



The Messenger

weekly July 7, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7 Honoring the 4th of July Sunday Schedule* (with Communion)	8 6:30 pm Consistory	9 Cancelled Grange Mtg.	10 6:00 pm Bible Study	11 1:00 pm Cards & Games	12 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open] 6:00 - 8:00 pm VBS	13 10:00 am - 2:00 pm VBS
14 Sunday Schedule* VBS SUNDAY Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering	15	16 6:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Mtg.	17 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm All-Staff Mtg.	18	19 12:00 pm Life is Good AA Mtg. [Open]	20

***Sunday Schedule:**

ON BREAK Ruth's Adult Discussion Group
 10:30 am Worship
 10:30 am Sunday School
 After Church Fellowship Hour
(children dismissed from worship)

***Wednesday Schedule:**

6:00 pm Bible Study

Altar flowers are given by Bill & Gail McGrady in honor of their 49th Anniversary

Worship Reader: Kate Lyon-Hart
Organist: Jeff Sibert
Fellowship Hour: The Lyon-Hart Family

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 June 30:

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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.

FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP:

8th Sunday of The Pentecost Season
Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Honoring the 4th of July

Theme/Communion Meditation:

**"Power in Weakness
(Don't Judge a Book...)"**

Focus Text: Mark 6:1-13

(with 2nd Corinthians 12:2-10 and Psalm 48)

MEETING REMINDERS:

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

Consistory

Monday, July 8 at 6:30 PM

Finance & Stewardship

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM

All-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 17 at 7:15 PM

Spiritual Life

Thursday, July 25 at 6 PM



**OUR FIRST
AFTERNOON
OF CARDS
AND GAMES IS
ALMOST HERE!**

Join us on **Thursday, July 11** from 1:00 - 3:00 PM (or when you are finished) for an afternoon of cards and games. Yahtzee, Mexican train dominoes and cards will be provided. Feel free to bring other games that you would like to play. **All are welcome - bring your neighbors and friends!**

Interested? Have questions?
See Debbie Ciesielczyk or Gary Bickel.



We need volunteers for VBS! For more information, and to see where you can help out, see Gary Bickel, Liz Whitaker, Jen Schumacher or Pastor Will!

**GET HOPPIN'
TO THE
WILDEST
WEEKEND
DOWN UNDER !**



Join us for an awesome Aussie adventure! At OUTBACK ROCK, kids will explore God's monumental love and discover what it means to have an unshakable faith.

Be sure to save these dates on your calendar:

Friday, July 12

(6 - 8 PM)

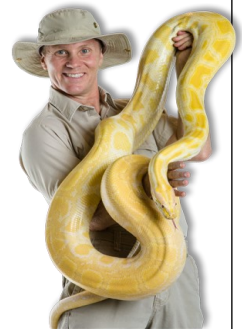
Saturday, July 13

(10 AM - 2 PM)

SPECIAL GUEST:

Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show

Through his show, Outback Ray shares his knowledge and the passion he has for exotic animals with his audience. He captivates you with his unique "family", all while sharing fascinating facts about each one. Learning will be fun and exciting while you hold and cuddle with his amazing animals.



Sunday, July 14 (VBS Sunday)

(During 10:30 AM worship, our VBS kids will share what they've learned during their Outback Rock adventure!)

Invite your friends! Pick up a flyer/registration form in the Welcome Center!

YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY & NOISY OFFERING

In conjunction with VBS Sunday (July 14), we will be having our monthly Youth Service Sunday! Our youth will be participating in worship as greeters, ushers, acolytes and readers.

We also encourage you to donate towards this month's "Joyful Noise" Noisy Offering. **July's collection will be donated towards RUCC's Building Renovation Fund.** We appreciate everyone's continued support of this ministry!



On **Sunday, July 21** during worship, we will be taking up an offering for OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission

- the 5 offerings the national church uses to support the whole denomination).

ON VACATION: Pastor Will is on vacation **Wednesday, July 24 - Sunday, July 28**. If the Bible Study group decides to meet on July 24, we will have a guest leading the study. We will also have a guest leading worship and giving the message on July 28.

Each month we will be asking for specific items to fill our new BLESSING PANTRY (currently being constructed in the picnic shelter). **For the month of July, we will be collecting HYGIENE PRODUCTS** (examples: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry soap, etc). The collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall. Don't have time to shop? Jackie Schlemmer will also be accepting cash donations to purchase hygiene kits from Amazon. *Thanks to all for your continued support of this community outreach blessing.*

"BACK-TO" BAPTISM BLAST

During our regular worship on **Sunday, August 18** at 10:30 AM, we will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism. Service will be OUTDOORS. CHRIS MCBURNEY will be our special guest musician.

Baptism will be FULL-IMMERSION ("dunking") and we will have an "open" time for those who wish to rededicate their baptismal vows and/or be baptized for the first time.

(If you aren't comfortable with full-immersion, we will be "sprinkling" those who wish to use that method)

[Those who wish to be baptized should make sure that they wear darker clothing/swimsuits underneath a top layer and bring a towel]

Spiritual Life will be hosting a luncheon during Fellowship Hour!

Contact Pastor Will if you have interest and/or questions.

If you or someone you know is willing to provide special worship content (ie: poetry, vocal or instrumental music) for one or more of our Sunday services, please see Pastor Will or call the church office (330-832-1891). You may also sign the Music Calendar located in the Welcome Center with your name and contact information.



WE ARE EXCITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 HABITAT FAITH BUILD!

The 2 houses are located on Tremont Ave in Massillon. *The last few years it has been hard to find enough people to volunteer for the physical labor, so this year we will ONLY be providing lunch for the work volunteers from other churches.* You can pair up to provide food for a date or give money to Karen Gerber and she will take care of your date. If you have trouble with transportation, Karen can also deliver the lunches to the work sites for you.

For more information, including the assigned dates/times and registration information (*everyone providing lunches must register*), please pick up a flyer in the Welcome Center. You may also call the church office or Karen Gerber.

JOYS and CONCERNS

- ♥ **Karen Gerber** has received a proper diagnosis for her medical issues and is receiving treatment.
- ♥ **Gladys Johnson's nephew** is home now and on the mend (after breaking his hip in a fall).
- ♥ **Doug McCallum** (Eileen Shilling's brother) needed medical assistance, had a few hiccups and hangups, but found an advocate and now the ball is rolling in the right direction.
- ♥ We ask God's favor upon all our kids during their summer trips/activities, that they would be able to learn and grow as well as enjoy themselves during their summer break.

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*]
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)
Jessica Webb (Sandy Griffin's friend) [*pancreatic cancer*]
Bob Elliott (Dee Elliott's husband)
Diane Wilson
Shirley Kalleker
Mary Jo Purney
Debbie Ciesielczyk

AT RESIDENT FACILITIES:

Inn at University Village
(2650 Ohio State Dr SE, Massillon OH 44646)
Ron Edris (Room 710) (330) 833-3759 [cell]
Marge Showalter (Room 302) (330) 477-6171
Nancy Lechner (Room 719B) [No direct phone line]

Danbury Senior Living
(2550 University Dr SE, Massillon OH 44646)
Eileen Slike (Apt. 427) (234) 706-3497
Freda Barkheimer [*will be moving there soon*]

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.