



The Messenger

weekly November 20, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

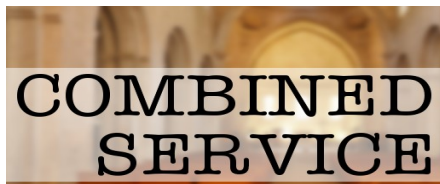
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
20 10:30 am JOINT COMMUNITY SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S IN MASSILLON (There will be no service at RUCC on this Sunday) 6:00 pm RISE (tentative)	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 929	23 Bible Study Canceled 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 60192	24 THANKSGIVING DAY Canceled Girl Scouts	25 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open] 1:00 - 6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	26
27 Start of Advent Sunday Schedule* 6:00 pm Confirmation	28	29	30 Newsletter Mailed 6:00 pm Bible Study (Advent 1)	Dec 1	2 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	3

*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



Worship Attendance for November 13:

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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.

COMBINED UCC WORSHIP SERVICE

When: TODAY (Sunday, November 20) at 10:30 am

Where: St. John's UCC Massillon (101 Tremont Ave SE in Massillon)

All of our members are encouraged to join our sisters and brothers at St. John's in Massillon at 10:30 AM for a COMBINED service. Our Association Minister for Faith in Action, Rev. Michael Howard, will be preaching. Local pastors, lay-leaders, and musicians will cooperate in leading the rest of the worship. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

The combined service will be live-streamed on the St. John's UCC Massillon Facebook page.

Following service, each church has been invited to set-up a display table about our respective ministries. There is also a Carry-In/Potluck Fellowship Meal being scheduled for after worship.

This will be Richville's service for the day. No worship will be held on our premises.

We will not have our monthly Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering in November. *If you are still led to contribute to the Noisy Offering (November's donations will go toward RUCC's Building Renovation Fund), please be sure to mark your offering envelope "Noisy Offering".*

THE 2022 ADVENT SEASON BEGINS NOVEMBER 27!

Our Advent theme is:
OUT OF THE DARKNESS...

This year's devotional is called "Light Shines in the Darkness" (Family Devotions for Advent by Karla Manternach). This Advent family devotional offers a Scripture verse for every day, plus prayer conversation and activities for families.

Advent is a season of light. And God's light shines all around us in our family, our church and our world -even in times of darkness! This booklet explores how God has shone that light from the first moment of creation, through the birth of Jesus and the early church, to today. It also considers our call to live as children of the light.

Devotional booklets can be picked up in the Welcome Center.

We have a limited number of copies available, so ONE PER FAMILY UNIT, please.

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SKIT PARTICIPANTS:

Skit practice for the Annual Kids' Christmas Program will begin next Sunday (**November 27**). Practices will be held during Sunday School.



Our next Confirmation session (taught by Pastor Will) will be held **Sunday, November 27** from 6 - 8 PM.

DECEMBER Confirmation sessions:

Sunday, December 4
(during worship, taught by
Mary Jo Purney)

We will not have a 4th Sunday session in December.



**Sunday,
November 27
after worship**

Spiritual Life will be hosting an Advent Luncheon after church on **Sunday, November 27**. We are having sloppy joes, soup, relish tray, chips and dessert. A free will offering will be collected to help with the cost.

We encourage everyone to stay for a "cozy lunch on what will probably be a cold day"!

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, November 30**. Please contact Pastor Will or the church office if you are willing and able/available.

MEETING REMINDERS:

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

Consistory

Monday, December 5 at 6:30 PM

Christian Education

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM

Finance & Stewardship

Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM

Spiritual Life

Thursday, December 15 at 6 PM

Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 21 at 7:15 PM



Attention choir members! Would you lend us your voices for our Christmas Eve Service? Steve will be playing the organ for Christmas Eve and is willing to work up 1 or 2 anthems if anyone is interested. **Please contact Karen Gerber if you would like to sing.** We will try to have at least 2 practices in December with dates to be determined after we find out who all can participate.

GOLDEN CHARMS

Our next Golden Charms gathering will take place **Tuesday, December 20** at noon! Join us for fun, fellowship and a delicious meal. A program will be enjoyed following the meal. **BRING A FRIEND!**

To make your reservation, please contact Sharon McFarland at (330) 833-9381.

Come one, come all and enjoy some holiday fun!



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 10**

FROM

10:00 - 11:30 AM

We will have a cold buffet breakfast, cookie creation station, pictures with Santa, gifts, and more!

This event is FREE to all in the community!

GOLDEN CHARMS MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

For the month of December, Golden Charms will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Perry Helping Perry Food Pantry. Donations may be placed in the shopping cart located in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks in advance to everyone for your generosity to those less fortunate in our community.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday, December 18 (10:30 AM):

Our Annual Kids' Christmas Program/Skit will be held in conjunction with the Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering.

Saturday, December 24 (7:00 PM):

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 (10:30 AM):

Christmas Day is on a Sunday, so we WILL be having our regular 10:30 AM worship, but it will be CASUAL (wear your favorite Christmas sweater). Service will be relatively brief and revolve around Scripture readings and hymns (no sermon to speak of, no Children's Message and no Sunday School).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Floyd & Marjorie Showalter have moved! Their new address is:

Marge and Floyd Showalter Sr.
Inn at University Village - Room 302
2650 Ohio State Drive SE
Massillon, OH 44646
(330) 477-6171

If you would like to send a card to note to Marlys Walch, here is her current address:

Marlys Walch
Park Village (Dover Campus)
1525 Crater Avenue
Dover, OH 44622

JOYS and CONCERNS

- ♥ We extend our prayers, love and support to the family and friends of **Richard "Skip" Gatrell** (family member of Christopher & Katrina Kortis). Skip passed away on November 9.
- ♥ Prayers for **Marlys Walch**. Diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma. She is starting chemo soon.
- ♥ Prayers for **Don Mulheim**. Hospitalized with a UTI and respiratory issues.
- ♥ Prayers for **Gary Justice Sr.** (Dan Shilling's son's father-in-law). Had surgery on Wednesday (for a broken arm).
- ♥ **From Joyce Sutherland and Family:** Thank you for your cards, calls and endless prayers. We are so grateful. Jack felt blessed and comforted. Thanks to Pastor Will for all the calls and visits. May God continue to bless you all.

Whether for worship, Bible study, or personal use,
it is beneficial to know our Wi-Fi password:
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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:

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]
Andrew (Bob & Sharon McFarland's grandson)
Sandy Dougherty (Pastor Will's colleague) [breast cancer]
John Walters (Kathy Dressler's brother) [lung cancer]
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]
Marge & Floyd Showalter Sr. (Room 302) (330) 477-6171

Canton Christian Home:
Bill Stetler (Room 303) (330) 430-5167

At Home in Akron:
Betty Tipton (330) 615-7886 [home]
(330) 268-0960 [cell]