



THE COCU GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

September 2025



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Pastor's Message

Back to Church & Sunday School Kickoff September 14

A faith journey begins with a single step—and sometimes that step is simply showing up together. On Sunday, September 14, we will gather to celebrate Back to Church/Sunday School Kickoff. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer and to welcome new friends into our church family.

Throughout the month of September we will continue to look at the sermon series on The Lord's Prayer, exploring why Jesus taught it to His disciples, what it means for us today, and how it shapes our lives of faith. Each week we will take a fresh look at the words we pray so often, discovering the depth and power behind them.

The best way to grow the church has always been through personal invitation. Starting the first Sunday in September, you'll find special "Invite Someone to Church" flyers in the narthex. Take one (or a few!) and share them with a friend, neighbor, or family member. Your personal invitation could be the reason someone takes their first step back to worship.

To make this day extra meaningful, our Church Growth Committee will be hosting a brunch immediately following worship on September 14. This will be a time of fellowship, food, and conversation as we celebrate the beginning of a new season in the life of our church.

Let's commit to praying for our congregation, inviting others to join us, and trusting God to bless our efforts. Together, we can grow in faith and share Christ's love with our community.

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" – Psalm 122:1



Worship Service

Sunday Mornings @ 9:15AM

Watch live via

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

Or via Facebook Live: RS Church of Christ Uniting

Sunday Morning Helping Hands

Sept 7: Usher: Jo-Ann Mead
Greeter: Kate Huxtable
Reader: Ross Jones
Coffee: Linda Ehlers

Sept 14: Usher: Carla Eckler
Greeter: Donna Jones
Reader: Margaret Goodrich
Coffee: Church Growth
Committee

Sept 21: Usher: Geri Erwin
Greeter: Cindy Talbot
Reader: Melissa Belcher
Coffee: Sheryl Morris

Sept 28: Usher: FaithAnn Young
Greeter: Bill Stevens
Reader: Mark Reardon
Coffee: Diane Butts

PRAYER TIME

Strength, Healing and Guidance:

Dayton Kane, Fred Gardner,
Bill Burdick, Tim Snyder, Clifford
Oakes, Marston Erwin, Kevin Brown,
Sally Pickens, Jerry Crouch, George
Butts, Gary Aney

Sympathy: Family of Les Olmsted,
Family of Daniel LaBarge, Family of
Kenneth Dreis, Family of Richard
Bowser, Family of Ellen Bollerman

September 2025 Second Mile Giving

Richfield Springs Girl Scout Troops

Throughout the month we will be taking
monetary donations to help support
both Girl Scout troops in Richfield
Springs!!

NEED PRAYER?

Contact the following for any prayer
needs

Linda Ehlers: 315-858-1833

Donna Jones: 315-796-1644

*If you would like to become part of the
prayer chain let Linda or Donna know.*





Time for Fall Sunday School to Begin September 14th!!

There are some fun and interesting lessons planned. Our first will be about a "basket boat". We hope you can join us and find out what that is! Invite a friend to come along.

Questions or concerns
Donna 315-796-1644 or
Pastor Chris 315 -858 -1553

Thank you for helping our VBS Program create Blessing Bags for Loaves and Fishes Warming Center



Men's Breakfast

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Men's Breakfast originally scheduled for Sunday, September 7 has been cancelled. We will let everyone know when an alternate date has been determined.

Happy Birthday

- 9/10 Gary Southard
Gailyn Dyn
- 9/15 Gene Simpson
- 9/18 Carla Eckler
- 9/19 Roger Sidney Vaughn
Charlotte Plows
- 9/20 Ashlyn Wolfe
Sheryl Morris
- 9/24 Candice Domion
- 9/25 Fred Eckler
- 9/26 Alexander Talbot
- 9/28 Melissa Belcher
- 9/29 Cindy Talbot

HAPPY Anniversary

- 9/20 Carla & Fred Eckler
- 9/23 Taylor (Hallberg) & Tyler Coughlin
- 9/29 Melaine & Don Bruce

Fall Rummage Sale!!



Thursday, September 25th 5pm - 7pm
Friday, September 26th 9am - 4pm

Bag Sale Friday Only 3pm - 4pm
\$2.00 per bag or \$10 for all you want!

Linda Watkins will, once again, head up this well received church fundraiser. Start cleaning those closets!!!

- Items can be brought in as early as Sunday, September 21 and placed in the Winter Chapel.
- Set up will begin Tuesday, September 23 at 12 Noon—after the Food Pantry closes.
- Deadline for dropping off items is Thursday, September 25 at 12 Noon.
- **Volunteers are needed! Stop in and lend a helping hand even if it is just for an hour or two.**

Fall Craft Fair

The 5th Annual Fall Craft Fair

Sponsored by the COCU Guild
Saturday, October 4th, from 10 am - 4 pm
Cullen Pumpkin Farm
587 Cullen Road

Richfield Youth Sports will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage, french fries and drinks to benefit their fundraising efforts.

