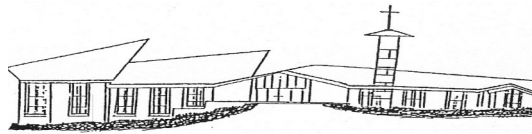


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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

FIRST SATURDAY FUNDRAISER DINNER

Saturday, September 5 from 4-6 PM

GOOD NEWS! Starting in September, the first Saturday of the month dinners will return. However, they will look a little different. Due to the current situation, we will be providing drive-thru dinner service only from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We will not be open for eat-in dining. *If you are unable to use the drive-thru service, we will have delivery options available.*

The first dinner is scheduled for **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. The cost for the dinner is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Payment can be made through PayPal (richvilleucc@att.net) or with cash or check when you pick up your dinners.

We encourage everyone to buy presale tickets. You can preorder your tickets by calling the church office: (330) 832-1891. *We will also have some tickets available for sale at the door.*



**Pulled Pork
Cheese Potatoes
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Dessert**

"BACK-TO" SUNDAY September 6, 2020

With the restrictions and adjustments we've had to make due to Covid-19 this year, we will not be able to celebrate many of the traditions associated with "Back-To" and the Fall season. However, Pastor Will will be introducing our 2020 Fall theme [titled: "The Way(s) of The World/THE WAY (of Jesus)"].

YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY AND NOISY OFFERING

We will have an "abbreviated" Youth Service Sunday on **September 20** (with a few of our youth being readers/acolytes).

We also encourage you to donate on that Sunday toward the "Noisy Offering". **September's collection will be donated toward RUCC's Building Renovation Fund.** We appreciate everyone's continued support of this ministry!

RISE (Richville In Service Everywhere) will be meeting for their monthly gathering on **Sunday, September 20** at 6 PM.



SATURDAY MEAL MINISTRY

Our Saturday Meal Ministry will continue through the month of September (as often as we can find volunteer cooks). Meals will be available for pick-up or delivery on **September 12, 19 and 26** (on the 5th we have our First Saturday Fundraiser Dinner - see above for details).

As in previous months, The meals are free (however, if you feel led, you are welcome to make a love offering of no more than \$5 per meal).

To place your order, please contact the church office (email: richvilleucc@att.net, phone: 330-832-1891). If you talk to a Called to Care Team member, you may also give them your order and they will turn it in to the church office.

When ordering, please let us know how many dinners you want and if it will be for pick-up or delivery. The food will be ready for pick-up or delivery at noon.

You may 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.

UPDATE REGARDING GOLDEN CHARMS (for the remainder of 2020)

After a head count, the following has been accepted: There will be no Golden Charms until after the first of the year (more details on that date later). *Please contact Ruth Schumacher with any questions. Thank you!*

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.

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."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg.	2 6:00 pm Bible Study	3 9:00 am S.T.O.P.	4 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	5 4-6 pm First Saturday Dinner (Drive-Thru or delivery only)
6 Sunday Schedule* (with Communion)	7 LABOR DAY Church office is closed	8 6:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Mtg.	9 6:00 pm Bible Study	10 9:00 am S.T.O.P.	11 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	12 Saturday Meal (pick-up or delivery at noon)
13 Sunday Schedule*	14 6:30 pm Consistory	15 CANCELED Golden Charms	16 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm All-Staff Mtg.	17 9:00 am S.T.O.P. 6:00 pm Spiritual Life Mtg.	18 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	19 Saturday Meal (pick-up or delivery at noon)
20 Sunday Schedule* Youth Service Sun & Noisy Offering 6:00 pm RISE	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23 6:00 pm Bible Study	24 9:00 am S.T.O.P. 5:00 pm Family Living Center Dinner	25 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	26 Saturday Meal (pick-up or delivery at noon)
27 Sunday Schedule*	28	29 Newsletter Mailed	30 6:00 pm Bible Study			

Stay up
to date with
all our events
by visiting
our webpage
at:

richvilleucc.com

***Sunday Schedule**

ON BREAK Adult Discussion Groups
10:30 am Updates in the Life/Work of the Church
10:30 am Worship

* There is no Fellowship Hour at this time (due to Covid-19)

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**"What the world needs now
is love, sweet love
It's the only thing
that there's just too little of
What the world needs now
is love, sweet love,
No not just for some but for everyone."**

Originally sung and recorded by Jackie DeShannon, the lyrics above (from the seminal 1965 Hal David/Burt Bacharach song) might seem overly simplistic, but that doesn't mean they're not deeply true. In fact, I would suggest that, in addition to being perennially so, they're also once again profoundly timely

"Owe nothing to anyone —except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. For the commandments say, 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.'"

