

Good News Ambassador

January 2023



CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

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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RS Church of Christ Uniting

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www.rschurchofchristuniting.com

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

2022 was an exciting year at Church of Christ Uniting. After two long years of keeping things small and isolated, we began to look again at how God was inspiring us to grow as a church. It has been a blessing to see people coming back to worship, serving in ministry, and doing the blessed work of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Throughout the year we have also taken the time to look inward, to gaze into the depths of our beings and ask the question: "How is it with my soul?" I pray that you have discovered a new and powerful aspect to your relationship with God in this past year.

2023 is going to be just as exciting. Our Church Growth Team has come up with some amazing ideas to cultivate discipleship

here at Church of Christ Uniting and we are always looking for fresh ideas and fresh energy to add to our ministry. If you feel you are being called to this kind of work, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

In addition to the work that we are doing to foster growth in the church, this is a year when we are also going to be confronting the uncertainties of life. It seems a little daunting to say that this is the year we are going to confront uncertainty when there are so many things that we are uncertain about, but my aim is to remind us that in the midst of all we do not know there is a timeless certainty to God that we can cling to in the midst of the chaos of life. I hope that this tension between the uncertainty of life and the certainty of God will in fact become a blessing to you as we move through the year.

Our church community has been able to accomplish some amazing things, all of them because we come together in faith and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us. Will you join me in this new year as we create a place where the work of the God can be accomplished through our hands and our feet and our voices until all come to know the glory of God?



Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class for those 12-14 years old is planned for this spring. Please let Pastor Casey know if you/your child is interested by Jan 15th so we can begin planning a schedule that works for everyone.



The Annual Meeting of Church of Christ Uniting will take place on Sunday, January 29th. Please make sure that reports are in by January 15th so the Annual Report can be compiled.



Sunday Morning Ministries For January

- 1/1 Reader: Mark Reardon
Usher: Jo-Ann Mead
Coffee: Diane Butts
Greeter: Kate Huxtable
- 1/8 Reader: Ross Jones
Usher: Carla Eckler
Coffee: Fred Eckler
Greeter: Bill Stevens
- 1/15 Reader: Thomas Rhodes
Usher: Kate Huxtable
Coffee: Linda Ehlers
Greeter: Geri Erwin
- 1/22 Reader: Brian Howser
Usher: FaithAnn Young
Coffee: Carol Simpson
Greeter: Donna Jones
- 1/29 Reader: Linda Ehlers
Usher: Geri Erwin
Coffee: Sheryl Morris
Greeter: Bill Stevens

Birthday Wishes this month...

- 1/2 Brady Young
- 1/7 Nicholas Aaron Holtz
- 1/7 Norma Joy Harrison
- 1/7 Barry Abrams
- 1/8 Justin Wolfe
- 1/9 Tanya VanCauwenberge
- 1/9 Ashley Marie Seamon
- 1/12 John Watkins
- 1/13 Isabella Valenta
- 1/17 Steven Klem
- 1/17 Al Stanfield
- 1/17 Joshua Craft
- 1/19 Max Goodrich
- 1/19 John Wilde
- 1/20 John Morris
- 1/21 Marjorie Hubiak
- 1/22 Carol Ann Simpson
- 1/24 Sarah Stevens
- 1/26 Lori Weiss
- 1/27 Linda Hoogheem
- 1/27 Deanna Wolfe
- 1/28 Diane Butts
- 1/29 Michael Cristman
- 1/29 Jeffrey Gardner
- 2/5 Belinda Matteson
- 2/6 Patrick Twomey, Jr
- 2/7 Shirley Dreis

Anniversary Wishes to...

- 1/11 Melissa & Larry Belcher

Second Mile Giving for January is the



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

From the:



Pastor Casey will be installing the 2023 Guild Officers as well as the COCU Governing Board during the worship service on Sunday, February 5.

Carla and Geri report that the registration process for the June *Friendship Craft Festival* on June 10 as well as the *Fall Craft Fair* on October 7 has begun. This is the time of the year where crafters “book” the shows they choose to participate in.

A reminder that there is no meeting in January and February. The next regular meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday, March 16. Geri Erwin will be hostess as well as providing the dessert. Please call Geri at 315-858-2103 BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 15 if you are attending so she knows how many to plan for.

Social/dessert time is from 6:00-6:15PM with the business meeting starting promptly at 6:15PM. The Women's Guild welcomes new members any time throughout the year. If you would like more information on what we do, and what our Mission is, you can contact Carol Simpson at (315)868-0319 or speak to any member of the Guild.

Lastly, the Guild thanks you for your support of our fundraisers this past year. At our November meeting it enabled us to disperse funds to many charitable organizations.

FOOD PANTRY continues to serve:

Tuesdays and Thursdays each week
10 am - Noon normally.

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month
11 am – Noon

Volunteers are always welcome to help with food deliveries, call Pam DiLiberto @ 315-985-0816 to inquire



The Sanctuary was aglow with Christmas decorations and the Altar poinsettias received from our church family members Faith, Joe, Victoria and Brady Young; Margaret Goodrich; The Ehlers Family; Heather and Casey Bradley; Janet Bobnick and Family; The Robertson and Ainsley Families; John and Sherryl Morris; Kate and Bill Huxtable; Gail Dyn; Don and Sue Sheldon; Ross and Donna Jones; Marston and Geri Erwin; Nancy Strongreen; The Family of Albert and Dorothy Ames; and Marion and John Mulligan all given in memory of Loved Ones. Thank You

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* January 4th Nominations Committee Meeting on at 3pm.

*January 10th Governing Board meeting beginning at 6:30p.m.

* January 29th Annual meeting.



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

