

Good News Ambassador November 2024



CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Federated Congregation of
Presbyterian Church USA
and the
United Methodist Church
Rev. Christine Mitchell, Pastor
22 Church Street,
Richfield Springs, NY 13439

All worship services will be live on our
Facebook page: RS Church Christ Uniting
or on our website at
<https://rschurchofchristuniting.com/worship/>

PASTOR'S CORNER:

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will
be also” (Matthew 6:21)



Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. What if we were to look at money as a way to be generous?

For a four-week period in November, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our spiritual and

emotional lives. Join us in worship on Sunday, November 3rd as we begin our new sermon series called *Treasure*. We will explore Matthew 6 and Jesus' teachings on money, giving, worry, and more.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will receive commitment cards in the mail, and cards will be available on Sunday mornings. We will bring these commitment cards to worship on Sunday, November 24, 2024.

I hope that you'll join us in the coming weeks as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can avoid freedom from some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.

Schedule for the *Treasure* series

Nov 3rd: Where Is Your Treasure?
(Matthew 6:19-21)

Nov 10th: The Problem with Two Masters
(Matthew 6:24)

Nov 17th: Giving Your Treasure Back
to God. (Matthew 6:1-6)

Nov 24th: Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing
(Matthew 6:25-34)

~Pastor Chris





Join the Prayer Chain Ministry!

Would you like to help others by lifting them up in prayer? Our prayer chain consists of two teams committed to praying for those facing illness or life challenges.

When someone needs prayer, they contact the first person on both lists (or ask one to call the other). After receiving a brief description of the need

(while respecting privacy), each person passes the request along to the next on their chain. If no one answers, leave a message and continue down the list.

If you feel called to join the ministry, please reach out to us at church or contact:

Linda Ehlers: 315-858-1833

Donna Jones: 315-796-1644

Thank you for being part of this meaningful ministry!

Sunday Morning Ministers

November 3rd

Reader Ross Jones
Usher Jo-Ann Mead
Coffee Linda Ehlers
Greeter Kate Huxtable

November 10th

Reader Margaret Goodrich
Usher Faith Ann Young
Coffee Sheryl Morris
Greeter Carla Eckler

November 17th

Reader Kevin Mead
Usher Geri Erwin
Coffee Diane Butts
Greeter Donna Jones

November 24th

Reader Brian Howser
Usher Carla Eckler
Coffee Fred Eckler
Greeter Bill Stevens



Dayton Kane

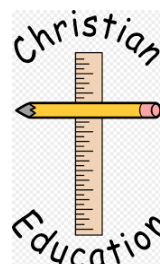
Fred Gardner

Tom Worobey

Les Olmstead

Dan LaBarge

Cliff Oakes



The Sunday School class will be learning more of the Old Testament lessons this month. They've learned a lot about our faith's history this quarter. There is always room for more.... Invite a friend!

See you in church...Donna Jones



ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the altar flowers this year. If you would like fresh flowers or arrangements on the altar you will need to sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship room and be responsible for making the arrangement. I will no longer be making arrangements with your purchased fresh flowers. Right now, we are looking forward to our Christmas poinsettias. It is my pleasure to create the flower arrangements. I just can't carry them anymore.

Respectfully

Rowena Robertson

Second Mile Giving for November is
UMCOR Hurricane Disaster Relief

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.



- 11/2 Barbara Barnes
- 11/3 Luke Worobey
- 11/3 Tom Crohan
- 11/4 Fay LaFrance
- 11/5 Nancy Strongreen
- 11/6 Michael Gardner
- 11/7 Callie Boss
- 11/10 Sally Crohan
- 11/10 Donna Jones
- 11/10 Dan Hoogheem
- 11/12 Joan Wiley
- 11/12 Ross Jones
- 11/17 Jackson Mead
- 11/18 Mackenzie Gardner
- 11/25 Lynne Foster
- 11/29 Sara Valenta



- 11/4 George & Diane Butts



NOVEMBER MEETING

The Guild's November meeting is Thursday, November 21, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Carla Ecker is the host and Carol Simpson will be providing the dessert. Guild members please call Carla at 315- 858-1451 by Wednesday, November 20 if you are attending. New members are always welcome! Annually, our November meeting is dedicated to dispersing the funds we have raised all year to various missions, many of them local. In addition, the Guild Members are given an opportunity to submit a personal pledge for next year in support of our fund-raising efforts (not mandatory). If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to make a pledge, please contact the Treasurer, Geri Erwin, at 315-858-2103 to phone in your pledge, or you can mail it to her at: PO Box 1324, Richfield Springs, NY 13439.

