



The Messenger

weekly September 18, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
18 Sunday Schedule* Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering 6:00 pm RISE (tentative)	19 6:00 pm Pastor/Parish Mtg. Newsletter Deadline	20 12:00 pm Golden Charms 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 929	21 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm All-Staff Mtg.	22 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 5:00 pm Family Living Center Dinner	23 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	24
25 Sunday Schedule* After church: Fall Congregational Mtg. (Annual election of officers)	26	27 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 929	28 Newsletter Mailed 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 60192	29	30	Oct 1 FALL FESTIVAL 10 am - 6:30 pm Rummage Sale Basket Raffle Bake Sale 4:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner

*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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PRICELESS TREASURES

(Money, Manpower, Management)

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Worship Attendance for September 11:

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

YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY & NOISY OFFERING

TODAY is our monthly Youth Service Sunday! Our youth will be participating in worship as greeters, ushers, acolytes and readers.

We also encourage you to donate toward this month's "Noisy Offering". **September'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, September 20** 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 Sharon McFarland at (330) 833-9381.

MEETING REMINDERS:

Pastor/Parish:

Monday, September 19 at 6 PM

All-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 21 at 7:15 PM

Fall Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 25 after church

A meeting of the Congregation of Richville United Church of Christ will take place on **Sunday, September 25** at the conclusion of morning worship. This meeting, in part, for the following stated purpose: Annual election of officers.

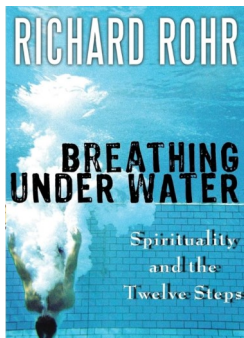
WE ARE IN NEED OF A FEW PEOPLE TO HELP WITH THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PREPARATION (on the last Wednesday of each month). We start at 9 AM and it takes approximately an hour.

The next newsletter will be mailed out on **Wednesday, September 28**. Please contact Pastor Will or the church office if you are willing and able/available.

10-Week Bible Study Series

Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps

This 10-week bible study (led by Jeff Dafler) focuses on how the Twelve Steps can be a powerful tool for anyone looking to draw on God's strength and peace to manage the ups and downs of life. We will use Richard Rohr's book, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* (available on Amazon), as our guide. **NOTE:** *You do not need to purchase the book to participate.*



For Week 1 (9/14), the session was entitled "What Are the Twelve Steps & What Do They Have to Do with Me?" Here are the sessions for the next nine weeks. **Join any time (each session will be somewhat self-contained):**

Week 2 (9/21): Step 1 - Powerlessness

Week 3 (9/28): Steps 2 & 3 - Desperate Desiring & Sweet Surrender

Week 4 (10/5): Steps 4 & 5 - A Good Lamp & Accountability IS Sustainability

Week 5 (10/12): Steps 6 & 7 - The Chicken or the Egg & Why Do We Need to Ask?

Week 6 (10/19): Steps 8 & 9 - Payback Time & Skillful Means

Week 7 (10/26): Step 10 - Is This Overkill?

Week 8 (11/2): Step 11 - An Alternative Mind

Week 9 (11/9): Step 12 - What Comes Around Must Go Around

Week 10 (11/16): Moving Forward Together

This is a great opportunity for us all to share our experience, strength and hope as we explore together how God can use the Twelve Steps to lead us to deeper peace and joy no matter what life throws at us!

For those unable to attend the bible study in-person, we have an online option available (via Zoom). If you wish to be a part of the group online, contact Pastor Will and he will send you the Zoom login information.

2022 ANNUAL RICHVILLE UCC FALL FESTIVAL

October 1, 2022

This event helps fund our Outreach Budget and the Capital Improvement Fund, so let's all work together to make it a BIG SUCCESS!

The Spiritual Life Committee and the Outreach Committee will once again be spearheading this community event. Activities will include: Rummage Sale (Outreach), Raffle Baskets and 50/50 drawing (Debbie Ciesielczyk), Bake Sale/Trail Bologna and Swiss Cheese (Bonnie Schafer), Swiss Steak/Chicken half Dinner (Dinner Team and Spiritual Life).

