



Monthly News & Updates

December 2025

Richland Global Methodist Church

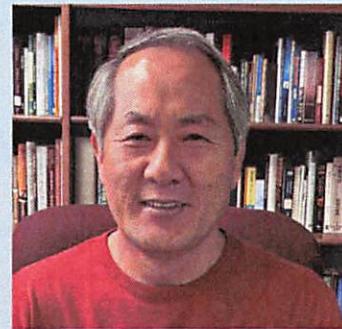
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"A Word from the Pastor"

Joy to the World

More than two decades ago, it was not common in Korean culture for a man to come to a Lamaze class with his wife. Guess what? I was the only man in the class when Ruth was expecting our daughter Sylvia.

The excitement & joy of expecting a baby after fifteen years of our marriage had overridden a cultural norm. Not long before, however, I was so distressed, hopeless & helpless that having a baby wasn't even in my mind. Now the Lord seemed to be saying, "You know what? You're not done yet. Here is a new life." What a joy!



"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord (Luke 2:10-11 NIV)." A group of the shepherds tending the flocks out in the fields at night had received an unexpected news from an angel of the Lord from heaven. The good news was to cause great joy for all of God's chosen people! And the good news and the cause of great joy was ***"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*** It makes it clear that all God's people experience great joy the moment Jesus, the Messiah and the Lord, is born into their hearts!

As we enter and celebrate the Advent & Christmas season, may the Lord fill all of us at Richland and our family with great excitement & joy, anticipating the coming of the long-awaited Savior. What a joy it is for a baby to be born to us! No greater joy, however, had I ever experienced than when Jesus, the Messiah and the Lord, was born into my heart! Like the shepherds out in the fields at night near Bethlehem two thousand years ago, the Lord bless us and our family with good news of Jesus. May the Lord Jesus be born in each one of us during this Advent & Christmas season! Joy to the world!

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.

Youth Sunday School follows the Service in the library.

Calendar for	November 2025	
Dec. 7,14,21,28 / 10 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Dec. 7,14,21,28/ 11:15 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School	Fellowship Hall/Library
Dec. 2, 9,16,23,30/ 6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Snider Home
Dec. 2/ 10 am	Equipping Committee	Parlor
Dec. 3/ 1:30 pm	Worship Committee	Parlor
Dec. 4,18/ 1 pm	Board Games	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 4,11,18/ 7:00 pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Dec. 6/ 10 am	Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 6/ 11 am	Hanging of the Greens	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 7/11:15 am	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Dec 8/ 3pm	Methodist Women Group	Fellowship Hall
Dec 11/ noon	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
Dec 13/ 3:30 - 6:30 pm	Living Nativity	Outdoors and Indoors
Dec. 21/ 6:00 pm	Cantata	Sanctuary
Dec. 24/ 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary

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

- Karen Reagan's son-in-law, Darius Douglas, is cancer-free after several chemo treatments
- George Ledbetter is healing well from injuries
- Teri Fischer is healing well from injuries
- Foglesongs' granddaughter returned safely from a meaningful mission trip to Jamaica
- Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent; prepare our hearts

Prayers of Support ~

- Ken Cottrill is in strengthening physical therapy rehab in Parkersburg
- Sympathy to Ginny Cottrill's son and daughter-in-law who lost an unborn child.

-Sympathy to Rod Gehres upon the passing of his brother-in-law, Bob.

-Megan Hill, health concerns

-Chemo treatments; Chuck Woodall; Brian Worth; Walter; re-check for Darius Douglas; Sherry

Norris' brother-in-law, Larry

-David Maze, recovery of health

-Kevin Sautter, cancer diagnosis

-Bill Rothman, upcoming surgery

thy to the Woottons upon Mike's

moving care away from their own homes, especially

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

-Richland's Youth ministry

Richard S. Yeath Ministry Russell Henry in the Middle

Col. Russell Henry in the Middle East
-Travel mercies this holiday season

—Haven't mercy this holiday season.

Ukraine: worldwide unrest; our nation and its leaders

-Israel, Ukraine, worldwide unrest, our nation and its leaders. We will be a welcoming church for adults and youth, offering hope and encouragement.

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

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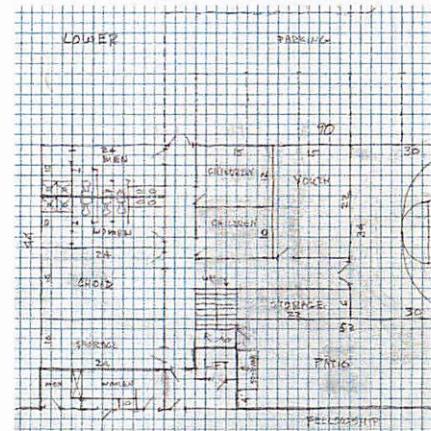
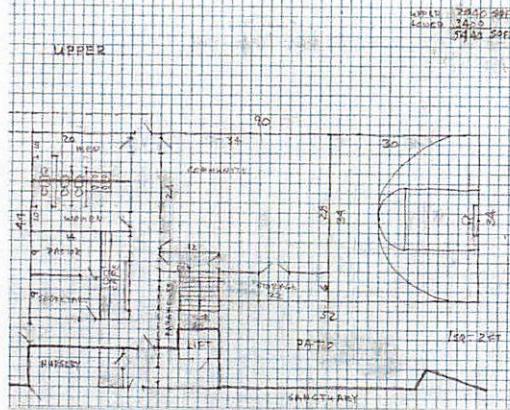
"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." I Peter 5:6-7

