

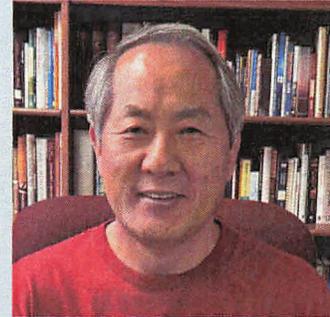


"A Word from the Pastor"

Awakening to God and His Presence

Going through crisis moments in our lives, sometimes we feel like we are forgotten and abandoned; we are confused and depressed. "Is God with me?" "Have I really been following God?" "Has he forgotten and abandoned me?"

The Devil seems to be taunting us, "Where is your God?" If you feel this way, you are not alone!



In Psalm 42, the psalmist says, "*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? (vv. 1-2).*" Created in the image of God, we need God and his presence in our life, whether Christians or non-Christians. The psalmist was likely taken captive to a foreign land, far away from the Holy Land, and was oppressed by the enemy among whom he lived. He was depressed from within and oppressed from without; "*My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God? (v. 3)"* In a crisis moment like this, we are under attack from within and from without. We feel hopeless and helpless without a sense of God's presence.

The psalmist, however, reminds himself of a solution to his predicament; "*My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you...(v. 6)*" Though he **could not feel** God's presence (vv. 9-10), the psalmist **remembered** God. Throughout the Scriptures, the Lord commands us to remember him and what he has done for us. Remembrance points back to what God has done for us in the past; in doing so, it points forward to what God will do for us in the future. Bridging the past and future, remembrance helps us awaken ourselves to God and his presence here and now!

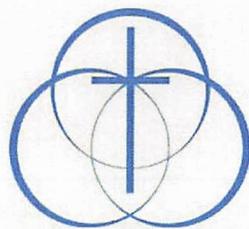
Are you downcast? The psalmist says, "*Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God (v. 5 and 11).*" There is hope in God. During difficulties, personally and collectively as a church, we are to remember God and what he has done for us in the past, awaken ourselves to God and his presence here and now, and anticipate what God will be doing in the future. People of Richland, God is with you and with us!

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.

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Nadya Hinson March 27
Steve Davis March 30

Weddings

Rita and Mark Snider March 20
Teri and Jeff Fischer March 31

John Ray will be 93 on March 4.

Cards are very welcome.
Be sure to write your first and last names clearly.
120 Lindley Inn
9000 Hocking Hills Drive
The Plains OH 45780

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.

The Next Blood Drive will be on April 9 in the Fellowship Hall

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

Office hours: Mon - Fri 10 am - 2 pm

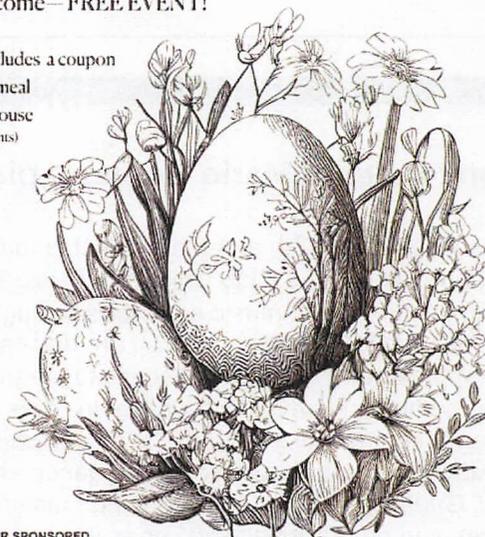
Richland Global Methodist Church
60 Pomeroy Road, Athens

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 1:00pm

All Ages Welcome – FREE EVENT!

Free Gift Bag includes a coupon
for a FREE kids meal
at Texas Road House
(accompanied by parents)



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Richland Next Developing Chair – Jeff Fischer
Richland Next Building Chair – Rev. Bob Ingram
Richland Next Prayer Chair – Marilyn Brown

Important Dates

Birthdays

John Ray March 4
George Adkins March 10
Linda Fowler March 13
Mary Ann Bennink March 20

has already been cleared. We'll try to set up a volunteer work day once the house gets started.

The spring rummage sale will be May 16.

MARCH PROJECT:

We will be collecting seeds for the Jackson Area Ministry during March. Lists of seeds needed will be available.

Invitation to attend Mario Gomez's piano group recital

Invitation to a Piano Recital! March 15th at 3 p.m. at Richland Global Methodist Church From our church pianist, Mario Gomez: The Ohio University Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Chapter empowers future music educators through collaboration, mentorship, and professional growth. Our Chapter members at O.U. are dedicated to strengthening our teaching, supporting one another, and expanding access to meaningful musical experiences.

Through service, leadership, and advocacy, we aim to make a lasting, positive impact on our students and the broader community. On March 15th, we would like to offer a piano recital and hope that you will support our group with your attendance and possibly a financial donation. Donations help fund: □ Guest speakers, clinicians, and masterclass artists □ Student attendance at MTNA conferences and professional workshops (Mario is scheduled to attend the MTNA conference in Chicago on March 21st) □ Educational events, pedagogy seminars, and teaching resources □ Community engagement and outreach programming We have four members in the Chapter.