These —and other such commandments are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law."

-Romans 13:8-10 (New Living Translation)

and appropriate.

Furthermore, those words are consistent with Scripture and serve nicely to help me introduce our upcoming worship theme for Fall. Beginning with our September 6th "Back-To" service, we will be exploring the topic:

"The Way(s) of The World/THE WAY of Jesus".

Now, as we look at the annual "return" to "regular" church activity, this year, of course, like everything else in our world right now, will be anything but normal. And yet, we are striving to maintain as much consistency and normalcy as is safe and possible.

Right now, individual Adult Discussion Groups are still determining if/when/how they might meet. Youth Sunday School is going to resume, but will do so with new safety measures in place (the kids will have individual activity kits that are assigned to them and only them specifically, social-distancing will be implemented for children outside of the same sibling-groups, class will take place outdoors as often as the weather permits, and so on).

We are altering how we will celebrate the Fall Festival and discussing alternatives to our Kids' Carnival. The Outreach Committee is likewise exploring different methods to continue our mission and ministry to the community.

In each instance, The Law of Love is driving our decision-making processes —as we seek to maintain the physical and spiritual health of our congregation and neighbors. Thus far, we have been blessed in both regards —easily and safely reengaging many of our ministries (with assorted precautions and procedures in place, and with limited in-person attendance helping to ensure people's wellbeing).

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**BACK to
CHURCH
Sunday**

Fall 2020

@

Richville UCC

The Way(s) of The World

THE WAY of Jesus

As we're all becoming accustomed to, all of our deliberations and implementation are subject to change as realities with Covid-19 change. For instance, with kids returning to school presently, the how things turn-out during the first few weeks of the new academic year will determine the ways in which our church proceeds in our activities.

In the meantime, we continue engaging-in and looking for ways to keep the flock connected and engaged, even when health-concerns don't allow folks to be with us in-the-flesh. To these ends, we have been trying to keep-up the Saturday Meals Ministry, Called-to-Care has maintained check-in calls, we held our first Parking Lot Party, the R.I.S.E. Senior High group has had safe/socially-distanced gatherings, small groups have been back for a couple of months, Wednesday Night Bible Study never stopped meeting (and even after returning to our in-person format, we still have people joining us via Zoom), Staff and Committee meetings have taken place (with all due safety protocols maintained), and more...

...We still want *your suggestions* on how to better reach and care for those who aren't able/ comfortable being in public gatherings right now &/or don't have access to the social-media and electronic formats we've been relying upon.

And as you think and pray about that, don't forget: whenever we celebrate The Lord's Supper, we have hygienically-sealed individual Communion packets available at the church office for those who will be participating online/from home. If you want some delivered (or need anything else) don't hesitate to call, text, email, or Instant Message me.

In the days ahead, we'll all undoubtedly have to continue being creative, flexible, gracious, prayerful, and faithful, but we've made it this far, and I have no doubt we can keep it –through The Spirit's Power and with Christ's guidance!



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

-W-

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Wow! Each month flies-by like they are days of the week.....

Well, during my pre-Richville days, we called it "Rally Day". But, for us here at Richville UCC, it is better known to us as "Back-To"!

In this day and age, stimulating creativity over craziness is crucial more than ever. Brainstorming with Christian Ed and P. -w- to include a proposed theme will certainly need to present a flow of creative collective juices! However, God has blessed us with a fine group of staff and leadership who stand firm in the face of challenges! And not to steal CE's thunder and their fine journalism, but September 6th looks like a target date for our "Back-To" Sunday School Fall agenda. Protocols are being established and CE is doing a fine job with the delicate details to follow an acceptable safe standard this Fall. This includes outreach and events being considered/discussed by CE & myself. In short, we are maintaining the precious folks in our fold who God has blessed us with as we move forward. Tune into their report for more details!

