



THE GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

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Change, Yes, but Always There Is the Love of God

"Nothing is constant but change."
I'm not sure where I first read those words but I agree only in part with them. Change certainly is part of life and it can be unsettling. It can also be seen as an opportunity. What is truly constant, however, is the love of God given to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is God's love that sustains and sees us through whatever changes we may experience. God is faithful. Our faith calls us to remember and affirm God's *constant* faithfulness.

As many of you know, I will be retiring this coming June. That, of course, is a form of change. It may be unsettling, as it will be literally for me as I move and move into a new chapter of the life God has given to me. I have every confidence that God is with our wonderful church always, and most assuredly in this specific time of change.

Our church leaders are moving forward together in the process of securing new pastoral leadership with the best interests of our church clearly in mind. They, like all of you, trust in God's provision...And this reminds me of some other words I came across years back: "We may not know what the future holds, but we have every confidence that God holds the future." Amen.

Pastor Mark

GOVERNING BOARD

Meeting: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 6:30PM

Installation of Officers 2019 Held Feb 3rd

Governing Board

Rowena Robertson
Bob Fahey

Fellowship and Service Guild

President – Carol Simpson
Vice President – Carla Eckler
Treasurer – Linda Ehlers
Secretary (shared by all)
Spiritual Growth – Carrie Gardner
Sunshine – Janet Bobnick

Folts Home Representatives – Linda Ehlers and
Maureen Kennedy

Fellowship and Membership – Shirley Dreis, Linda
Ehlers,

Donna Jones, Maureen Kennedy, and Linda Watkins
Public Relations – Carla Eckler

Events and Highlights – Linda Ehlers and Carrie
Gardner

*In The
Spirit Of
Giving...*



FOOD BANK

It is our hope that you keep in your minds and hearts that there is an extra need for donated food items for those less fortunate. Or, perhaps you would choose to make a monetary donation or even a gift card to the local Price Chopper for necessities. Donations of any type would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the Food Bank located in our church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 12 Noon. Or, monetary donations and/or gift cards can be mailed to: Food Bank, PO Box 140, Richfield Springs, NY 13439. Questions? Call 315-858-7032



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27, followed by the Souper Bowl luncheon.

MUSIC NOTE

A very big Thank You to the Chancel Choir for the Christmas Eve music. All the members of the choir are truly a special group of folks and a pleasure to work with. Thanks also to the choir for the card and gift. Alice.

The light shines in the darkness.

John 1:5

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Thank you to Marion Pitcher, Mort and Rowena Robertson, the Eckler family, Ames daughters Susan and Carolyn, Betty Butler and family, Maxine Armstrong, John and Sheryl Morris, Jeremy Robertson and Addy Blatchford, Robert and Joan Fahey, Amanda Fahey, and Frank Sproles, Nancy Strongreen, Donna Jones, Ross Jones, the Simpsons, Maureen Kennedy, Kate and Bill Huxtable, Don and Sue Sheldon, Marston and Geri Erwin, Kate Steckler and family, FaithAnn and Joe Young for remembering and sharing loved ones this way.

**Peace and God Bless
Brian E. Howser**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone for the beauty of our worship time together.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Thank you to Shypski's Pumpkin Farm for the loan of their wagon again. Too bad we got rained out. We hope to do it again next year with even more sharing the joy of it all.

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SERVANTS FOR SUNDAYS FEB 3 – HOLY COMMUNION



GREETER: Maxine Armstrong
USHERS: Priscilla Edick, Geri Erwin
Kate Huxtable, Bill Mahardy
READER: FaithAnn Young
COFFEE: Priscilla Edick

FEB 10 GREETER: **Surprise!**
USHERS: Barb Sluyter, Lani King
READER: Rod Sluyter
COFFEE: Linda Ehlers

FEB 17 GREETER: Priscilla Edick
USHERS: Donna Jones, Linda Ehlers
READER: Ross Jones
COFFEE: Priscilla Edick

FEB 24 GREETER: Maxine Armstrong
USHERS: FaithAnn Young, Brady Young
READER: Linda Ehlers
COFFEE: Kate Huxtable



GUILD

No meeting for Jan or Feb.

PRAYER CHAINS

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." — Hebrews 13:16

We have 2 separate lists. When you receive a message, please call the next person. If you get an answering machine, please leave a message.

PRAYER CHAIN 1:

Linda Ehlers	858-1833
Sue Sheldon	858-2681
Carrie Gardner	858-0694
Geri Erwin	858-2103
Rowena Robertson	858-0652
Carol Simpson	868-0319

PRAYER CHAIN 2:

Patti Lou Leopold	858-2706
Shirley Dreis	858-0667
Maureen Kennedy	858-1631
Kate Huxtable	858-1566
Donna Jones	858-2357
Nancy Strongreen	858-9483



BIRTHDAYS

2/5 – Belinda Matteson
2/6 – Patrick Twomey
2/7 – Shirley Dreis
2/14 – Mark Reardon
2/15 – Brianna Johnson, Sharon Hoffman
2/16 – Emily Matteson-Mayerson
2/17 – Nathan Stevens
2/18 – Daniel Stevens, Michael Twomey
2/19 – Nathaniel Johnson

COCU Basketball coach: Len Pickens
Richfield Youth Sports, Inc.
Email: sports13439@yahoo.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school is now held during the worship service, currently with 6 children, and hopefully with a few more soon. Teachers are Amy Worobey, Mary Stevens, Donna Jones, and returning soon-- Emma Boss. Dedicated assistants help us comply with "Safe Sanctuary" regulations



40th Annual Friendship Craft Festival June 8, 2019

Crafters are signing up already. The full application is on the COCU website. Email friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com or call Lani King at 315-858-9451.