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PREPARE TO GET SHIPWRECKED AT RICHVILLE UCC!

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of GOD's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Everyone is welcome! It's FREE!

To register, please call the church office at (330) 832-1891. You may also download and print a registration form from our website: richvilleucc.com. Or, pick up a form in the Welcome Center!

Also join us for some post-VBS fun with "Our Zoo to You" on Sunday, July 29 (2 PM)! Check out Page 9 of this month's newsletter for more details!

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. "

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29 Sunday Schedule* 2:00 pm "Our Zoo to You" Post-VBS Event	30	31 Tuesday Schedule* Newsletter Mailed				

Stay up to date with all our events	* Sunday Sche 9:30 am 9:30 am Post Worship	e dule Updates in the Life/Work of the Church Worship Fellowship Hour	FOLLOW US Facebook	<u>Snapchat</u>
by visiting our webpage at:	*Tuesday Sch 10:00 am	edule Staff Meeting		
richvilleucc.com	* Wednesday \$ 6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Schedule Bible Study Staff Meeting	Twitter @RichvilleUCC	Instagram RichvilleUCC

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!



reading the account of an

Indian army officer held

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no

darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." **-1st John 1:5-7** (MRSV)

captive during one of the multiple wars between that nation and Pakistan. During his imprisonment, the Indian military personnel was allowed to read newspapers and listen to the radio. But, of course, only Pakistani sources. Those papers and stations which he was permitted to indulge reported regularly how badly India was losing, on all fronts.

Some time later, after the Indian officer had been released (into his *free* and *victorious* country-of-origin), he reflected that, despite all the propaganda he had been subjected to while in Pakistani custody, he had been certain, deep within his spirit, that his home nation had not, in fact, been losing the war. Something about the way the information was being reported, the lack of logic, the absence of substantial details, the way the Pakistani narrative didn't align with the Indian officer's own personal experience and knowledge –it all caused him to deeply disbelieve the version of events he was being subjected to. That's often what it can feel like to be a Christian living through the brokenness, darkness and hurt of a

dysfunctional world: we **KNOW** that **Jesus has already won the final battle** over sin and death, but all we seem to *HEAR* are the lies of The Enemy –telling us that that we aren't valuable, or that hate and division are more powerful than love and unity, or that our setbacks are permanent failures, or that convenience is more important than honesty and hard work, or that our enemies are beyond The LORD's Redeeming Grace and Power.

But The LORD has told us differently. We have the testimony of Scripture to guide our discipleship. We have the gift of The Holy Spirit to help us discern what is true and in-keeping with Christ's Character and Truth. We have the blessing of a church family to hold us accountable, encourage and strengthen us...

... on and on and on: our faith gives us so many tools to avoid being discouraged and deceived!

So, if you're ever struggling with despair, please remember that the real news is The Good News of Jesus Christ

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your

heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his

body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." -Ephesians 1:17-23 (NRSV)

and his victory –which he shares with us (no matter what anyone else might be saying.)

All Peace, Love & Blessings; Your brother & servant in Christ-Jesus, -w-



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, **MALENA CYBAK**, **BRADY NOLL** and **LILY STUART** became members of Richville United Church of Christ. It was a joyous celebration after months of prayer and study for these young people. We normally speak in terms of the youth coming into the congregation and learning our ways and our traditions. But we fail to ask the matching question: How shall our faith be encouraged and what shall we learn from these young believers? May we, as a congregation, warmly embrace this new class of confirmands and welcome Malena, Brady and Lily into our church family.



FAITH STATEMENT: Malena Cybak

I believe God is our creator, that he sent his only son to die for us. I believe Jesus is our savior, Gods only son who sacrificed himself to save us from our sin. I believe the Holy Spirit is always with you. I believe the Holy Trinity is the father, the son, and the Holy Ghost. I believe the Bible is the teachings of God and the stories of God's presence, the purpose of scripture is to teach people about God and what he did for us. I believe the church is a place to worship God and learn about him, a safe place to share feelings, a place where people come together and the purpose of the church is to be able to grow as a Christian. I believe sin is someone's wrongdoing, something to disown God. I believe that salvation means that you are forgiven and will have eternal life and we receive salvation by giving our life to God. I believe baptism is the joining of the church family. I believe that Communion/ The Lord's Suppers is the body and blood of Christ. I want to become a confirmed Christian because I want to deepen my faith and be a better follower of God. I want to become a member of the United Church of Christ because I will be able to make more important decisions in the church.



