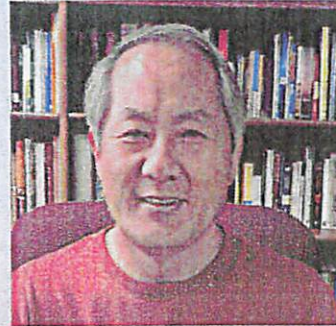




## "A Word from the Pastor"

### Thanksgiving & Advent

Several years ago, during his sermon at a Community Thanksgiving Service, Rev. Bob White, a retired Baptist minister, said, "We seem to be losing an attitude of thanksgiving even as we celebrate Thanksgiving." He made the point that **Thanksgiving has become our culture, but its spirit fades away.** It might be true with Advent & Christmas. We're entering the best, also busiest season of the year. So, it is easy for us to lose sight of the giver of all blessings and the greatest gift in our lives, that is, Christ Jesus, even as we celebrate Thanksgiving & Advent. **During this season, how can we find a place for the Lord Jesus, the giver of all blessings & the greatest gift in our lives?** I hope and pray that we may find a clue from the story below!



John Ortberg, author and pastor recounted the following story:  
*Not long after moving to Chicago, I called a wise friend to ask for some spiritual direction. I described the pace of life in my current ministry. The church where I serve tends to move at a fast clip. I also told him about our rhythms of family life: we are in the van-driving, soccer-league, piano-lesson, school-orientation-night years. I told him about the present condition of my heart, as best I could discern it. **What did I need to do, I asked him, to be spiritually healthy?** Long pause...*

***"You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life,"** he said at last. Another long pause... "Okay, I've written that one down," I told him, a little impatiently. "That's a good one. **Now what else is there?**" I had many things to do, and this was a long-distance call, so I was anxious to cram as many units of spiritual wisdom into the least amount of time possible. Another long pause... **"There is nothing else,"** he said. **"You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life."***

*I've concluded that my life and the well-being of the people I serve depends on following his prescription, **for hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. Hurry destroys souls.** As Carl Jung wrote, **"Hurry is not of the devil; hurry is the devil."** For most of us, **the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a mediocre version of it. We will just skim our lives instead of actually living them.***

## 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.

Youth Sunday School follows the Service in the library.

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Calendar for	November 2025	
Nov. 2,9,16,23,30 / 10 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Nov. 2,9,16,23,30/ 11:15 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School	Fellowship Hall/Library
Nov. 2/ 5 pm	Family Fall Festival	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 4,11,18,25/ 6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Snider Home
Nov. 5/ 1:30 pm	Worship Committee	Parlor
Nov. 6/ 5pm	Spaghetti Dinner	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 6/ 5:45 pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Nov. 6/ 7 pm	Charge Conference Meeting	Sanctuary
Nov. 9/ 11:15 am	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Nov 10/ 3pm	Methodist Women Group	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 12/ 2 pm	Discovery Kitchen Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Nov 13, 1 pm	Board Games for All Ages	Fellowship Hall
Nov 13, 20/ 7pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Nov. 18/ 10 am	Equipping Committee	Parlor
Nov. 19/ 1:30 pm	Building Committee	Kitchen

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

Prayers of Praise to God ~

- Fall is bringing out the colors of autumn
- Richland's participation in the Friday Night Good Works dinner was appreciated, and we enjoyed fellowship and fun conversations
- Though she has two treatments to complete, recent testing has reported that Mary Ann Bennick's niece, Shirley, is cancer-free

Prayers of Support ~

- Our sincere condolences to Brenda Davis, and family, upon the passing of her husband, Dave.
- Prayers for various health concerns: Megan Hill (Steve Davis' sister); Michelle Rose; J.D.

Gene Malone (George Ledbetter's neighbor); Sarah Burson (Diane Tong's niece); Trina Weiscup; Bob (Rod Gehres's brother-in-law); Pastor Han; Linda Lohse-Smith (dental); Karen Hayes; Jeanette Ryan (Carla Hirst's sister); Anna Smith and Leon;  
-Chemo treatments: Sherry Norris' brother-in-law, Larry; Chuck Woodall; Darius Douglas; Brian Worth

-Those who need loving care away from their own homes

-John Ray (Lindley Inn); Ginny Jones (TX); Steve Secoy (with daughter)

-Yvonne, Patrick, & Daniel Crist

-Gwenette Mayer's students have safety concerns; school safety for all our students

-Col. Russell Henry in Middle East

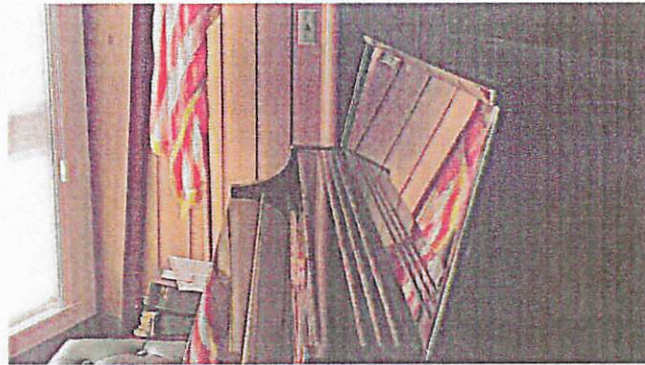
-Christians in Nigeria

-Israel; Ukraine; worldwide unrest; our nation and its leaders

-May Richland be a welcoming church for adults and youth, offering hope and joy in Christ

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:6-7

## October Activities



### A New Piano Arrived!

A few months ago, a visiting pianist commented that we should consider replacing our piano in the sanctuary for a variety of reasons that only a skilled pianist would notice. After a few visits to Graves Piano in Columbus and a few tutorials from their staff about what would be a good choice for us, a new piano was donated to our church. Just FYI, the piano is a Boston studio size, meaning that the strings are about 47" long which is about two inches longer than the Baldwin piano we replaced. It was designed by Steinway & Sons and was manufactured by Kawai. Yes, more information than you ever needed or wanted to know!

