

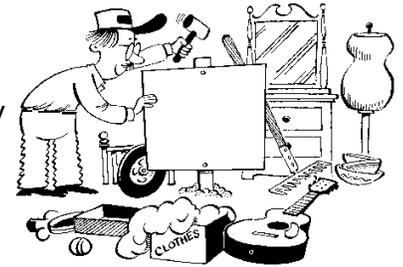
THE COLUMNS

June 2019



Garage Sale Sneak Peek

Friday, May 31, from 6:30-8:30 pm. For a \$2 admission fee, you may enjoy coffee and desserts and shop ahead of the Saturday garage sale crowd.



June 1 Garage Sale

The Adult Mission Group and the Youth Group will participate in the Richfield Community Garage Sale on June 1, to raise money for future mission trips and activities. Thank you for your donations of garage sale items and food and drink donations for the Youth Group Food Booth. The official sale hours are 9-5:00.



Honoring our Graduates and our Teaching Staff

The Christian Education Board will honor our high school and college graduates and our teaching staff on Sunday, June 2. The board will also award the Barb Simmons Scholarship and the Ruth and Jim Miller Scholarship.



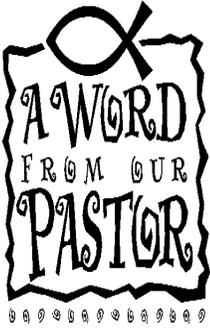
Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers *Our next workday is Saturday, June 15*

The Stewardship & Administration Board needs your help on Saturday, June 15, at 9:00 am as we work on our to-do list. Those little things — changing light bulbs, a dab of paint, working in the church garden — go a long way in keeping our church in shape. Just a few hours each month make a huge difference. And...there are doughnuts and coffee!



Band Concert and Ice Cream Social Thursday, June 27, 7:30 pm *Featuring the Akron Pops Orchestra*

Bring your lawn chairs and the whole family to share a great evening of music and refreshments. The Akron Pops Orchestra will begin its concert at 7:30 pm in the RUCC parking lot,



What's Wrong With Young People?

"Young people these days have bad manners and contempt for authority. They are disrespectful toward their elders and prefer idle chatter over exercise." - Socrates

A lot has changed in the past 2,400 years. But one thing has not changed. People my age complain about younger people.

Let me state boldly what's wrong with young people these days. Nothing—that's what.

I agree with writer Liz Gilbert, *"Today's American teenagers are the most sensitive, least violent, least bullying, least racist, least homophobic, most globally-minded, most compassionate, most environmentally-conscious, least dogmatic, and overall kindest group of young people this country has ever known."*

**If knowledge is power,
then wisdom is the decision
to use that power for good,**

They are quirky in ways I may never fully understand. OK—I can live with that.

But young people these days were raised to be nicer to each other than my generation was. They are taught "use your words." Compared to my generation, they are less likely to beat each other up, smoke, get drunk, or hurl insults based on ethnicity or sexual orientation. They accept—in fact they demand—diversity. They

grasp the indisputability and the urgency of global warming. And they are ready to take action.

They are on their cell phones constantly. OK—I can live with that too. But I believe the smart phones they carry are a sign of hope. You see, I believe that the smart phone will be more historically significant than the invention of the printing press in 1455. Why? Because knowledge is power.

Here's an example. If I needed some obscure demographic data for my 8th grade report, I would walk to the library and look it up. It took hours. Now, it takes seconds to get better data.

Immense knowledge is at our fingertips—anytime, anywhere. It's a powerful tool. But power tools can also be deadly. The real power lies in how we choose to use such tools.

If knowledge is power—and it is—then wisdom is the decision to use that power for good, not evil.

What will these young people do with such unprecedented power? I can scarcely imagine. But I am an unrelenting optimist. I believe they will do something good—very good. It's going to be an interesting journey.

Did Johannes Gutenberg imagine that the knowledge propagated by his printing press would spark the Renaissance, Reformation, Age of Enlightenment,

June Scriptures

June 2: Scriptures: Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24: 44-53

June 9: Scriptures: Acts 2:1-18 John 14:8-17

June 16: Scriptures: Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

June 23: Scriptures: Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 8:26-39

June 30: Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Luke 9:51-62



Moderator's Moment June 2019

Here we are entering summer 2019. At this time in the year our church is beginning to see how we are doing financially compared to the budget. As usual we are running a deficit and at the end of April our revenue is \$15,854 below our spending. This deficit will probably increase over the summer months.

One of the measures council takes to slow down the growth of the deficit is to delay making our charitable contributions until December. These contributions go to several local organizations serving those in need (we call this Community Concerns) and OCWM, an important UCC organization with significant outreach. The total of this giving is budgeted as \$19,000 for this year, the same as the last several years. Late-year funding has come from the Endowment Fund. But the very real consequence of relying on the Endowment Fund is that it then severely restricts our ability to participate in other outreach opportunities.

