



Church is not the same as it once was. We are sitting further apart, some of us in strange and new pews! We don't have hymnals or pew bibles right in front of us. Our music is limited. Our gatherings have been few and far between. But that doesn't mean that we are not still the church. As the old hymn goes, "We are the Church together!"

For the last month we have been reopened for in-person worship and some things have been the same, but in many areas, we have grown with the times. As the pastor of this congregation it brings me great joy to see how Church of Christ Uniting has lived into the being the Church of Jesus Christ in the midst of the present crisis.

Around the nation we have seen infection and death rates rise at an alarming rate. Our diligence and vigilance in New York has been paying off. While other communities are facing new rounds of restrictions, we have been able to slowly and carefully open much that had been closed just a month ago. It is through cooperation, kindness, and compassion that we will have the final victory in these uncertain days.

Church of Christ Uniting is open for in-person worship for all who feel safe doing so. We continue to offer online worship options for anyone who wants to be a part of our church ministry but does not feel that they can safely worship with us. I encourage everyone to continue to take the threat of COVID-19 seriously as we continue to explore how to be the Church in 2020 and beyond.

Pastor Casey

Communion

On August 2nd we will again be using our social-distance Communion elements. These prepackaged wafer and cup allow us to celebrate Holy Communion without the risk of spreading illnesses to one another. If you are in worship with us on the first Sunday of the month you can simply pick Communion up as you enter the sanctuary. If you are worshipping online you can pick up your Communion on Wednesday or Thursday (July 29th or 30th) from 1-4pm. If you would like to make other arrangements to receive Communion please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Casey.



Online Worship

Join us **Sundays at 9:15 am.**

Facebook page:

RS Church of Christ Uniting

You don't need a facebook login. Just go to www.facebook.com and put the above name in the search, or watch later on YouTube, by searching on **RS COCU**.

Zoom audio

(<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8034563150>) or over the phone at 1-929-205-6099 (when prompted enter meeting ID **803 456 3150** followed by #) The password for online and phone calls is **123456**.

~~~ **PRAYER REQUESTS** ~~~

Joan Ames, The Amyotte family, Lindsay Barton, Raymond Bownds, Joanne & Richard Brown, Pat Walsh Cole, Ruth Culkin, Jenna Desmarais, Shirley Dreis, AnnMarie Gardner, Fred Gardner, Robert Hazelton, the Helms family, Oakley Ann Iverson, Dayton Kane, Jan Lalor, Lindsey Lucas, Maryanna Maniscalsco, Dawn Myers, Ray Nassar, Les and Bev Olmsted, Marty Phillips, Mort Robertson, Rowena Robertson, Peter Rossi, Melissa Santos, Pam Smith, Tim Snyder, Dustin Testa, Linda Travers, Kathy Tumyo, Betsy & Paul Varcarolis, Holly & Patricia Walsh, Jake Wells, Jason Wilbur, Linda Winsor

Please call the church for prayer-requests or announcements. **315 858 1553**

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| <p><b>Happy Birthday! A miracle.</b></p> <p>8/1 Tommy Worobey<br/>       8/2 Susan Cristman<br/>       8/2 Melissa Johnson<br/>       8/3 Bridgette Hallberg<br/>       8/3 Kate Huxtable<br/>       8/5 Gavin Valenta<br/>       8/6 Joan Fahey<br/>       8/7 Ryan David Kennedy<br/>       8/12 Michael Hubiak<br/>       8/12 Judi Southard<br/>       8/13 Walter Hubiak<br/>       8/18 Sara Goodrich<br/>       8/20 Victoria Young</p> | <p>8/22 Heidi Johnson<br/>       8/25 Connie Domion<br/>       8/27 Norma Bostwick<br/>       8/28 Gabriel LaFrance<br/>       8/29 Lily Anna Wadsworth<br/>       8/29 Jesse Bond<br/>       8/31 Kate Steckler</p> <p><b>Happy Anniversary! Congratulations!</b></p> <p>8/23 Emma &amp; Zach Boss<br/>       8/27 Ron &amp; Barb Barnes<br/>       8/27 David &amp; Lori Weiss<br/>       8/31 Christine &amp; Jesse Bond</p>   |
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Good News Ambassador



Year of Christ 2020



## 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

Alice Mahardy, Organist & Choir Director

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### Sunday School - Write a Commercial

Watch several TV programs with your Mom or Dad. Make a list of the different commercials you see. Then discuss them. Why do companies put commercials on TV? How do commercials get people to buy what they advertise? Do commercials ever make "promises" that the products can't keep? (As an example, do they ever promise that you'll be happy or beautiful or that you'll never be lonely if you use a certain product?) How is the music in commercials important?

Read 2 Chronicles 5:2-14. King David had the Levites write songs and lead the people in praising God. One song they wrote was something like a TV commercial for God (2 Chronicles 5:13)!

Write a family commercial for God. Think what to say about him that would make other people want to know and worship God too. Use a tune you know to go with your commercial for God. Then ask yourself whether God can keep the promises he makes!

This is from the Adventure Bible.

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### Richfield Springs Community Blood Drive

**Wed, August 5th**

at the Vet's Club  
American Legion Post 616  
13 Lake Street  
Richfield Springs, NY  
2:00pm-7:00pm

Sponsored by the  
**Richfield Springs Rotary Club**

Amazon is thanking donors with a  
\$5 Amazon.com Gift Card\* by email

Free antibody testing at this drive!

[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
1800 Red Cross 1800 733 2767

Thanks to Geri for this update.

*Pam Deliberto --- The Food Bank delivers! Just call 315 858 1553 during regular food bank hours: Every Tues & Thurs. 10am-noon / and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month 11am - noon.*



for July is **Feed our Vets.**

for August will be the **RSCS Backpack program.**



**August 15 Drive Thru Brooks' BBQ**

Each August for many years now COCU hosts a drive thru BBQ to benefit the Richfield Springs Community Center. Hope to see you there!

**Church Gardens**

Now in its third summer, the perennial gardens are "maturing" and flowers are blooming. We do have room for three or four more perennials in specific areas. If you have any to donate please contact Carla Eckler at 315-858-1451

**Christian Fellowship and Service Guild**

Just a reminder that, in keeping with tradition, there will be no meeting in August.

**May and June Brooks' Chicken and Ribs**

The May 25 and June 20 drive thru fundraisers were a success producing much needed funding. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time at this busy time of the year.

**Mowing volunteers for the church's historic cemetery.** Oh no, not mowing the volunteers. We need volunteers to mow the cemetery. Call or text **Michelle Fritts at 518-396-8817** to be added to her list today. Thanks!

**Reopening means we really need some people for Sunday Mornings. Coffee, Sunday School and Nursery are still closed due to Covid-19.**

**SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES**

Please check any areas that you would like to help with. You will be "trained" and placed on a schedule. If unavailable the day scheduled, trade with another on the list, and let us know.

- Usher
- Sunday Greeter
- ~~Sunday School Teacher (must be at least 18)~~
- ~~Sunday School Assistant~~
- ~~Nursery Care Provider (must be at least 18)~~
- ~~Nursery Care Assistant~~
- Usher
- Reader
- ~~Sunday Coffee Host~~
- Worship Service Acolyte

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this in offering plate.



Drive-Thru

# **Brooks' Chicken & Ribs**

## **Saturday, August 15**

12 Noon until sold out (no early sales)

Chicken halves \$8.00 • Ribs \$11.00

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**Church of Christ Uniting**

22 Church St., Richfield Springs

**Proceeds to benefit Richfield Springs Community Center**

Please wear face masks & pay with exact amount of your order.

All mandatory safety precautions will be adhered to.