FALL CRAFT FAIR AT THE CULLEN PUMPKIN FARM

Unlike last year, this year the weather on October 5 was a beautiful fall day. It was yet another successful fundraiser for the Guild. Thanks to all who volunteered to make it the success it was. Special thanks go out, once again, to the Shypski family at the Pumpkin Farm for hosting the Craft Fair. Geri Erwin/Carla Ecker, Chairpersons



Thanks to everyone who chose to be photographed for our new church directory on Saturday, October 19. Those that were photographed were able to pick the picture they wanted to be in the

directory that day. For those wishing to order additional photos, an email will be (or should have already been) e-mailed to each person's e-mail address. That e-mail will contain a link to their pictures. Pictures can only be ordered online with a credit card. For those that wish not to order online, an order form and pricing list were e-mailed to each person by myself as the Directory Coordinator with instructions on where to mail the order and payment to. We used a company out of Onieda, NY BJK Photos. Carla Eckler, Directory Coordinator





PIZZA & GAME NIGHT - **Saturday, 11/9/24, 5pm - 8pm**

THIS EVENT IS OPEN ALL AGES, so please feel free to join us alone, or bring your friends and enjoy a fun evening together with fellow game lovers.

If there's a particular game you like to play that requires 2 or more players, please feel free to bring it, and teach us how to play it, too!

If you know you're going to be coming, we ask that you sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or call Carol Simpson at 315-868-0319, so we have an idea of how many people to set up for, and how much Pizza to order.

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of the pizza, you can place your donation in the can marked PIZZA in the Fellowship Hall or give it to Carol Simpson. Beverage will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bake Sale/Luncheon/Craft Corner

Saturday, November 16, 10am-2pm
The Christian Friendship and Service Guild (CFSG) is sponsoring a Pre-Holiday event and is asking for your help on Saturday, November 16. We are also asking for help on Friday, November 15 at 10am to set up and help prepare the soups and sandwich offerings.

Signup sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Bake Sale: We truly are blessed to have such wonderful bakers in our church, and we can't thank you enough for all the baked goods you've already provided during this past year. If you're willing, however, to bake some of your delicious treats again, we ask that you have them at the church by 9am, Saturday, November 16--the day of the event. (Home-canned goods accepted but each jar must be marked with name of product and date). No cream pies can be accepted due to NYS Department of Health regulations.

Luncheon: This will consist of a choice of 3 different homemade soups, a choice of sandwiches, chips, pickles, homemade dessert, and a beverage for a donation of \$10.00. It will be café style. Come join us at the COCU Café!

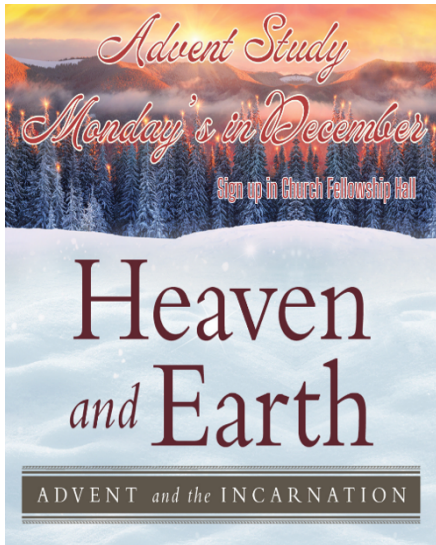
Craft Corner: Select seven area crafters will have a variety of homemade merchandise available for your shopping pleasure in the Winter Chapel. Come shop for the holidays or a "must have" item on your want list. Fall is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends, and this is a wonderful way to kick off the holidays. It is our hope you'll spend part of your day with us!

United Methodist Church Conferences

Saturday, November 23rd at 1pm

This will encompass 7 churches in the Oneonta District. Our hospitality team will be hosting a reception for those in attendance, and could use a hand with snacks, drinks, and serving. Anyone who could come and be a welcoming presence to our church is welcome.

**Coming in December
Advent Study with Pastor Chris**



4-week Advent Study: "Heaven and Earth:
Advent and the incarnation"
By Bishop Will Willimon

Join us this Advent as we explore the God who brings heaven to earth, transforming everything!

In this season of anticipation, we'll reflect on the life-changing good news that God is coming to us.

Watch out—get ready—God is on the way!

We'll meet on Mondays, with the time decided based on who signs up. If enough people are interested. We may offer both day and evening groups.

Need a ride? Let us know—rides are available for those with driving restrictions.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall with your time of preference, and if you will need a ride.



Continues to serve Tuesdays and Thursdays each week 10 am – Noon normally. 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 11 am – Noon Volunteers are always You are welcome to help with food deliveries, call Nicole Martinson @ 850-554-8537 to inquire.

Donations can be sent to
The Richfield Springs Food Pantry,
P.O. Box 140
Richfield Springs, NY 13439

