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## Monthly News & Updates

February 2026

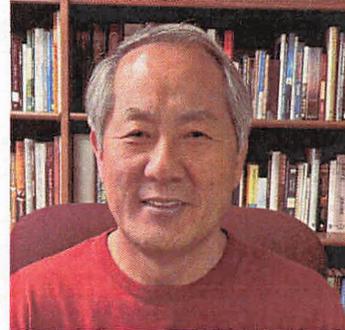
Richland Global Methodist Church

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### "A Word from the Pastor"

#### Approaching God's Throne of Grace

The word grace, which is said & sung so often at church, is still elusive to many of us. In theory, we all know so well that we are not under the law but under grace (Romans 6:14). In practice, however, we are diluting grace, wittingly or unwittingly, with our effort to do the work that Jesus finished on the cross. Here is a simple litmus test: How do you approach God's throne of grace? Do you approach the throne of grace with sin? Or do you approach the throne of grace without sin? Before you answer these questions, let us be clear that we all are sinners and not without sin (1 John 1:8). So, how do you approach the throne of grace? With or without sin? Why with or without sin? Please try to answer as honestly as you can.



The author of Hebrews gives us clues to the questions above, ***"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:15-16)."*** (1) We have Jesus, a perfect high priest who understands our brokenness & weaknesses and intercedes for us. (2) We do not approach the throne of judgment but of grace. (3) We're encouraged to come to God's throne of grace *with confidence*. 'With confidence' is also translated as 'with bold frankness.' We come broken, naked, weak, sinful.... We come as we are. (4) It is at God's throne of grace that we are forgiven and given grace. Nowhere else!

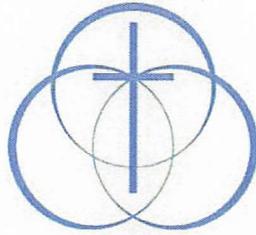
Soon we're entering the forty-day season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 and ends on Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> the day before Easter. During the Lenten season, we're invited to approach God's throne of grace with our brokenness and weaknesses. Is there any other place where we can go and clean up ourselves? Absolutely no! It is at the throne of grace that we are forgiven and given grace. Is it a license to sin that we approach God's throne of grace with sin? Far from it! If anything, at the throne of grace, God meets our brokenness, weaknesses, and sinfulness with a gracious face – his accepting, comforting, forgiving, and loving face!

### 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.

**Office hours: Mon - Fri 10 am - 2 pm**

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**Ginny Jones is celebrating her 95th birthday on February 13th!**

Ginny has been living with her youngest daughter, Carolyn, in Texas for the last few years. And we at Richland have missed her dearly, especially her singing in the choir (and her sweet disposition, love for the Lord, and her famous cooking). Let's shower Ginny with happy greetings from her friends from church. Even if you didn't know her

personally, she will enjoy cards that say that you are part of the Richland Church family. Here is

her address at her daughter's home:

Virginia Jones  
c/o Carolyn Robinson  
523 Kiowa Drive W.  
Lake Kiowa, TX 76240

**We are in the process of creating a mini directory of our church attendees and we are seeking your help!**

The directory will be very simple, just names, home addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. But first, we will be asking you for your permission to print and distribute your information to our congregation.

Diane Tong and I are planning to have a rough draft copy to show you which will allow you to confirm the details of your info and to also give, or deny, your permission to make it available to our congregation. We do not want to violate anyone's privacy, of course, and be assured that this mini directory will only be made available within our church.

Questions? Feel free to call or text me: Terri Ann Foglesong, 740-856-9225.

Thank you in advance.

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



**Weather Guidelines**

**In the event of inclement weather, etc., we will use every means available to us to contact you if the church service is cancelled. Communications may be email, text message, phone call or message on the church Facebook page.**

**Additionally, if the sheriff's office declares a snow emergency to be a Level 2 or 3, you will know that we shouldn't be driving**

## Missions Committee

This month will be the 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign. Please pick up a baby bottle in the Narthex and fill it up with change. Contact Rita Snider for more information.

**FEBRUARY 5 IS ALMOST HERE! We still could use 9-10 blood donors! Also a couple volunteers to have as backup registration/canteen. THIS DRIVE WILL BE AT RED CROSS OFFICE, 100 SOUTH MAY AVENUE BECAUSE CHURCH KITCHEN IS BEING REMODELED. CALL Diane 740 818 3000/Karen 937 935 1520 if you can help.**



**Sign up sheet for Volunteers will be in the Narthex. All Blood Types are needed including O, A, B and AB.**

## Valentines Dinner for Everyone

**At Eclipse Company Store in The Plains  
11:45 am - noon**

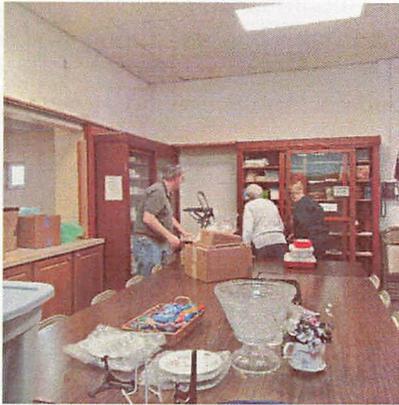
**SmokeHouse Buffet \$22.00 per adult (includes tip) kids' price available  
Menu: Barbeque chicken and pork, macaroni and cheese, green beans, salad, and water.**

