INTROIT

"Easter Call to Worship"

Grosvenor

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day of our Lord's Resurrection:

People: The day our tears are wiped away, the day our hearts are healed. The day our fears are replaced with unbounding joy!

Where, O Death, is your victory?

Leader: This is the day of our Lord's Resurrection:

People: The tomb is empty! Where now, O Death, is your sting?

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

ALL: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

† HYMN 367

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 118

(New International Version)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous:

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

You have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

With the Brass Ensemble

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Easter Song"

Herring

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Traditional Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, Ken Mehalko, Tom Nazelli

† DOXOLOGY 815

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 16:1-8

(New King James Version)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

REFLECTION

"The End? Hardly!"

† HYMN 45

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

† BENEDICTION

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

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

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

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

SFRVING

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TODAY-MARCH 31	<u> </u>	NEXT SUNDAY - APRIL 7	
Judi Pavisich	Greeters	Linda Plain	
Dale Hawk	Liturgist	Elaine Coffey	
Judi Pavisich	Ushers	Volunteers needed	
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley	
Mike Elkins A	Associate Director of Mu	sic Mike Elkins	
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich	
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinric	h Video/Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	
Tom Nazelli, Bells, Choi	r Special Music	Sandy O'Shea, Will Foley	
Ralph Heimburger, Carol Foley, Ken Mehalko			



A NOTE OF THANKS—We thank members of our Bell Choir, Ken Mehalko, Tom Nazelli, Ralph Heimburger, Carol Foley, our Chancel Choir, with special guest Craig Hardy, and Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich and Mike Elkins for

our Easter music! ______

A 2024 SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALTAR FLOWERS IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL. Please note: the cost of

flowers is \$18 for 1 vase and \$36 for 2 vases.

Our steeple will light the sky this week— Happy Birthday to Rob Wentz on April 1st!

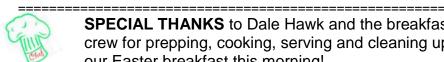


With love, Grammy ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-- LAST CHANCE

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in

disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people

are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Envelopes are in the pews.



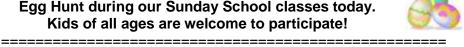
SPECIAL THANKS to Dale Hawk and the breakfast crew for prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning up our Easter breakfast this morning!



Sunday, we collected \$244.11 for Friendship APL in Elyria to assist in the care of the animals at the

shelter. The next Penny Sunday will be **April 28th**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL— The children will have an Easter Egg Hunt during our Sunday School classes today. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate!





FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOUTHWEST **COMMUNITY CHORUS**

Community SWCC will have a Spring Concert, "When I Hear Music," on **Sunday**, **April 28**th at 3 p.m. at the Berea United Methodist Church (170 Seminary Street in Berea). The Chorus is under the direction of Tom

Foley, accompanied by Carol Konet and Jarred Sorauf; some of the singers this season include Craig Hardy, Sharon Maresco, Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Pam & Bruce Keenen, and Sarah Keenen and a few other familiar faces and voices. Tickets will be available at the door or from our own choir members who sing with the chorus.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,617.01 Last Week's Offering Received \$ 2,169.00 Difference (-\$1,448.01)

Thank you very much for your support. PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 50





JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7th, FOR HOLY **HUMOR SUNDAY!—Bring your favorite (clean)** joke--Because God has the last laugh!

OUR PRAYER LIST



Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

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

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Judy Carte, Jennifer Cockrell, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Kay Konicek, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Reggie

McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, 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 Baldridge, Ron & Yvonne Adams (Judi Pavisich's friends), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Ed Fabian (the Bagley's Grill girls' friend), Kim Filiatraut (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), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-inlaw), 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

GAME TIME!

FAMILY GAME GATHERING!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th 2 p.m. - ? Couldn't make it to Retreat? Join us for a sample of the fun and games we enjoy at

Templed Hills every year. Bring a snack to share, your own beverage, and your favorite board games, card games, or craft project. We'll have trivia, food, fellowship, and fun for all ages!

save date Mark your calendars now for the Diaconate's Annual Wing Night! Friday, May 3rd at Grindstone Tap House in Berea—start thinking of your basket ideas now!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—Upcoming Events

On **Monday**, **April 1**, at 7pm at church, the Evening Group will trace and cut out fleece circles for Snuffleballs (treat holders) for dogs and cats at the Columbia Station animal shelter.

On **Wednesday**, **April 3**, at 1pm with Elaine Coffey, the Daytime Group will meet at church and then go to Kemper House for a singalong with residents.



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of long-time church member **Ruth Milidonis**, who died on March 20, 2024 at the age of 96. Ruth was an active member, serving on many boards and committees until she was no longer able to do so. She had three daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The graveside service will be held on April 5, 2024 at Crown Hill Cemetery

in Twinsburg at Noon. Donations in memory of Ruth may be given to our church's Memorial Fund. (Checks to UCC).

To the Glory of God Easter flowers are given:

In honor of all the lost souls in the world and those who are alone without families. Our hearts and God are with you all.

