

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT to the  
CONSISTORY of RICHVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

My report begins with attending our CE meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the church. Much of our discussion focused on helping Outreach with Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, in which I was in attendance. I assisted in preparation of wrangling volunteers, such as Confirmands & RISE to serve! I offered my services as a greeter/guide to our guests. In addition, I was also a roaming photographer with my phone, as I posted the action on our church Facebook page as a "Director's Chair" episode. I had some nice contacts with our visitors and a couple of family units were interested in possibly attending the church. I provided them our bulletin/kid's bulletin & literature as a hand-off that had our contact info.

My December duties also included my watch on our Kid's Christmas skit to take place on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. However, as I checked in with our Director, Elizabeth Whitaker, I knew we were in good hands. I did summon our RISE senior high youth to participate as stagehands to assist Liz. God even used this annual event to reach out to a new family that has been in attendance.

I decided to cancel our RISE December default meeting date on the 19<sup>th</sup> and schedule them to serve at both activities this month instead.

I attended our Candlelight service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. I kind of did my hybrid position as A/V streaming man and my DoY&F position. Besides streaming/lighting, etc., I made sure the CE Christmas ornaments were properly handled and distributed by one of our youth!

Since our all-staff meeting was canceled this month, I still have been working in the background as pursuing a possible service project for our new Confirmands with Hammer & Nails for MLK weekend in January. I've reached out to their new project director to see if this could be a reality. I still do not have any real clear direction yet, but I'm at least trying to create a placeholder in case we do pursue.

Lastly, I've been working off & on to finish my annual report for January.

**Respected submitted,  
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Director of Youth & Family Ministries**