



Monthly News & Updates

August 2025

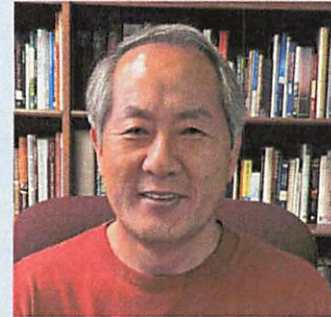
Richland Global Methodist Church

60 Pomeroy Road Athens, OH 45701

"A Word from the Pastor"

Attempt Something Big

Back to work! Ruth & I had much-needed time for healing, rest and renewal. Thank you for your prayers and support! When I was a student at Asbury Seminary, banners were hung all over the campus. They carried the phrase "Attempt Something Big", each with a student's picture and their story. Dr. Timothy C. Tennent, then president, was challenging the students, ***"Attempt something so big that unless God intervenes it is bound to fail."***



In my life, the Lord constantly challenged me to attempt something so big that unless he intervened it was bound to fail. Without a penny in my bank account, I was challenged to come to the U.S. for my study. Still poor in English fifteen years ago, I was challenged to take on the English ministry pastor at my home church. In Kentucky, I was challenged to go through the long-convoluted ordination process with a denomination unknown to me. Through it all, the Lord surely intervened!

"Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. 'Bring them here to me,' he said (Matthew 14:16-18 NIV)." Jesus challenged his disciples to attempt something so big (feeding the five thousand) that unless he intervened it was bound to fail. The disciples knew that what they had (five loaves and two fish) fell far short of what they needed. They were too realistic to be open to God's intervention and possibilities. Jesus kindly reminded them that he was there to intervene! The rest is history.

Do you want to attempt something big? Something so big that unless God intervenes, it is bound to fail? If we attempt something big and bring what we have, however small, to Jesus, he will intervene to make it happen! Attempt Something Big!

Greetings Richland!

We will worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live on Sundays. at 10:00 am.
The Facebook Live video can be seen *anytime* after it is done.

Adult Sunday School is in person after the church service in the Fellowship Hall.
Adventure Land is held live during the church service.

Calendar for August

Aug. 1/ 1:30 pm	Richland Next Sub Committee	Parlor
Aug 3,10,17,24,31 / 10 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Aug 3,10,17,24,31/ 11:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
Aug 5,12,19,26/ 6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Snider Home
Aug 6/ 3:30 pm	Missions Committee	Parlor
Aug 6,20/1:30 pm	Worship Committee	Parlor
Aug 7,21 / 1:00 pm	Board Games for All Ages	Fellowship Hall
Aug 14/ noon - 6 pm	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
Aug 23/ 10 am	Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Activities in July

What a Great Day of Clean Up!

A House of Love since 1964

The Sanctuary



Sanctuary

The Narthex



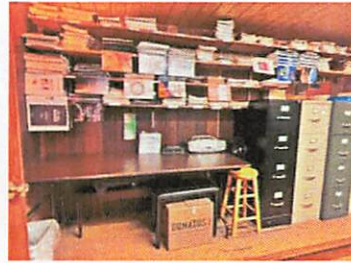


Narthex

Sanctuary



The Steeple on the Hill



Choir Office



The Chapel

Remembering the Past



Have you ever noticed the lovely upholstered pads on the ledge at the kneeling rail up near the altar? Did you know that they were not always there and that we would kneel for Communion and prayer on a hard wooden ledge?

Virgie Johnson was Yvonne Mayer's beloved mother and a longtime member of Richland church. When Virgie passed away, Yvonne used monetary gifts, given in memoriam of her mother, to pad those kneeling ledges. Since many of us had reached the ages of those who do not comfortably kneel on hard surfaces, we greatly appreciated the fabulous padding!

Since then, whenever I kneel at that altar rail, I remember Virgie's great friendship in our church and Yvonne's thoughtful generosity.

My prayers are focused on the Communion service, but a prayer of thankfulness for that padded kneeling ledge always creeps in there, too. Fortunately, my prayers are silent. ☺ Terri Ann Foglesong



Young Life Camp 2025

In early June, five leaders took twenty-four of their closest friends to Young Life camp in Michigan, where they shared in the adventure God calls us to through a life with Him, heard the Gospel clearly presented, and deepened their relationships with Christ and each other. At the end of the week, campers were given an invitation to publicly profess their faith in Christ if they made the decision to submit to His lordship that week. Five students from

Athens County stood up at the "Say So" and committed their lives to the Lord for the very first time!

Two campers specifically received supplemental funds to make their camp trips possible. A week like this is only possible through the generosity of ministry partners like you! The heavenly host is still celebrating what God brought about through you. Thanks so much for your generous partnership in ministry!

August Activities

The Missions Committee

As you may have noted, we didn't have a speaker in July. We will resume speakers in August. We receive a lot of literature about worthy causes. If you are looking for one or are simply interested to get information, we will be putting a box in the library soon.

I have had another person say that they are interested in the shawl ministry. We will have a meeting in September after school settles down. The shawl ministry can be a shawl, lap quilts, scarves - anything that makes someone feel like are remembering them in our prayers. If you don't know how to do a craft, come anyway and we will teach you. Or just come and chat.

It is always good when Christians get together. If you know of a charity or group that needs recognition, let us know and we will see if we can get someone to tell us about it. This can be your favorite non-profit event or group.

Linda Lohse-Smith, Linda Fowler, Jane Denbow and Sharon Burt

The Habitat Faith Build Fun Run will be September 20.



The Mission Committee and the Methodist Women collected 28 Jars of Peanut Butter and 27 Jars of Jelly for the Children Services project. I think that was a good donation and they appreciated it! Sharon



Blood Drive **Richland Methodist Church**

Basement
60 Pomeroy Road
Athens, OH 45701

Thursday, August 14, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter RichlandUMC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Give Aug 1 to 25 for \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: rclmcd.org/15a



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Prayer Requests

Every Sunday during the worship service, we have a time for verbally expressing prayer requests. On Sunday evening, those requests are sent via email message to those who have asked to be on the "prayer chain".

If you are currently on the prayer chain but no longer wish to receive those email messages, please contact Diane Tong (lebdton@gmail.com) or Terri Ann Foglesong (jfogleso7@gmail.com).

If you are not currently on the email prayer chain but would like to be included, please contact Diane or Terri Ann. Thanks!

Please send in any inspiration that you may have for the Newsletter, Facebook, or our website. This can be anything from photos, art, poetry, thoughts and etc. God is speaking to you every day. What is He saying to you?

Please continue to lift in prayer those who were mentioned in the worship service in July:

- Peter & Ruth Han's renewal & refreshment
- Aug. 2, Ingrams' son, Matt, weds Sharon Bell
- Gifts and blessings of family reunions
- Blessings and joys our church received through Rev. Denver Dodrill's ministry
- Blessings and joys our church received through Marilyn Dodrill's music ministry

Prayers of Support ~

- Chuck Woodall, Brian Worth, and Darius Douglas - chemo treatments
- Yvonne Mayer, health concerns
- Travel mercies for our church family and extended family members
- Safety and health of SC church group on mission trip this week (Dominican Republic)
- John Ray (Lindley Inn); Ginny Jones (TX)
- Health concerns and grief support: Tina Swearingen's sister, Barb, widowed; her friend, Kathy, ill; Theresa, recently widowed; David Maze, recovering
- God's wisdom and direction (& stamina) for the Richland Next Building Committee
- Israel; Ukraine; warring nations; famine; our Nation and its leadership