



Good News Ambassador



Pastor's Message

If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. Never have those words seemed more real to me. I had made plans for how Lent would look in our church, and then we had to cancel services. I made plans for how our small group studies would progress, and we have canceled them. I made plans for Palm Sunday, and COVID-19 doesn't seem to be relenting. With Easter just over the horizon I hesitate to make plans too far ahead only to see the world shift again.

Faith becomes our only certainty when all else seems up in the air. God's promise to us has not changed through all of this; we are still beloved children of the God who created heaven and earth, loved so much that God sent his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to break into our world with the gift of grace. Paul's words to the Church in Rome seem so profound right now:

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39)

Together we will witness God prevailing in our time, just as God has prevailed time and time again throughout history. Like Moses standing by the sea, we might just have to take a step back and witness the wonders of God. Whatever comes next, we can rest in the assurance that God is still the origin of all our hopes and the author of all our dreams.

Reverend Casey Bradle

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has inquired as to how to continue contributing to the financial health of the church. You can always mail checks and offering envelopes to the church (PO Box 896, Richfield Springs, NY 13439). We have also set up a PayPal account for the church so you can give online. This account can be accessed through our website (<https://rschurchofchristuniting.com/>).

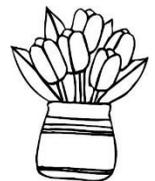
What You Can Do

Until we meet again in person there are several ways to continue to connect and be part of the life of the church:

- Each Sunday at 9:30 there is a livestream of our worship service on the church Facebook page, later in the day a link to the service will go up on church website.
- Throughout the week Pastor Casey is sharing video reflections and scripture readings on the Facebook page.
- Call one another. Even though we have to be physically separated to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we can still be socially connected to one another. Commit to calling at least one other member of our church community each day.
- Pray for the church and its members. Set aside an intentional five or more minutes each day to be in prayer for our church community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 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
- 4/8 Carrie Gardner
- 4/10 Maureen Kennedy
- 4/10 Diane Vaughn
- 4/12 Priscilla Edick
- 4/14 Jessica Ann Klem
- 4/14 Lois Schoenlein
- 4/14 Linda Ehlers
- 4/20 Patrick Twomey
- 4/24 Geri Erwin
- 4/27 George Gardner
- 4/29 Ashley Lindsay
- 4/30 James Watkins
- 4/30 Roger Waldron



HAPPY ANIVERSARY!

- 4/2 Ken & Shirley Dreis
- 4/18 Rev Mark & Mryna Ioset