



GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

March 2020

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Last month in the newsletter I wrote about how one pastor found joy in an Ash Wednesday service. As I was writing that article I got to thinking about the ways we as a church could capture a sense of joy. I would like to invite the church to be on the lookout for the ordinary things that bring us joy throughout the Lenten season. It could be a member of your family, it could be a place, it could be a special event... I believe that there is no limit to the places we can find joy.

Since the beginning of the Christian Church Lent has been a time to invest in our faith and in our relationship to God. This was not to say that for the rest of the year we could slack off and ignore our faith, but to recognize that in the forty days before Easter we have the opportunity to step a little closer to Jesus. This has been practiced many ways and I encourage everyone to "practice" Lent in a way that will be meaningful to you. As you go through Lent though, remember that God's blessings are overflowing in our world and we are surrounded by gifts that were given for our enjoyment.

If you are comfortable, snap a picture of something that brings you joy so that on Easter Sunday we can share these images of joy with one another. It is my hope that everyone in our church will find at least one joy that they would feel comfortable sharing. You can send your pictures to me by email at caseybradley@gmail.com or send it as a text to 518-461-6673. If you want to give me a hard copy of a picture just slip it under my office door or mail it in to the church. Whatever way you send in your picture of joy make sure to include your name if you are comfortable doing so and a caption of what it is that is bringing you joy. Let's spend at least part of our Lent together discovering all the joy that God has placed in our lives and sharing that joy in the worship life here at COCU!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Casey



CHANCEL CHOIR: Alice Mahardy, Director
Melissa Belcher, Carrie Gardner, Dave Llewellyn, Marion Pitcher, Mark Reardon, Michelle Fritts, Sue Sheldon, Carol Simpson, Gene Simpson, Linda Watkins

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Children preschool - grade 6 are welcome.

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FOOD BANK
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Thanks to everyone for their donations and for volunteering for this work. Particular need is for canned goods of any kind, especially canned meat, fruits, and vegetables, spaghetti sauce, soup, cold cereal, and peanut butter. We also accept monetary donations at:

Food Bank
PO Box 140
Richfield Springs, NY 13439

CONFIRMATION CLASS for Ages 12+

Pastor Casey has announced a Confirmation Class to happen at COCU in the spring. Any child of God, ages 12 and beyond, are welcome to be a part of this Christian pathway. Confirmation refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment, publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation. Participants will learn about the meaning of Christian faith, the history and teachings of the church, and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing. If you or your child are interested in the Confirmation Class, please call the church office (315-858-1553) or speak with Pastor Casey after church. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask them as well.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

MARCH 1 COFFEE: Priscilla Edick.

READER: Ross Jones.

USHER: Priscilla Edick, Geri Erwin.
Linda Ehlers & Kate Huxtable.

GREETER: Maxine Armstrong.

MARCH 8 COFFEE: Sheryl & John Morris.

READER: Linda Ehlers.

USHER: Ross & Donna Jones.

GREETER: Priscilla Edick.

MARCH 15 COFFEE: Diane Butts.

READER: Brian Howser.

USHER: Priscilla Edick & Kate Huxtable.

GREETER: Lois Schoenlein.

MARCH 22 COFFEE: Priscilla Edick.

READER: FaithAnn Young.

USHER: Barb Sluyter & Brady Young.

GREETER: Linda Ehlers.

MARCH 29 COFFEE: Carol Simpson.

READER: Geri Erwin.

USHER: Larry Belcher & Brian Howser.

GREETER: Kate Huxtable.

Altar Flowers alter sadness into gladness!