<u>ABOUT MALENA</u>: Malena Dawn Cybak is 14 years old, is an incoming Freshman and will be attending Tuslaw High School. She participates in cross country and track. Two things that she enjoys are being outdoors and hanging out with friends. Her plans for the future are to go to college and continue to run.

Malena's favorite Bible verse is Hebrews 12:1. She choose this Bible verse because it relates to her because she is a runner. She thinks this verse is saying that you should trust in God and follow the path he choose for you.



FAITH STATEMENT: Brady Noll

I believe God is our savior and our guiding light. I believe Jesus is our savior and died so that our sins may be forgiven. I believe The Holy Spirit is everlasting and forgiving. I believe that the Trinity is the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe the Bible is God's written guidance in life and faith. I believe that the purpose of scripture is to teach and guide us to a great life on earth and heaven. I believe the church is a safe place and is family and its purpose is to teach the people about the word of God. I believe sin is the wrongdoing of humans and Jesus died so that they can be forgiven. I believe salvation means saving us from evil and we receive salvation by learning about God and following his lead. I believe that baptism is the forgiveness of our original sin from Adam and Eve. I believe that communion and the Lord's Supper is a metaphor for the body and blood of Jesus. I want to become confirmed because it promises my commitment to the church and also to God. I want to become a member of the United Church of Christ as well as the RUCC because we share the same beliefs and I grew up in it my whole life.

<u>ABOUT BRADY</u>: Braydon Noll is 14 years old and goes to Faircrest Memorial Middle School in Canton South. Go Wildcats! He plays basketball, baseball, track, cross country and football. His other hobbies include playing fetch with their dogs, watching Highly Questionable, and just chilling. His favorite food is crackers and cream cheese.

FAITH STATEMENT: Lily Stuart

I believe that God is our father and creator, and forever acts in love. I believe that Jesus is God's son, our Lord and savior, and died on the cross for our sins. I believe that the holy spirit is part of the trinity, and is always with us. I believe that the Trinity is the father, the son, and the holy spirit. I believe the Bible is God's guidance to us, and that the purpose of scripture is to teach about God, Jesus, and his life. I believe that the church is a home, a place to worship God, and is made of people, not bricks and stone. The purpose of the church is to worship God, to teach others about him, and to improve lives. I believe that sin is wrong-doing. I believe that salvation means being forgiven for our sins by God, and being promised eternal life for having faith in Him. We receive it by admitting our sins and asking for forgiveness. I believe that baptism is joining the family of God. I believe that communion and the Lord's Supper are representative of the body and blood of Christ. I want to become a confirmed Christian because I want to be a disciple of Jesus and follow His path for me. I want to become a member of the United Church of Christ and Richville UCC because I want to be a part of this church family to grow and develop my relationship with God and members of the church.



<u>ABOUT LILY</u>: Lily Stuart is 14 years old, and is an incoming Freshman at Perry High School. She has participated in YMCA gymnastics for 10 years, seven of which she spent on a competitive team. Lily will be in Concert Band at the high school as well as the Perry High School Marching Band, beginning this summer. This year, Lily attended the Jr. Ohio Model United Nations conference in Columbus, Ohio. She enjoys petting her cats, playing her bassoon and saxophone, and spending time with her friends.

Lily's favorite Bible verse is Acts 18:9, because it reminds her to spread God's love and word.

Additional photos from Confirmation Sunday have been posted on the church's Facebook page: (under the photo album "Confirmation Sunday June 3, 2018")

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

This is Mr. Gary broadcasting from the RUCC News Center!

The month of July brings with it "Stars & Stripes" in celebration of Independence Day for our great country! We thank God for our freedom, not just this month, but every day.

