



## CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.  
and the United Methodist Church  
The Reverend Casey Bradley, 315 858 8864  
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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](http://www.facebook.com) and put the above name in the search, or watch later on **YouTube**, by searching on **RS COCU**.

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**T**here is a sacred time in the church sanctuary that you may never see if you are only ever in the church on Sunday mornings. I call it sacred, meaning that for me it is a time to specially connect with God. As the seasons change, this sacred time changes as well. Sometime in the afternoon the sun hits the stained-glass window just right and bathes the sanctuary in the most beautiful light and reflects wonderfully off the Communion Table. I'm often in the sanctuary at least once or twice during the week in the afternoon as I prepare for Sunday morning worship, and every time I spend just a few moments reflecting on the the beauty of the space.

The Autumn season is another time when I take particular notice of the beauty of my surroundings as the wonders of the fall colors erupt all around us. It is hard in these beautiful spaces not to slow down and take notice. Beauty, I find, is one of God's ways of slowing us down and forcing us to appreciate that which surrounds us.

I don't know who or what you find beautiful right now, but I would encourage you to slow down for just a moment each day to appreciate the beauty God has put in your life. God gave us the gift of sabbath for just this reason, to stop for a moment of time and see the beauty God has been up to in the world. Slow down, see the beauty, and be refreshed.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Casey

## Communion

Pastor Casey is working on a list of church members who would like Communion delivered after church on the first Sunday of each month. During worship the Pastor will consecrate pre-packaged Communion elements in the presence of the congregation to be brought to those unable to be with us in church. If you are unable to attend worship and would like Communion brought to you, please call the Church office (315-858-1553). If you are interested in helping bring Communion to those not in worship, please reach out to Pastor Casey.



### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, September 12th a Blessing of the Backpacks took place. We wanted to let children of our community know that as they walk into school each day they are loved and supported due to the blessing of their backpack. In addition, each child received a "blessing bag" with some extra school supplies to help make this a great school year. We will be making this a yearly tradition.

**COCU Board** will meet *Wednesday*  
October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

10/1 John Russell "Russ" Bloomfield  
10/3 Donna Senko  
10/3 Gabrielle Higgins  
10/4 Aurora-Jayne Z Homer  
10/5 Don Bruce  
10/7 Rowena Robertson  
10/8 Stephen Michael Sheldon  
10/11 Carter Boss  
10/12 Chelsea Johnson  
10/13 Debra DaCostafaro  
10/13 Chet Ainslie  
10/13 Debbie Bennett  
10/14 Carol Ainslie  
10/15 Alexis Fahey  
10/15 Kenneth Roger Vaughn  
10/15 Lindsay Michelle Domion  
10/15 Brittany Oakes  
10/16 Kala Sheldon  
10/18 George Butts  
10/19 Erin Kathleen King  
10/23 Mary Ann Snyder  
10/23 Rev. Mark Ioset  
10/24 Kenneth Dreis  
10/24 Sherry Ann Mosher  
10/24 Kayla Hall  
10/25 Marion Pitcher  
10/26 Shawn Hext  
10/26 Donald Sheldon  
10/27 Ronald Barnes  
10/28 Sally Klem  
10/28 Shelly Dyn

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

10/5 Steven & Sally Klem  
10/9 David & Rosalie Wadsworth  
10/14 Michael & Susan Cristman  
10/25 Priscilla & David Edick  
10/28 Roger & Diane Vaughn  
10/29 Joseph & FaithAnn Young

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mile for OCTOBER is**

**SANTA ANONYMOUS**

*Let the Children come unto Me.*



***SAVE THE DATES!***

Saturday, October 16: Fall Harvest Dinner. We will be returning to our ever popular turkey dinner with all the fixins. It will be drive through only and it requires advance reservations. For reservations call Carla Eckler at 315-858-1451 or Donna Jones at 315-858-2357 by October 9 to reserve your number of dinners needed as well as to specify your choice of pie—either apple, pumpkin or mincemeat. Sign-up sheets are now on the table in the Fellowship Hall for specific food donations needed as well as volunteers to work the day of the dinner.

Friday, October 29: Fall Rummage Sale. Start cleaning those closets! Items can be dropped off at the church starting on Monday, October 25—no earlier please. Patti is looking for people to help sort donated items and also to help during the day on Friday—even if it is for just a couple hours.

Sunday, October 17: Halloween Celebration. Please see information included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Saturday, November 13: Luncheon/Bake Sale/Craft Corner. This popular event is making its return after a year's hiatus. Look for more info in the November newsletter.

## FROM THE GUILD



Pictured are Guild members who donated food staples to be given to our local Food Bank. This is a yearly September tradition along with our “dish to pass” dinner.

The Craft Fair sponsored by the Guild and hosted by the Cullen Pumpkin Farm on September 18 was a resounding success! We had 33 crafters who exhibited a wide variety of handmade crafts. Fortunately, it was a nice day with just a few sprinkles at one point in the afternoon. A large crowd ventured out to patronize the crafters, the Richfield Youth Sports Food Booth and the Pumpkin Farm.

Sincere thanks go out to the Shypski family for reaching out to us. It was a great opportunity to hold this fundraiser in lieu of the Friendship Craft Festival which has been canceled for two consecutive years due to the pandemic.

Reminder! The next meeting of the Guild will be on Thursday, October 21. It is our yearly “Thank Offering” and election of 2022 officers, among other things. FaithAnn Young will be the hostess and Carol Simpson will provide the dessert. Please contact Carol at 315-868-0319 by Oct. 18 to let her know if you will be attending. The Christian Fellowship and Service Guild welcomes new members at any time. Social hour/dessert is from 6:00-6:30 PM. Meeting starts promptly at 6:30 PM. Contact Guild President Carol Simpson at the above phone number if you are interested in joining. We look forward to hearing from you and answering any questions you may have.



Please join us at the  
**Church of Christ Uniting**  
 when we celebrate an early Halloween  
**Sunday, October 17, 9:15 A.M.**

- Special “Children’s Time” during the service
  - Paint a Pumpkin at Sunday School

After church, journey with us for a  
**Family Outing to the Cullen Pumpkin Farm**  
 Enjoy their many activities as well as:

- Free Wagon Rides  
 compliments of the Shypski Family
- Decorate a Cookie • Enjoy Cider and Donuts
  - Goodie Bags for all the Children
    - Friends of your child are cordially invited to celebrate with us

The *K-Dog BBQ* will be on site  
 selling their wide array of homemade food

**In case of inclement weather, the celebration will  
 be rescheduled to Sunday, October 24, 9:15 A.M.  
 Be watching our Facebook page for updates!**





# HARVEST TURKEY DINNER

**Saturday, Oct. 16 • 4-6 pm**

*Dinner Includes:* Turkey (off the bone),  
mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, squash,  
veg. casserole, cranberry sauce,  
sweet bread, roll & butter and  
choice of pie (apple, pumpkin, or mince).



**\$12**

**Pre-Orders Only: Deadline Oct. 9**  
***To reserve a time for DRIVE THRU***  
***pick up call: 315-858-1451***

***or 315-858-2357***



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*(please don't arrive more than 5 minutes prior to your  
scheduled pick-up time)*

