

## **Good News Ambassador** **December 2023**



### **CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church  
and the  
United Methodist Church

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**

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**YouTube**, by searching on **RS COCU.**

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### 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 CoChair 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 will be participating in the “hanging of the greens service” on Dec 3 . Come and join the festive celebration and explanations of the reasons for many of our Christmas traditions.

Hope to see you all there.

Donna Jones



**God's Work  
Our Hands**

~~my christmas list~~  
prayer

This month is for.....

Tom Worobey

Dayton Kane

Fred Gardner

Carol Simpson

Shirley Dreis

Sunday Morning Ministries  
For December

12/3      Reader:      Ross Jones  
             Usher:        JoAnn Mead  
             Coffee:        Linda Ehlers  
             Greeter:        Kate Huxtable

12/10     Reader:      Cliff Oakes  
             Usher:        FaithAnn Young  
             Coffee:        Sheryl Morris  
             Greeter:        Diane Butts

12/17     Reader:      Brian Howser  
             Usher:        Geri Erwin  
             Coffee:        Carol Simpson  
             Greeter:        Bill Stevens

12/24     Reader:      Geri Erwin  
             Usher:        Kate Huxtable  
             Coffee:        JoAnn Mead  
             Greeter:        Donna Jones

12/21     Reader:      Mark Reardon  
             Usher:        Carla Eckler  
             Coffee:        Fred Eckler  
             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:**

Linda Ehler                    315-858-1833  
Susan Sheldon                315-868-8005  
Carrie Gardner               315-858-0694  
Geri Erwin                     315-858-2103  
Rowena Robertson         315-858-0652  
Carol Simpson                315-868-0319

**PRAYER CHAIN – List 2:**

Donna Jones                  315-796-1644  
Nancy Stronggreen         315-858-9483  
Kate Huxtable                315-858-1566  
Shirley Dreis                 315-858-0667



**Second Mile Giving** for December is the



- 12/5 Christopher Calkins
- 12/5 Heather Snyder
- 12/6 Mary Stanfield
- 12/9 Jasper Mayton
- 12/9 Henry Mayton
- 12/10 Sam Cornell
- 12/10 Marge Jarvis
- 12/11 Mary White
- 12/12 Lester Olmsted
- 12/12 Joan Klem
- 12/12 Samantha Caulkins
- 12/16 Cory Mahardy
- 12/17 Christine Bond
- 12/20 Aedan Osborn
- 12/20 Maggie Worobey
- 12/24 Rod Slyter
- 12/28 Ellen MacIntosh
- 12/30 Charles LaFrance
- 12/30 Taylor Hallberg Coughlin
- 12/30 Kristy Zaitseva
- 12/31 Ivy LaFrance

**HOW TO LIVE UNITED:**  
JOIN HANDS. OPEN YOUR HEART.  
LEND YOUR MUSCLE. FIND YOUR VOICE.  
GIVE 10% GIVE 100% GIVE 110%  
GIVE AN HOUR. GIVE A SATURDAY.  
THINK OF *WE* BEFORE *ME*.  
REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND  
**INFLUENCE**  
THE CONDITION OF ALL.  
GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.  
**LIVE UNITED.** 

**\*\*\*\*A Birthday Card Shower  
For Les Olmsted\*\*\*\***

**Lets shower him with birthday  
Wishes to celebrate his 98<sup>th</sup>  
birthday send a card, give a call.  
Stop in to see him for a  
few minutes.**

**Address: 30 Elm Street  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 103  
Richfield Springs, NY 13439  
Call: 315-858-0013**



### From the Women's Guild

The Guild's Luncheon/Bake Sale/Craft Corner was held on November 11th. It was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all who donated their time, baked goods, and various food items to make it the huge success it was. This event is always a great way to kick off the holidays!

In keeping with mission related projects, the Guild will be collecting items for Fishes and Loaves Warming Center located at the Salvation Army on Prospect Street in Herkimer. It provides temporary housing and other services for those who are homeless in Herkimer County.

Beginning December 1, a tote will be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall for donations of such items as:

- DECAF GROUND COFFEE (CANS or BAGS-----NOT K-CUPS)
- BOTTLED WATER
- SNACK-SIZE BAGS (Chips, Tortillas, Fritos, Cheese Curds, Pretzels, Crackers, etc...)
- SNACK BARS (Such as: Granola Bars, Breakfast Bars, etc....)

The next Guild meeting is Thursday, December 14th, at 6:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday). It will be at the home of Carol Simpson, 5 Linden Avenue. Carrie Gardner will be providing the dessert.

Please let Carol know if you are attending NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th, by calling her at 315-868-0319. This will help the ladies know how many to set up for and how much dessert to prepare. As always, all women are welcome.



### Calendar events taking place at the Church this month

\*December 3<sup>rd</sup>-- Hanging of the Greens

\*December 14---Guild Meeting @ 6pm  
at the home of Carol Simpson  
5 Linden Avenue

\*December 20-- 6-8 PM: Wrap It Up!  
Attention: GUYS and Gals Too!  
Need help wrapping those gifts?  
Let us do it! We have all the supplies  
and there is NO charge!

\*December 22—7pm-8 PM:  
Christmas Carols, Cookies and Cocoa.  
All are welcome to join us around a  
bonfire as we celebrate the joy of the  
season with some of your favorite  
Christmas carols.

Inclement weather date is December 23

\*December 24: 9:15 am  
Christmas Worship.  
7pm Candlelight Service



Come One Come All!!!

*Special note from Rowena:*

*Thank you to Margaret Goodrich for the Veteran's AStar arrangement in honor of her husband Dale and my husband Mort.*

*The sign-up sheet for Christmas AStar flowers is in the Fellowship room. Please sign up no later than Sunday 12/17/23 so Marie can get the bulletin ready for Sunday morning 12/24/23*

*service. Poinsettias should be at the Church by Saturday 12 noon on the 23rd to be arranged that afternoon.*

*MY THANKS to Everyone for your help.*



*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*

*To You All*

**Next Board Meeting  
December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**