



THE GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

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The Power of the Resurrection

“Christ has been raised from the dead.” This is the core belief of the Christian faith. Though there are many other aspects of the faith, this is central. It is at the heart of our faith. Christ’s resurrection is cited repeatedly in the New Testament and in historic creeds and statements of faith written since that Day of Days. As such, it is appropriate that Easter is better called The Day of Resurrection.

When we gather for worship on The Day of Resurrection, we attest to the power of The Resurrection. It is a power that changes everything. Death no longer has the last word. Death is vanquished. The promise and certainty of eternal life is unleashed to all who believe that Christ has been raised.

The power of The Resurrection changes as well life this side of eternity. We are given a living hope in which and with which to live our lives. Each of us is enabled to say, “I know that my Redeemer lives!” Because he has been raised he is with us today and will always be.

The power of The Resurrection also has given us The Lord’s Day (Sunday). He was raised on a Sunday so every Sunday from then on is an affirmation of his resurrection. The Lord’s Day is rooted in that first Sunday. When we worship on the Lord’s Day we are embraced by the fact and power of his resurrection. In addition, The Lord’s Day has been regarded by practicing Christians as not the last but the first day of the week. What better way is there to start any given week?

My hope and prayer for you is that you realize what a difference our Lord’s Resurrection makes for you each and every day. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Mark



Sunday School News:

The two age groups (pre-school-grade 3 and grades 4-6) continue to meet during the worship service. The lessons this past month have dealt more with Old Testament families and their response to God. In April we will be using more New Testament stories. Also, a Safe Sanctuary training was held March 17 for all who work with the children. There will be follow-up for those unable to meet that day. This is a child safety program that guides teachers and youth leaders and is required by the United Methodist Church. As always, please say a prayer for God's blessing on our Christian education program.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES (revised)

APRIL 7 HOLY COMMUNION

GREETER: Maxine Armstrong
USHERS: Geri Erwin, Priscilla Edick
Kate Huxtable, Linda Ehlers
READER: Ross Jones
COFFEE: John and Sheryl Morris

APRIL 14

GREETER: Priscilla Edick
USHERS: Fred and Carla Eckler
NURSERY: Donna Jones
READER: Geri Erwin
COFFEE: Priscilla Edick

APRIL 21

GREETER: Linda Ehlers
USHERS: JoAnn Mead, Bill Mahardy,
Larry Belcher, and Kete Huxtable
READER: Brian Howser

APRIL 28

GREETER: Kate Huxtable
USHERS: Larry Belcher and Brian Howser
READER: FaithAnn Young
COFFEE: Carol Simpson

PRAYER CHAINS

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

We have 2 separate lists. 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 Strongreen	858-9483

Holy Week Worship Services

Plenty to choose from or come to them all!

Palm Sunday, April 14, 9:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19, 12:00 Noon
Ecumenical service at St. John's
Episcopal Church

The Day of Resurrection (Easter)
7:30 Service in Chapel
9:15 Service in Sanctuary
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

A Note on the Good Friday Service

The Good Friday Ecumenical Service will once again be held at St. John's Episcopal Church beginning at noon. The format of the service follows the traditional last words of Christ spoken from the cross. Worship is led by local and area clergy, including myself. This service has, unfortunately, been very poorly attended over the last few years. I encourage our members to make every effort to take part in the service and hope the same for the churches led by my colleagues.

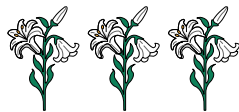
Pastor Mark

Bread Auction on Palm Sunday

April 14, we will have our annual "bread" auction, to raise additional money for One Great Hour of Sharing—SECOND MILE GIVING. Please plan to participate by bringing your favorite baked goods, and then stay after church as we auction them off. We always have a fun time while raising money for those less fortunate than we are.
Posted by Linda Ehlers 858-1833

EASTER FLOWERS

Please sign up to bring flowers for Easter Services.



FOOD BANK

Saturday Volunteer help is needed a couple of hours a month: two Saturdays from 10 am until noon.

It is our hope that you keep in your minds and hearts that there is an extra need for donated food items for those less fortunate. Or, perhaps you would choose to make a monetary donation or even a gift card to the local Price Chopper for necessities. Donations of any type would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the Food Bank located in our church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 12 Noon. Or, monetary donations and/or gift cards can be mailed to: Food Bank, PO Box 140, Richfield Springs, NY 13439. Questions? Call 315-858-7032

GOVERNING BOARD

Meeting April 9th at 6:30PM.

GUILD -- All women are welcome!

April 18th Meeting at 6:30pm.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Honor of Ken & Shirley Dreis's 70th Wedding Anniversary from their family.

Thank you to everyone for the beauty of our worship time together.



April 7, 2019 SUNDAY

7:00 PM

Community Singers Annual Easter Concert

Mt. Markham High School,
W. Winfield

Free Admission. Charge refreshments.

Brooks BBQ **chicken or ribs**

CHURCH of CHRIST UNITING

22 Church St Richfield Springs

TAKE OUTS
AVAILABLE

Sat. April 13th

4 PM-til Sold Out



Chicken Dinner	\$ 11.00
1/2 CHICKEN	\$8.00
BBQ Rib Dinner	\$ 14.00
Ribs Only	\$11.00



HOME MADE
DESSERTS

Dinners include: escalloped potatoes, slaw, rolls, beverage & homemade desserts

May 13th

WOMEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER

May 17th

RUMMAGE SALE AT COCU

Church of Christ Uniting

Attn: Lois Schoenlein

PO Box 896

Richfield Springs, NY 13439

40th Annual Friendship Craft Festival June 8, 2019

This is going to be great!
Crafters are signing up. The full Crafter
application is on the website:
www.rschurchofchristuniting.com

For questions and further details
Email friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com
or call Lani King at 315-858-9451.



Thank You to Our Church

Dear COCU Friends,
The **Richfield Springs Community Center** is again most appreciative of your efforts to support our attempts to promote positive attitudes, behaviors, and changes in our community. Unfortunately, our Soup & Pie/Chinese Auction was cancelled due to a snow storm. There were many

COCU individual efforts and willing contributors to this hoped for event. Please know that we acknowledge and thank all of you for your contributions and support to the Community Center. You are indeed friends to the entire community with your many thoughtful and unselfish "good works." Thank you and have a blessed Easter!
Sincerely,
The RSCC Board of Directors and
Barb Lopez, Soup & Pie/Chinese Auction Chair
Website: www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org
RSCC phone: 315-858-3200

SECOND MILE GIVING OUTREACH MINISTRY:

In April we will continue with "**One Great Hour of Sharing**" as our Second Mile Giving. This offering is used around the world to provide food for the hungry, and assistance following all kinds of disasters. It helps develop affordable housing and clean water for those in underdeveloped countries, and provides tools and training so they can grow food and find jobs to support their families.



Birthdays

- 4/1 Katelynn Worobey
- 4/1 Mary Beth Kearney
- 4/2 Matthew J Christman
- 4/2 Anna Hawkes
- 4/4 Lillian Martin
- 4/4 Emily Bond
- 4/8 Carrie Gardner
- 4/10 Maureen Kennedy
- 4/10 Diane Vaughn
- 4/12 Priscilla Edick
- 4/14 Linda Ehlers
- 4/14 Jessica A Klem
- 4/14 Lois Schoelein
- 4/20 Patrick Twomey
- 4/21 Shirley Potts
- 4/24 Geri Erwin
- 4/27 George Gardner
- 4/29 Ashley Lindsay
- 4/30 James Watkins
- 4/30 Roger Waldron