

Good News Ambassador

May 2022



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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Easter is all about the glory of resurrection. Christ has triumphed over the grave, and this victory is a sign of hope for all people. Something as horrific as the cross, the ultimate symbol of human cruelty, cannot stand against the overwhelming love God has for each and every one of us! I hope that however you celebrated Easter this year, you experienced the triumph of Christ and the amazing love of God.

The weeks following Easter however give us a unique opportunity as we begin to shift away from what Jesus has done for us and begin to look at what the church established in his name is capable of doing even to this day. After Jesus' resurrection and ultimate ascension, Jesus' followers had to learn how to live out the

love of God. They faced skepticism, descent, and outright hatred at times; through it all they learned how to be the kind of church Jesus needed them to become, a church established in love that could transform the world.

The church that was established after Jesus' resurrection was filled with sinners, doubters, broken and despairing people, yet it thrived. In the years after Jesus ascended to heaven the church faced challenges from every direction, including many from within, yet time and time again we see how it grew through these challenges to become something amazing.

That church didn't have anything that we don't have in the church today. It is my hope that as we spend some time this month looking back at that 1st century church, we will discover the gifts at work in our own lives that will make our church a place where the love of Christ transforms lives and the glory of the Lord shines through. We have such remarkable gifts right in our midst, gifts that the Lord will surely put to amazing use if we dedicate them to God's kingdom work.

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

Lessons this month will highlight what happened after the resurrection. Jesus appeared to his disciples. He commissioned them to go out into the world and spread the Good News. He also promised a helper, The Holy Spirit. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian church on Pentecost. This year, Pentecost falls on June 5th which also coincides with the last day of Sunday school classes until fall. We will celebrate both events with a make your own sundae bar after worship, during fellowship time. I hope you all will be able to join in the fun.
Donna Jones

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/1 Lorri Jo Farley Seamon
5/2 Alexis Wolfe
5/4 Joseph Connor Barra
5/5 Susan Sheldon
5/5 Michael Mayton
5/8 Daniel Bloomfield
5/8 Bob Raux
5/8 Amy Worobey
5/9 Karen Owczarczak
5/9 Carrie Lynn Gardner
5/10 Marion Foster
5/12 Heidi Bond
5/14 David Weiss
5/17 Michael T. Domion
5/18 Katie Lindsey
5/19 Barbara Sluyter
5/24 Alice Mahardy
6/2 Michael Paul Starr
6/3 Joshua Watkins
6/3 Candise June Sheldon
6/3 Linda Watkins
6/4 Rachel Ehlers
6/5 Ryan West
6/5 Victor Belcher

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE GUILD

The May Guild meeting will be on Thursday, May 19. Social time is from 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm. Meeting starts promptly at 6:15 pm. Hostess will be Donna Jones and the dessert will be provided by Carla Eckler. Please let Carla know by Tuesday, May 17 if you are attending by calling 315-858-1451.

The April 9th Brooks' Chicken BBQ was a resounding success. 145 dinners and 82 halves of chicken were pre-ordered,

and 23 additional halves of chicken were sold. In conjunction with the BBQ, we also had a Bake Sale which did very well! Thank you to all those who baked and were involved with this fundraiser.

The Annual Bread Auction took place immediately after church on Sunday, April 24th. We thank Nelson Crouse for once again volunteering his time to be the auctioneer and to those who donated a host of confections. Bidding was lively and all proceeds benefit One Great Hour of Sharing, which is the charitable organization we donate to for the month of April.

After a two year hiatus, The Women's Appreciation Dinner will return on Monday, May 9, 6:30 PM. It is open to all women and children. Reservations required by May 6. Please sign up at church, or call Carol at 315-868-0319 with your name, telephone number & how many people will be attending.

The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Friday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a Bag Sale from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Donated items can be left off at the Church starting Tuesday, May 10 through Noon on Thursday, May 12. This fundraiser requires lots of volunteers to get everything sorted and ready for the Friday Rummage Sale. Please see Patti Lou Leopold if you can spare some time even if only for a couple hours.

The Friendship Craft Festival sponsored by COCU is in its 41st year and is scheduled for Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Brooks' chicken BBQ dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and our "famous" bake sale and a food booth by the Richfield Youth Sports organization. Singer Eric Trahan with guitar in tow will provide the entertainment throughout the day. Crafter applications are coming in steadily. The deadline to accept applications has been extended to June 1. Hope to see you there!!

GARDEN COMMITTEE NEWS

The Garden Committee has been busy with a Spring cleanup. The pesty pine cones have been picked up, misplaced landscape stones removed from the plantings and the hydrangea bushes cut down. Soon we will be seeing perennial plantings surfacing so that we can evaluate any that need replacing.

Until we have a full garden of perennials, annuals will be interspersed. If you have perennials to donate to the Gardens, other than black-eyed susans, please contact one of the following: Sheryl Morris, Kate Huxtable, Marion Pitcher, Donna Jones, Lynn Foster, Anne Lewicki, Carla Eckler or call the church at 315-858-1553 and leave a message.

MAY 1. COFFEE: Fred & Carla Eckler
READER: Ross Jones.
USHER: Donna Jones.

MAY 8. COFFEE: Kate Huxtable.
READER: Brian Howser.
USHER. FaithAnn Young.

MAY 15. COFFEE: Carol Simpson.
READER: Linda Ehlers.
USHER: Diane Butts.

MAY 22. COFFEE: Sheryl Morris.
READER: Thomas Rhodes.
USHER: Kate Huxtable.

MAY 29. COFFEE: TBD
READER: Geri Erwin.
USHER: Linda Ehlers.

SAVE THE DATES

May 9, Monday- **Women's Appreciation Dinner**

May 13, Friday - **Spring Rummage Sale**

May 29th – **No Sunday School**

June 5th- **Penecost and Sundaes Sunda**

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

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

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**COCU Board** meets Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30p.m

