

Good News Ambassador March 2025



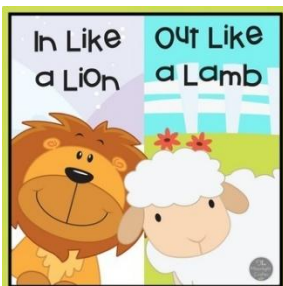
CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Federated Congregation of
Presbyterian Church USA
and the
United Methodist Church
Rev. Christine Mitchell, Pastor
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Richfield Springs, NY 13439

All worship services will be live on our
Facebook page: RS Church Christ Uniting
or on our website:
<https://rschurchofchristuniting.com/worship/>

Happy **St. Patty's Month!!** March the month
of the Irish, the month of madness and the
month of the lion and the lamb.

In elementary school I remember learning
about the way the weather comes to us in
March:



If it's cold and
yucky it's coming in like
a lion, and we should
expect nicer weather at
the end of the month
where the weather is more
like a cute cuddly lamb.

If it's warm and spring-like in the
beginning of the month the weather is like a

lamb, and we should expect more brutal
weather at the end of the month.

And of course we have St. Patrick's Day, the
day when everyone is Irish, everyone wears
Green, we eat Corned Beef and Cabbage, we
drink green drinks, there is a
celebratory parade and it's a
day for us all to be
merry...and Irish!

And finally, who can forget
the March Madness of
College Basketball!



Go Orange!! The chaos of game after game
from afternoon until the wee hours of the
morning, traveling from here to there, keeping
track of the brackets, rooting on your team in
hopes they made it to the sweet sixteen, the
elite eight, the final four, then on to the
championship.

That is a lot to compress into one lonely
month. But what I see in all of this is God!
How you might ask! Well, let me see... The
Lion and the Lamb? While John is testifying
about Jesus, it states in John 1:29 "The next
day John saw Jesus coming toward him and
said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world!" In 1 Corinthians 5:7 the
Apostle Paul reminds us to "get rid of the old
yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened
batch - as you really are. For Christ, our
Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." and in
Revelation 5:5-6a "Then one of the elders said
to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe
of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.
He is able to open the scroll and its seven
seals." 6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it
had been slain, standing at the center of the
throne," We often refer to Jesus as the Lamb
of God, who came to take away the sins of the
world, and of us!

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world: have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are

those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the world and

my soul shall be healed.

Then the shamrock, used to identify the trinitarian connection of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they are one, but each has their own space within the three.



And finally, the madness that we wrestle with everyday. The times when we are focused too much on what is happening around us, and not enough on the fact that God the Father,

Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit are here, present with us yesterday, today, and forever. When we focus our energy on our faith, the madness will clear.

As we focus this month on the things we need to get rid of to be well in our soul, focus on the Lord, as much as this month has references to the Lord, and maybe come Easter! We will be on Fire for our Risen Christ!

March....The Month of God!

*a section taken from the Catholic Church communion liturgy (<https://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/Mass-RM3.htm>)



Sunday Morning Helping Hands

March 2nd

Usher Faith Ann Young

Reader Ross Jones

Greeter Kate Huxtable

Coffee Linda Ehlers

March 9th

Usher Kate Huxtable

Reader Brian Houser

Greeter Bill Stevens

Coffee Sheryl Morris

March 16th

Usher Geri Erwin

Reader Margaret Goodrich

Greeter Donna Jones

Coffee Carol Simpson

March 23rd

Usher Geri Erwin

Reader Melissa Blecher

Greeter Bill Stevens

Coffee Diane Butts

March 30th

Usher Faith Ann Young

Reader Kevin Mead

Greeter Donna Jones

Coffee Kate Huxtable

Prayer Chain Ministry!

To start the prayer chain by calling:

Linda Ehlers: 315-858-1833

Donna Jones: 315-796-1644

If you would like to become part of the pray chain call one of the numbers above.



Dayton Kane

Fred Gardner

Bill Burdick

Cliff Oakes

Staci Earl

Tim Snyder

Richard Bowser

Please make Pastor Chris or Church Secretary aware of any updates.



Second Mile Giving for March *Wounded Warrior Project*

Mission statement

- To honor and empower wounded warriors
- To foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members
- To help injured veterans achieve their highest ambitions

Programs and services

- Mental health support
- Career counseling
- Long-term rehabilitative care
- Advocacy efforts
- Collaboration with other veteran and military organizations
- Benefits services to help warriors navigate the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)





- 3/1 Pat Starr
- 3/4 Marie Prokop
- 3/13 Janet Bobnick
- 3/15 Tom Worobey
- 3/31 Myah Craft
- 3/31 Mylez Craft



- 3/6 Michael & Monica Wolfe
- 3/30 Bill & Kate Huxtable



It's that time again to change your clock's
Sunday March 9th

Upcoming Events:

March 5: Ash Wednesday service, 7 PM

March 22: Free Community Dinner, 4-6 PM

April 5: Brooks' Drive Through Chicken BBQ, 4 PM until sold out

April 13: Palm Sunday service, 9:15 AM

April 13: Annual Bread Auction, after church

April 17: Maundy Thursday service, 7 PM

April 18: Good Friday service, 7 PM

April 20: Easter Sunday service, 9:15 AM

May 12: Women's Appreciation Dinner, 6 PM

May 15 & 16: Spring Rummage sale
(hours forthcoming)

June 14: 44th Annual Friendship Craft Festival,
9 AM - 3 PM

September 26: Fall Rummage Sale
(hours forthcoming)

October 4: 5th Annual Fall Craft Fair, Cullen
Pumpkin Farm, 10 AM - 4 PM
November 15:
Luncheon/Bake Sale/Craft Corner, 10AM -
2PM

PRESENTED BY THE UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

SOUL CARE RETREAT
CALMING THE SOUL IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

YOU ARE INVITED- CALLING WOMEN OF ALL AGES
BRING A FRIEND

MARCH 15 9am-3pm

Elm Park United Methodist Church
401 Chestnut Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Joyce Allen
Chi Gong Labyrinth Walk Journaling Karaoke
Worship Tools for Self-Care Origami MORE!

To Register: Call the First UMC Office at 607 432 4102
Or Email: Joyce Miller — millerumw@ gmail.com to provide
name, contact info and food allergies
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 11



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

It gives us here at the Church of Christ Uniting considerable pride to host the local Food Pantry. If you are so inclined to support this ministry, they are always in need of food staples such as cereal, pasta, canned vegetables, and fruit. There is a basket located in the sanctuary for this purpose. Or consider stopping by the church on Food Pantry days: Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 AM to 12 Noon as well as the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 11 AM-12 Noon.



And a special note from the Pastor:

Pastor Chris is available in the church office on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., by appointment, or at home visits. Pastor practices her sabbath on Fridays, and should only be contacted for emergencies.

If you would like to schedule a visit, please don't hesitate to reach out to her.

She also offers monthly in-home communion visits and is available for Spiritual counseling and pastoral care.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with food deliveries, packing bags, etc., call

Connie Olsen at 607-267-2190 to inquire.

Monetary donations can be sent to:
The Richfield Springs Food Pantry,
P.O. Box 140 Richfield Springs, NY
13439

