



THE GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

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Happy Trails to You

I find myself reminiscing as I near retirement from forty-one years of serving as a Minister of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and nearly seven years as your pastor. What a journey it has been!

I'm often drawn to music in the midst of reminiscing and one song that came to mind was one recorded by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans: "Happy Trails to You." It became their theme song. For the purpose of this little message, a few of its words are: "Happy trails to you, until we meet again. Some trails are happy ones, others are blue. It's the way you ride the trail that counts. Here's a happy one for you."

The trail we have ridden together here at the Church of Christ Uniting has been a happy one. We have enjoyed worshiping and working together and we have shared

in many times of conversation and fellowship. You have blessed me in more ways than I can count with your friendship and faithfulness.

Now a new trail opens to you and to me. I am delighted that you will soon welcome Rev. Casey Bradley and his wife Heather. I met them when they first came to a meeting with members of the church and then saw Casey again at a Right Transition workshop presented by the United Methodist District. Good, good folks! You will enjoy getting to know them. I encourage your prayers for them as they get ready to make their move from Lake Lucerne and join this church family.

So happy trails to all of you. Myrna and I extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for making our time together with you such an absolutely wonderful one!

Grace and peace to you now and always,

Pastor Mark

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 Strongreen	858-9483

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes is on a break until fall. There is nursery care available for children up to first grade and activity sheets for the older children.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

JUNE 2 HOLY COMMUNION

GREETER: Maxine Armstrong
USHERS: Geri Erwin, Kate Huxtable
Linda Ehlers and JoAnn Mead
NURSERY: Priscilla Edick
READER: Ross Jones
COFFEE: Priscilla Edick

JUNE 9 Pentecost (liturgical color is red)

GREETER: Linda Ehlers
USHERS: Victoria and Brady Young
NURSERY: Amy and Maggie Worobey
READER: FaithAnn Young
COFFEE: Fred and Carla Eckler

JUNE 16

GREETER: Priscilla Edick
USHERS: Larry Belcher and Bill Mahardy
NURSERY: Donna Jones and Priscilla Edick
READER: Linda Ehlers
COFFEE: John and Sheryl Morris

JUNE 23

GREETER: Maxine Armstrong
USHERS: Priscilla Edick and Kate Huxtable
NURSERY: Mary Stevens and Emma Boss
READER: Brian Howser
COFFEE: Carol Simpson

JUNE 30

GREETER: Kate Huxtable
USHERS: Donna and Ross Jones
NURSERY: Priscilla Edick
READER: Geri Erwin
COFFEE: Priscilla Edick

CHOIR: Alice Mahardy (Director),

Melissa Belcher, Carrie Gardner,
Dave Llewellyn, Marion Pitcher, Mark
Reardon, Michelle Schmitt, Sue Sheldon,
Carol Simpson, Gene Simpson, Linda Watkins

SMILE

Carla Eckler will arrange a photo shoot for an updated Church directory in the fall.

*You are cordially invited
to attend a farewell reception for
The Reverend Doctor Mark Ioset
Sunday June 23, 2019
11 AM - 1 PM*

*'Pastor Mark' is retiring and this will be his last
Sunday with us. Come join us as we wish him well.
A light lunch will be served.*



GOVERNING BOARD POSITIONS

Chair -- Ross Jones
Christian Education – Michelle Schmitt
Church Growth – Jo-Ann Mead
Communications – Faith Young
Fellowship – Rowena Robertson
Missions – John Morris
Property – Ray Smith
Stewardship – Bob Fahey
Worship – Kate Huxtable

SECOND MILE GIVING OUTREACH

MINISTRY for June:

Laura Twomey Memorial Youth Fund. Speaker to be arranged.

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 am – 12 Noon. Monetary donations and/or gift cards can be mailed to:
Food Bank, PO Box 140, Richfield Springs, NY 13439. Questions? Call 315-858-7032.

40th ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP CRAFT FESTIVAL

This year COCU is celebrating our 40th year for the *Friendship Craft Festival*. It will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Spring Park on Route 20 in Richfield Springs. The popular Brooks' BBQ is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition, Richfield Youth Sports will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage patties, french fries and beverages all day.

The ever-so-popular bake sale will return! We have over 60 crafters--all with diverse, quality offerings!

Be watching WKTV on Monday, June 3 and Thursday June 6. On Monday, June 3 we will be featured on *The Morning Mug Club*. The time is at the discretion of the station but the segment usually appears either at 5:20 a.m. or 6:40 a.m.—sometimes at both times. On Thursday, June 6 Patti Lou Leopold has graciously, once again, agreed to appear on the *Live at Five News Segment* where she will be interviewed by a news anchor. The segment “usually” airs in the vicinity of 5:20 P.M.

In addition, catch our daily radio spot from Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7 on WBUG 99.7 FM or 101.1 FM (covering northern Otsego County and beyond) and WZOZ 103.1 FM (covering southern Otsego County and beyond).

Craft Fair Bake Sale Call for Goodies

Each year our Committee asks you to donate to the Bake Sale table at our Annual Craft Fair and we are asking again this year. Pies are a favorite, of course, but many crafters and recurring attendees look for your special offerings, such as cookies, muffins, raised breads, fruit breads, cupcakes and so many other goodies. For safety's sake, we cannot accept cream pies or other items that need refrigeration, otherwise all baked goods are needed and welcomed.

Many of you have asked how to price and/or divide up your cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. If you are unsure, we'll do that for you. We are proud of the wonderful selection we offer and thankful to each of you for what donate.

If possible, please bring your baked goods to the Bake table by 9 am on Saturday, June 8th. If this is inconvenient, you can leave them at the Church Friday evening. Please feel free to call Geri Erwin at 315-858-2103 or Elizabeth Traut at 315-735-0802 with any questions. We thank you, in advance, for your help.

Geri Erwin



June 11TH GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

6:30PM here at the Church.

JULY 18th CRAFT FAIR EVALUATION

Richfield Youth Sports Baseball

COCU's team coaches this season are Len Pickens and Len Calkins. sports13439@yahoo.com

Birthdays

6/2 Michael Starr
6/3 Candise Sheldon
6/3 Joshua Watkins
6/3 Linda Watkins
6/4 Rachel Ehlers
6/5 Victor Belcher
6/5 Ryan West
6/7 Patricia Mitchell
6/9 Benjamin Matteson
6/13 Heather Domion
6/19 Beverly Olmsted
6/20 Michelle Schmitt
6/28 John Dulovich
6/28 Bill Mahardy
6/29 Larry Belcher