

Good News
Ambassador
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST
UNITING**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church,
U.S.A. and the
United Methodist Church
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Online and In-person Worship

Join us **Sundays at 9:15 am.** All in-person worship services will be livestreamed to our church Facebook page

Facebook page:

RS Church of Christ Uniting

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Over the last few months, a small group has been gathering on Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall to explore the 12 men Jesus called to be his Disciples. They were men who would live and learn at the feet of the Lord, and ultimately be called to share everything they had learned with all the world. One of the constant reminders we had was just how flawed these men were. We may think of flaws like Judas' betrayal or Peter's

denial, but the reality is that each of these men were deeply flawed individuals called into some pretty crucial ministry.

I've been thinking a lot about the flaws we bring into the holy work of the church. Some

of our flaws are small, some are big, some may feel too big to handle. All of us come to this work of the church flawed, all of us in need of redemption and healing. And in a sense, I think that is one of the most powerful messages that the church can offer. We are a place filled with flawed people, but together we rise above any one of our failings to create something lasting, powerful, and blessed.

This year I have invited a small team together to look at the ways the church can be growing in the months and years to come. This group is looking not only at short term projects, but also a long-term plan to create effective ministry in Richfield Springs through Church of Christ Uniting. Over the coming months you will probably be hearing about some of the things we're trying, some of the pathways to discipleship that we are exploring. Not everything will work, we are probably going to have more failures than successes, but God has a way of transforming even failures into blessings.

We have some amazing talent and dedication here at Church of Christ Uniting. I hope that you are getting as

excited as I am to see where we are going to be growing next. Just like those 12 flawed men who Jesus called so long ago, when we come together to do this work of ministry and when we partner with the Holy Spirit, we will see the amazing things that God is accomplishing in our community.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Casey

FOOD PANTRY continues to serve:
Tuesdays and Thursdays each week
10 am - Noon normally.
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month
11 am – Noon

SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 5th will be our end of year celebration. The children will have a song for you and ice cream sundaes after church. Come and enjoy the fun.

Sunday school vacation will be June 12 - Sept.11. We've had fun this year learning and growing in faith. Many thanks to our teachers, Amy Worobey, Mary Stevens, Emma Boss and to all those who assisted. We plan to have nursery care for children up to 1st grade, during worship, throughout the summer.

May God Bless,
Donna

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6/2 Michael Starr
6/3 Linda Watkins
6/3 Candise Sheldon
6/3 Joshua Watkins
6/4 Rachel Ehlers
6/4 Heidi Mayton
6/5 Ryan West

6/5 Victor Belcher
6/9 Benjamin Matteson
6/13 Heather Domion
6/20 Michelle Fritts
6/28 John Dulovich
6/28 Bill Mahardy
6/29 Larry Belcher
7/4 Michele Sheldon
7/5 Bill Huxtable
7/6 Margaret Goodrich

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6/11 Amy & Tom Worobey
6/14 Fay & Charles LaFrance
6/11 Dan & Linda Hoogheem
6/24 Marston & Geri Erwin
6/25 John & Sheryl Dulovich
6/30 Allyson & Mark Wright
7/4 Heidi & Stephen Bond
7/12 John & Mary Wilde

NEWS FROM THE GUILD

41st ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP CRAFT FESTIVAL

After a 2-year hiatus, COCU is celebrating our 41st year for the Friendship Craft Festival. It will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Spring Park on Route 20 in Richfield Springs. As of this writing, we have upwards of 60 crafters coming—all with diverse offerings!

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-famous bake sale will return!

BBQ INFO: Full dinners, as well as chicken halves, are being offered. Chicken Halves \$8.00; Chicken Dinners \$12.00; Dinners include: ½ chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll/butter and cookies.

Food items are needed for the BBQ. Volunteers are also needed both the night before for set up as well as during the Craft Festival. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall or call Carol Simpson, Guild President, at 315-868-0319

BAKE SALE INFO:

The Friendship Craft Festival is returning and we will again be holding our famous Bake Sale. We are kindly asking each of you to “work your baking magic” and contribute your specialties. We cannot accept cream pies due to Health Codes, but all other varieties of pies, pastries, cookies, breads and your specialties have proved to be very popular. If you prefer not to break up a batch of cookies, we will do that and price accordingly.

Please bring your baked goods to Spring Park by 9 am on the day of the Craft Fair, drop at Church the night before or call Geri Erwin at 315-858-2103 and I’ll arrange for pick up.

Your baking prowess is what has made our Bake Sale “famous.”

Thank you in advance for your donations.
Geri Erwin

SAVE THE DATES

May 29th – **No Sunday School**

June 5th- **Penecost and Sundae Sunday**

June 11, Saturday - **41st Annual Friendship Craft Festival**

Crafter application forms are on the website under the Women’s Guild tab.

June 19, Sunday – **Celebration of Graduates**

COCU Board meets Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30p.m



On Sunday, June 19th, immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall, we will be honoring our church family graduates from both high school and college. We hope you can join us for some celebratory cake.

Congratulations to the following:
High School Graduates: Ashlyn Wolfe, Molly Bobnick and Gavin Valenta

College Graduates: Lexi Fahey, Victoria Brady, Sarah Stevens, Hayleigh Snyder and Jessica Klem



ALTAR FLOWERS

Regarding weekly flowers for the altar, if you are so inclined to do so I am trying something different so that we are blessed with fresh flowers on the altar each week—or at least most weeks!

For anyone that would like to sign up for a particular week(s) during the year, there is a sign-up sheet on the

Fellowship Table, In turn, I am accepting a donation of \$15.00 enabling me to go to Price Chopper and purchase flowers to make an arrangement for that particular week. I am in church most Sundays to gratefully accept your donation.

If you wish to sign up for a particular week(s) but would like to purchase the flowers yourself, please feel free to do so but indicate this on the signup sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

The arrangement could be in memory of a person(s), in honor of a person(s), to celebrate a milestone---or there could be no reason at all. The name of the person donating flowers any particular week will be acknowledged in the weekly Bulletin.

Thank you!

Rowena Robertson

**The 2nd Mile giving for
June is
Doctors without Borders.**

**Thank you to our Church
Family for your generosity to
the disaster relief effort for
the Ukraine.**

**Together we raised
\$ 2847.00**