With that said, I am proud, not only to be an American, but to be a part of a church that loves to reach out to the community. In my case, the youth & family of this generation is my passion. That is why our VBS program (July 15 through the 19 at 6pm) is such an outreach event and one of our successes. We give God the praise for our Director and Co-Director, along with the Crew leaders and all those who are helping this year. As we share this year's VBS theme "Shipwrecked", our goal is to have the kids leave us knowing that there is someone bigger than their struggles. Someone stronger than their weakness. Someone who loves them unconditionally.... Jesus! He is their rescue!

I also want to thank those who have approached us with donation money and supplies for VBS this year. Your generosity and love for our kiddos touches my heart! May we be an extension of that love and caring to each child as they enter our church building that week. Pray that we sow seeds that take root in their hearts of the Gospel message!

This year, we are having a "Post-VBS" event on Sunday, July 28 at 2PM on the church grounds. It is called "Our Zoo to You". They are a traveling "zoo on wheels", if you will, from Medina County. It is about an hour in length and designed for a captive audience all at once. They have a reputation of being "super hands-on" where the kids can touch and hold these exotic animals. My vision to CE was to have a "follow-up" event that might bring back as many VBS kids to our fold and show them that we have a genuine love for Jesus, not just during VBS week, but every day in our life. In addition, we offer a place they can come and learn (spiritual formation headquarters) more about this Jesus on a regular basis.

This month is one of those "sardine-packed" months. I want to thank our newsletter readers for your love, prayers, and support, as we labor together in reaching youth and families in a generation that seems to be spinning rapidly with complex and convoluted issues facing them. Thank you all for your faithfulness to our mission and calling!

In Christ's love and Service, **Gary Bickel** Director of Youth & Family Ministries

SIGN UPS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We still have many dates open on the Summer Music Calendar. If you or someone you know is willing to provide special worship content (ie: poetry, vocal/instrumental music, liturgical dance) in the place of the anthems, etc. please see Pastor Will or call the church office (330-832-1891). You may also sign the Music Calendar located in the Welcome Center with your name and contact information. THANK YOU! PLEASE NOTE: Volunteering for special music during the summer is a great way to contribute to the ministry of RUCC by freely giving of your time and talents.	VBS CREW LEADERS AND TEEN HELPERS NEEDED! We are looking for crew leaders to take groups around to the different stations throughout the VBS week, and are also looking for teens who'd like to be helpers. If interested, contact Jennifer Schumacher or Gary Bickel! Jennifer: schumd@sssnet.com (email) (330) 417-1235 (cell/text) Gary: g.bickel@aol.com (email) You can also contact the church office and Jenny will let them know you are interested! Thank you!			
Special thanks to Holly Lake, Cory Isler and Steve Gerber, who will be our worship musicians this summer!	ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS GAMES We are looking for donations of the following items for our VBS games:			
CONSISTORY MEMBERS NEEDED Consistory members are needed for the following committees: * Spiritual Life * Christian Education * Vice President * Financial Secretary	 Gallon size milk or water jugs with handles (5 needed, cleaned and washed) 3 oz. plastic cups (100 needed) Large plastic drinking cups (100 needed) 4 traffic cones (if anyone has these we can borrow) Pool noodles (about 15 needed) Sturdy, long rope (to play tug of war) Plastic drop cloths (2 needed) 10 lb. bag of bird seed 			
Anyone interested should contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Gary Dressler, Ron Lechner, Jill	Questions? Please contact Jennifer Schumacher or Gary Bickel.			
Tilton, Brian Tilton and Don Miller.	VBS SNACK DONATIONS			
Sunday, July 15 is our next YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY! Our youth will be participating in worship as readers, ushers, greeters, bell ringers and acolytes.	Thanks to everyone who signed up to donate items on our VBS snack list! Here are the items still needed (as of June 25):			
*There will be no Children's Church on this Sunday, but the nursery will be staffed.	 Graham Crackers (2 boxes) Goldfish Crackers (4 bags) Cupcakes (12 dozen) [To be delivered to the church 			
The next DINNER AT THE FAMILY LIVING CENTER has been scheduled for Thursday , July 26 at 5 PM. Look for the sign-up sheet and menu details in the Welcome Center!	on July 19] Juice (12 gallons) Milk (3 gallons) 			
	There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for those interested. Please have all donations at the church			
Our next THEOLOGY ON TAP outing is coming up on Thursday, July 26 (7 PM). Where would everyone like to meet? What topic would you like to discuss? Let Pastor Will know! Call/Text: (330) 704-2164 or Email: pdubillspeak@gmail.com.	NO LATER than Friday, July 13. Donated items may be placed in the kitchen in the area marked "VBS Snacks". Thank you! Questions? Please see Alisha Dennis.			
<u>Attention all 3 - 12 year olds!</u>				

