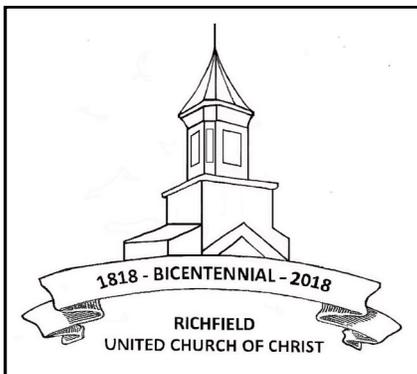


THE COLUMNS

May 2019



RUSH
Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers

Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers Our next workday is Saturday, May 18

The Stewardship & Administration Board needs your help on Saturday, May 18, 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!

June 1 Garage Sale

Donations and Sneak Peek

The Adult Mission Group will participate in the Richfield Community Garage Sale on June 1, to raise money for future mission trips. Your *too good to throw away* donations can be brought to the church the week of May 19 or contact Betty van der Meer if you will need larger items picked up or have questions about donations. (330-659-3275) No clothes, shoes, TVs or broken electronics.

Mark your calendars today for the popular pre-sale ***Sneak Peek Sale on 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 crowd.

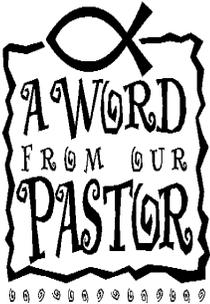
Adult Mission Group Travels to West Virginia This Month

We all have very important bridges in our lives, both physical and emotional.

They connect us to family, church and friends, to name a few. The Adult

Mission Group will be traveling to West Virginia May 12-18 to assist with a bridge project. Due to flooding in 2016, over 300 bridges were destroyed, leaving families unable to safely attend church, school, doctors' appointments and family gatherings, and obtain groceries. Through the WV VOAD project, teams have volunteered, under the supervision of engineers and site coordinators, to rebuild these





I happen to be a fan of Robert's Rules of Order.

It's not a sacred text, but it is helpful. Whether you happen to love Robert's Rules or hate them, one thing is indisputable: We do run our church meetings according

to Robert's Rules. I say that because it is written that way in our Constitution.

Church boards are run by volunteers who generously give of their time. Long-serving members are replaced by new members. Over time, the rigorous procedure get replaced by informal conversations. Robert's Rules can feel tedious, stuffy and stifling. They use words that are onerous and antiquated. They get ignored. Besides, who has time to read all 716 pages of such a dry book?

Yet those rules have been the standard of decision-making for centuries. They have stood the test of time because they ensure one very important thing: **CLARITY**.

A good meeting invites a lively discussion generating energy and inspiration. That's great. Then we go home and move on and later we try to remember what we actually decided. Each remembers things in their own way. Confusion and disagreement follow. This is where Robert's comes to the rescue, and why I am such a big fan.

After an idea surfaces and people contribute to the conversation, a group decision must be made.

Normally, it happens something like this:

- Someone makes a motion.
State clearly "I move that we..."
- Wait for someone to second the motion.
If no one does, that idea just got dumped. If it is seconded, then you can discuss the specific motion on the table, maybe tweak it a bit.
- Then the chair calls a vote.
- The secretary records the vote and publishes it in the minutes.

Let's talk about **minutes**. At the January Church Council meeting, we agreed that all church boards should publish the minutes, no later than seven days after the meeting. It can be very hard to both chair a meeting and take good minutes at the same time. Each board should choose a secretary to take minutes. Minutes should be sent to the moderator, pastor, church secretary and all members of the board.

A few days before the next meeting, write up an **agenda**. Send it to everyone on the list above. In our church, we begin each meeting with prayer, then approval of the minutes. With those minutes approved for all to see, there is clarity about what the group decided that day. Even those who weren't there know what is going on. And a new member who joins the group should be able to pull out a folder of minutes and learn what's been happening for the past few years.

I would like to schedule a refresher course for all members of boards and council, to review proper parliamentary procedure and why it matters. I

May Scriptures

May 5: Scriptures: Revelation 5:1-14 John 21:1-19

May 12: Scriptures: Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:11-30

May 19: Scriptures: Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

May 26: Scriptures: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14: 23-29





July Ball Game

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

See the Akron RubberDucks take on the Bowie Baysox on Friday, July 12th, at 7:05 pm. Tickets are only \$8 and include fireworks after the game!

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

Let Scott Luther or Becky Monegan know if you have any questions.



Featured in the Gathering Room Gallery D. GAIL MARTONICZ

Stop in and take a look at the artwork of Medina resident

D. Gail Martonicz. Gail worked as a sales representative for an electronic security company, traveling each week in her area of 10 states. In retirement, she now travels for fun.

Join us on May 19 for a Meet the Artist Reception after our 10:15 service.

"Retirement has been very rewarding in giving me the time to pursue my passions for painting and traveling.

