



Monthly News & Updates

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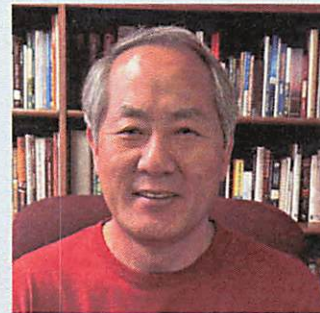
Richland Global Methodist Church

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"A Word from the Pastor"

Becoming a Praying Church

Charles Bridges, preacher and theologian in the Church of England in the 19th century, said, "Take one step at a time, every step under Divine warrant and direction. Ever plan for yourself in simple dependence on God. It is nothing less than self-idolatry to conceive that we can carry on even the ordinary matters of the day without his counsel. He loves to be consulted. Therefore take all thy difficulties to be resolved by Him. Be in the habit of going to Him in the first place – before self-will, self-pleasing, self-wisdom, human friends, convenience, expediency. Before any of these have been consulted go to God at once. Consider no circumstances too clear to need his direction. In all thy ways, small as well as great; in all thy concerns, personal or relative, temporal or eternal, let Him be supreme." His wisdom speaks volumes for us as individuals and church!



When the Lord Jesus was *praying* at his baptism, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him (Luke 3:21-22). Jesus spent the night *praying* to God before he chose his twelve disciples (Luke 6:12). Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus made a habit of *praying* in a quiet place (Luke 22:39). In Gethsemane, he *prayed*, "***Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me, yet not my will, but yours be done (Luke 22:42).***" Jesus' disciples joined together *constantly in prayer* (Acts 1:14) and were baptized with the Holy Spirit, through whose power and presence the Church was established and expanded in an amazing way (Acts 2:1-47). The Apostle Paul says, "***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).***"

Richland Next cannot be carried on and accomplished unless we become a praying church and pray without ceasing. Let us pray as individuals and church, taking one step at a time, every step under the Lord's guidance and direction. Let us keep moving forward prayerfully with small steps that we can take and in simple dependence on God. We are confident that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion in His time and in His way. **Let us become a praying church, allowing the Lord to do in a way that only He can do!**

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 October

Oct. 1/1:30 pm	Worship Committee	Parlor
Oct. 1/3:30 pm	Missions Committee	Parlor
Oct, 2/ 2 pm	Richland Next Sub Committee	Parlor
Oct. 5, 12,19,26 / 10 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Oct. 7,5,12,19,26/ 11:15 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School	Fellowship Hall/Library
Oct. 7,14,21,28 / 6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Snider Home
Oct. 9, 23 / 1:00 pm	Board Games for All Ages	Fellowship Hall
Oct.12/ 9 am	Jr. High Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 13/ 5:00 pm	Methodist Women Group	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 16/ noon - 6 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 19/ 11:15 am	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Oct. 22/30 / 7 pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Oct. 26/ 5pm	Family Fun Night	Fellowship Hall

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

- Prayers of Praise to God ~
- Witness of the AIA members today
- Mario's musical gifts; and the energy and willingness of Colton to work with our youth
- Keith Watson's health is improving at home
- Recent Pregnancy Resource Center banquet was successful
- Carol Adkins' sister-in-law, Ella, is improving
- Family Fun night was well-attended

Prayers of Support ~

- Ginny Jones (TX); John Ray (Lindley Inn)
- Karen Hayes, injured ankle
- Phyllis Dodrill, ill today
- Mindy Heflin, readiness to donate a kidney to a former college athlete
- Travel mercies for our church family
- Travel mercies in S. Korea during holiday
- MaryAnn Bennink's niece, Shirley (health)
- Diane Tong's niece, Sarah (health)
- Rita Snider's cousin, Janet Artz (surgery)
- Strength & endurance for Carla & Jeanette Ryan as they work on their parents' home
- Chemo treatments: Chuck Woodall; Darius Douglas; Brian Worth
- From Sherry Norris: Larry (cancer) & family
- Ruth Ann Mayer's nephews, Gary and Bill Devol; Nicholas Devol; Chris Maisch
- Our condolences to the family of Marilyn Riley upon her passing. (Jim Ledbetter's m.i.l.)
- From Tina Swearingen: Barb; Kathy; Dave; