

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

June 6th, 2022

I attended our monthly CE meeting at the church. Besides the traditional administrative details, i.e., youth service Sunday, searching for readers, etc., I did make a presence of helping recognize our teachers/educators during our Teacher Recognition on Sunday, May 15th during the worship service. I was also temporarily grabbed away from the camera/streaming responsibilities to help pass-out pretty impatiens to our lovely ladies and Mom's for Mother's Day.

I try to keep tabs on the Sunday School teacher roster and make sure bases are covered. I've been planning on an approach to offer sign ups for Summer Children's Church again this year. Even with a lower attendance of kiddos, and adults too, I'm making-an-effort to be creative and invite others to have a fun experience with this ministry! However, it certainly is a HUGE challenge!

In addition, for this month, after spanning the globe seeking the competition of the top leaders of the animal/reptile world, I finally seized the opportunity to land our post-VBS event with Realm of the Reptile for July 24th at 3pm at the church pavilion. Our home-town favorite won it again!

I attended our second VBS workday on Sunday afternoon, May 22nd at 4pm. I invited RISE to attend to assist as a service project! With that said, I'm being available for Jennifer S. and other volunteers during the fury of the upcoming Monumental VBS venue this year!

I'm still trying to promote and reach out to youth & families regarding events and upcoming attractions. Also, I'm still making a presence on my weekly "The Director's Chair"!

Since last month's report, it's official now that RISE and others of our youth are planning on meeting with the youth from Zion UCC for our BIG event of the season entitled, "Summer Blast"! It's scheduled on Saturday, August 6th. Details such as location, time, and other specifics, are still being "fleshed-out" as I work closely with Zion's Director of youth. More info as we move forward.

**Respected submitted,
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