Travel, especially to foreign countries, feeds my gypsy soul and scratches my itchy feet. The bonus with travel is I'm presented with a plethora of painting references. The different cultures, people, sights, customs, landscapes, and architecture makes me drool with anticipation of painting my next "masterpiece." The draw of sun, sand, and surf in my travels presents to me the opportunity of painting sea life. I appreciate natural things more so than manmade and have also been taking pleasure in painting things of

Our Church Garden



Our thanks to all who helped with the church gardens and yard at our last work session. Our garden manager, Karen Butera, is starting to plan for our summer crop of vegetables and has a

sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to donate garden plants. There will soon be a weekly sign-up sheet for weeding and watering our garden.

The harvest from our garden will be put on a table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings during the summer. The cash donations fund our sponsorship of 15 year-old Carolina Florez Zuniga through Children's International. You can view Carolina's picture and read her profile and her latest letter on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Moderator's Moment May 2019

It is spring and there is a lot going on for everyone.

Thanks to everyone who has turned out for the monthly RUSH. We are making a positive difference in the upkeep and appearance of our church. These events are fun, working alongside of so many friends. If you haven't been to one, please give it a try.

A big thank you to everyone participating in making our Holy Week meaningful. Easter brunch was delicious and enjoying the time with our church family is always great. I had the privilege of participating in the Maundy Thursday service by taking on one of the roles in the service. It was a very meaningful experience and I highly recommend it to everyone.



Youth Group Food Sale Donations

The Youth Group will be selling food and drinks at the Richfield Garage Sale on Saturday, June 1. If you would like to help stock their food and drink booth, there are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings during May. Items needed are cans of soda pop (no diet pop please), iced tea, lemonade, cookies, brownies or muffins, large bags of nacho chips and small bags of assorted chips, pretzels, cheese puffs, etc., hot dogs, or a batch of sloppy joes, hot dog and hamburger buns.



Graduate Information Needed

Each year we feature high school and college grads of our congregation. If your son or daughter is graduating, please contact the church office. We have a short form to fill out with all their graduation information, school

Richfield Youth Group

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Saturday, May 4

9:00 am

The playground mulch

will be delivered on May 3.

Come on Saturday,
May 4 to spread it.

Bring your wheel barrows,
rakes and shovels.

Sunday, May 5

10:15 service

We are
greeters,

Bring



ushers,
reader.

dessert

Ushers for May

May 5: Youth Group

Chuck Ellis, Paul and Michal Swan, Larry & Amy Harsey

May Lay Readers

May 5: Sam Gerber

Brenda Lindsey

Monthly Lay Readers are needed for June, July, September and December. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.



Boards and Council Meetings in May

Monday, May 6: Retirement Village Board at 7 pm

Monday, May 13:

6:30 pm: The Stewardship and Administration Board

7:00 pm: Christian Education Board

Worship & Parish Ministry Board

8:15 pm: Church Council



Book Club

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 28, at 7 pm in the Gathering Room.

The reading selection for May is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.



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

Congratulations Dylan Kostar

On April 2, Dylan Kostar, grandson of congregation member June Dengate, received the highest rank in Scouting during Troop 387's Eagle Court of Honor ceremony here at RUCC .

His Eagle project was designing and supervising the assembly and installation of a bench at the ball fields behind the Richfield Village Hall. The bench was installed under the pergola that is his brother's Eagle project.

May Birthdays

5/2 Lucy Snow

5/2 Ann Walker

5/2 Gary Obenauer

5/3 Mark Mitchell

5/4 Chuck Ellis

5/8 Darrell Hiatt

5/9 Ida May Hammond

5/12 Rev. Thomas Kerns

5/13 David Wilmot

5/14 Dave Hakos

5/14 Laura Willis

5/15 Pieter van der Meer

5/16 Tristan Bard

5/16 Claira Shankland

5/18 Todd Bard

5/19 Megan Bard

5/19 Marley Murphy

5/22 Breandan Wheeler

5/23 Ben McKay

5/24 MacKenzie Monegan

5/24 Grace Ivy Walters

5/24 Daniel Butera



May Anniversaries

5/9 Jeffrey & Donna Treubig

5/10 Tom & Karen Kiska

5/11 Ben & Brittany Murphy

5/12 Mike & Polly Wheeler

5/18 Chuck & Patty Ellis

5/18 Richard & Kathy Bumblis

5/20 Vicki and Russ Porter



In Loving Memory

March 28, 2019 Harold Sterzbach

April 9, 2019 George Walker

George Walker passed away at home on April 9, 2019. There will be a gathering of family and friends on Saturday, May 4, at the Amvets Hall on Wheatley Road in

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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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May Activities

May 4: Youth Group spreads playground mulch at 9 am.

George Walker memorial gathering at the Amvets Hall on Wheatley Road 3-8 pm

May 5: Communion / Youth greet, usher and host coffee hour

Memorial service for Gayle Palshook at RUCC 2:00 pm

May 5-12: Becky out of the office

May 6: Retirement Village board meeting at 7 pm.

May 12-17: Mission Group travels to West Virginia for a bridge-building project and home repair

May 13: S&A Board meeting at 6:30 pm

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

May 15: Last day of Hobbitts Preschool

May 18: Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers workday 9:00 am

May 19: Meet the Artist Reception following the 10:15 service / Youth Group meeting at 4:30

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