



# The Messenger

weekly January 2, 2022

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 Sunday Schedule* (with Communion)	3 6:30 pm Consistory	4 6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg.	5 6:00 pm Bible Study  6:00 pm Brownie Troop 60192	6	7 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	8 10:00 am Ft. Laurens Rugcrafters Group
9 Sunday Schedule*  Monthly OCWM Mission Offering	10	11 6:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Mtg.  6:30 pm Cub Scouts 929	12 6:00 pm Bible Study	13 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	14 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	15

**\*(PLEASE REMEMBER: Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located in our Welcome Center)\***

### \*Sunday Schedule:

9:15 am Ruth's Adult Discussion Group  
 10:30 am Words of Welcome & Announcements  
 10:30 am Worship  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
*(children dismissed from worship)*  
 After Church Fellowship Hour

### \*Wednesday Schedule:

6:00 pm Bible Study



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Worship Attendance for Christmas Eve: 71  
 Worship Attendance for Sunday, December 26: 36



Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

**DATES FOR  
OUR  
CONFIRMATION  
SESSIONS IN  
JANUARY:**



**TODAY** (During Worship)  
[Taught by Mary Jo Purney]

**Sunday, January 23** (6 - 8 PM)  
[Taught by Pastor Will]

**MEETING REMINDERS:**

*Please note: All meetings are tentatively scheduled, and may be canceled/rescheduled at the committee chairperson's request.*

Consistory

**Monday, January 3 at 6:30 PM**

Christian Education

**Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30 PM**

Finance & Stewardship

**Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 PM**

All-Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, January 19 at 7:15 PM**

Spiritual Life

**Thursday, January 20 at 6 PM**



On **Sunday, January 9**, we will be taking up an offering for OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission - the 5 offerings the national church uses to support the whole denomination).

OCWM funds the work the UCC does in its Associations and Conferences, and in the national and global church. OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local UCC churches strong, effective, and growing.

**RICHVILLE UCC ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2022**

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Richville United Church of Christ will take place on **Sunday, January 16** after morning worship. At this meeting we will have the installation of officers and review of reports. Please plan to attend.

Packets for the Annual Meeting will be available in January.

**YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY  
& NOISY OFFERING**

**January 16** is our next Youth Service Sunday! Our youth will be participating in worship as greeters, ushers, acolytes and readers. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Whitaker (Christian Education Chairperson) or Gary Bickel (Director of Youth & Family Ministries)!

We also encourage you to donate toward this month's "NOISY OFFERING". **January's collection will be donated toward RUCC's Building Renovation Fund.** We appreciate everyone's continued support of this ministry!

**BRING ALONG A FRIEND TO GOLDEN CHARMS!**

All Senior Citizens are invited to attend Golden Charms! We gather at Richville United Church of Christ on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Our next gathering will take place **Tuesday, January 18** at noon! Join us for fun, fellowship and a delicious meal. A program will be enjoyed following the meal.

**To make your reservation, please contact Karen Provost at (330) 484-2878.**

Golden Charms still needs 3 table committee persons for the January 18 gathering. We also need 3 table committee persons for the May 17 gathering. *If you are interested, please see Ruth Schumacher.*

## reminder

**CONSISTORY CHAIRPERSONS...**Don't forget to get your annual reports finalized and turned in to the church office. We would like to have the 2021 annual packets printed and available to the congregation beginning January 9th.

The next **DINNER AT THE FAMILY LIVING CENTER** will be **Thursday, January 27**. We will prepare/drop off the food for the families.

The Outreach Committee and staff/families of the FLC thank you all for your continued support!

### **We are always looking for new people interested in serving!**

We have sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center for head usher, usher, greeter, bell ringer, worship reader, acolyte and fellowship host.

Interested in teaching Sunday School or volunteering in the Crib/Nursery? Please see Gary Bickel or Elizabeth Whitaker for more information!

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, the sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the parlor. The cost for flowers (if you do not wish to bring your own) is \$35. We order our flowers from Cummings Florist in Massillon.



### **We are looking for a few new callers for our Prayer Chain ministry!**

This ministry opportunity is always available. Contact the church office or Judy Gopp for more information!

### **\*\* NOTE: This dinner is carry-out only! \*\***



### **SWISS STEAK!**

**Saturday,  
February 5**  
from  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

#### **ON THE MENU:**

Swiss Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Coleslaw  
Bread  
Dessert

The cost for the dinner is \$13 for adults and \$6 for children (age 3-10). You may make your reservation by calling the church office at (330) 832-1891 or Debbie Ciesielczyk at (330) 832-3593.

