



The Messenger

weekly March 17, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
17 Sunday Schedule* Youth Service Sunday and Camp Sunday 5:00 pm "The Underground" 6:15 pm Sr. High Youth Group	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 Tuesday Schedule* 12:00 pm Golden Charms	20 Wednesday Schedule*	21 10:00 am T.O.P.S. 6:00 pm Spiritual Life Mtg. 7:00 pm Finance/Stewardship Mtg.	22 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	23
24 Sunday Schedule* Special Guests: Jeff & Kristina Jones <i>(of The Father's House)</i> 6:00 pm Confirmation Session	25	26 Tuesday Schedule* Newsletter Mailed	27 Wednesday Schedule*	28 10:00 am T.O.P.S. 5:00 pm Family Living Center Dinner	29 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	30

(PLEASE REMEMBER: Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located in our Welcome Center)

*Sunday Schedule:

9:15 am Adult Discussion Groups
 10:30 am Updates in the Life/Work of the Church
 10:30 am Worship
 10:30 am Sunday School
 (Children dismissed from worship)
 Post Worship Fellowship Hour

*Tuesday Schedule:

10:00 am Staff Meeting

*Wednesday Schedule:

6:00 pm Bible Study
 7:15 pm Staff Meeting

Altar flowers are given by Freda Barkheimer

Announcements:

Jackie Schlemmer
(Financial Secretary)

Welcome Center:

Karen Provost

Head Usher:

Larry Bates

As part of today's YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY, our youth will be participating in worship as readers, greeters, ushers, acolytes and bell ringer.

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Worship Attendance for Sunday, March 10:

85



Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

Our Theme for Lent 2019:



Be sure to pick up your copy of this year's Lenten devotional "**The Saving Passion** (*inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen*)" outside the sanctuary doors.

As part of today's **SERVICE SUNDAY**, our youth will be serving in worship as ushers, greeters, bell ringers, acolytes and readers.

TODAY IS ALSO CAMP SUNDAY! Summer Camp packets and online registration information is available for those interested. *The early/discount registration deadline for Summer Camp is April 15!*



WHEN THE WORLD NEVER SEEMS
TO BE LIVING UP TO YOUR DREAMS
IT'S TIME YOU STARTED FINDING OUT
WHAT EVERYTHING IS ALL ABOUT...

@ THE UNDERGROUND

TONIGHT (March 17) AT 5 PM!

Join our experiment in worship, THE UNDERGROUND, held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5 PM (doors open at 4:30 PM). We gather in the Patio Room in the lower-level of the church.

Immediately following THE UNDERGROUND each month (at approximately 6:15 PM), our Senior High kids will be holding their Youth Group.

All are welcome! Invite your friends!

#YouTakeTheGoodYouTakeTheBad
#SerenityNow

MEETING REMINDERS:

Spiritual Life:
Thursday, March 21 at 6 PM

Finance & Stewardship:
Thursday, March 21 at 7 PM

GOLDEN CHARMS

Our next Golden Charms gathering will take place **Tuesday, March 19** at noon. Join us for fun, fellowship and a delicious meal. A program will be enjoyed following the meal. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Our entertainment this month:
Chris McBurney's music

Reservations are required so please contact Karen Provost at (330) 484-2878.

Special Mission Guests for Worship on March 24:

JEFF & KRISTINA JONES
(of The Father's House)



Please join us next week as we welcome Jeff and Kristina Jones and their three boys in worship. The Joneses have a long history of ministry both inside and outside of the traditional church. Their past labors have included urban ministry, intentional Christian community, worship arts leadership, and now they continue their support and advocacy work in the area of fostering, adoption and family-of-origin care as missionaries at The Father's House in Hamilton, OH.

Jeff and Kristina will be helping Pastor Will bring the message next Sunday as well as sharing special music.

What is The Father's House?

The Father's House is a former orphanage acquired by The New Oaks Community and is in an ongoing process of restoring the property while offering multi-faceted ministry to and with families committed to fostering and adopting, and an active center for advocacy and support for others doing the same.

Renovations at The Father's House allow for residency, programming and a variety of outreach initiatives throughout the community —changing the lives of more children, family by family.

ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS...

Our next Confirmation session will be held **Sunday, March 24** from 6 - 8 PM (taught by Pastor Will).



EASTER FLOWERS

The sign-up sheet for Easter Flowers is in the Welcome Center. There is a limited number of flower types and colors to choose from:

Easter Lilies	\$10.00
Azaleas (salmon, purple)	\$16.00
Tulips (red, yellow, pink, purple).....	\$8.50
Hyacinths (pink, blue, white)	\$8.50
Regular Daffodils.....	\$8.50

Hydrangeas and Mini Daffodils are sold out

The flowers will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter and will be available for you to take home on Easter Sunday after worship.

We have scheduled the next DINNER AT THE FAMILY LIVING CENTER for **Thursday, March 28** at 5 PM. We will be serving sloppy joes with buns, macaroni & cheese, fruit salad and water to drink. *Would you like to donate menu items and/or volunteer to be a server/helper? If "yes", check out the sign up in the Welcome Center! THANK YOU!*

On **Sunday, March 31** (during 10:30 AM worship), we will be having an installation service for our new officers.



Kids' Chorus will be singing in worship on **Sunday, March 31** and also on **Sunday, April 28**. *Mark your calendars!*

Old, broken, useless? In Christ, NOTHING is beyond redemption (even crayons)!



More than a half-million pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills and never biodegrades.

The Crayon Initiative collects donated crayons, then melts them down and remanufactures them, reducing waste. Better yet, the recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the U.S., brightening the lives of young patients during their stay.

Want to know how you can #ShareYourColors?
Start saving your crayons and watch for more information, coming soon!