Besides trying to be distantly proactive in the lives of our youth and families, my other persevering passion is our RISE Senior High Youth Group. We continue to meet every third Sunday evening at 6 pm. We share our lives, group goals, and a spiritual formation lesson based on the focus passage of the week. Despite the challenges of our current times we live and the history we share as a youth group, RISE continues to be a steadfast nucleus of young men and women, ready to be a service to others! As we have reached-out to our shut-ins and other folks in resident facilities, we have now discussed offering services such as lawn care or other light maintenance help to parishioners and others in need. We are discussing ideas of fundraisers and ways we can grow and make a difference in people's lives! Not only is our group united by our planned printing of the RISE logo on T-Shirts, but we are united by the common bond that Jesus offers. Stay tuned for more updates as we approach the coming months. These young people often seem to RISE above my expectations 😊

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



Here is a screenshot from our spiritual formation lesson at our last RISE get-together on August 16. In this photo, the gentlemen from our Senior High Youth Group are demonstrating their dramatic skills as they portray Joseph and his brothers (from Genesis 45:1-15).

*Check out the full video of
this reenactment on the church's
Facebook page!*

SIGN UPS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

2020 FALL FESTIVAL

Much discussion and prayer by the Spiritual Life and Finance and Stewardship Committee has gone into our decision to go ahead with this year's Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 3** (4:30 - 6:30 PM). We know our congregation and the community look forward to this event every year and because it provides the money support for our Outreach Committee, this event will take place with some changes to keep everyone safe during the pandemic. The dinner will be Swiss Steak (CARRY OUT ONLY) and we will have the Basket Raffle and Bake Sale set up in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

The DINNER menu will be Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll and Dessert. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Kids (age 3-8). We will prepare 200 meals and sell tickets for one month prior to the dinner. Any meals remaining will be sold at the door until they are gone. For tickets please contact Jackie Schlemmer (330-806-7476) or Karen Gerber (330-465-7912). Jackie will be selling tickets starting September 1, and Karen will also have tickets for sale on Sunday mornings at church through September. *Buy your tickets early so you don't miss this great meal!*

We won't need desserts donated so please bake for the BAKE SALE. Bonnie Schafer will be in charge and will be set up in the Narthex this year. We will have baked goods, trail bologna and swiss cheese for sale.

The BASKET RAFFLE will again be organized by Debbie Ciesielczyk. The baskets will be socially distanced in the Fellowship Hall instead of the parlor this year. Please let Debbie know if you have a basket idea you would like to do. Or as always, you can contribute to the basket fund and let her do the shopping for you! Give her a call if you need her to pick up your basket or have any questions (330-417-9457).

Mark your calendars, start passing the word, and watch for more information in the Weekly Messenger and on social media. If you can help in any way PLEASE contact Debbie Ciesielczyk or Karen Gerber. Again, all attempts will be made to maintain social distancing and the wearing of masks to make this a safe event for everyone.

We are looking forward to another successful Fall Festival!

The next **DINNER AT THE FAMILY LIVING CENTER** will be **Thursday, September 24**. We will prepare/drop off the food for the families (we will NOT be serving the food, so we do not need any volunteers/helpers). At this time, we will not be asking the congregation to make/provide any menu items.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAILING

We are looking for a couple of people interested in helping with the monthly newsletter preparation and mailing. We usually do the mailing on the last Tuesday of each month (so the next would be **September 29**). We start at 9 AM and it takes approximately an hour or two.

Please contact the church office and/or Pastor Will if you are willing and able/available.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS NEEDED

Consistory members are needed for the following committees:

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| * Memorial Secretary | * Outreach |
| * Pastor/Parish | * Consistory President |

Anyone interested in serving should contact Tom Trotter, Bonnie Willis, or notify the church office. Thank you!

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT AND TURNED IN YOUR PASTORAL EVALUATION FORM YET?

All members and regular guests are asked to fill out a form (anonymously) and return it to the locked box in the Welcome Center. **Forms were included in the August newsletter. Copies can also be found in the Welcome Center.*

PARENTS: IS YOUR YOUNG PERSON INTERESTED IN BEING CONFIRMED?

Pastor Will is making preparations for this year's confirmation program -so if your child is interested in being confirmed, please be sure to let him know ASAP. (Text/Cell: 330-704-2164; Email: pdubillspeak@gmail.com). You may also call or email the church office.



Recycling at RICHVILLE UCC

Container #123 was picked up in July, and it weighed in at 3,460 lbs. This puts our total for recycled materials (newspapers, cardboard and junk mail) at 674,480 lbs. (or 337.24 tons).

Thanks for your support of this important outreach!

