



The Messenger

weekly March 19, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19 Sunday Schedule* Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering Camp Sunday After Church: Chili Cook-Off 6:00 pm RISE (tentative)	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 12:00 pm Golden Charms (Entertainment: Chris McBurney) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 929	22 6:00 pm Bible Study	23 5:00 pm Family Living Center Dinner 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	24 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	25
26 Sunday Schedule* 6:00 pm Confirmation	27 5:00 pm Egg Stuffing Party	28 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 929	29 Newsletter Mailed 6:00 pm Bible Study	30	31 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	April 1

*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

Altar flowers are given in memory of Floyd Showalter, Sr.

Announcements: Debbie Ciesielczyk (Finance & Stewardship Committee Chairperson)

For today's monthly Youth Service Sunday, our youth will be participating in worship as greeters, ushers, acolytes and readers.

Pianist: Holly Lake

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

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Worship Attendance for March 12:

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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.

GET REAL

Lent 2023 @ Richville UCC

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. **March's collection will be donated towards RUCC's Building Renovation Fund.** We appreciate everyone's continued support of this ministry!

TODAY IS ALSO CAMP SUNDAY! If your young person might be interested in the UCC Camp at Templed Hills, we recommend you check out the Heartland UCC Conference Camp page for more information:

<https://heartlanducc.org/templd-hills/>



COMING UP TODAY AFTER WORSHIP!



Be sure to stay after church for our Chili Cook-Off! Our chefs have prepared some of their favorite chili recipes for you to try! Soup will be available to be purchased at \$2.00 per bowl from the chefs, and the winning chef will be awarded "bragging rights". Come and enjoy!

HOW WAS THE BIBLE PUT TOGETHER AND WHY IS IT (STILL) OUR BOOK?

Get the answer to this question (and more) by joining us for Bible Study (Wednesday evenings at 6 PM)! All are welcome to participate, either in person or via ZOOM! **[If you would like to use the ZOOM option, please contact Pastor Will and he will send you the log-in information.]**

GOLDEN CHARMS

Our next Golden Charms gathering will take place **Tuesday, March 21** at noon! Join us for fun, fellowship and a delicious meal. A program will be enjoyed following the meal. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Our entertainment this month will be:
CHRIS MCBURNEY

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

Our next Confirmation session (taught by Pastor Will) will be held **Sunday, March 26** from 6-8 PM.

IT'S AN EGG-FILLING PARTY!

On **Monday, March 27** at 5 PM, we will be filling the plastic eggs for the upcoming April 2 Community Easter Egg Hunt! All are welcome to come and help if you are available!

REMEMBER: There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for donations of candy and toy items to fit inside the eggs. If you would like to give cash, please give it to Alisha Dennis or Beckie Custer, or place it in an envelope and put it in the collection plate marked "Egg Hunt". *We will be making an order again from Oriental Trading.*

The next newsletter mailing is **Wednesday, March 29**. If you are interested in helping with the preparation (folding the newsletters and/or putting labels on them), you are welcome to join us! We start at 9 AM and it takes approximately an hour.

MEETING REMINDERS:

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

Consistory
Monday, April 3 at 6:30 PM

Christian Education
Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 PM

Finance & Stewardship
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 PM

All-Staff Meeting
April meeting is canceled

Spiritual Life
Thursday, April 20 at 6 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

**RUCC's ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**April 2 (Palm Sunday)
at 2:00 PM**

This FREE event
will be held
outdoors -
rain or shine!

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

SERVICES & EVENTS FOR HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday):
Worship, 10:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 PM

A special mission offering will be taken (during worship) for One Great Hour of Sharing. For more information on OGHs, or if you'd like to donate online, visit: <http://www.ucc.org/oghs>


**One
Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday):
Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday):
Good Friday Service, 7 PM

Sunday, April 9 (Resurrection Sunday):
Easter Breakfast at 9:00 AM
(no Sunday School)
Worship Service, **10:00 AM**

We are seeking people interested in providing special music for our Good Friday Service (**April 7**) and/or Resurrection Sunday Service (**April 9**).



If you are interested or would like more information, please see Pastor Will.

UPDATE REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF THE WEEKLY OFFERING


AFTER EASTER, there will be a change as to how we collect the offering during worship. We will no longer be passing around the offering plates. Instead, the offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary (on either side of the doors). You may place your offering in one of the offering plates as you leave the sanctuary.

EASTER FLOWERS

Here is the list of the Easter flowers we still have available for purchase:

(1) 6" pot WHITE Lilies	\$10.50 each
X 6.5" pot RED Tulip	SOLD OUT
(2) 6.5" pot WHITE Tulip	\$9.25 each
(1) 6.5" pot PINK Tulip	\$9.25 each
(1) 6.5" pot ORANGE Tulip	\$9.25 each
(1) 6.5" pot PURPLE Tulip	\$9.25 each
(1) 6.5" pot PINK Hyacinths	\$9.25 each
X 6.5" pot BLUE Hyacinths	SOLD OUT
(1) 6.5" pot WHITE Hyacinths	\$9.25 each
(1) 6.5" pot LAVENDER Hyacinths	\$9.25 each
(1) 4.5" pot Mini Daffodils	\$5.25 each
(1) 6.5" pot Large Daffodils	\$9.25 each

Please call or email the church office to reserve your flower(s). *[You may also sign up on Sundays. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center].* You may pay by cash or check (made out to the church) and place it in the offering plate with a note on the envelope saying it is for Easter flowers.



Our next SWISS STEAK DINNER is coming up on **Saturday, April 29** from 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

The menu will include Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Bread and Dessert. **The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (ages 3-10).**

Like we did for the February Swiss Steak Dinner, we will have both a carry-out and eat-in option.


RUCC RECYCLING REPORT

Container #160 was picked up in March, and it weighed in at 2,560 lbs. This puts our total for recycled materials (cardboard, newspaper and junk mail) at 787,340 lbs. (or 393.67 tons). Thanks for your support of this continued outreach! ~Pat Jones

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, we are having a 3-day Weekend VBS entitled "Pets Unleashed". The dates and times are as follows:

- **Friday, June 23** (6-8 PM)
- **Saturday, June 24** (10-2 PM)
- **Sunday, June 25** (During 10:30 AM Worship)



Stay tuned for more details!

JOYS and CONCERNS

♥ **From Marge, Patti, Corky and Shelia:** Thank You to everyone for the thoughts, prayers and cards after the recent passing of Floyd Showalter, Sr. Thanks to Pastor Will for his visits and wonderful service and to Steve Gerber for the special music. And we certainly can't forget the Outreach Committee for the delicious lunch that was served. God Bless all of you.

If you have a Joy or Concern, please remember to fill out a Prayer Request card (*cards can be found in the pews and also in the Welcome Center*). cards may be given to Pastor Will or placed in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

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 pdubillspeak@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 Walters (Kathy Dressler's brother) [*lung cancer*]
Andrew McFarland (Bob & Sharon McFarland's grandson)
Diane Wilson
Shirley Kalleker
Mary Jo Purney
Debbie Ciesielczyk

PRAYER CHAIN: Please call Judy Gopp or the church office (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:

Inn at University Village:
Ron Edris (Room 205) (330) 833-3759 [cell]
Marge Showalter (Room 302) (330) 477-6171

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

AVIVA Hills:
Marilyn Perretta (Apt. 203)

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

Hennis House (300 Yant Street, Bolivar OH 44612):
Eileen Wilson