

Good News Ambassador

June 2024



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

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BOARD'S MESSAGE

A few months ago, we announced that Pastor Christine Mitchell would be joining us this summer. Pastor Chris will be moving to Richfield in June, and her first service will be on July 7, 2024. We hope that you will be in attendance to welcome her! We will also have a Welcome Reception for Pastor Chris and her family, after church on July 14th. Please save the date! The following is an introduction written by Pastor Chris:



I am a single Mom, with two grown children, my son Jacob 25 and daughter Kennedy 23. I love to go camping and sit as the current Lt. Governor for the Finger Lakes Division of Kiwanis. I am a second career pastor, receiving a call to Pastoral ministry while serving as a youth and Christian Education Director at Aldersgate UMC in Greece, NY. I completed my MDiv at Northwestern Seminary, while serving at the Honeoye Falls United Methodist Church. My focus is to bring families into the church so that they may grow and find salvation together. I am a down to earth preacher, as I always bring a connection to the church, individual or living life today, through the biblical text.



**God's Work
Our Hands**

June 2 will be our last day of classes for the summer months. We are planning a fun party to mark the occasion. We hope all our students will be able to be join in.

Beginning June 9th, there will be nursery care for children age 7 and younger. It will be set up in the winter chapel along with a place for parents of babies who need a little rocking and comfort. (the babies' comfort, not parents !! or maybe both!) We're hoping to be able to have a speaker or live steam available to them also.

(BTW we still need adults willing to help supervise nursery. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.).

There will be activity sheets at the back of the church for the older children who want them.

When you see our teachers, be sure to THANK them for all their time spent planning , teaching and sharing God's love with the children in our church family.

Yours in Christ, Donna

Sunday Morning Ministries For June

6/2	Reader:	Mark Reardon
	Usher:	JoAnn Mead
	Coffee:	Carol Simpson
	Greeter:	Kate Huxtable
6/9	Reader:	Linda Ehlers
	Usher:	FaithAnn Young
	Coffee:	Fred Eckler
	Greeter:	Bill Stevens
6/16	Reader:	Ross Jones
	Usher:	Geri Erwin
	Coffee:	JoAnn Mead
	Greeter:	Donna Jones
6/23	Reader:	Geri Erwin
	Usher:	Carla Eckler
	Coffee:	Carrie Gardner
		Kate Huxtable
	Greeter:	Bill Stevens
6/30	Reader:	Brian Howser
	Usher:	Kate Huxtable
	Coffee:	Linda Ehlers
	Greeter:	Carla Eckler



Prayer Requests 

Thank you, Rowena for making sure our alter is full of beautiful flowers each week, lets all help her continue by Remembering to check out the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for dates available to help beautify our alter each weekend or contact Rowena @ 315-858-0652.

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| Dayton Kane | Fred Gardner |
| Tom Worobey | Les Olmsted |
| Dan LaBarge | Cliff Oakes |

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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| Donna Jones | 315-796-1644 |
| Nancy Strongreen | 315-858-9483 |
| Kate Huxtable | 315-858-1566 |



- 6/3 Linda Watkins
- 6/4 Rachel Ehlers
- 6/4 Heidi Mayton
- 6/5 Victor Belcher
- 6/9 Benjamin Matteson
- 6/20 Michelle Fritts
- 6/28 Bill Mahardy
- 6/29 Larry Belcher



- 6/11 Amy & Tom Worobey
- 6/14 Fay & Charles LaFrance
- 6/20 Linda & Dan Hoogheem
- 6/24 Marston & Geri Erwin

Second Mile Giving for June is

One Great Hour of Sharing

One of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ.



From the:



42nd ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP CRAFT FESTIVAL

This year's Friendship Craft Festival will be held on Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Spring Park on Route 20 in Richfield Springs. As of this writing, we have 60+ crafters and more coming in almost every day—all with diverse offerings! Deadline for applications is June 1. After June 1 applications will be accepted on a space available basis.

