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Monthly News & Updates

April 2026

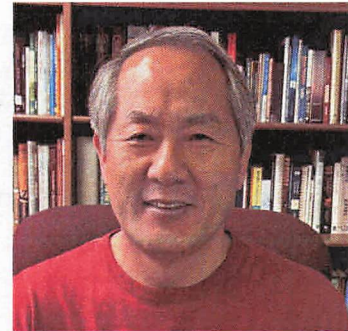
Richland Global Methodist Church

60 Pomeroy Road Athens, OH 45701

"A Word from the Pastor"

The Daffodils on the Hill

About two weeks ago, Ms. Diane Tong sent me a picture of the daffodils on the hill. The cross of daffodils in full bloom was stunning with the steeple of the old Richland Methodist Church on top of the hill. In the late 70's, Carol Adkins and Dottie Cook, former choir director at Richland, planted daffodils on the hillside adjacent to the parking lot. They planted them in a way that formed the shape of the cross. Year after year, yellow daffodil flowers have come back to life and full blossom after the long cold stormy winters. They have reminded us of the beauty, love, joy, peace, and hope that Jesus Christ brings us through his death and resurrection in time for Easter!



In Isaiah 53:4-5, the Prophet Isaiah says, *"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."* Jesus our Lord transformed a humble manger into a sacred place at his birth. He transformed a detestable and shameful cross into a symbol of beauty, love, joy, peace, and hope at his death. *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen just as he said (Matthew 28:5-6)."* The Lord Jesus calms

us down and reassures us when we are afraid. He knows who we are and how we feel. He is faithful that he died on the cross and rose from the dead just as he said! Through his death and resurrection, we have a hope that we too will rise again and live with him forever!

Looking at the daffodils on the hill, we look at the cross on which Jesus Christ our Lord was crucified. Coming back to life and full bloom after harsh winter in time for Easter, the daffodils on the hill also remind us of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Looking at the steeple on top of the hill, we look at the church that was given birth to by Christ through his death and resurrection. As has been in the past, people of Richland are thankful to Carol Adkins and Dottie Cook for planting the cross of daffodils. We will forever give thanks and praise to the Lord Jesus who died on the cross and rose from the dead every time we look up to the daffodils on the hill!

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.

<u>Calendar for</u>	<u>April 2026</u>	
April 2 6 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Fellowship Hall
April 2 7:15 pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
April 9/16/23/30 7 pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
April 3 8 pm	Good Friday Service	Fellowship Hall
April 5 8 am	Easter Sunrise Service/Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
April 5 10 am	Easter Service	Sanctuary
April /12/19/26 10 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
April 12/19/26 11:15 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School	Fellowship Hall/Library
April 8 10:00 pm	Worship Committee	Parlor
April 8 4:00 pm	Missions Committee	Parlor
April 7/14/21/28 6:30 am	Men's Bible Study Group	44 Elmwood Pl, Athens
April 9 noon - 6 pm	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
April 13 3:00 pm	Global Methodist Women	Fellowship Hall

April 16/30 1:00 pm	Board Games	Fellowship Hall
April 18 10 am	Gideons Int'l Conversations Training	Fellowship Hall
April 22 1:30 pm	Building Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall
April 23 10 am	Richland Next Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall
April 25 10 am	Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
April 28 10 am	Equipping Mtg	Parlor

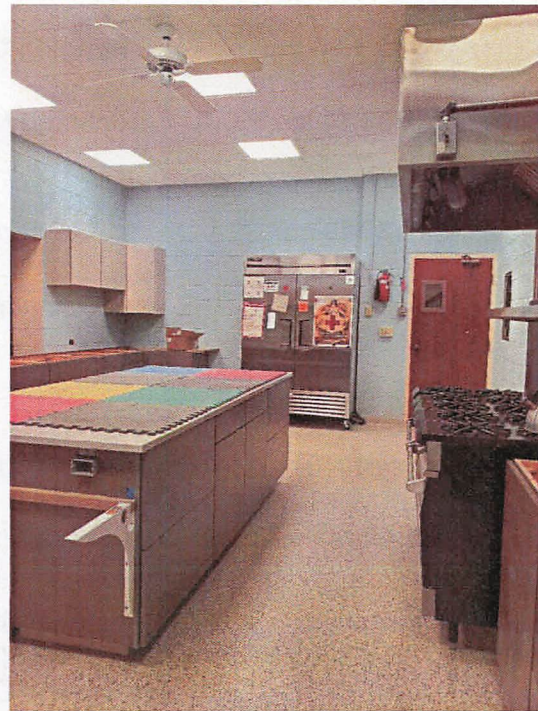
Please continue to lift in prayer those who were mentioned in the worship

