

Good News Ambassador January 2024



CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church
and the
United Methodist Church
315-858-1553

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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www.rschurchofchristuniting.com



BOARD MESSAGE

“ A huge THANK YOU to the girls that did the Christmas gift wrapping. They did a fantastic job, and they saved several lives that night “ also, we’ve started a visiting team, Dan Hoogheem along with Donna Jones and Margret Goodrich have agreed to visit and serve Communion if requested, to those that can’t make it to Church on Sunday. If you know anyone that would like to be visited and or receive Communion, please let Dan, Donna or Margaret know.

Thank you

Ross



Looking ahead,

There are some wonderful Bible stories and crafts coming up in the next few weeks. Hope to see you all there and bring a friend.

Youth Class will continue to meet twice a month. The next class will be on Jan 7th

** We need both teachers and classroom assistants in the late winter and spring quarters. Since the teachers rotate, you would be needed about every third week . If you are willing to serve in either capacity, please let me know as soon as possible. We need to make plans for “Safe Sanctuary” training and for coverage while some current teachers are unavailable. The children are a pleasure to

work with and planting seeds of faith a satisfying endeavor.

Donna
(questions:315-796-1644
rndjones@verizon.net)



Sunday Morning Ministries
For January

January 7th

Reader: Brian Howser
Usher: Geri Erwin
Greeter: Kate Huxtable
Coffee: Linda Ehlers

January 14th

Reader: Ross Jones
Usher: Kate Huxtable
Greeter: Donna Jones
Coffee: Sheryl Morris

January 21st

Reader: Brian Howser
Usher Geri Erwin
Greeter: Bill Stevens
Coffee: Diane Butts

January 28th

Reader: Cliff Oakes
Usher: Faith Ann Young
Greeter: Bill Stevens
Coffee: Carol Simpson



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:

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

SPECIAL NOTE

In order to assist us in facilitating the recording of donations to COCU. It would be most helpful and appreciated if those who have 2024 green envelopes use them instead of those from previous years.

In addition, please use the envelop dated for the week you give. Thank you

Gerri Erwin and Carla Eckler
Co-Financial Secretaries



- 1/2 Brady Young
- 1/7 Norma Joy Harrison
- 1/7 Barry Abrams
- 1/7 Nicholas Holtz
- 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
- 1/19 Max Goodrich
- 1/19 John Wilde
- 1/20 John Morris
- 1/21 Heather Bradley
- 1/21 Marjorie Hubiak
- 1/22 Carol Ann Simpson
- 1/24 Sarah Stevens
- 1/26 Lori Weiss
- 1/27 Deanna Wolfe
- 1/27 Linda Hoogheem
- 1/28 Diane Butts
- 1/29 Michael Cristman
- 1/29 Jeffrey Gardner



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas poinsettias for our alter this year. It takes many hands to decorate our beautiful Sanctuary and Make it Merry.

Starting in February I will be asking for people to sign up for alter flowers again. The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the fellowship room, or you may call me at 315-858-0652

Thank you again

Rowena



- 1/11 Melissa and Larry Belcher

Second Mile Giving for January is the



United Way seeks to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good. United Way brings people together to build strong, equitable communities where everyone can thrive.

From the:



In keeping with mission related projects, in December the Guild collected 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. Thank you for your donations! From all reports The Center was truly grateful for the overwhelming response from our congregation.

We are happy to announce that FaithAnn Young will be President of our Women's Guild starting in 2024! She has faithfully served our group for many years. We look forward to her leadership in the years ahead and thanks to outgoing President, Carol Simpson, for her many years of leadership to the Guild as its President.

Ross Jones will be installing the 2024 Guild Officers as well as the COCU Governing Board during the worship service on Sunday, February 4.

The Guild is taking a well-deserved break this winter. We will meet again Thursday, March 21, 2024. Meetings are in the church Fellowship Hall, unless specified otherwise. We meet 6-6:15pm for social time, then the meeting starts promptly at 6:15pm.

All women are welcome, and encouraged, to attend our meetings. If you would like more information about what we do, and why, you can talk to any of the ladies in the group or see FaithAnn.

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.



January 28th Annual Meeting and Souper Bowl for hunger.

February 4th Installation of Officers

April 20th Spring BBQ

May 13th Women's Appreciation dinner

May 17th Rummage Sale
(w/Linda Watkins as chair)

June 8th Craft Festival

September 14th Fall Event Dinner

October 5th Craft Fair

November 16th Craft/Bake Sale/ Luncheon



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.

**From Larry Beasley:
Presbytery of Utica's RIP Medical Debt
Campaign nears completion**

“I’ve had so much stress over my medical debt and to have it removed by an angel is such a blessing. It has had a huge impact on me and my family.”

Want to help those living under the crushing burden of past due medical debt? The Presbytery of Utica has collected almost \$23,000 towards a goal of \$30,000 to purchase and relieve almost \$3,000,000 in past due medical debt in New York State through RIP Medical Debt (<http://ripmedicaldebt.org/>.) You can make a year-end contribution and help those in aching need. Write check payable to the Presbytery of Utica with “RIP Medical Debt” in the memo line, mail to Presbytery of Utica, P.O. Box 127, Holland Patent, NY 13354. If you need more information contact Larry Beasley at uticastateclerk@gmail.com or call 315-794-9124.

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**COCU Board meets**  
Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.