November Activities

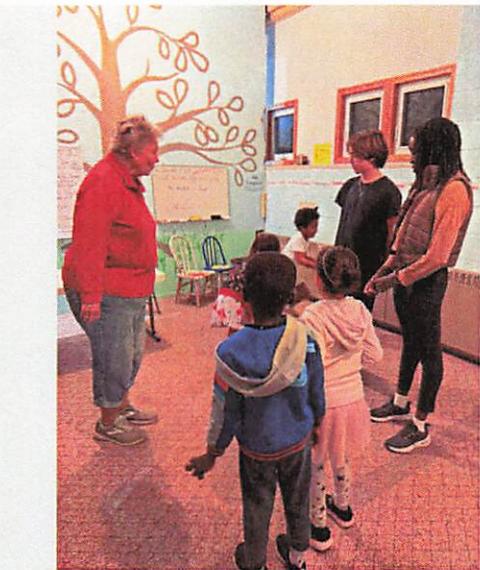
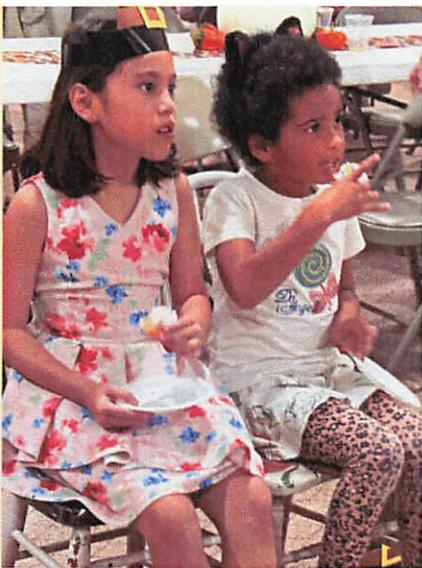
Request from the Richland Next Building Committee -

Dr. Bob Ingram

Your opinion and suggestions of our building addition plans are needed. After worship, pick up the 4th draft of our proposed lay-out for the new addition at the table in the narthex. Note this is NOT an architect's drawing. That comes later. But we think our new addition should look something like this. Note also that the ceiling in the gym is 2 stories high, so even when you look at the upper level, you are looking at the floor on the lower level. Please share your thoughts with any committee member, but please do it before Dec. 31.



Fall Family Fest November 2 5 pm



Spaghetti Dinner followed by the Charge Conference November 6

Thank you to everyone who came! We raised over \$600 for the Living Nativity and Church Ministry.



Thanksgiving Luncheon November 16



December Activities

**Greetings from the Mission Committee:
See you next year!**

**Hanging of the Greens December
6 11 am**

Let Carol Adkins know if you can
volunteer to help put up the many
trees and wreaths to celebrate this
season of joy.



**The Next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on December 11 from noon
till 6:00 pm. Sign up sheet for Volunteers will be in the Narthex. All
Blood Types are needed including O, A, B and AB.**



Living Nativity

December 13 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

**A gentle walk through scenes that remind
us of Christmas Day in Bethlehem**

Bring your family and friends!



**Cantata Performance in
the Sanctuary
December 21
6:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service**

7:00 pm

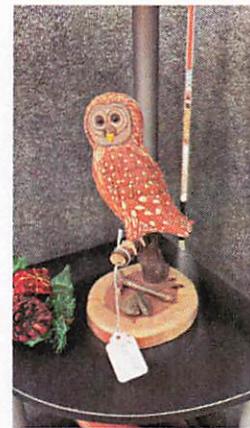


Steve Norris - Two Feathers Carving

God can help you - I realize he helps me with my carving. I feel helps me through dreams. At times I am "stuck". How do I do this?. How do I make it right? By morning he has answered me - -- my carving has improved over the last five years -- he does not let me down. All carvings are signed with John 316 -- They are all my hand carvings from God.

Before carving, I feel he has helped me via my job - - heating and cooling in school buildings. Rewiring can be very challenging. Once again, I feel through dreams and asking for help, He came through -- the rewiring went great the next day!

As part of this newsletter, pictures of my work are featured --- Enjoy!!!





Important Dates

Birthdays in December
Marcia Cornell Dec. 2
Sharon Burt Dec. 4
Lilian Collins Dec. 9
Joyce Douglas Dec. 14
Larry Tong Dec. 14
Susan Holsapple Dec. 15
Emily Dickerson Dec. 22
Claudia Johnson Dec. 22
Cindy Oliveri Dec. 22
David Collins Dec. 25



Wedding Anniversaries in December

None this month

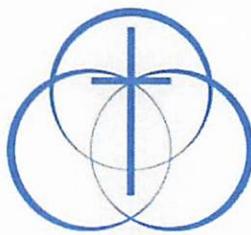


If we missed your important date, please let Nadya know so that we won't miss it next time!



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