WHERE: Richville UCC

WHEN: Saturday October 1, 2022

TIME: Rummage Sale 10am - 6:30pm

Bake Sale 10am - 6:30pm

Raffle Baskets will be on display **10am - 6:30pm** with the pulling of the winning tickets at **6:30pm**

Swiss Steak/Chicken Half Dinner 4:30 - 6:30pm

The cost for the dinner is **\$15.00 for Adults and \$8 for Children (under age 8)**. Dinner includes Swiss Steak or Chicken half, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw or apple sauce, green beans, rolls/butter, dessert, and drink.

- The dinner will be carry-out or eat in. At the time of making your reservation, please indicate if you will be eating in or carrying out. **This will look a little different this year.** Tables will be set in the Fellowship Hall with silverware and cups for you to use but it will be cafeteria style - you will not be served your food. You will need to use a tray and carry your food to the table. Drinks will be bottled water, lemonade, and coffee which will also be self serve. You are welcome to sit, eat, socialize, and visit the Basket Raffle/50-50 drawing, and Bake Sale when you have finished! The Rummage Sale will be outside and in the old Boy Scout/Clothes Closet room to the back of the church once again this year.
- Call the church office at (330) 832-1891 to make a reservation. You may also make your reservation by email: richvilleucc@att.net. PLEASE REMEMBER to give your meat preference and whether you will be carrying out or eating in. **NOTE: We will only have 50 half chicken and 200 steak dinners available - be sure to get your order(s) in so you don't miss out!**

This event takes many volunteers, so find your niche! Whether it be volunteering in person, baking for the Bake Sale, donating clean functioning items for the Rummage Sale, providing or donating money for a Raffle Basket, or buying a dinner ticket, there is something for everyone to do!

Be sure to mark your calendar for this special event! If you can help please inform Karen Gerber at (330) 465-7912, or anyone from the Spiritual Life Committee!

Blessings,
Karen Gerber

BASKET RAFFLE

Debbie Ciesielczyk will be heading up the Fall Festival Basket Raffle again this year. Please let her know if you have a basket idea you would like to do. Or as always, you can contribute to the basket fund and let her do the shopping for you! Give her a call if you need her to pick up your basket or have any questions (330-417-9457).

BAKE SALE

We are in need of some good baked items for the Bake Sale at the Fall Festival, so all you bakers get out your bowls, mixers and pans! If your specialty isn't baking, then make us some chocolate covered pretzels or other candy. The kids love to come in and buy small treats so if that's "your thing", make us some.

Please have everything wrapped and priced to put out. Items can be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall anytime after 9AM on that Saturday (October 1).

Every little bit helps the church and "fills bellies" so plan on donating something to the Bake Sale!

Thanks,
Bonnie Schafer

RUMMAGE SALE

We are accepting donations for the Fall Festival Rummage Sale! Start cleaning out you garage, basement, and closets for things you no longer need or want! Someone's junk can be someone else's treasure! *Items may be placed in the old Boy Scout/Clothes Closet room (during office hours or when the church is open).*

PLEASE NOTE: We do not accept food, clothes, books, broken items, medication or baby formula.

JOYS and CONCERNS

- ♥ Our prayers, love and support are with the Lautensleger family, and the friends and loved ones of **Beulah Lautensleger**. Beulah passed away on the morning of Friday, September 16. She was 102 years old.
- ♥ We extend our prayers, love and support to **Courtney Smith and family**. Courtney's grandfather passed away on August 28, and her mom passed away on September 5.
- ♥ **Karen Provost** was discharged from the hospital last Saturday and is home. Prayers for her as she continues to recover (from severe asthma triggered by allergies).
- ♥ **Sandy Dougherty** (Pastor Will's boss at his part time job) was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Highly treatable. Just began chemo.

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 dpubillspeak@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:

Laurie Raines (Dee Elliott's close friend) [cancer]
Tracy Elliott (Dee Elliott's daughter-in-law) [kidney tumor]
Bernie Cybak [Parkinson's, other health issues]
Peg (Betty Jo Noll's sister) [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]
David McGrath (Maureen Stetler's brother)
Grayson Marsh (Gail McGrady's family member)
John (Violet Earl's nephew) [cancer]
George Hardwick (Violet Earl's brother)
Andrew (Bob & Sharon McFarland's grandson)
Shirley Kalleker
Mary Jo Purney
Debbie Ciesielczyk

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:
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]