Serena Abruzzino & Familia

In Honor and Remembrance of Seal Team #3 member Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Chris Chambers Diana Creecy

In Honor and Remembrance of Seal Team #3 member Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Cass Nathan Gage Diana Creecy

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

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

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

In Honor of Sarah Toth, Sally Herzog, & Brandi Garsteck In Memory of Steve Herzog Mary Fargo

In Honor of the Foley Family
In Loving Memory of William J. Foley
Carol Foley

In honor of Maureen Harrah Roz Fotos

In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder
Barb Fraunfelder
In Loving Memory of Belty and Don Bushea
and Anita and Bill McKenna
Barb Fraunfelder and Dennis Smith

In Loving Memory of Joyce and Beck Summers
Judy Fox

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents, Betly and Don Babics

The Gigliotti & Kubancik Families

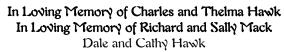
In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents, JoAnn & Louis Gigliotti The Gigliotti Family

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
Don and Lois Winch and Bill and Ruth Giuliano
In Loving Memory of Mark Giuliano

Bill and Beth Giuliano, Nicole and Brett Wade, and Luke Giuliano

In Loving Memory of Lois Anne Hampson
Herb Hampson

In Memory of our Parents, Verna Vardiman and John Hattery, Sr. John and Martha Hattery



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

Happy Easter, Everyone—with Love!
Corinne Jackson

In Loving Memory of our Parents
Frank and Beatrice Jefferis and Paul and Dorothy Jackson
In Loving Memory of all our loved ones
Frank and Pat Jefferis

In Loving Memory of Erik O. Jannsohn, James J. Joyce Sr. and Mary Joyce-Smith Eric R. Jannsohn, Aimee J. Jannsohn, and Brooke M. Akins

Irene A. Jannsohn, Ingrid and Greg Dickson, Irene and Jim Joyce

In Memory of the Pastor's wife
In Memory of the Pastor's mother
In Honor of the Pastor's children & grandchildren
Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

Easter Blessings to our Family and Friends!
Judi Pavisich

In Loving Memory of Family Members
No longer with us. Miss them immensely!
George and Joyce Reed

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 and Joe Rung and Willie Mae and Jimmy Lee Cuyler
In Loving Memory of Ruby Jean and Jimmy Lee Cuyler, Jr.

Sam, Lora, Samuel, and Braxden

Happy Easter!
Bill and Deborah Schneider

For our loved ones, church family and friends—a very Happy Easter to all of you—Peace and God Bless

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

Easter Blessings to our Children and Grandchildren
John and Barbara Toth

Love to our Children and Grandchildren
Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko

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

In Loving Memory of Bob Zimmerman Mary Ellen Zimmerman





CHURCH OFFICERS IN 2024

*Elected January 28, 2024 **Appointed by the Official Board

Moderator: Greg Dickson* Vice-Moderator: Jen Barry* Treasurer: Sally Herzog* Clerk: Judy Gaumer*

> **Sunday School Co-Superintendents** Linda Elkins Mary Densmore

Board of Trustees

Bill Giuliano* Chris Goff Mike Elkins* Les Fox* Herb Hampson* Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Sandy Pogozelski* Cheryl Sobek Dan Winrod Laura Winrod Rachel Zielinski*

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Teri Barbish* Jean Bittinger Elaine Coffey* Bobbi Cook Wayne Cook Judy Davis Judy Fox* Carole Kapcar Susann Lerch* Cherie Teagno* Barbara White Mary Ellen Zimmerman

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Serena Abruzzino Mary Densmore Linda Elkins* Colette Emerson* Sarah Hayes ** Amanda Marshall* Lora Rung

Music Committee

Karen Bates* Ingrid Dickson* Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko Mike Willis

ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Sue Gigliotti* Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider Rob Toth* Mary Willis

Mission and Outreach Committee

Diana Creecy* Sarah Hayes* Lora Rung Jennifer Sekorky* Peter Smith Bev Wehr* Mary Ellen Zimmerman

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays

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

Thank you to all our faithful volunteers!

Please note: If the Strongsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather on a Wednesday, the Free Lunch will not be served on that day.



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.

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.

MANY THANKS, AS ALWAYS, TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS! _____

DO 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.



BOOK STUDY--A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

Continuing on April 15th, Pastor Heidi and Linda Elkins are leading a monthly book study based on Rachel Held Evans's wonderful book, A Year of Biblical Womanhood. 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!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



• The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **April 9th at 7 p.m.** in the Parlor.

 The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **April 16th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor

• The Official Board will meet on the fourth Sunday of the month, April 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN -- M.A.P.L E.

M- Making and moving

A- Accepting and Acknowledging

P- People

Signed

L- Learning and Loving

E- Encompassing



Date ____/___/

Strongsville United Church of Christ 2024 Estimate of Giving

n recognition of God's many blessings to me, I a ollowing commitment for 2024:	m happy to join with others in the		
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 ncluding the church or church-related institution in my Will.			
I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from			