

Good News Ambassador

June 2025



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:
<https://rschurchofchristuniting.com/worship/>

*"In God, whose word I praise—in
God I trust and am not afraid. What can
mere mortals do to me?" — Psalm 56:4*

In God we trust! These words are more than a motto—they are a declaration of hope in the face of uncertainty. The world around us often feels chaotic and out of our control, but our trust in God grounds us. In Christ, we are not alone. We are loved. We are protected. And most of all, we have hope.

Yes, we all face fear. We all carry worries. But even in the midst of those feelings, we can choose to lean into the one constant in our lives—God's

unshakable presence. Trust doesn't mean the road will always be easy, but it does mean we never walk it alone.

As a church, we are in a season of discernment—seeking God's direction, praying for growth, and looking for new ways to serve and bless our community. These are big hopes, and they require a big trust. Trust that God is already at work among us. Trust that God will bring the right people, the right moments, and the right mission to light.

Sometimes, trusting God means letting go—releasing our tight grip on the plans we thought we had, so that God can do something even better. And often, it's in those moments when we feel weakest that we finally discover the strength of God's grace carrying us through.

So, as we step into these summer months, I invite you to release what weighs you down. Surrender what you cannot control. Let God guide you—and us—as a church. This fall let's come back renewed, full of fresh vision and open hearts. Let's imagine together: *Who can we serve? How can we show Christ's love more boldly? What seeds can we plant that will bless others for years to come?*

Let us be a church not driven by fear but anchored in faith.

In trust and hope,
Pastor Chris



Sunday Morning Helping Hands
June 1st

Usher Jo-Ann Mead
Reader Mark Reardon
Greeter Kate Huxtable
Coffee Carol Simpson

June 8th

Usher Faith Ann Young
Reader Melissa Belcher
Greeter Donna Jones
Coffee Sheryl Morris

June 15th

Usher Carla Eckler
Reader Margaret Goodrich
Greeter Cindy Talbot
Coffee Fred Eckler

June 22nd

Usher Geri Erwin
Reader Brian Howser
Greeter Bill Stevens
Coffee Diane Butts

June 29th

Usher Donna Jones
Reader Kevin Mead
Greeter Bill Stevens
Coffee Linda Ehlers

Prayer Chain Ministry!

Start the prayer chain by calling:

Linda Ehlers: 315-858-1833

Donna Jones: 315-796-1644

If you would like to become part of the prayer chain call one of the numbers above.



Dayton Kane

Fred Gardner

Bill Burdick

Cliff Oakes

Tim Snyder

Richard Bowser

Marston Erwin

Please make Pastor Chris or Church Secretary aware of any updates.

Sunday School News:

In June we will be closing the meeting year with the apostle Paul's letters about the Holy Spirit, the Gifts of the Spirit, and the Fruits of the Spirit.

On June 8th we will have a Pentecost party and awarding of certificates of attendance.

There is a Vacation Bible School planned for mid- August--Be watching for more information on that. If you think you might be available to help, speak to Donna or Pastor Chris.



Church Calendar of Events:

June 14: 44th Annual Friendship Craft Festival, 9 AM - 3 PM

June 17: Guild Picnic beginning @ 6p.m. Hostess: Linda Watkins at her home.

June 21: Funeral and Luncheon for
Ken Dreis

July 27: Annual picnic to be held at Bakers Beach, after church at 11 a.m.

August 16th- Kids Day – Volunteers needed, Contact Cindy Talbot

August 18-22- VBS, volunteers also needed for this event. Contact Cindy.

September 18th: Food Bank Shower/
Covered Dish. Hostess: Carol Simpson

September 26: Fall Rummage Sale
(hours forthcoming)

October 4: 5th Annual Fall Craft Fair,
Cullen Pumpkin Farm, 10 AM - 4 PM

October 16: Elections & Thank
Offerings 6 p.m.

Dessert: Barbara O'Neil

Hostess: Donna Jones

November 15: Luncheon/Bake
Sale/Craft Corner, 10 AM - 2 PM

Second Mile Giving for June **Red Bird Kentucky Mission in August**

Red Bird Mission's core mission is to build healthy, sustainable communities in the Appalachian Mountains of southeastern Kentucky. They strive to meet the needs of residents through five key areas: education, health, housing improvement, outreach, and economic opportunity.



- June 11th Amy and Tom Worobey
- 14th Fay and Charles LaFrance
- 20th Linda and Dan Hoogheem
- 24th Geri and Marston Erwin



June 2nd Michael Paul Starr
3rd Linda Watkins
4th Rachel Ehlers
4th Heidi Mayton
5th Victor Belcher
9th Benjamin Matteson
20th Linda Corbett
28th Bill Mahardy
29th Larry Belcher



Pastor Chris is available in the church office on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., by appointment, or at home visits. Pastor practices her sabbath on Fridays and should be contacted for emergencies only.

If you would like to schedule a visit, please don't hesitate to reach out to her.

She also offers monthly in-home communion visits and is available for Spiritual counseling and pastoral care.

FREE

Monthly

Community Dinner

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Dine in only

Reservations welcomed but not required

This Month's Menu:

Spaghetti, Meatballs or Sausage

Bread, Salad, Dessert

And Beverage.

****Gluten Free Available****

**----- ADVANCE NOTICE-----
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CALLING ALL BAKERS---CRAFT
FESTIVAL BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

Because many of us have dropped landlines in favor of cell phones over the last few years, we do not make the usual reminder calls to all our generous bakers.

Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to ask you to please share one of your many talents and donate some of your delicious baked goods to our famous "HUGE BAKE SALE."

If you are willing to bake, please leave your baked goods at the Church on Friday (the day before the Craft Fair), **or** you can take them to Spring Park on Saturday morning, June 14, the day of the Craft Fair. We would ask that you try to have your baked goods to the park by 9 am.

As always, we cannot accept items that require refrigeration.

Thank you in advance for your "gifts" from the kitchen.

Sue Sheldon, Bake Sale Chairperson

June's Devotion

**Be kind and compassionate
to one another, forgiving
Each other, Just as in
Christ God forgave you.**

Ephesians 4:32

News From the Garden Committee

The Church Garden Committee is looking for 2 to 3 people to lighten the load with the summer/fall tasks of watering the plants, occasional weeding when needed and our usual fall cleanup.

We currently have a weekly rotation basis starting in May and going through September. The more volunteers we have lessens the number of times any one person will be responsible for these tasks, which is typically 3 times during this period for any one person who volunteers.

There is water hookup outside and the hose is light and is kept outside to facilitate the watering.

If you are interested see Carla Eckler, call her at 315-858-1451 or email fredcarlaeckler@yahoo.com

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

It gives us here at the Church of Christ Uniting considerable pride to host the local Food Pantry. If you are so inclined to support this ministry, they are always in need of food staples such as cereal, pasta, canned vegetables, and fruit. There is a basket located in the sanctuary for this purpose. Or consider stopping by the church on Food Pantry days: Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 AM to 12 Noon as well as the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 11 AM-12 Noon.



Volunteers are always welcome to help with food deliveries, packing bags, etc., call

Connie Olsen at 607-267-2190 to inquire.

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



The Chancel Choir will be singing until June 29th after which they will be taking a well-deserved vacation for the summer. I appreciate their dedication to our music program and will certainly miss having them behind me leading the hymns. Thank you for your hard work. Alice

*Come one,
come all
to the*
44th Annual

FRIENDSHIP CRAFT FESTIVAL

Spring Park
RTE. 20, RICHFIELD SPRINGS
Saturday, June 14
9 am - 3 pm

Free Admission
Sponsored by Church Of Christ Uniting

BROOKS' CHICKEN BARBECUE
11:30 am until sold out
HUGE BAKE SALE
FOOD BOOTH BY
RICHFIELD YOUTH SPORTS

**Many of
the Area's
Finest
Crafters**

Info: FaithAnn at (315) 868-2657 • friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com
The Craft Festival is paid for, in part, by a grant from
Chesego County Government

NO PETS OR SMOKING IN SPRING PARK PER VILLAGE ORDINANCE