Geri and Carla, co-chairs, report the applications are flowing in.

The Guild ONCE AGAIN appreciates the Shypski family for giving us this fundraising opportunity.

We hope to see you all there!

Women's Guild News

The September meeting
Thursday, September 18, at 6pm
Our Annual Food Pantry Shower

Hostess: Carol Simpson
Guild members please bring a covered dish to enjoy together.

New members are always welcome to attend!

The following are the most needed items requested by the Food Pantry. If anyone is so inclined to donate, there will be a tote on the table in the Fellowship Hall: assorted boxed cereals, canned fruit and veggies, canned spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned protein such as chili or tuna fish.

FREE Community Dinner

September 27
4pm - 6pm
Dine In Only

- BBQ Pulled Pork
- Corn bread
- Coleslaw
- Baked Beans
- Beverage & Dessert

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Progressive Dinner

The Fellowship Committee is planning a Progressive Dinner to be held on **Saturday, October 18 from 5pm-9pm.**

Important: You must be signed up in order to attend this event. We encourage you to invite a guest to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Here is how it works:

You start at one house for appetizers, then go to another house for dinner, then we all meet together at the end for dessert.

The Fellowship Committee will assign the following based on the number of people signed up:

- 1) Various people will be assigned to bring appetizers to the home they're going to for appetizers (Home TBD).
- 2) Various people will be assigned to bring a food item to the home they're going to for dinner (Home TBD).
- 3) Various people will be assigned to bring a dessert to the place we meet for dessert (Home/Place TBD).

Please let Carol know if you're willing to open your home and host one of the following: Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert.

Based on the number of people signed up to attend, several homes may be needed so it's not too crowded---especially when it's time to sit down to eat dinner.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall sometime in September, or you can call Carol Simpson at (315) 868-0319.

The deadline to sign up will be October 5th so we have time to get the list out showing who is going where, etc...

We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Church Events

Sept 14th - Back to Church Sunday @ 9:15 am
Sunday School Begins

Sept 18th - Guild Food Bank Shower/Covered Dish
Hostess: Carol Simpson

Sept 23rd - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Sept 25th & 26th - Fall Rummage Sale

Sept 27th - Community Dinner 4 pm - 6 pm

Sept 30th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Oct 4th - 5th Annual Fall Craft Fair
Cullen Pumpkin Farm

Oct 7th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Oct 16th - Guild Elections & Thank Offering. 6 pm
Hostess: Donna Jones
Dessert: Barbara O'Neil

Oct 18th - Progressive Dinner 5pm - 9pm

Oct 14th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Oct 21st - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Oct 25th - Community Dinner 4 pm - 6 pm

Oct 28th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Nov 4th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Nov 11th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Nov 15th - Guild Luncheon/Bake Sale/Craft Corner
10 am - 2 pm

Nov 18th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Nov. 22nd - Community Dinner 4 pm - 6 pm

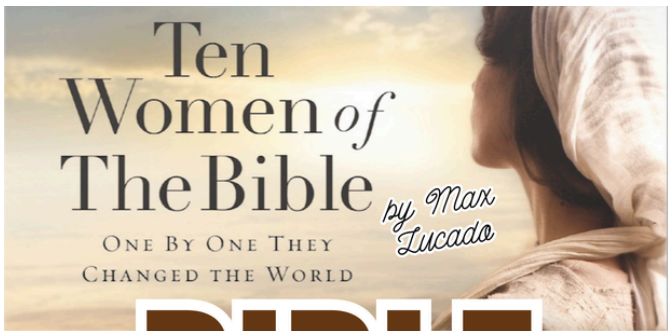
Nov 25th - Bible Study "Ten Women of The Bible"

Nov. 30th - Advent Begins

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Chancel Choir starts on **Sunday, September 14th** at 8:45am to go through the anthem.

We will begin rehearsals after the service on that day. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to another year of music with all of you. - Alice.



BIBLE Study

Begins: September 23, 2025 @ 6pm
Book Cost: \$10 - Give Payment to Pastor Chris

10 WEEKS TUESDAY EVENINGS	TIME 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Church of Christ Uniting 22 Church Street, Richfield Springs, NY	



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS!

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

Call: Connie Olsen
607-267-2190

Monetary donations can be sent to:
Richfield Springs Food Pantry
PO Box 140
Richfield Springs, NY 13439