The popular Brooks' BBQ is served from 11:30 a.m. until sold out. BBQ INFO: Full dinners, as well as chicken halves, are being offered. Chicken Halves \$9.00; Chicken Dinners \$13.00; Dinners include: ½ chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll/butter and cookies. In addition, the Richfield Youth Sports organization will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage patties, french fries and beverages all day.

The ever-so-famous bake sale will return! See info elsewhere in this bulletin. Food items are needed for the BBQ. Volunteers are also needed both the night before for set up as well as during the Craft Festival. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall or call Carol Simpson, Guild President, at 315- 868-0319.



June 8th 43rd Friendship Craft Fair to be held at Spring Park from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. Brooks BBQ will serve from 11:30 till sold out. The Richfield Youth Sports will also, will be returning with a food booth. And of course, Our "Famous" church bake sale will be happening again this year too. Baked goods to the church on Friday and by 8a.m. at the park.

June 20th Baccalaureate beginning at 7 p.m.. Come join us in honoring our RSCS Seniors.

June 23rd Graduating Senior day. Cake will be served after church service.

June 30th Men's Appreciation Breakfast at 8 a.m. before the church service. To celebrate the men in our church who have worked hard keeping our church beautiful and for making all feel welcome. Reservations would be appreciated by calling Carol Simpson at 315-868-0319.

July 7th Pastor Christine Mitchell's first service.

July 14th Reception for Pastor Christine and her family after church.

News from the Governing Board

Regarding the mailing of COCU's monthly newsletter, in 2021 the process began to continue our mission to be as fiscally responsible as possible. Many now receive the newsletter via e-mail saving COCU labor and postage expenses.

At the May Governing Board meeting it was decided that we will no longer be mailing the newsletter to anyone having an e-mail address-- beginning with the July newsletter.

If you are currently getting your newsletter mailed to you and you have an e-mail address, please contact Marie, COCU Secretary to be added to the monthly e-mail list. The church's e-mail address is COCU@verizon.net

We are aware that there is a handful on the mailing list that do not have a computer/e-mail, we will continue to mail them.

But as always, we have copies of the last two months of newsletters in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope that you understand our position in this matter.



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.



Choir News

The Chancel Choir's last Sunday will be July 7. They will be on vacation for the summer and will begin a

new season in mid-September. I am extremely appreciative of their dedication and willingness to help provide music for worship.

If anyone is interested in providing special music for any summer Sunday, please contact Alice Mahardy. We welcome singers and/or instrumentalists.

93 West Main St
Richfield Springs, NY

Call FaithAnn Young to reserve and purchase tickets at 315-858-2657

One rest stop there and one rest stop back.

Early enough arrival for lunch & souvenir Shopping; visit Monument Park inside the Stadium.

Doors open at 11:30am. First 18000 fans in the gate, age 21+ receive a complimentary Yankee camo ball cap.



RS Church of Christ Uniting is sponsoring a Yankees Game Bus Trip "Families Welcome" Saturday, August 10th
Yankees vs Texas Rangers

"Military appreciation Day"

Price is \$138.00 per person

Price includes:
Transportation (Hale 56-pass motorcoach)
Water/Snacks on the bus
Yankees tickets- section 308

Itinerary:
6:10 am Begin check in
6:30 am Departure
11:00 am Game time
Bus departs for home after the Game ends
9:30 pm Approximate return to Richfield

MEETING POINT:
School Parking Lot

And a Special

Thank You!

I would like to thank Dan Hoogheem for his leadership over the past several months. Initially, Dan agreed to fill in for one Sunday, then two Sundays, which turned into over four months. He did a great job with our worship services each week, but beyond that he visited the sick both in the hospital (even several trips to Syracuse) and at their homes, performed funerals, as well as officiated at several "special" services. Daniel truly lives his faith! (also would like to thank Linda for putting up with Dan while he agonized over preparing the sermon each week)

Ross

