

Good News Ambassador **November 2023**



CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

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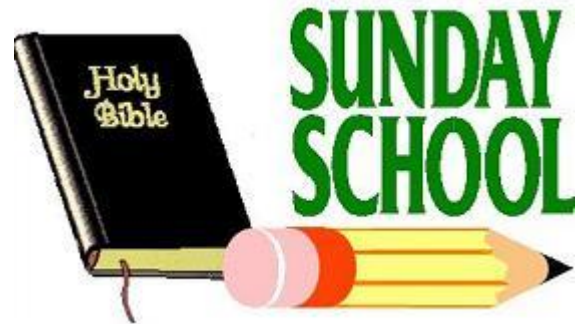
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www.rschurchofchristuniting.com

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Just as an early heads up, there will be three Board position vacancies at the end of January. They will all have served two terms, which is the maximum allowed by the By-Laws. The first is Communications (it would be nice to find someone familiar with our website and Facebook page), Christian Education and finally Board Chair (if interested, please contact any Nominating Committee member, Gene

Simpson, Kate Huxtable, Margret Goodrich, Linda Ehlers or Sheryl Morris) Also, looking for someone to Chair or Co-Chair next years June Craft Fair and Fall Craft Fair. (please see Carla Eckler) and Jo-Ann Mead is looking for assistance with her position as Current Expense Treasurer, if you can help or have questions, see Jo-Ann. Finally, still looking for 1 or 2 more people to be part of a Visitation Team to visit shut ins and possibly members that are in the hospital (please see Donna Jones, if interested)



We are continuing with the Grow, Proclaim, Serve One Room curriculum from Cokesbury for children up to grade 5. The youth class is comprised of middle school aged students. Our older teens occasionally act as assistants.

This past month the younger group learned more about the 12 disciples as they decorated pumpkins courtesy of the Cullen Pumpkin Farm. The Youth assembled a "scarecrow" based on Ephesians 6: 11-17 (Put on the full armor of God) check it out below.

We always have room for more children, invite your friends and neighbors. We have fun while we learn about God and his plans for us.

See you in church, Donna Jones



**God's Work
Our Hands**

**Sunday Morning Ministries
For November**

11/5	Reader:	Mark Reardon
	Usher:	Jo-Ann Mead
	Coffee:	Sheryl Morris
	Greeter:	Kate Huxtable
11/12	Reader:	Ross Jones
	Usher:	Carla Eckler
	Coffee:	Fred Eckler
	Greeter:	Donna Jones
11/19	Reader:	Thomas Rhodes
	Usher:	Geri Erwin
	Coffee:	Carol Simpson
	Greeter:	Carla Eckler
11/26	Reader:	Brian Howser
	Usher:	Linda Ehlers
	Coffee:	Diane Butts
	Greeter:	Bill Stevens

Prayer Requests



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 Stronggreen	315-858-9483
Kate Huxtable	315-858-1566
Shirley Dreis	315-858-0667

Special prayers this month for:

**Mike Stringer
Sally Pickens
Patti Leopold
Dayton Kane
Fred Gardner
Ken & Shirley Dreis
Carol Simpson
Janet Bobnick
Tom Worobey**

Born in November



- 11/2 Barbara Barnes
- 11/3 Tom Crohan
- 11/3 Luke Worobey
- 11/4 Fay LaFrance
- 11/5 Nancy Strongreen
- 11/6 Michael Gardner
- 11/7 Callie Boss
- 11/10 Dan Hoogheem
- 11/10 Sally Crohan
- 11/10 Donna Jones
- 11/11 Deanna Kenyon
- 11/12 Ross Jones
- 11/12 Joan Wiley
- 11/13 Danielle LaGrange
- 11/18 Mackenzie Gardner
- 11/19 Cheri Pomeroy
- 11/23 Alicia Pomeroy
- 11/25 Lynne Foster
- 11/29 Pearl (Sally) Pickens
- 11/29 Sara Valenta
- 11/29 Myrna Santos

11/4 Diane and George Butts

Second Mile Giving for November is
Santa Anonymous





From the: Ladies GUILD

**Bake Sale/Luncheon/Craft Corner
Saturday, November 11, 10am-2pm**

The Christian Friendship and Service Guild (CFSG) is sponsoring a Pre-Holiday event and is asking for your help on Saturday, November 11. We are also asking for help on Friday, November 10, at 10am, to set up and help prepare the soups and sandwich offerings. Signup sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

CALLING ALL BAKERS FOR OUR:

Bake Sale: We truly are blessed to have such wonderful bakers in our church, and we can't thank you enough for all the baked goods you've already provided during this past year. If you're willing, however, to bake some of your delicious treats again, we ask that you have them to the church by 9am, Saturday, November 11--the day of the event. (Home-canned goods accepted but each jar must be marked with name of product and date). No cream pies can be accepted due to NYS Department of Health regulations.