Council has discussed removing Community Concerns and OCWM from our budget and just planning on the funding coming from the Endowment Fund. But that is a retreat from what we have done and who we have been. It is better to be aspirational in our service to others, as we have been commanded, than to take an easier road.

There are about 100 giving families/people in our congregation. The current deficit works out to about \$158 each or about \$5.30 a week for the rest of the year. Increasing giving by that amount would be easy for some and maybe not so easy for others. Please consider how you can help.

Blessings and Peace.

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Mission Group

Thanks to the ongoing support of the volunteers, the church family and community, the Adult Mission Group was able to complete a mission work week in Hico, W.Va., May 12-17. The volunteers included Dorothy Hooper, Dave Hayes, Dave Hakos, Jim Schilling, John Sahakian, Pat and Larry Uher, Tom and Karen Kiska, and Pieter and Betty van der Meer. In 2016, many homes were severely damaged by flooding. The area is still rebuilding and recovering from that flood. Our task was to help a homeowner whose basement was flooded floor to ceiling. We were able to hang drywall, complete mud and finish the walls with paint, along with bathroom flooring and toilet and vanity placement. The lady we helped lost her husband to cancer in 2018 and also has a grandson who has not been able to visit since sustaining a crippling diving accident four years ago. This remodel will allow overnight visits. We left smiles on the faces of those we helped and with gratitude in our hearts for this opportunity to do God's work. We traveled expecting to assist with bridge building, but those plans changed. No worries, for there are over 100 bridges yet to be completed! As it was said to us by a fellow parishioner, "You guys have been building bridges

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Thank You

"I would like to thank you so much for sending this church group to my home in Belva, W Va.

They worked really hard and were so sweet.

I am 74 and was flooded 3 years ago and lost the bottom part of my home.

I know God will truly bless you all for what you do for people."

different sort for many years!"



July Ball Game Fri- day, July 12

Come join your church family in catching a ballgame at Canal Park in Akron!

Tickets are only \$8 and include fireworks after the game!

See the Akron RubberDucks take on the Bowie Baysox on Friday, July 12th, at 7:05 pm. RUCC has reserved a section of seats for the game and tickets can be purchase online at the RubberDucks web site below. If you would like help with your ticket order, contact Scott Luther at 216-543-1158.

Please visit <https://groupmatics.events/event/Richfieldunited> to get your tickets.



Richfield Youth Group

June Activities

Saturday, June 1, 7:30 am to 4 pm

Richfield Garage Sale Food Concessions

Assistance is needed beginning with setup at

7:30 am through clean up by 4 pm.

PLEASE let Marilyn Freeman know when you will be available.

Sunday, June 2

We are Ushers, Greeters, Reader;

This is Graduation Recognition Sunday. There

will be cake and punch for us to serve so no need to bring a dessert to share.

We will be honoring and celebrating with all of our high school and college grads.

There will be no "away" Mission Trip this year for a variety of reasons.

However, there will be opportunities for all of the youth to serve in our local communities.

One of the possibilities is assisting our church members with yard work/household chores.

If you are in need of assistance for specific

yard clean-up, weeding, raking, or simple household projects like window washing, painting a fence (maybe?),

please contact Marilyn Freeman or the church office and we will see if we can help you.

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**Richfield United Church of Christ
Scholarship Awards**

The Barb Simmons Scholarship

2019 Scholarship Recipients



Our RUCC Graduates

Congratulations to all our high school and college grads.

Anne Gill: Ann graduated from Revere High School.

Activities: Marching Band, four years playing the trumpet, backstage crew and set construction for the Revere Players, Write On, Student Support Group, National Honor Society, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Anne will attend The Ohio State University in the fall, majoring in Biochemistry.

Victor Hart: Victor graduated from Copley-Fairlawn High School. Activities: Student Athlete Academic award for all four years (3.5 GPA or higher, while playing a sport). Lettered in soccer in his senior year. Victor will be attending Marian University Indiana and study Motorsports Engineering.

Katie Benedict: Katie graduated from Revere High School. Activities: Robotics, Swim Team, Writing Club, Dance Team, Anime Club, Middle School Mentoring Program. She lettered in both the Swim Team and Dance Team. She will attend Ohio Northern University with a double major in Creative Writing & Professional Writing.

Kurt Benedict: Kurt graduated from Revere High School. Activities: Swimming, Revere Lantern (school newspaper)-online editor & reporter. He received an honorable mention for best general feature news article for the Lantern at the Ohio Scholastic Media Association and he received a two-year varsity letter for swimming. Kurt will be attending Youngstown State University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Danielle Schwaben: Danielle graduated from Revere High School. Activities: Revere Women's Lacrosse team, Write-On, and the National Art Honors Society. She will be attending Bowling Green State University.

