



The Messenger

weekly May 24, 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24 10:30 am Sunday Worship (on Facebook Live)	25 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	26	27 Newsletter Mailed 6:10 pm Bible Study (on ZOOM)	28 5:00 pm Family Living Center Dinner (food delivery only, no serving)	29	30
31 10:30 am Sunday Worship [With Communion] (on Facebook Live) Confirmation Sunday	1 6:30 pm Consistory (on ZOOM)	2 6:00 pm Christian Ed. Mtg. (electronically or on ZOOM)	3 6:10 PM Bible Study (on ZOOM)	4	5	6

***NOTE:** All committee meetings are being done electronically and/or on Zoom until further notice.
Worship time during the summer months will stay at 10:30 AM.
We hope to resume in-person worship on July 5, 2020.

*Sunday Schedule:

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

*Wednesday Schedule:

6:00 pm Bible Study



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

As we all have heard over and over, these are unprecedented times we are going through. We offer the following options for collecting your offerings to continue our mission work including:

1. Electronic Giving - which automatically is withdrawn from your checking account around the 15th of each month. Contact Debbie Ciesielczyk at 330-417-9457 if you would like to sign up.
2. Drop it off at the church office - Our church office is open M-W-F 9 AM – 3 PM and T-TH 9 AM – 1 PM and will accept your offering/donation.
3. Mail your offering - If you write a check for your offering, you can mail it to Richville UCC, 6125 Richville Drive SW, Navarre, OH 44662
4. Paypal account - We now have a Paypal account under this email address: richvilleucc@att.net. If you are using Paypal, please be sure to include a note as to how you want your offering/donation distributed (i.e. general fund, capital improvement, memorial fund).
5. If none of these collection options work for you to get your offering to the church, please contact Debbie Ciesielczyk at 330-417-9457 to discuss other possible arrangements.

And all of you have come through. The Finance and Stewardship Committee would like to THANK YOU for your continued faithful support and donations. Let's continue to stay the course and be faithful to our mission!

In Faith and Love,
The Finance and Stewardship Committee

Consistory and committee meetings are being done electronically and/or on Zoom until in-person meetings can resume.

Also, Yoga (Tuesdays at 6:30 PM), S.T.O.P. Weight Loss Group Meetings (Thursdays at 9 AM) and "Life is Good" AA Meetings (Fridays at 12 PM) are on hold until in-person meetings can resume.

The Clothes Closet will remain closed until further notice from PHP. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY CLOTHES DONATIONS UNTIL WE RE-OPEN!

We are still accepting donations of food/supplies for the PHP Food Pantry during regular office hours. **DONATION NEEDS ARE:** Boxes of cereal, Boxed Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, rigatoni), Canned vegetables (all varieties), Canned soup (Chicken Noodle, Vegetable or any others), Boxed Potatoes, Canned Meat (all varieties), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger Helper type boxed meals, Toilet paper, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste, Deodorant, Mouthwash, Bath soap, Shampoo, Adult diapers, Laundry detergent, Baby wipes, Liquid dish soap, Body wash, Cotton swabs and Baby diapers.

Continue to check our Facebook page and/or webpage for updated information!

UPDATE ON PLANS TO RETURN TO FORMAL WORSHIP

Your consistory voted at the May meeting to suspend returning to formal worship until July 5, 2020, at the earliest. Our main concern is the well being of our entire flock at Richville UCC. A subcommittee has been formed, with representation from all age groups in our congregation, to discuss how we will come back and what precautions will be observed. This subcommittee will bring recommendations to the Spiritual Life Committee to review, and they in return, will report back to Consistory at the June meeting. As your leadership, we are trying to be proactive during this difficult time.

Conditions with COVID-19 continue to change daily, so we will be diligent in keeping up with the latest recommendations from Governor DeWine and the UCC. Nothing will be set in stone and we are very open to your questions and opinions. Please feel free to contact myself or Pastor Will with any concerns or suggestions. We don't expect this to be a quick process because of the severe consequences that could occur with rash decisions.

Please look for updates in the Weekly Messenger and we hope to have some guidelines set up by mid June.

Blessings,
Karen Gerber, Spiritual Life Chairperson

FEEDING OUR FLOCK AT RICHVILLE UCC

We appreciate all of you who are helping (via cooking, delivering, etc.) and partaking of our SATURDAY MEALS MINISTRY!

We have posted the menu for the next three weeks (see to the right). These dinners are free (however, if you feel led, you are welcome to make a love offering of no more than \$5 per meal).

Our Called-to-Care team will ask about dinners when they make their weekly calls. Please try to let them know how many dinners you would like for each week. Please indicate if you would like your food delivered or if you will be picking it up. The food will be ready for delivery or pick up between 12:00 - 12:30 PM. *You may also call the church office during regular office hours to make changes or additions to your order up until Friday at 1:00 PM of each week.*

UPCOMING MENUS:

May 30:

Beef and Noodles,
Vegetable, Dessert

June 6:

Pork Loin, Rice,
Applesauce, Dessert

June 13:

Meatloaf, Buttered
Potatoes, Applesauce,
Dessert



We remember . . .