March and April
One Great Hour Sharing

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3/1 Pat Starr
3/3 Hannah Dulovich
3/4 Marie Prokop
3/6 John Burditt
3/8 Pastor Deborah Waldron
3/9 Sheryl Dulovich
3/13 Janet Bobnick
3/13 Thomas Anthony Miller
3/13 Shawn Michael Miller
3/15 Thomas Worobey
3/16 Amanda Lee Gardner
3/18 Mortimer Robertson
3/18 Denise Harris
3/19 Marc LaFrance
3/19 Cynthia Brophy
3/23 William David Cristman
3/25 David Wadsworth
3/28 Rosalie Wadsworth
3/31 Patti Lou Leopold
4/1 Mary Beth Kearney
4/1 Katelynn Bond Worobey
4/2 Anna Hawkes
4/2 Matthew Joseph Cristman
4/4 Emily Bond
4/4 Lillian Martin

HAPPY ANIVERSARY!

3/6 Michael & Monica Wolfe
3/30 Bill & Kate Huxtable
4/2 Ken & Shirley Dreis

Do you have a summer and winter address?
To update your contact and birthday info
call or text Cindy 315 525 9355.



Community Singers

Present "Who Is He"

Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 7:PM

Mt. Markham High School

West Winfield, NY 13491

No Admission Charge

Refreshments

PRAYER CHAINS

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." — Hebrews 13:16

When you receive a message, please call the next person. If you get an answering machine, please leave a message.

PRAYER CHAIN 1:

Linda Ehlers 858-1833
Sue Sheldon 858-2681
Carrie Gardner 858-0694
Geri Erwin 858-2103
Rowena Robertson 858-0652
Carol Simpson 868-0319

PRAYER CHAIN 2:

Patti Lou Leopold 858-2706
Shirley Dreis 858-0667
Maureen Kennedy 858-1631
Kate Huxtable 858-1566
Donna Jones 858-2357
Nancy Stronggreen 858-9483

Bob Fahey joined with our Lord on February 27th. Keep the Fahey Family in our prayers.

EVENTS

- +Mar 3 **Bible 101** Class at 6:30 pm
- +Mar 5 **Bible 101** Class at 3 pm same topic.
- +Mar 10 COCU Board meeting 6:30 pm
- +May 15 Rummage Sale!

- Sundays following Worship - CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
- +Every Monday 2 pm PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING GROUP
- +Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9 am EXERCISE CLASS
- +Every Wednesday night 5:30-6:30 Weight Watchers
- +Every Tues and Thurs 10am-noon FOOD PANTRY- Not 11/28
- +2nd & 4th Saturdays 11am-noon FOOD PANTRY
- +Every 2nd Monday Girl Scouts 7:00 pm
- +Every 3rd Thurs Guild 6:00 pm Desert & Fellowship, 6:30 Meeting
- +Every 4th Tues Bereavement at 7:00 pm

JANUARY SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS THANK YOU

Thank you to Geri Erwin and Margaret Goodrich for the beautiful flower arrangements for the months of January and February. Its not too early to sign up for Easter Altar flowers. The signup sheet is in the fellowship room on the information table.

Rowena Robertson 315-858-0652

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

Please check any areas that you would be willing to help with. You will be "trained" and placed on a schedule. If unavailable the day scheduled, trade with another on the list, and let us know.

[] Usher [] Reader
[] Sunday Greeter [] Sunday Coffee Host

[] Sunday School Teacher (must be at least 18)
[] Sunday School Assistant
[] Nursery Care Provider (must be at least 18)
[] Nursery Care Assistant
[] Worship Service Acolyte

Name _____

Contact _____

Please place in offering plate.

57th Annual Men's Communion Breakfast

*Saturday – March 14th at 8am with speaker Mark Bolos
Mohawk Reformed Church, 20 S. Otsego St, Mohawk
Reservations helpful 315 866 4292 mroffice@verizon.net*

41st Annual Friendship Craft Festival!

Sponsored by the Church Of Christ Uniting, it will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 9am to 3pm in Spring Park on Scenic US Route 20. For information, an application and festival details go to the church's website at

www.rschurchofchristuniting.com

or call Carla at 315-858-1451 or Sue at 315-858-2681.



Richfield Youth Sports (**RYS**) is now signing up coaches, helpers, and young children for spring T-ball, baseball, and softball.
Forms: www.richfieldyouthsports.org