

Good News Ambassador
August 2023



CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church
and the
United Methodist Church

Visiting Pastor The Rev. Dr. Terrance O'Neill
Alice Mahardy, Organist & Choir Director
PO Box 896, Richfield Springs, NY 13439

Online and In-person Worship

Join us **Sundays at 9:15 am**. All in-person
worship services will be livestreamed to our
church

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*A Note from Our Guest Speaker -
The Rev. Dr. O'Neill*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

By the time this reaches you it will have been six weeks since you allowed me the privilege of your pulpit. That doesn't seem possible. Folks have been most gracious and accepting of my leading worship and it has certainly helped both Barbara and myself feel more integrated into this worshipping community as new residents in Richfield Springs.

Looking ahead to our worship time together I'll be looking at themes regarding Tradition, Fairness in Life, and Six ways we can Strengthen our Faith. As it happens, Barbara and I will be away on Sunday, August 27, so you'll have an opportunity to hear a "substitute-substitute." We'll return for Labor Day Sunday to share Holy Communion and look at where we may be tempted by false gods.

I hear from your search committee that progress is being made on the exploration for a new full time pastor and I will continue to hold them and the entire congregation in prayer as that effort continues.

As we continue to move through summer, I pray a healthful and enjoyable time for you all with God's blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Terry



Stay tuned for information in the future.



**God's Work
Our Hands**

**Sunday Morning Ministries
For August 2023**

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| August 6 | Reader: | Linda Ehlers |
| | Usher: | FaithAnn Young |
| | Coffee: | Diane Butts |
| | Greeter: | Kate Huxtable |
| August 13 | Reader: | Thomas Rhodes |
| | Usher: | Carla Eckler |
| | Coffee: | Fred Eckler |
| | Greeter: | Diane Butts |
| August 20 | Reader: | Ross Jones |
| | Usher: | Kate Huxtable |
| | Coffee: | Carol Simpson |
| | Greeter: | Donna Jones |
| August 27 | Reader: | Mark Reardon |
| | Usher: | Geri Erwin |
| | Coffee: | Jo-Ann Mead |
| | Greeter: | Bill Stevens |



We have separate lists. When you receive a message, call the next person. If you get an answering machine, please leave a message, and call the next name on your list.

PRAYER CHAIN – List 1:

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| Linda Ehler | 315-858-1833 |
| Susan Sheldon | 315-868-8005 |
| Carrie Gardner | 315-858-0634 |
| Geri Erwin | 315-858-2103 |
| Rowena Robertson | 315-858-0652 |
| Carol Simpson | 315-868-0319 |

PRAYER CHAIN – List 2:

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| Patti Lou Leopold | 315-858-2706 |
| Donna Jones | 315-796-1644 |
| Nancy Strongreen | 315-858-9483 |
| Kate Huxtable | 315-858-1566 |
| Shirley Dreis | 315-858-0667 |



For....

Ed McDaniels	Dayton Kane
Francis Stevens	Fred Gardner
Mike Stringer	Richard Steele
Sandy Yager	Patti Leopold



Remember the signup sheet for altar flowers to honor and look back on loved ones is on the table in the fellowship hall.

Rowena



August 1	Tommy Worobey
2	Susan Cristman
3	Bridgette Hallberg
3	Melanie Bruce
5	Gavin Valenta
6	Al DaCostafaro
7	Ryan David Kennedy
12	Michael Hubiak
12	Judi Southard
13	Walter Hubiak
18	Sara Goodrich
20	Victoria Young
22	Heidi Johnson
25	Connie Domion
27	Norma Bostwick
28	Gabriel LaFrance
29	Lily Anna Wadsworth
31	Kate Steckler



August 23	Zach and Emma Boss
27	David and Lori Weiss
27	Ron and Barb Barnes
31	Jesse and Christine Bond



Second Mile Giving for August is the

Ukraine



****August 8th**

Next Board meeting is August 8th at 6:30p.m.

****August 20th**

The Annual Church Picnic starting at 12:00 noon at Baker's Beach. We have reserved the Meeting House—white building. Sign-up sheets will soon be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the church. Attendees are asked to take a dish to pass! More details will be provided in or weekly bulletin.

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In keeping with tradition, there will be no meeting in August. We will get together again on Thursday, September 21, at 6pm, when we have our Annual Food Pantry Shower at the church. **Linda Ehlers** will be the host. Please bring a covered dish to enjoy together. Bring canned goods or other food staples to donate to the Food Pantry. A list of items needed will be provided in the September newsletter.

****September 21th**

The Annual Food Pantry Shower at the church. Linda Ehlers will be the hostess. Please bring a dish to pass for everyone to enjoy. A list of items needed will be provided at a later date. Also bring canned goods or other food staples to donate to the Food Pantry

****October 7th**

3rd Annual Fall Craft Fair

FALL CRAFT FAIR UPDATE: The 3rd Annual Fall Craft Fair at Cullen Pumpkin Farm, sponsored by the COCU Guild, will take place on Saturday, October 7th, from 10 am – 4 pm, at 587 Cullen Road. As of this writing applications are coming in quite steadily. Richfield Youth Sports will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage, French fries and drinks to benefit their fundraising efforts. The Guild ONCE AGAIN appreciates the Shypski family for giving us this opportunity. We hope to see you there!



The 42nd Annual Friendship Craft Festival was a resounding success on Saturday, June 10. This year's net profit was considerably higher than that of last year. The Committee thanks everyone for the part they played in this all important church fundraiser!



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 Nicole Martinson @
850-554-8537 to inquire.

COME ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP



COCU Board meets
Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m.

