



The Messenger

weekly March 10, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10 <u>SPRING FORWARD!</u> Sunday Schedule* Celebration of the Sacrament of Adult Baptism 3:00 pm Canton Charge Game	11	12 Tuesday Schedule*	13 Wednesday Schedule*	14 10:00 am T.O.P.S. 7:00 pm FRPMC Mtg.	15 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	16 Astronomy Day at the Wilderness Cntr.
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

*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 Lynne Houston in memory of her parents Edward & Eleanor Gilbert

Announcements:

Jackie Schlemmer
(Financial Secretary)

Welcome Center:

Karen Provost

Head Usher:

Larry Bates

Worship Reader:

Jeff Dafler

Fellowship Hour:

Chris, Alisha and Anna Dennis

Sunday School:

Elizabeth Whitaker

Crib/Nursery:

Emily Barkheimer

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Worship Attendance for Sunday, March 3:

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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.



Our Theme for Lent 2019:

"REAL FREEDOM"

This year's Lenten devotional is titled **"The Saving Passion"**. Henri J. M. Nouwen, one of the most beloved spiritual thinkers of the 20th

century, wrote about the saving passion of God's Son in a way that has captivated and inspired readers the world over. Excerpts from Nouwen's engaging insights are paired with original reflections and prayers in this booklet for each day of Lent, as we journey together through this season of sacrifice and marvel at the salvation our Savior won for us.

Copies of all these devotionals can be picked up outside the sanctuary doors.

Today during worship, we will be celebrating the sacrament of adult baptism for Lynne Ann Houston.



Today after church, the Outreach Committee will be assembling boxes of school supplies. These boxes will then be delivered to 5 schools.

Today at 3 PM is our outing with the Canton Charge! For those who signed up, we will not be carpooling --just drive to the Canton Civic Center and we'll all meet at our assigned seats before the start of the game.

*PLEASE NOTE: Gary Bickel has the tickets and will be passing them out this morning.

MEETING REMINDERS:

FRPMC:

Thursday, March 14 at 7 PM

Spiritual Life:

Thursday, March 21 at 6 PM

Finance & Stewardship:

Thursday, March 21 at 7 PM

ASTRONOMY DAY 2019 **Saturday, March 16 (1 - 8 PM)**

Have you signed up yet for the Astronomy Day at the Wilderness Center? There will be a planetarium show at 1 PM and 3 PM, plus ongoing children's activities, speakers, lectures and more throughout the day --all to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first moon landing!

We will all meet at the Wilderness Center for the 1 PM planetarium showing. From there, your family can pick and choose what it is you'd like to do. **THIS EVENT IS FREE!**



**GOD WILL GRANT
US THE SERENITY**

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THE UNDERGROUND

SUNDAY, 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

March 17 is our next YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY! Our youth will be participating in worship as readers, greeters, ushers, acolytes and bell ringer.



March 17 is also CAMP SUNDAY! We encourage you to wear your camp shirts to worship! We will also have online registration information for anyone interested!

The early/discount registration deadline for Summer Camp is April 15!

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.

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, hot pink)	\$16.00
Hydrangeas (blue, pink)	\$16.00
Tulips (red, yellow, pink, purple)	\$8.50
Hyacinths (pink, blue, white)	\$8.50
Regular Daffodils	\$8.50
Mini Daffodils	\$5.00

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.



Thanks to Dar & Rob Dorsey for doing Kids Chorus and Music with the kids (the first 15 minutes of Sunday School each week).

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

RUCC RECYCLING UPDATE

Container #104 was picked up in late February, and it weighed in at 4,240 lbs. This puts our total for recycled materials (newspapers, cardboard and junk mail) at 595,760 lbs., or 297.88 tons!

Thanks everyone! We greatly appreciate your support of this important outreach!

~ Pat Jones



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

These services and events are still a "work in progress". Watch for additional details in next month's newsletter, in the weekly bulletin and on the church's Facebook and webpage!

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14, 2019 (Palm Sunday)

On Palm Sunday, we will also be taking up a special UCC missions offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. *For more information on OGHS, or if you'd like to donate online, visit: <http://www.ucc.org/oghs>*

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19, 2019

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)

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Dar Wellman-Dorsey will once again be doing a summer reading readiness program. The program will be held from **June 11 thru August 16**, and will be housed at Richville United Church of Christ. All kids in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade can sign up (**NO preschool age**).

The program offers sight words, phonics, worksheets, spelling, oral reading, comprehension, listening/ following directions, parts of speech, creative writing, games/puzzles, music and much more! Learn basic skills to enter the next grade, review information to succeed when returning to school in the fall, and advance your child's knowledge in basic reading and language skills.

Sessions focus on individual/one on one tutoring, not groups. The cost is \$200 for 10 sessions. You may pay all the cost at once or choose to pay monthly. Each session takes place once a week, and is one hour long. There is also a \$20 registration fee per child for a workbook and supplies.

If you would like to sign up, or if you'd like more information, please contact Dar Wellman-Dorsey at (330) 685-2633.

JOYS

and

CONCERNS

- ♥ Prayers for **Corky Showalter**. Having shoulder replacement surgery on March 14.
- ♥ Continued prayers for **Sandy Griffin**. Went to the doctor because she wasn't feeling right and still having some pain. She has fluid on her pelvis and a cyst of her ovary. No treatment options except to allow the body to continue to heal.
- ♥ We had a great turnout for our Swiss Steak Dinner on March 2. Thanks to our cooks, helpers, servers and all who attended!
- ♥ The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies for the School Supply Drive.

If you have a Joy or Concern, please remember to fill out a Prayer Request card (cards can be found in the pews and also in the Welcome Center). cards may be given to Pastor Will or placed in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

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 Masalko (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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