

## Good News Ambassador

September 2023



### **CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church  
and the  
United Methodist Church

Visiting Reverend Terrence 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

**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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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

It has been a privilege to hold worship with you all for the summer and you have been most gracious in how you have received me in that role. We will share Holy Communion together in September and I am anticipating the possibility of celebrating a baptism at that time as well. Again, quite the privilege to share both of our sacraments on the same day with you all.

September 3rd will be my final Sunday with you holding regular services. I have some additional responsibilities that I have been neglecting mentoring in another church as well as previous plans that will take Barbara and me out of the area from time to time. That said, there may be opportunities where I may be able to offer worship with you and am looking forward to warming up a pew with the rest of you as we listen to another speaker. By late fall we anticipate returning to our winter home in Punta Gorda, Florida.

We certainly keep COCU in our prayers and pray that your search for a new pastor will be expeditious.

Yours in Christ,  
*Terry*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME.

SEPTEMBER 17th during the worship service and immediately following the children's message there will be a "one room" class for children up to age 12 every week. The Youth class, ages 12-15 will begin meeting twice a month starting the 17th also. We welcome your friends and neighbors too, so go ahead and invite them! We still need a few teacher assistants and substitutes on occasion (older teens and adults). If you are willing to help in that way, let us know. (Amy Worobey, Mary Stevens, Emma Boss or myself)

Please keep the program in your prayer as we strive to sow seeds of faith that will grow with these youngsters .

Be well and God bless,

Donna

## Sunday Morning Ministries For September

9/3	Reader:	Ross Jones
	Usher:	Jo-Ann Mead
	Coffee:	Sheryl Morris
	Greeter:	Donna Jones
9/10	Reader:	Brian Howser
	Usher:	Carla Eckler
	Coffee:	Fred Eckler
	Greeter:	Kate Huxtable
9/17	Reader:	Linda Ehlers
	Usher:	FaithAnn Young
	Coffee:	Diane Butts
	Greeter:	Bill Stevens
9/24	Reader:	Thomas Rhodes
	Usher:	Geri Erwin
	Coffee:	Carol Simpson
	Greeter:	Diane Butts



# Prayer Requests



This month for:

Mike Stringer  
Sally Pickens  
Patti Leopold  
Dayton Kane  
Fred Gardner  
Richard Steele  
Larry Beasley  
Carol Simpson  
Rowena Robertson



Just a reminder there is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall to remember a special friend or family member by providing flowers for a Sunday morning service.

Rowena

# Prayer Chain



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:

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:

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



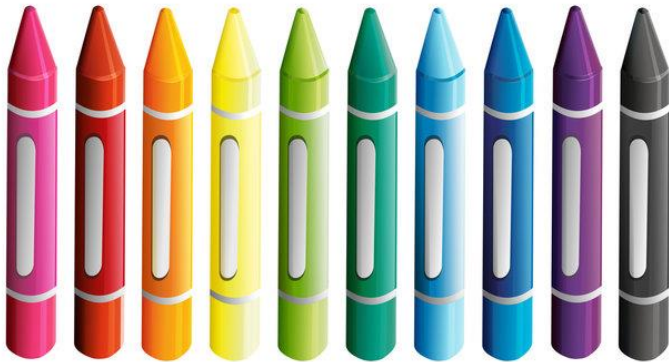
9/5 Samantha Jasso  
9/7 Thomas Twomey  
9/9 Candace Huxtable  
9/10 Gailyn Dyn  
9/10 Gary Southard  
9/13 Maibel Buck  
9/15 Gene Simpson  
9/18 Kevin Mahardy  
9/18 Carla Eckler  
9/19 Charlotte Plows  
9/19 Roger Sidney Vaughn  
9/20 Sheryl Morris  
9/20 Ashlyn Wolfe  
9/23 Mark Richards  
9/24 Candice Domion  
9/24 Connor Lawrence Lindsey  
9/25 Fred Eckler  
9/28 Melissa Belcher  
9/29 Abigail Matteson





- 9/6 Michael & Connie Domion
- 9/18 Patti Lou & Ed Leopold
- 9/20 Fred & Carla Eckler
- 9/29 Don & Melanie Bruce

**Second Mile Giving** for September is the **School backpack program** for school age children that attend COCU.



## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

The new school year is just around the corner. We always want what is best for our school children. We want them to have all the tools they need to be successful. We never know what a new year at school will bring, but we do what we can to make sure children are ready to face any challenge.

Church of Christ Uniting wants to help give school aged children every advantage. On **September 11th** we will hold a blessing of the backpacks to coincide with the new school year. All school-aged children in the community are invited to be in worship with us and have their backpacks blessed.

A blessing is a wonderful way to start the new school year off the right way. Following worship, we will also be presenting each child with a blessed bag filled with supplies to help start the new year in school.

So, come out to church on the **11th**, bring a neighbor, a friend, or invite someone who is new to the community, and help us share a blessing for all who are heading back to school this year.



## Church News

Come enjoy the  
Fellowship!!!!!!

- September 12<sup>th</sup> Next Board Meeting  
Beginning at 6:30p.m.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Back Packs
- September 21<sup>st</sup> The Guild Annual Food  
Pantry Shower.at the church.  
Linda Ehlers will be the  
hostess. Please bring a dish  
for everyone to enjoy.  
Also bring any canned goods  
Or other food staples to  
donate to the local Food  
Pantry. A list of the staples is  
Included in the September  
Newsletter.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Craft Fair at  
the Cullen Pumpkin Farm.



OPEN every Tuesday and Thursday  
from 10 till 12 noon as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday of the month from 11a.m. to 12  
Noon.

Pantry contact is Nicole Martinson  
Her ohnoe # 850-554-2537