As we shared Memorial Day 2020 with friends and family, we remember all the service men and women who have died serving our country, to keep it safe for generations to come.

We particularly remember those of our church family who have gone on before us during this past year (May 2019 through May 2020).

†	Harriette Foltz	May 15, 2019
†	Jerry Risher	October 8, 2019
†	Tom Schumm	October 20, 2019
†	Don Reiger	February 1, 2020
†	Timmy Provost	April 2, 2020
†	Sandra Harvey	May 16, 2020

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY takes place every Wednesday night at 6 PM (6:10 PM when the churches in the community are ringing their church bells at 6 PM). If we are unable to have in-person gatherings, the Bible Study will be held on ZOOM. All are welcome!

Watch the church's Facebook page on Wednesdays for Pastor Will's weekly Bible Study reminder!

RUCC RECYCLING UPDATE

Container #120 was picked up in late April (weight: 3,120 lbs.). This puts our total for recycled materials (newspapers, cardboard and junk mail) at 665,040 lbs. (or 332.52 tons).

Thanks for your support of this important outreach!

~ Pat Jones



May 31, 2020

Confirmation Sunday

We will be celebrating **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** on Pentecost Sunday (**May 31**). During 10:30 AM worship, we will be confirming two new members from our Confirmation 2 class: *Carter Black and Katelyn Thomas*.



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a just world for all

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

On Pentecost Sunday (May 31), we will be taking up a UCC special missions offering for Strengthen the Church.

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

We encourage you to donate to this UCC special missions offering, either by including it with your regular offering, or by making a donation online on the United Church of Christ website: <http://www.ucc.org/stc/> (click on the GIVE button).

JOYS

and

CONCERNS

- ♥ We extend our prayers, love and support to the family, friends and loved ones of **Sandra Harvey**. Sandra (who was a long-time member of RUCC) passed away on May 16.
- ♥ **Cara Gourley's** exploratory procedures this past week indicated that her cancer is "only" stage 2. She will be continuing with chemo with check-ups and potential future surgery but prognosis is very favorable.
- ♥ **Tracy Elliott's** (Dee Elliott's daughter-in-law) lung condition turns out to be non-aggressive. However she is still facing challenges with her kidney tumor.
- ♥ **Eileen Wilson** had her abdominal procedure last Thursday at Aultman. Seems to have gone well.

Whether for worship, Bible study, or personal use,
it is beneficial to know our Wi-Fi password:
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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."

MISSION

Safe Space.
Care for The Whole Person.
Share story of Jesus
and invite all into it.

VISION

Reflect Christ in all we do.
Preserve History and Traditions.
Care for The 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) [cancer]
Linda (Dee Elliott's friend) [cancer]
Laurie Raines (Dee Elliott's close friend) [cancer]
Angela Mast (Dee Elliott's daughter)
Bernie Cybak [Parkinson's, other health issues]
Peg (Betty Jo Noll's sister) [cancer]
Jarrold Stahl's mother [liver cirrhosis]
John Graber [Currently cancer free]
Art Poorman (Friend of the Perretta's) [cancer]
Sharon Masalko (Marilyn Perretta's friend)
Marilyn Perretta's Brother [lung cancer]
Dick Roan (Violet Earl's friend) [cancer]
Dennis Wernitz (Holly Lake's brother)
Sandy Krause (Ken Williams' sister-in-law) [lung cancer]
Steven January (Raechel Mullen's stepbrother) [cancer]
Darlene and Lori (Lynette Collins' friends) [cancer]
Maryna Steiner [inoperable brain tumor]
Jane Barnhouse (Jim Kracker's sister) [cancer]
David McGrath (Maureen Stetler's brother)
Cathy Sickafoose (Faith Black's mom)
Paul Sanko [liver cancer]
Jon Hale (Bea Bickel's nephew-in-law)
Doris Rose (Brittany Stuart's mom)
Lynn Anne Houston [waiting to have shoulder surgery]

Shirley Kalleker
Debbie Ciesielczyk
Cara Gourley

Mary Jo Purney
Diane Wilson

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
 Linda Risher (Room 118)

Inn at University Village:
 Beulah Lautensleger (Room 510) (330) 809-0060 [direct line]
 Ron Edris (Room 205) (330) 833-3759 [cell]
 Wilson Hawk (moved to the Memory Care Ward)

Canton Christian Home:
 Bill & Janice Stetler (330) 430-5167

At Home in Akron:
 Betty Tipton (330) 615-7886 [home]
 (330) 268-0960 [cell]