The program will be at least 50 min long. The date is **Sunday, March 15th, at 3 p.m.** in the **sanctuary**. The recital is free, but financial donations to our Chapter will be accepted and appreciated.

Valentine's Day Luncheon Report

*A wonderful afternoon at the Eclipse Country Store in The Plains.
Fantastic Food and Quiz Challenge*



Welcome the New Choir Director, Patrick Mose, his wife Oleana, and their children Elisa and Amirah!



March Activities

Missions Committee

HABITAT NEWS:

The next house sponsored by the Faith Build Committee will begin in late April or early May. It will be located on Johnson Road in the Plains behind the car dealership across the street from The Plains United Methodist Church. The lot

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

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

February Activities

Kitchen News

On January 18, 2011, Emogene Yeager signed her Last Will and Testimony. Then on May 23, 2014, LaRoma Williams signed her Last Will and Testimony. Years later, upon their deaths, our church received gifts totaling nearly one and a half million dollars. LeRoma Williams' estate gift was “a testament to her parents deep love for God and the Richland church”; Emogene Yeager “loved church dinners at Richland” and wanted them to continue after she was gone. Both women had stated that they wanted their gifts used to remodel our church's kitchen. They both spoke of how very much they had enjoyed the church dinners over the years. Their way of saying “Thank you,” and making sure that the people of our church find enjoyment in both preparing and consuming many more dinners long into the future, was to make this financial gift to God and his church.

We are on the verge of enjoying the first fruits from a newly remodeled kitchen, made possible by the actions of these two ladies many years earlier. We all thank these two ladies for their thoughtful gifts, and we pledge ourselves to redouble our efforts to putting as much love and joy into every bite of food served in the beautiful new kitchen they have made possible. And may God bless every man, woman and child fed from this kitchen!

The kitchen remodel is nearing completion, but our work is still not done. Both ladies also wanted a new fellowship hall. LaRoma called it a “Community Room.” The Richland Next Building Committee is still working on designing a new addition to our building. We are currently thinking of a new community room, bigger than our current parlor and smaller than our fellowship hall – plus new handicapped accessible bathrooms on both floors, new church offices, classrooms for children and youth, and a choir room. A new covered entrance will bring people into the center of the newly enlarged church, near the current elevator and the new church offices, and near “Martha's Café.” We think Emogene and LaRoma would especially like the café being on the same floor as the sanctuary and offering hot and cold drinks and snacks.

The Building Committee also wants to include a gym in the new construction, but we are thinking that with building costs being so high, we may have to put this off until later. Other parts that may be put off until later include: expanding the current fellowship hall by removing the walls of the current library and children's classroom, expanding the nursery into the current pastor's office, and moving the library into the current secretary's office. Installing a patio, new playground equipment and a meditation/prayer garden outside may also have to wait for additional funding, as well as having solar panels installed on the current and new building roofs (to help with utility bills).

We are still dreaming, adding our dreams to those of Emogene and LaRoma. We keep asking what is next that God wants for Richland Global Methodist Church? And we have to ask, have you thought about putting something in your will for the church? Maybe you could take on a project that we cannot afford just yet. You may want to pray about it.

Adventure Land is held live during the church service.
Youth Sunday School follows the Service in the library.

Calendar for	March 2026	
March 1/8/15/22/29 10 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
March 1/8/15/22/29 11:15 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School	Fellowship Hall/Library
March 3/10/17/24/31 6:30 am	Men's Bible Study Group	44 Elmwood Pl, Athens
March 8 11:15 am	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
March 4 10:00 am	Worship Committee	Parlor
March 9 3:00 pm	Global Methodist Women	Fellowship Hall
March 12/26 1:00 pm	Board Games	Fellowship Hall
March 18 1:30 pm	Building Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall
March 26 10 am	Richland Next Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall
March 24 10 am	Equipping meeting	Parlor
March 28 1 pm	Easter Egg Hunt	Outdoors

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

Prayers of Praise to God ~

- CRU is rejoicing that more O.U. students than ever before are seeking Christ and attending CRU-sponsored gatherings
- Grateful for the choir sharing meaningful worship through music
- Praise to God that Ken Cottrill is improving in strength
- Dr. Trina Wisecup has returned to her medical mission in Africa

Prayers of Support ~

- Our heartfelt condolences to Linda Fowler, and family, upon the passing of her brother, Jim Smith.
- Prayers for God's guidance for Linda Lohse-Smith's daughter's decision
- Travel mercies for our Church family
- From Carl Denbow: Paul Aikman; J.D. Shriener; Michelle Rose; Rob Cornelius, caregiver for mother, Martha; the Figueroa family; Ron Huggins, in physical rehab
- Health concerns: Kathy Daniels; Jan Gehres; Sharon Burt; George Ledbetter; Olena Mozes' mother, Hanna, eye surgery Feb. 24th; Chuck Woodall; Brian Worth; Megan Hill
- Still no working elevator at Beasley Mills apartments
- Those who are being cared for away from their homes, including John Ray (Lindley Inn), Ginny Jones (TX), and Steve Secoy (at daughter's)
- Knowledge, skill, and safety for the kitchen remodel workers
- Wisdom from God for Israel's and U.S. leaders
- God's guidance and protection for U.S. military around the world
- Colonel Russell Henry