AUGUST 19th IS OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHURCH OLYMPICS DAY!

Children's Church Olympics Day will be held **Sunday, August 19** during our 9:30 AM worship! Outdoor events *[weather permitting]* include: Baseball Throw, Golf, Basketball, Football, Discus and Accuracy. Please wear appropriate shoes to participate. *If you have any questions, please see Ruth Schumacher*.

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Received for June 2018:

Jerry Frederick Mulheim Memorial Pastor Discretion Outreach



FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

- July 2: Scott Weinstock July 5: Collin Schweitzer July 6: Cory Isler, Thomas Whitaker July 8: Alice Frederick July 12: **Eileen Shilling** July 13: Will Stuart July 14: Jennifer Schumacher July 16: **Alyson Spears** Robert McFarland July 18: July 19: **Diane Wilson** July 20: Burdine Mowery, Ryan Schlemmer, **Derek Schumacher** July 22: Evelyn Eyster
- July 26: Elizabeth Whitaker
- July 27: Joyce Brownsberger
- July 28: Judy Gopp
- July 31: Shirley Kalleker

Celebrating An Anniversary This Month



July 01: July 05:	Robert & Jennifer Lebold Bill & Gail McGrady
July 16:	Robert & Dee Elliott
	Scott & Paris Weinstock
July 18:	Donald & Marilyn Perretta
July 22:	Matt & Stacey Tillapaw
July 28:	Don & Cindy Miller

Recycling at RICHVILLE UCC

Container #97 was picked up on June 25, and Container #98 is here and waiting to be filled! As of 2008 (when we first began this outreach), 550,040 lbs. (or 275.02 tons) of newspapers, cardboard and junk mail has been recycled. *Thanks to everyone for your support of this important outreach*!

~Pat Jones

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, said a prayer and for the phone calls checking on me. I'm feeling a lot better now that the staples are out and I can now get around without a walker. Doing my home therapy. No doctor appts. for a month!

Brían Moock

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and support after Jerry's passing.

The Family of Jerry Frederick

The families from the Family Living Center would like to thank everyone for the donations of pillows, blankets, sheets, etc. They are extremely grateful and blessed for all they have received.

[Remember, we are always accepting donations of new/gently used pillows, blankets, sheets and towels for the families at the FLC. Donated items may be placed on the marked pew in the Fellowship Hall]

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE June - July - August <u>Worship begins at 9:30 AM</u>

[We will resume our 10:30 AM service start time with "Back-To" Sunday in September]



Mark your calendars now and be sure to invite your friends! We will have a Dinner [Swiss Steak or Chicken] from 4:30 - 7:00 PM, plus a basket raffle and much more! Watch for more details to come!

GAS CARD DRAWING

The winner of the June gas card was Ruth Schumacher. Congratulations! Special thanks to the anonymous person for donating the card.

Thanks to all of you for your continuing support. If you would like to donate a gas card, please see Pat Jones or Patti Moock. Thank you!



~ Pat Jones & Patti Moock

Members absent: Alisha Dennis, Debbie Ciesieczlyk Called to order: Bonnie Willis Devotions by : Bonnie Willis Minutes approved with change from last meeting

<u>Christian Ed</u>: Written report submitted: Motion that was made by committee under line #1-G – will be tabled when the committee comes back with change in wording.

