



Good News Ambassador



Pastor Casey's Message

One of the biggest takeaways for all of us these past few weeks is that no two people are experiencing this pandemic in the same way. Some are finding relief in the slowing down of the world, taking this as a time to rest and recover. Some are discovering that this is a great time to do things that they had been putting off. Others are struggling through unemployment. Some of us are mourning that normalcy that has been lost. Some are mourning the barriers to interpersonal connectiveness that had been so crucial in our lives only a few weeks ago. We are all experiencing this pandemic differently, but all of us are experiencing it profoundly.

In the mid-18th century a new holiness movement was spreading across England, and subsequently the colonies that the English had established around the world. This was the Wesleyan movement, though it was based on ideas cultivated over centuries. This new holiness movement brought some new ideas of theology, though if we are being honest, many of these "new" theologies were actually very old theological ideas that were simply being brought into a new context.

What made the Wesleyan movement so successful though wasn't its theology, it was its presence. The holiness movement followed the miners to work and set up shop in the cities amongst the poor. Wesleyan utilized leaders amongst the laity to form small groups that would be attentive to the physical and spiritual needs of its members. In other words, they focused on community. A central question permeated this community—"how is it with your soul?"

In our world, right at this very moment, our notion of community is being redefined. I don't pretend to know what our community will look like in the coming months. I do not know if our social distance will grow or shrink, I don't know if we will be embracing one another or shying away from each other. Our community is in the midst of a shift unlike any we have seen in recent memory. Some will find this shift a blessing, many will find it a trial, but I pray all of us see it as a reminder to go back to that one question that is of utmost importance—"How is it with your soul?"

In Christ,
Pastor Casey Bradley



MAY - JUNE 2020

The UPPER ROOM

If you would like this booklet delivered to your door knob call Donna Jones at 315 858 2357 (leave a message if no answer) or email her at rndjones@verizon.net.

She'll deliver as many as we have before the 1st, or download it for free at

<https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions>



2nd Mile for May Hospice

Hospice's mission is to provide quality and compassionate end-of-life care to our community patients and families.

Canceled Events: *Annual Friendship Craft Festival at Spring Park* -- normally 2nd Saturday in June. Please look for us next year.
Spring Rummage Sale – See you this fall.

Online Worship & Update Videos from our Pastor Casey



Join us Sundays at 9:30 Live on the COCU Facebook page:

RS Church of Christ Uniting

You don't need a facebook login to watch.

Just go to www.facebook.com and put the above name in the search, or watch later on YouTube, by searching on **RS COCU**.

Zoom

(<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8034563150>) or over the phone at 1-929-205-6099 (when prompted enter meeting ID **803 456 3150** followed by #) The password for online and phone calls is **123456**.

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 also have a PayPal account so you can give online through our website: (<https://rschurchofchristuniting.com/>).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/1 Lorri Jo Farley Seamon
5/2 Alexis Wolfe
5/4 Joseph Connor Barra
5/5 Susan Sheldon
5/8 Bob Raux
5/8 Amy Worobey
5/8 Daniel Bloomfield
5/9 Carrie Lynn Gardner
5/9 Karen Owczarczak
5/10 Marion Foster
5/12 Heidi Bond
5/14 David Weiss
5/17 Michael T. Domion
5/19 Barbara Sluyter
5/24 Alice Mahardy



PRAYER CHAINS

Do you have someone to add or remove from the prayer list? Please contact to add / remove your special person(s) for prayers. cocu@verizon.net or by mail attention Prayer List or call 315 525 9355.

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 Strongreen 858-9483

Guild News



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, an emergency Guild meeting via video conferencing was held on April 16 to discuss the status of the below:

- May 11-Women's Appreciation Dinner
- May 15- Spring Rummage Sale
- June 13-Friendship Craft Festival

The May events are Guild sponsored. It was voted to cancel them due to the uncertainty of when we would all be returning to "normalcy"-- for the lack of a better word.

The Craft Festival, however, is a church sponsored fundraiser that the Guild coordinates. As such, the Guild felt a responsibility to present their suggestion to cancel this year's event at the Board's April meeting. Several factors were taken into consideration including the fact that crafter registration is drastically down compared to this time last year. The Board agreed with the Guild's recommendation and voted to cancel this year's event.

A couple fundraising ideas were introduced at the Guild's April meeting and will be discussed at future meetings.

HAPPY ANIVERSARY!

5/2 Michele & Wayne Sheldon
5/7 Don & Susan Sheldon
5/8 Al & Mary Stanfield
5/9 Gary & Judi Southard
5/9 Donald & Heather Snyder
5/18 Kristy & Aleksey Zaitseva
5/31 Mark & Vickie Richards



FOOD BANK NEWS

Wonderful food bank volunteers and donations continue to make our church the go-to place for this important service during the pandemic.

If you would like to make Food Donations and/or Monetary Donations to the Richfield Springs Food Bank, you can come to the Church of Christ Uniting during regular hours of operation:

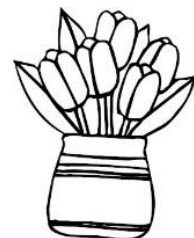
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10am - 12pm
2nd & 4th Saturdays: 11am - 12pm

Monetary Donations can also be sent to:

Richfield Springs Food Bank
PO Box 140
Richfield Springs NY 13439

The Food Bank accepts all non-perishable foods, as long as the expiration date hasn't expired. Special Food Requests at this time are: **Cereal**

Oatmeal - Flavored pouches
Canned Fruits & Vegetables
Thank you for your support!



Finding Jesus' 12 disciples

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ANDREW	JOHN	PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW	JUDAS	SIMON
JAMES	MATTHEW	THADDAEUS
JAMES	PETER	THOMAS

Mark 10:42-45

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, "Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them: and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

But so it shall not be among you: but whoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Proverbs 13:16

Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

Begining of the Nicene Creed:

H880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

Amazing Grace

H378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Join us for Worship...

Here are multiple ways to connect with us for worship online Sunday at 9:30 am:

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