- Sarah Tipton is feeling blessed as all her grandkids participated in Saturday's egg hunt
 - Glory to God for the gift of beautiful music
- Carla Hirst has been blessed with a special creative process for her next show at The Dairy Barn
- Richland egg hunt hopefully inspired some participants to learn more about God
 - Thanks be to God for the beautiful sunshine for the egg hunt

Prayers of Support ~

- Joyful endurance for the bread makers, and blessed preparations for the Maundy Thursday meal
 - Health concerns: Phyllis Dodrill (sprained foot); Yvonne Mayer (skin lesion removed); Judy and Chuck Woodall; Darius Douglas; Brian Worth; Carol Waugh; Jorae Smith, (Linda F. sis-in-law); Gary Devol; Judy Smith, (Linda L-S sis-in-law); Megan Hill (Steve Davis' sis); Jim Lentz (Barb Ward's bro-in-law); Michelle Rose; Paul Aikman; J.D. Shrinier; Martha Cornelius; the Figueroa family
 - Travel mercies for our church family
- 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
 - Col. Russell Henry in the Middle East and safety for all of our military
 - God's wisdom and direction for the leaders of the U.S., Israel, and Ukraine
 - Courage for the Iranian people and for the surrounding countries affected by the conflict
- May Richland be a welcoming church for adults and youth, offering hope and joy in Christ

March Activities



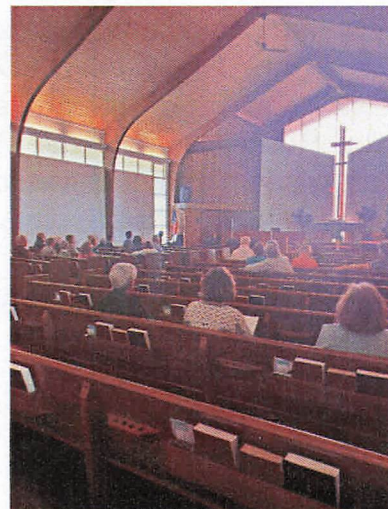
Kitchen News

The remodeling of the church kitchen and pantry is scheduled to be completed during Holy Week - Hooray! Praise the Lord! The Global Methodist Women are waiting until after Easter to return the dishes to the kitchen and pantry (easier on everybody). We expect to use the kitchen to prepare our Holy Thursday meal (without the dishes), and again for the Sunrise Breakfast, and then again the kitchen will be put to work on April 9 for the Blood Drive. So it is back to work for our kitchen. Methodists do so love to eat! Nadya is adding a few photos of the almost finished kitchen and pantry. Bon appetit!

Piano Recital of the OU Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Chapter

MARCH 15, 2026

Thank you Mario Gomez



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EASTER EGG HUNT

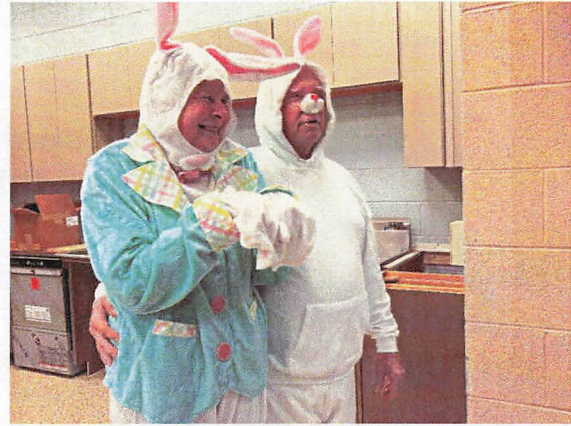
Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 1:00pm

All Ages Welcome — FREE EVENT!

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

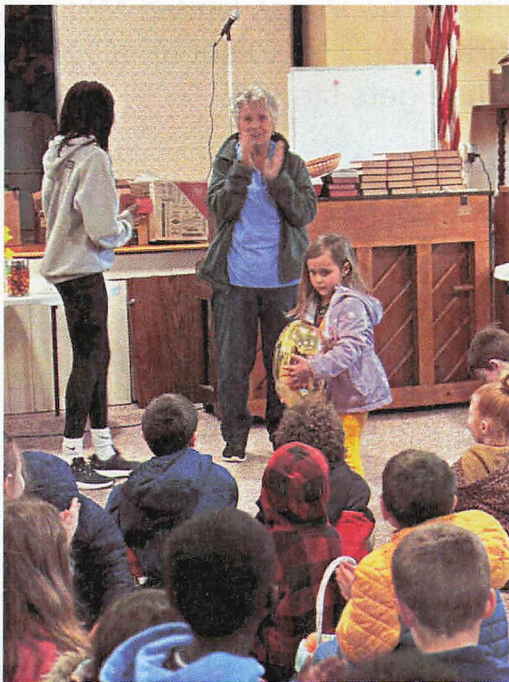


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The Easter Egg hunt was a great success despite the rather chilly weather. Over 50 participants came and filled their baskets.