~ Pat Jones

AUGUST GAS CARD DRAWING

Hello everyone! We hope you are safe. We had a drawing for August. Jenny did the drawing and the winner was Ruth Schumacher. Congratulations! Thanks to Don Miller for donating the card.

We have one more gas card and I think we will end this outreach for the year. We will see how everything goes. *God bless you all!*

~ Pat Jones & Patti Mook



2020 MEMORIALS

Received for August 2020:

Mulheim Memorial Garden
Pastor Discretionary Fund

Our prayers, love
and support are with
the family, friends
and loved ones of
those who have gone
home to the Lord:



*In
Sympathy*

- ♥ **Dr. William Stuart** (Pastor Will's uncle)
- ♥ **Tom Bergenel** (friend of Sandy Griffin)



FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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|----------|---|
| Sept 2: | Eileen Slike |
| Sept 7: | Dan Collins |
| Sept 11: | Chase Overholt, Trinity Stuart,
Tom Schmolt, Anna Dennis |
| Sept 12: | Kasie Perretta |
| Sept 14: | Elizabeth Lebold |
| Sept 15: | Beckie Custer |
| Sept 18: | Nancy Lechner, Jillian Noll |
| Sept 19: | Janice Stetler, Joanne Diveley |
| Sept 22: | Sandy Long |
| Sept 24: | Dar Dorsey, Caleb Johnson,
Larry Lautensleger |
| Sept 27: | Emily Johnson |

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

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|----------|-----------------------------|
| Sept 2: | Donnie & Jody Jones |
| Sept 13: | Allen & Julie Brahler |
| Sept 14: | Eric & Kimberly Klick |
| Sept 17: | David & Jennifer Schumacher |
| Sept 23: | Bill & Cheyenne Ensalaco |
| Sept 24: | Drew & Rebecca Grant |
| Sept 29: | Ed & Amber Cybak |

THANK YOU

"A big 'Thank You!' to my friends at Richville UCC for the birthday cards! Receiving them meant a lot to me, and they really encouraged me. Thank you, again!"

~ Mike Calabris

Thanks to the Groovy Grub Food Truck, the Willis Gordon Band, our volunteers/helpers, and all from the church and community who came out to support our Parking Lot Party (on August 15). We enjoyed great food, music and fellowship, all while staying safe through social distancing!



Richville United Church of Christ Consistory Minutes

Date: July 6, 2020

Members Present: Alisha Dennis, Bonnie Willis, Karen Gerber, Steve Gerber, Jackie Schlemmer, Larry Bates, Tom Trotter, Bonnie Schafer, Debbie Ciesielczyk, Scott Lechner

Members Absent: Elizabeth Whitaker, Pastor Will Stuart, Nancy Jedel

Meeting Called to Order: President Bonnie Willis

Opening Devotions: Karen Gerber

Minutes of Last Meeting Stand Approved

Treasurer's Report-Filed For Audit

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Current Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Beginning Balance	\$30,546.89	\$80,579.09
RECEIPTS:		
Financial Sec Deposits	\$113,146.17	\$11,208.15
Transfers In From Funds	\$4,561.33	(\$1,023.35)
Interest	\$32.88	\$11.64
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Expenses	(\$78,853.05)	(\$12,558.53)
Transfers to Funds	(\$11,217.00)	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$58,217.00	\$58,217.00
<u>Appropriated Not Used:</u>		
Outreach FF Monies	\$4,419.32	\$4,419.32
COGS Fund	\$2,118.66	\$2,118.66
<u>Total Appropriated</u>	\$6,537.98	\$6,537.98
<u>Available</u>	\$51,679.02	\$51,679.02

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Written report submitted. VBS registrations are slow so far, committee is going to try and reach out to families.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP: Written report submitted. Capital Improvement fund needs to be watched closely. Outdoor rental agreement has been drafted for members and non-members to be approved by Consistory at August Consistory meeting.

MEMORIAL: Written report submitted.

OUTREACH: No written report submitted.

PARISH/PASTOR RELATIONS: No written report submitted.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE: No written report submitted. Larry to follow up on the bees in the outdoor pavilion. Boiler pump parts are on order.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Written report submitted. We had 15 people in attendance at the July 5th worship. The re-opening committee is going to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 new cases in Stark County in regard to keeping church services going on a weekly basis. Karen is going to discuss with her committee the different song licensing options that we have. Committee is still thinking about doing a monthly fundraiser.