The old piano was carefully moved to the large Sunday School room downstairs. We already have a piano in the Fellowship Hall but it's certain that this other piano will find a good place for use in the new add-on building. It has provided many years of good service and has many more good years ahead.

We have been blessed to hear our new piano being played by a piano performance grad student named Mario. He is from Honduras and is studying at O.U. His father is a pastor. Mario has a heart for worshipping the Lord and has volunteered to play for us. He is not

only an accomplished pianist and accompanist, but he also plays by ear  
(a true gift!).

Junior High Pancake Breakfast was on 19  
and 26 at 9 am.

These are an ongoing series of breakfast  
events for our youth and their invited friends.



### Greetings from the Mission Committee:

We are gearing down for the end of year. Everyone is so busy and there are so many demands on them, that we didn't want to add another one. We will gear back up in January.

Our collection for the school teachers went well and Teri was able to give them to the teachers in Glouster. We collected:

- 2 packages of construction paper
- 12 folders
- 3 packages of sheets of paper
- 35 notebooks
- 6 boxes of 24 crayons
- 274 pencils
- 7 kids scissors
- 145 erasers
- 32 red and colored ink pens for the teachers
- 14 package of tissues

This will help the teachers who usually have to buy this type of supplies.

See you next year!

The October Blood Drive brought in 23 units of blood. Thank you to all who participated.

The Habitat for Humanity Faith Build coalition raised \$1600 at the scrap metal drive.

We have received a donation from Carla Hirst of books from her mother's library and appreciate it very much. We were able to take a car load out to Living Water's Church in Albany as well as put books in our library.

You may want to check out the library. Two books we are featuring now are:

'Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind' Readings and Meditations

And

'The Bible in Focus: A pictorial of people, places and prophecies'

### Fundraising Dinner for Good Works

Our church participated in the Friday Night free Good Works dinner at The Plains UMC on October 24th. We were asked to prepare for 60 attendees but were cautioned that many more might arrive. Our menu included several pots of Neil Fowler's chili recipe, cornbread, raw veggies for snacking, and finger desserts. Several of us stayed to eat and have fellowship with those that attended. Darlene Wasserman estimated that we had about 100 guests, the most they've ever experienced. God was good and somehow everyone was fed with the quantities of food that we brought. It was a very enjoyable evening with a shared meal, musical games, and fellowship!



## November Activities



Bring your Friends and Family to the next Family Fall Festival on November 2nd at 5 pm

Join the activities, music, and homemade pumpkin deserts.

## Richland Next Building Update

### KITCHEN TIME-LINE

The Richland Next Building Committee has been busy making decisions right and left. Some things have already begun happening. Plans have been made and new homes (most temporary) found for things like the dishes, silverware, pots and pans, paper goods, Living Nativity items, Games for All Ages items, Vacation Bible school items, and more. George and Pastor Peter even found a new home for the extra long extension ladder that has been hanging in the kitchen for years. Boxes are being collected for packing things up, and people are being assigned packing and moving jobs. The Trustees have helped with some fixer-upper jobs, and committee members have been busy shopping for specialty items needed in the new kitchen. (Give George Adkis a pat on the back. He took the measurements and did the calculating. He tells us that our new cabinetry will give us 51% more storage space!)

We have ordered a new commercial refrigerator and new commercial dish-washer, and these should be delivered to us between Jan. 5-9. For now, we decided not to install a water softener (for the dish-washer), nor a stand-alone ice-maker. But we will plumb and wire for a possible ice-maker to be added later. If needed, a water softener can be installed later in our boiler room.

We still don't know the exact day Athens Kitchen and Bath will begin working, but it will be mid-January. Here are some other dates we can share:

In December - Move stored items from the room that will become our new church pantry.

In December - Replace window in new pantry and re-plumb the dehumidifier drain

January 4 - Retirement Party and Dinner for a kitchen that has served faithfully for years.

January 5-9 - Global Methodist Women pack and move all the dishes from the kitchen

January 5-9 - Refrigerator and dish-washer delivered

January 12-16 - Athens Kitchen and Bath begins working on our new kitchen

Tentative? - Athens Kitchen and Bath finish the new kitchen

Tentative? - Global Methodist Women return and organize all the dishes in their new home

Tentative? - Welcome Shower and Celebration Dinner for the new kitchen (the shower is for kitchen items that are in need of being replaced like our cookie trays)

Tentative? - Back to work doing ministry at Richland Global Methodist Church!



**Please come to a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner! Bring your friends and neighbors for good food and fellowship. Donations will be accepted for church projects.**

**November 6th at 5 pm**

**Welcome to our Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 16 after service.**

**There will be turkey, ham, rolls, and noodles. Bring a covered dish and desserts!**