**\*\* THE DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR DINNER(S) IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 28! \*\***

\* Also mark your calendar for our other Swiss Steak Dinner coming up on May 7! \*

### **JOIN US FOR MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY!**

#### **Wednesday nights at 6 PM**

For those unable to attend in-person, we also have an option to participate via ZOOM. If interested in this option, please contact Pastor Will and he will send you the log-in information.

*\*If you would like to review the weekly Bible Study notes, they are posted on the church's Facebook page and webpage (usually on Thursday of each week).*

### **BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS!**



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# JOYS and CONCERNS

- ♥ Prayers for all those wrestling with Covid (the ill and the caregivers).
- ♥ **Nancy Kracker** is doing well following a mini-stroke.
- ♥ Debbie Ciesielczyk's friend, **Sandy Post**, lost her husband on December 22.
- ♥ Prayers for Gary Mulheim's daughter, **Deanna**. She is doing well and recuperating after surgery to repair a previous one.
- ♥ Prayers for **Loreen** and **Mike** (Jenny Lambert's friends). Both are immunocompromised and currently battling Covid pneumonia. Recovery so far has been slow and difficult.
- ♥ Many thanks for all of the kindnesses and generosity to Pastor Will and his family for Christmas.
- ♥ Thanks for safe travels during the holidays.

Whether for worship, Bible study, or personal use, it is beneficial to know our Wi-Fi password: mudkm?=fg+ju

## CORE VALUE STATEMENT

"At Richville UCC we are disciples sharing our faith to make new disciples, so that we all will celebrate GOD by living life to the fullest - growing in faith, love and service with our families and community. "

### MISSION

Safe Space.  
Care for The Whole Person.  
Share story of Jesus  
and invite all into it.

### VISION

Reflect Christ in all we do.  
Preserve History and Traditions.  
Care for The Community.

## INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OR BAPTISM?

For anyone curious about being baptized or becoming a member of Richville UCC or having their child baptized, please contact Pastor Will at (330) 704-2164 or email him at pdubillsspeak@gmail.com specifically in this regard.



## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember the following members and friends of Richville UCC with your prayers, cards or visits. Complete addresses for the Resident Facilities and Shut-In information is available on the bulletin board opposite the church office. **Please help us keep our prayer concerns list up-to-date and let us know if someone no longer needs to be on the list.**

### CONTINUING PRAYER FOR:

**Randy Rhoades** (Rich Griffin's step-father) [cancer]  
**Linda** (Dee Elliott's friend) [cancer]  
**Laurie Raines** (Dee Elliott's close friend) [cancer]  
**Angela Mast** (Dee Elliott's daughter)  
**Tracy Elliott** (Dee Elliott's daughter-in-law) [kidney tumor]  
**Bernie Cybak** [Parkinson's, other health issues]  
**Peg** (Betty Jo Noll's sister) [cancer]  
**Marilyn Perretta's Brother** [lung cancer]  
**Sandy Krause** (Ken Williams' sister-in-law) [lung cancer]  
**Steven January** (Raechel Mullen's stepbrother) [cancer]  
**Darlene and Lori** (Lynette Collins' friends) [cancer]  
**Maryna Steiner** [inoperable brain tumor]  
**Cathy Sickafoose** (Faith Black's mom)  
**Isaac** (Noble's grandson/great-grandson) [Burkitt's Lymphoma]  
**Dustin Schmidt** (Stuart kid's cousin) [thyroid/lymphatic cancer]  
**David McGrath** (Maureen Stetler's brother)  
**TJ Rumball** (Friends of Zach & Faith Black)  
**Shirley Kalleker**  
**Mary Jo Purney**  
**Debbie Ciesielczyk**  
**Joanne Diveley**

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please call Judy Gopp at (330) 477-6593 or the church office at (330) 832-1891 if you or a member of your family is in the hospital or facing upcoming surgery. If you would like Pastor Will or someone from Called 2 Care to serve home communion or if you would like a visit, please call the church office. For pastoral emergencies, Pastor Will's cell number is (330) 704-2164.

### AT RESIDENT FACILITIES:

#### Altercare of Navarre

Linda Risher (Room 118)

#### Inn at University Village:

Beulah Lautensleger (Room 510) (330) 809-0060 [direct line]  
 Ron Edris (Room 205) (330) 833-3759 [cell]

#### Canton Christian Home:

Bill Stetler (Room 303) (330) 430-5167

#### At Home in Akron:

Betty Tipton (330) 615-7886 [home]  
 (330) 268-0960 [cell]