Our College Grads

Daniel Butera graduated from Wittenberg University with a degree in Art. He is coming home to work and expand his portfolio.

Max Monegan graduated from Kent State University with a Masters of History. Max will be heading for Indiana University at Bloomington, to start his PhD studies in Gender Studies.

Megan Shepker graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science. She plans to attend Akron University for nursing.

Nicole Schwaben graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bowling Green University, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Adolescent to Young Adult Education. She is looking for a Social Studies teaching position.

Amanda Schwaben graduated from Kent State University, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelors of Arts in Applied Conflict Management. She plans to take a year off from school to work before going to graduate school. She hopes to focus on how museums work to promote peace.

Bethany Westphal graduated from Kent State with a Integrative Studies degree. Bethany plans to run her own business, *The Rising Center for the Arts*, located in downtown Akron and perhaps go back to school for a Masters in Arts Entrepreneurship.

Ushers for June

June 2: Youth Group
Mark Mitchell Mary Patrick
Gary Summer Barb Luther



June Lay Readers

June 2: Sam Gerber
Sue and Joe Reineck

Boards and Council Meetings in June

Monday, June 10:

6:30 pm: The Stewardship and Administration Board
7:00 pm: Christian Education Board
Worship & Parish Ministry Board
8:15 pm: Church Council

Board Members Needed

The Personnel Committee is looking for three congregation members to be on the Christian Education Board and one for the Stewardship and Administration Board. Contact Maryke Bard, Becky Monegan, Mike Wheeler or Rev. King if you can help by joining of these church boards.



Book Club

Book Club will meet on Monday, June 24, at 7 pm in the Gathering Room.

The reading selection for June is "The Grown," by Jennifer Robson.



The Men's Discussion Group

The Men's Discussion Group has been meeting every Wednesday morning from 6:30 to

7:30 for 25 years!

Join us for coffee and conversation.



Men's Health Group

Men's Health Group will not meet in June.

June Birthdays

6/3 Will Hart	6/19 Robert Ertel
6/3 Tessa Ann Orzech	6/19 Robert Duricko
6/6 David Gerber	6/19 Jessica Walters-Tuttle
6/6 Jake Dorsey	6/19 Colin Tuttle
6/7 Frank DiMassa	6/21 Brittany Murphy
6/8 Betty van der Meer	6/22 Ryan Hooper
6/8 Edward McDevitt	6/23 Sandy Norris
6/8 Ryder Smith	6/23 Nancy Owen
6/9 Sally Heston	6/24 Greg Remec
6/10 Karen Kiska	6/25 Jean Bennett
6/10 Deanna Clucas	6/25 Libby Hackworth
6/11 Arthur Graham	6/27 Beth Gerber
6/14 Gabrielle Aquino	6/27 Dennis Rango
6/15 Carol Merrick	6/27 Nagwa Ahlborg
6/15 PJ van der Meer	6/27 Vicki Porter
6/18 June Dengate	
6/18 Dennis Krankowski	
6/18 Gale Luther	

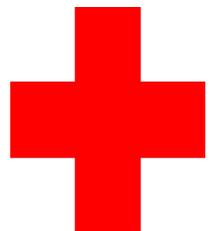
June Anniversaries

6/5 Kara & Matt Hamilton
6/5 David & Rita Johnson
6/6 William & Kathryn Schreiner
6/17 Ethel & Victor Stanko
6/19 Mary & Gary Summers
6/21 Jenny & Jody Shankland

6/22 Budd & Lucy Snow
6/23 James & Laurie Koewler
6/28 Melvin & Marilyn Pay
6/30 John & Katie King



Our prayers are sent to Lucy Snow and family on the recent death of her brother and congregation member Albert Falther.



Red Cross Blood Drive

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GATHERING OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

EVERY SUNDAY

8:00 AM Early Worship Service
9:15 AM Sunday school
10:15 AM Worship Service

EVERY WEEK

MON 7:30 PM AA
WED 8:00 PM AA
SAT 8:30 PM AA

WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM MEN'S GROUP

THURSDAY

7:00 PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

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June Activities

June 1: Garage Sale

June 2: Communion / Youth greet, usher and host coffee hour

Celebrating our graduates, awarding the Barb Simmons Scholarship
the Ruth and Jim Miller Scholarship and teacher appreciation.

June 9: Pentecost Sunday / Strengthen the Church offering

June 10: S&A Board meeting at 6:30 pm

Christian Ed & WPM Board meetings at 7 pm / Council meeting at 8:15 pm

June 12: Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 pm Fellowship Hall

June 15: Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers workday 9:00 am

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