Finance & Stewardship: No report submitted

Memorial: Written report submitted

<u>Outreach</u>: Written report submitted – Additional items: Need people to make cookies for the Wise Brother Dinner/Auction. Parlor update on hold, committee to help decide what actually needs done to keep with patio room design, conformity and how to financially fund it.

Karen Gerber made a motion to take down the quilt and store it, Larry Bates 2nd the motion, all in favor and motion passed.

Parish/Pastor Relations: No report submitted

Property & Maintenance: No report submitted. Discussion on a bill that was received from Crown Heating & Cooling for 5536.00, needs to be itemized, Bill Stetler will call Crown to confirm what the bill is about. A/C was damaged by Crown, needs new parts, will be installed in two week time frame. Warranty work will be done.

<u>Spiritual Life:</u> Written report submitted. Update on Patio Room, Karen Gerber made a motion to pay the balance of costs from Capital Improvements for the amount of: 1287.10, 2nd by Bill Stetler, all in favor motion passed. 2000.00 was designated from Memorials.

Pastor Time: Written report submitted. Additional information, Dee Elliott will do Mission Moment for May 27th on the Family Living Center. Mission Moments in June will be Christian Ed. Looking for volunteers for Video Testimony. Requested vacation dates: June 12-17th, Gary Bickel will be guest speaker on June 17th.

<u>Old Business</u>: Baseball Fields follow up from Richville Baseball Assoc. on paperwork due to RUCC, Bonnie Willis is checking with Mike Babb. Oil/Gas Well Don Miller called Dave Maddox to get update, nothing as of the meeting. Gas Well Information done by Gary Dressler, a thank you from Steve Gerber on all of his information on gas savings. Need to add minutes from the April Congregational Meeting to pass the full Budget for 2018.

<u>New Business</u>: Habitat Build for 2018- 5000.00 to be funded by RUCC, Motion by Steve Gerber that RUCC be involved again this year, 2nd by Bill Stetler, all in favor motion passed. Steve will ask Gary Dressler if he would be RUCC representative to Habitat this coming year.

Next Meeting: June 4

Devotions: Gary Bickel

Weekly Messenger spokesperson for June: Debby Tryon

Respectfully submitted, Pro Tem Sec, Jackie Schlemmer





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 concern 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] Jaime (Dee Elliott's neighbor) [Has cancer] Angela Mast (Dee Elliott's daughter) Chris (Friend of Debby Tryon) [Has Parkinson's] Bernie Cybak [Has Parkinson's, other health issues] Peg (Betty Jo Noll's sister) [Has cancer] Steven January (Raechel Mullen's stepbrother) [Has cancer] Jarrod Stahl's mother [Has cancer] John Graber [Has lymphoma] Art Poorman (Friend of the Perretta's) [Has cancer] Sharon Masalko (Marilyn Perretta's friend) Dick Roan (Violet Earl's friend) [Has cancer] Dennis Werntz (Holly Lake's brother) David McGrath (Maureen Stetler's brother) Sandy Krause (Ken Williams' sister-in-law) [Has lung cancer] Robbie Willis (Bonnie Willis' sister-in-law) Cathy Sickafoose (Faith Black's mom) Katie Bair [struggling with wrist injury] The Poorman Family (much illness in the family)

Diane Wilson Jean Sundheimer Debbie Ciesielczyk

Shirley Kalleker Darlene Gottler Mary Jo Purney

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

Legends Care Center: Gloria Dressler (Room 409) (330) 837-1001

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

At home in Akron: Betty Tipton (330) 615-7886 [home] 2742 Rhoadesdale Ave. (330) 268-0960 [cell] Akron, OH 44312

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.



JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AND INTERACTIVE POST-VBS FUN!

SUNDAY, JULY 29 AT 2 PM

"OUR ZOO TO YOU" (a travelling petting zoo located in Medina, OH), will give a 1-hour presentation and introduce some of their exotic animal friends! Their show is designed for a captive audience and is known for being super "hands-on"! The kids will get to touch, hold and hand feed almost every animal they have!

THIS EVENT IS FREE!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



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