PASTOR'S TIME: No written report submitted.

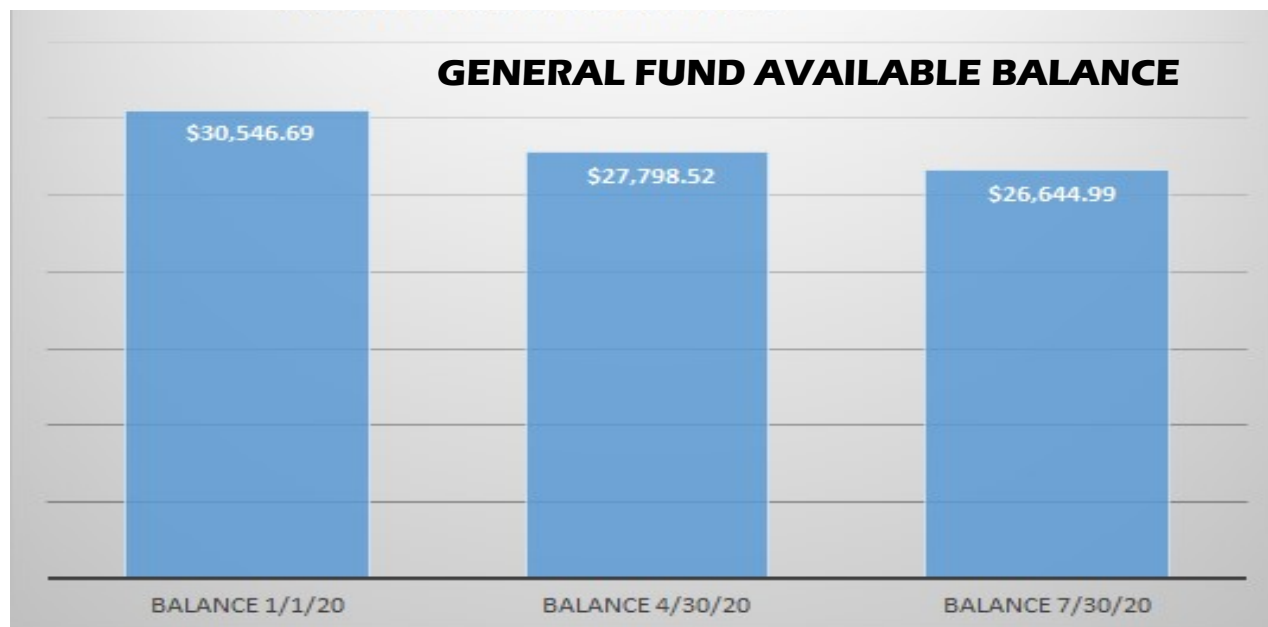
OLD BUSINESS: Saturday meals are going well. Still looking for volunteers to cook on a Saturday. Please contact Karen if interested. Anyone looking to donate towards this ministry, it would be much appreciated. Sanctuary stair rail is still in progress. Welcome Center desk is still in progress. Open & Affirming church discussion is on hold until next year.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed a new all call phone option to reach out to church members. We will not have the paid Zoom account after July, but we will still have the free account.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 3, 2020

DEVOTIONS BY: Debbie Ciesielczyk

Respectfully submitted by Alisha Dennis

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**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 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) *[cancer]*
Linda (Dee Elliott's friend) *[cancer]*
Laurie Raines (Dee Elliott's close friend) *[cancer]*
Angela Mast (Dee Elliott's daughter)
Tracy Elliott (Dee Elliott's daughter-in-law) *[kidney tumor]*
Bernie Cybak *[Parkinson's, other health issues]*
Peg (Betty Jo Noll's sister) *[cancer]*
Jarrod 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]*
David McGrath (Maureen Stetler's brother)
Cathy Sickafoose (Faith Black's mom)
Paul Sanko *[liver cancer]*
Doris Rose (Brittany Stuart's mom)
Rev. Eric Walch

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] 2742 Rhoadesdale Ave.
 (330) 268-0960 [cell] Akron, OH 44312



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS,
EMAIL OR PHONE?**

Help us keep the church records accurate!

If you have changed your contact information (address, phone number, email, etc.) please remember to let us know so we can update our records. Thank you!



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**Help us keep our church roster updated.
Contact the church office (330) 832-1891
with any family member change or
address/telephone changes.**