**Sign up in the Narthex. Cash or check is made out to Eclipse Company Store**

## Important Dates

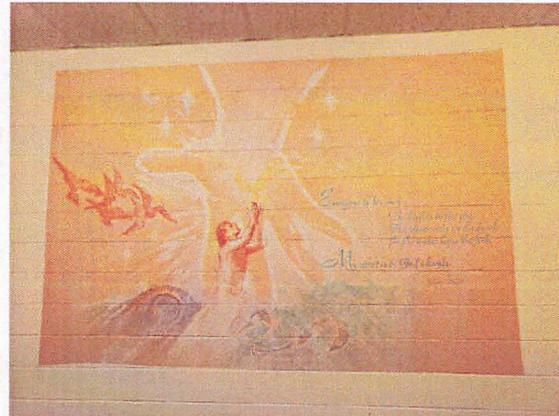
Robert Ingram Feb 2  
Ruth Ann Mayer Feb 6  
Hope Davis Feb 7  
Roger Daniels Feb 10  
Virginia Jones Feb 13  
Connie Clark Feb 16  
Roderic Gehres Feb 17  
Jeremy Mayer Feb 22





**This wall painting has been hidden for a long time but will now be exposed as the kitchen is being renovated.**

This beautiful mural was painted by the wife of Mr. Halley, the photographer for the Messenger, about 40 years ago. At that time, this room was used as an office and then as the teen's meeting room.



**The CRU Band who practice their praise music here on Sunday night performed 3 songs with lyrics shared with the congregation on Jan. 18.**

**Church Service was not held on January 25 due to the Polar Vortex**



## **February Activities**

**Berean Sunday School Class will begin a 6-week Lenten study titled Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross, by Susan Robb. First lesson begins on Sunday, Feb. 22**

- the Figueroas; Sherry Norris's friend; Megan Malone; Doug Osbourne; Kathy; Megan Hill; Dave Hoke; Mark's Aunt Patty; Marge Polen; Walter; David Maze; Tina's brother, Sparky and her sister, Barb; Kenneth Cutright, surgery
- Those who are being cared for away from their homes, including John Ray (Lindley Inn), Ginny Jones (TX), and Steve Secoy (at daughter's)
- Our condolences are extended to the Tolles family upon the passing of Sarah Tipton's uncle, Dick.
  - Knowledge, skill, and safety for the remodel workers
  - God's wisdom and direction for Richland 2026 leaders
  - Israel; Ukraine; our nation and its leaders

George Ledbetter has been dismissed from the hospital and is now staying at Kimes. His daughter says that his rehab therapy is going well. George now has his cell phone and may receive calls: 740-669-5181. He may also receive visitors but asks that no one visit with a cold, etc. If you'd like to send a greeting card, here is the address:

George Ledbetter  
 Kimes Nursing & Rehab Center, Room #7  
 75 Kimes Lane  
 Athens, Ohio 45701

## January Activities

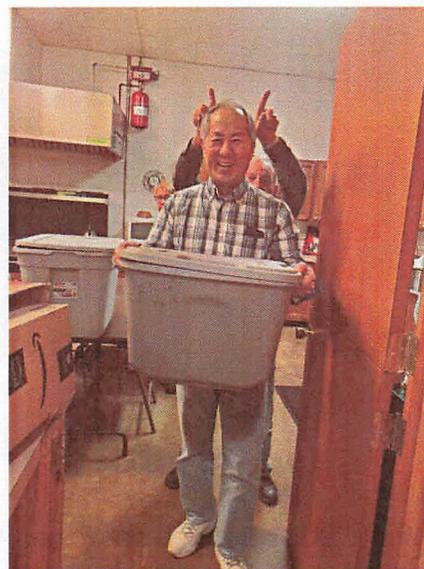
### Richland Next Building Committee News

**The work on the kitchen has begun. It looks a bit like a disaster zone right now, but taking things apart is where remodeling begins. The new refrigerator and dishwasher have arrived, and are both patiently waiting in the fellowship hall.**

### **Goodbye to the Old Kitchen**

***There was an Old Kitchen retirement party on Sunday, Jan. 4 and a Clean Up Event on Jan. 5.***

Volunteers spent the day boxing and moving the items that were used in the kitchen so the renovation team could have a clean slate to start with.



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.

<b>Calendar for</b>	<b>February 2026</b>	
<b>Feb. 2/8/15/22 10 am</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Feb. 2/8/15/22 11:15 am</b>	<b>Adult/Youth Sunday School</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall/Library</b>
<b>Feb. 3/10/17/24 6:30 am</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study Group</b>	<b>44 Elmwood Pl, Athens</b>
<b>Feb. 4 10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b>	<b>Parlor</b>
<b>Feb. 5 noon</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b>	<b>100 S May Ave. Athens</b>
<b>Feb. 9 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Global Methodist Women</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Feb. 12/26 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Board Games</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Feb. 15 11:45 am</b>	<b>Valentine's Dinner</b>	<b>Eclipse Company Store</b>
<b>Feb. 18 10 am</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Feb. 25 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Building Committee Mtg</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Feb. 26 10 am</b>	<b>Richland Next Committee Mtg</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Feb. 28 10 am</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>

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

Prayers of Praise to God ~

- Sherry Norris's brother-in-law, Larry, has health improvement
- Linda Lohse-Smith is grateful for church family and for great medical care availability
- Our congregation was thankful for and uplifted by the CRU band's worship songs during the worship service

Prayers of Support ~

- Jan Gehres, continued unexplained vertigo
- Sarah Tipton, pneumonia
- Chuck Woodall, weekly chemo treatments
- Alex (Ingrams' grandson), employment opportunities
- Barb Ingram's friend's family in need of mental health assistance
- Sharon Burt, PT for leg
- Jim & Jorae Smith, adjustment to living arrangements
- Karen Hayes' family member
- Health concerns: Tracy Zimmerman; Jenny, needs surgery; Reagan (broke both hips); Brian Worth (cancer treatments); Paul Aikman; J.D. Shriner; Michelle Rose; caregiver Rob Cornelius;