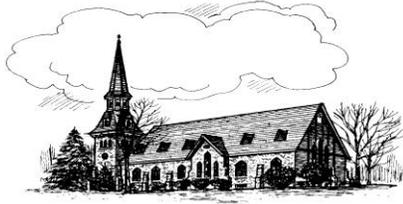


Good News Ambassador



Year of Christ 2021

CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING



A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
and the United Methodist Church

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Newsletter February 2021

On April fifth of last year, I sat in the living room of the parsonage preparing for worship. I was still getting used to worshipping remotely; facing a camera instead of a congregation, pulling up music on my computer rather than opening a hymnal, and trying to receive prayer requests from Facebook comments rather than sharing a microphone and listening to people share stories of heartache and wonder. Little did any of us know that we were just beginning a prolonged reimagining of what it meant to be a worshipping community.

Time and time again over these past several months, Church of Christ Uniting has risen to the unique challenges that have been presented to us. Teams in this church have worked to reopen the building with new safety precautions in place. Volunteers have aided in raising funds for continued ministry. Tireless servants have stepped up each Sunday to aid in worship. Members of this church have found new and amazing ways to reach out to one another with care and support in these unparalleled times. Much has been asked of this church, and to my continued joy I have witnessed members from this church answer the call time and time again. In times of uncertainty, it can be tempting to draw inward, to focus on survival rather than generosity; it gladdens my heart to know that the people of this church have continued to generously support wonderful mission opportunities, both local and global.

When you welcomed me as your pastor 17 months ago, I never imagined the journey we would take together. We have come a long way, but there is still a journey ahead of us. This church was born as part of a powerful vision of unity, today we not only inherit that vision, we carry it forward into a new world. As the nation moves towards recovering from the COVID pandemic, we in the church have the holy task of building a new spirit of faithfulness in this community. This holy work will take all of us. If you've been in Church of Christ uniting from day one, I want you to be part of this holy endeavor. If you are new to this community, I want you to have a stake in our new work. I believe that ministry is at its best when we work together to embrace the movements of the Holy Spirit.

In the coming months I am going to be calling on the members of this congregation to join me in imagining and striving towards long-term spiritual growth. We have hard work ahead of us, but if this past year has proven anything, it is that the people of Church of Christ Uniting do not shy away when the Spirit calls us to move on to our next adventure.

In Christ,

Pastor Casey

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SOUPER BOWL FOR HUNGER

(SOCIAL DISTANCE STYLE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST



starting at 10:15am

Containers for sale of:

Corn chowder soup

Homemade ham salad

Homemade chicken salad

Instead of our annual sit-down luncheon,

these products will be for sale

after worship on that Sunday

right in the fellowship hall.

As always, all proceeds will benefit our local food bank.

Online and In-person 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**.

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

COCU Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Contact Pastor Casey to enjoy Bible Study, even from home.

Please consider donating altar arrangements for the Sanctuary by calling Rowena at 315 858 0652. All Sundays are open.



**Second mile giving
for February is the Heifer Project**

Christian Fellowship & Service Guild

Plans are underway to add a tab on the home page of the Church's website that will be solely dedicated to the Guild. It will include, but not be limited to, Guild events & meeting dates/times including Zoom login information, if needed, in the absence of in-person meetings, special highlights, fundraisers, Mission projects as well as an open invitation for woman to become a member of this vitally important service organization of the Church.

2021 Friendship Craft Festival

A 40 year plus tradition of the Church is its annual Craft Festival in June.

A determination will be made mid-February as to the status of this year's event.



Hello everyone here is the February schedule for Worship. Thanks Priscilla.

FEBRUARY 7 READER: Ross Jones, USHER: Donna Jones.

FEBRUARY 14 READER: Brian Howser, USHER: Kate Huxtable.

FEBRUARY 21 READER: Linda Ehlers, USHER: Ross Jones.

FEBRUARY 28 READER: Thom Rhodes, USHER: Brian Howser.

Sunday School: Sunday school continues to provide a weekly contact with the children and youth of our congregation. (by mail, text or Email) We ask for your prayers for all as we are somewhat isolated from each other. Ideas to improve the lessons and their format are welcome. Please share.

<u>Happy Birthday!</u>	
2/5 Belinda Matteson	2/18 Daniel Stevens
2/6 Patrick Twomey	2/19 Nathaniel Patrick Johnson
2/7 Shirley Dreis	2/28 Kobe Adam Lindsay
2/14 Mark Reardon	3/1 Pat Starr
2/15 Sharon Hoffman	3/3 Hannah Dulovich
2/15 Brianna Lyn Johnson	3/4 Marie Prokop
2/16 Christian Holtje Shaefer	3/4 Lee William (Trey) Lindsey III
2/16 Emily Matteson-Mayerson	3/6 John Burditt
2/17 Nathan Stevens	<u>Happy Anniversary!</u>
2/18 Michael Twomey	2/20 Patrick & Heidi Johnson
	3/6 Michael & Monica Wolfe

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- Continue Post Office mailing it.
- Both—send mind by email AND paper.
- Print one for me to pick up at church.
- Unsubscribe. I will find it on the website myself.
- Unsubscribe. I don't need it.

Your input would be appreciated as soon as possible.
If you already did, THANK YOU!

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