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 14 at 2 PM

Bring the kids, grandkids and neighbor kids! Mark your calendars for our annual EASTER EGG HUNT on Sunday, April 14 at 2 PM! There is a container in the Fellowship Hall for candy donations and small items to fit inside the eggs. There is also a sign-up sheet for cookies and punch. *Cash donations will also be greatly appreciated, as we hope to make an order from Oriental Trading Company. Donations need to be turned in to the church NO LATER than April 7. If you have any questions, please see Beckie Custer or Alisha Dennis. THANK YOU!*



**BE SURE TO KEEP
THESE DATES
OPEN ON YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18, 2019
(Light Dinner at 6 PM / Service at 6:30 PM)

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19, 2019 (7 PM)

Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Vision/Mission Luncheon

Sunday, April 28, 2019 (after church)

Swiss Steak Dinner

Saturday, May 4 (4:30 - 7 PM)

Pat Jones would like to report that APS (American Philatelic Society) is no longer doing their canceled stamp program. She would like to thank all of you who saved your stamps. It will be so hard to break the habit of tearing the stamps off the envelopes!

Below is a thank you note received from APS:

Dear Richville United Church of Christ,

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the cancelled postage stamps for our organization. APS Youth programs have been able to continue because of support from people like your church. But it is with great sorrow to inform you that we will not be collecting stamps any longer. It has become too costly to continue. Please know that we have been so grateful your support.

Sincerely,
APS Stamps of America

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and

CONCERNS

- ♥ Our prayers, love and support are with the family, friends and loved ones of **Erline Daffler**. Erline (Jeff Daffler's great-aunt) passed away.
- ♥ Prayers for **Meredith McCarthy** (Becca Tilton's friend from softball). Having chemo for leukemia (doing well after second treatment).
- ♥ Prayers for **Jimmy Baus** (Debby Tryon's cousin). Has stage 4 liver cancer.
- ♥ Prayers for **Frank Trace** (Debby Tryon's dance teacher). Hospitalized 10 days with a hernia/cancer.
- ♥ Prayers for **Harriette Foltz**. Has fracture on right leg femur bone (had surgery at Aultman to repair this). A cancer mass was also found on her femur bone and in her upper right lung.
- ♥ Prayers for **Jerry Risher**. Cancer is getting worse. Discontinued previous treatment and has started a new one.
- ♥ **Lynne Houston** is doing well after shoulder surgery. She thanks everyone for the prayers.
- ♥ **Corky Showalter** is doing well after shoulder surgery.
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who collected change for Hammer & Nails (earlier this year). We recently received a thank you letter saying the change collection was over \$1,100...*their best response ever!*

Whether for worship, Bible study, or personal use,
it is beneficial to know our Wi-Fi password:
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MISSION & CORE VALUE STATEMENT

"At Richville UCC we are disciples sharing our faith to make new disciples, so that we all will celebrate GOD by living life to the fullest - growing in faith, love and service with our families and community. "

INTERESTED?

...IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OR BAPTISM?

For anyone curious about being baptized or becoming a member of Richville UCC or having their child baptized, please contact Pastor Will at (330) 704-2164 or email him at pdubillspeak@gmail.com specifically in this regard.



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember the following members and friends of Richville UCC with your prayers, cards or visits. Complete addresses for the Resident Facilities and Shut-In information is available on the bulletin board opposite the church office. **Please help us keep our prayer concerns list up-to-date and let us know if someone no longer needs to be on the list.**

CONTINUING PRAYER FOR:

Randy Rhoades (Rich Griffin's step-father) *[Has cancer]*
Linda (Dee Elliott's friend) *[Has cancer]*
Laurie Raines (Dee Elliott's close friend) *[Has cancer]*
Angela Mast (Dee Elliott's daughter)
Bernie Cybak *[Has Parkinson's, other health issues]*
Peg (Betty Jo Noll's sister) *[Has cancer]*
Jarrod Stahl's mother *[Has cancer]*
John Graber *[Has lymphoma]*
Art Poorman (Friend of the Perretta's) *[Has cancer]*
Sharon Masalco (Marilyn Perretta's friend)
Dick Roan (Violet Earl's friend) *[Has cancer]*
Dennis Werntz (Holly Lake's brother)
Sandy Krause (Ken Williams' sister-in-law) *[Has lung cancer]*
Steven January (Raechel Mullen's stepbrother) *[Has cancer]*
Darlene and Lori (Lynette Collins' friends) *[Have cancer]*
Nella Mulheim (Gary Mulheim's wife) *[Has cancer]*
David McGrath (Maureen Stetler's brother)
Robbie Willis (Bonnie Willis' sister-in-law)
Cathy Sickafoose (Faith Black's mom)
Jon Hale (Gary Bickel's nephew in law)
Charles Griffin (Rich Griffin's grandfather)
Alyssa Parsons (Tracy Kemp's niece)
Trey Uetrecht (friend of Molly Lenarz)

Diane Wilson
Debbie Ciesielczyk
Jerry Risher

Shirley Kalleker
Mary Jo Purney
Sandy Griffin

PRAYER CHAIN: Please call Judy Gopp at (330) 477-6593 or the church office at (330) 832-1891 if you or a member of your family is in the hospital or facing upcoming surgery. If you would like Pastor Will or someone from Called 2 Care to serve home communion or if you would like a visit, please call the church office. For pastoral emergencies, Pastor Will's cell number is (330) 704-2164.

AT RESIDENT FACILITIES:

Altercare of Navarre

Jerry & Linda Risher (Room 118) (330) 806-1439 Jerry's cell

Inn at University Village:

Beulah Lautensleger (Room 510) (330) 809-0060 direct line

Canton Christian Home:

Bill & Janice Stetler (330) 430-5167

At Home in Akron:

Betty Tipton (330) 615-7886 [home]
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