Richland Global Methodist Women prepared Easter Baskets for shut-ins.



April Activities

Richland Global Methodist Church Join us this Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 3 at 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast, April 5 at 8 am in the
Fellowship Hall

Easter Service, April 5 at 10 am in the Sanctuary

Missions Committee

HABITAT NEWS:

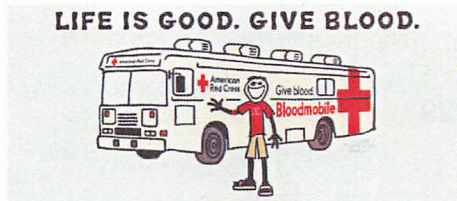
The next house sponsored by the Faith Build Committee will begin in late April or early May. It will be located on Johnson Road in the Plains behind the car dealership across the street from The Plains United Methodist Church. The lot has already been cleared. We'll try to set up a volunteer work day once the house gets started.

Items Needed at My Sister's Place

Lotion, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Diapers (size 3,4 & 5)
Fans, Incontinence pads, sponges, mouthwash, paper towels, toilet paper,
Bluetooth ear buds, blankets: new or gently used, kid's toothpaste.
Cash donations welcome. Place in offering plate and mark for My
Sister's Place.

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

Sign Up to Volunteer or Donate Food in the Narthex



**Blood Drive Sponsored By
Richland Methodist Church**

Basement
60 Pomeroy Rd
Athens, OH 45701

**Thursday, April 9, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2787) 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.



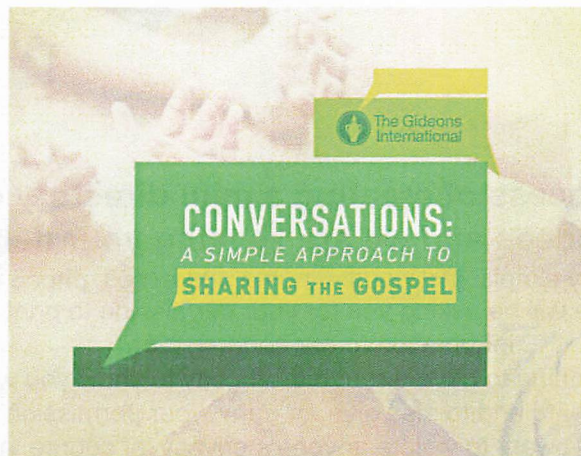
NEW MERCH: Come give March 30-April 12 for an exclusive Red Cross x Life is Good T-shirt. RedCross.org



LIFE IS GOOD x American Red Cross

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

An **Outreach Training Event**, led by the **Gideons International Conversations** (Instructor Mr. Greg Slone), will be held on Saturday, **April 18, 10am - 1pm** (Fellowship Hall). All committee chairs and members, including the Richland Next committees, are invited to sign up for the event (a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex).



Donations for Living Waters

of Religious texts and Christian Books are needed by the end of June.

Important Dates

Birthdays

- Patricia Setty April 19
- Noel (Davis) Studniarz April 24
- Zawadi Ogallo April 26
- Carol Adkins April 29



Weddings

Jack and Janet Malloy April 29



Officers and Committee Leaders 2026

Trustees Chair - Mike Ward / Vice Chair - Jeff Fischer

Chair of Administrative Board - Mark Snider

Administrative Board Secretary and Treasurer - Rick Mayer

Lay Leader - Sarah Tipton, Assoc. Lay Leader - Marilyn Brown

Chair of Finance - Mark Snider

Financial Secretary - Larry Tong

SPRC Chair - Rick Mayer

Nominations Chair - Pastor Han

Worship Chair – Tina Swearingen

Richland Next Equipping Chair - Sarah Tipton, Marilyn Brown

Richland Next Developing Chair – Jeff Fischer

Richland Next Building Chair – Rev. Bob Ingram

Richland Next Prayer Chair – Marilyn Brown

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!



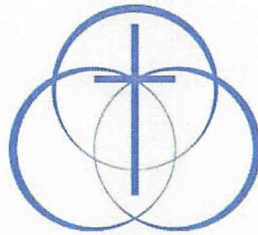
Weather Guidelines

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

Office hours: Mon - Fri 10 am - 2 pm

Pastor Peter Han may be reached at: pastor.han@richlandmethodist.org and (859) 740-3180 (cell). Office contact is Nadya Hinson.



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