Luncheon: This will consist of a choice of 3 homemade soups and sandwiches, chips, pickle, dessert, and beverage for a donation of

\$8.00. It will be café style. Come join us at the COCU Café!

Craft Corner: Select seven area crafters will have a variety of homemade merchandise available for your shopping pleasure in the Winter Chapel. Come shop for the holidays or a "must have" item on your want list.

Fall is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends, and this is a great way to kick off the holidays. It is our hope you'll spend part of your day with us!

The Women's Guild thanks you and looks forward to seeing you here at the Church of Christ Uniting, 22 Church Street, Richfield Springs. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Carol Simpson at (315)868-0319.

Visit our website:

www.rschurchofchristuniting.com, and Like us on Facebook. May God bless you and give you joy during the Harvest and upcoming Holiday Season!

Carol Simpson Women's Guild President

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Guild's November meeting is Thursday, November 16, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Donna Jones is the hostess and Joan Wiley will be providing the dessert. Guild members please call or text Donna at 315-796-1644 by Wednesday, November 15 if you are attending. New members always welcome!

Annually, our November meeting is dedicated to dispersing the funds we have raised all year to various missions, many of them local. In addition, the Guild Members are given an opportunity to submit a personal pledge for next year in support of our fund-raising efforts (not mandatory). If you are unable to attend

this meeting and would like to make a pledge, please contact the Treasurer, Geri Erwin, at 315-858-2103 to phone in your pledge, or you can mail it to her at: PO Box 3124, Richfield Springs, NY 13439.

TWO NEW MISSION-RELATED GUILD INITIATIVES

THE CLOSET

“The Closet” is a newly organized initiative of our local school. Mariessa Brelinski, guidance counselor, is the lead person. It is located inside the school and strives to provide basic clothing and household needs for students and families in the district.

Needs at this time are used, but in good condition, children's shoes for fall and winter, as well as, coats and sweaters/sweatshirts. Year-round needs will be health and beauty products for tweens and teens such as: deodorant and sanitary products, jeans and other clothing as well as sheets and towels. FaithAnn Young is the liaison for Church of Christ Uniting. Please contact her with any questions.

FISHES AND LOAVES WARMING CENTER

Also in keeping with our various missions, beginning on December 1st, the Guild will be adding to its mission-related efforts the “Fishes and Loaves Warming Center.” Housed at the Salvation Army in Herkimer, it is a place to go for homeless people on cold nights.

We will be accepting donations of such things as: Nutritious snack bars; Snack bags of chips and other snacks; Decaffeinated coffee (bags or cans...NOT K-cups); Bottled water; and Disposable Cups with Lids.

There will be a tote in the Fellowship Hall for you to put these items in. We thank you in advance for your support of this mission.

FALL CRAFT FAIR AT THE CULLEN PUMPKIN FARM

Unlike the two previous years, this year the weather on October 7 did not cooperate--to say the least! However, this Guild fundraiser was successful in securing registrations for a total of 73 spaces from 69 crafters—a fundraising record for this event! Thanks to all who volunteered to make it the success it was. Special thanks go out, once again, to the Shypski family at the Pumpkin Farm for hosting the Craft Fair.



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.



COCU Board meets

Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

November 11th Fall Event: Luncheon/
Bake Sale/Craft
Volunteers are needed and donated food.

November 18th Each year at COCU, the Sunday before Thanksgiving is designated as *Dedication Sunday*. It is a time to “dedicate” oneself to their yearly stewardship. The dictionary defines stewardship as “the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.” As it pertains to COCU, it translates into taking care of our financial well-being to insure that we can continue to do God’s work.

Stewardship can be fulfilled by pledges for the upcoming year, a one-time outright donation, a commitment to be a steward of the church all year long—or a combination of all three. This can be done in person on Sunday, November 19—*Dedication Sunday*—or by mail to PO Box 896, Richfield Springs.



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FROM A STORE,
MAYBE CHRISTMAS
PERHAPS MEANS A
LITTLE BIT MORE."

- Dr. Seuss



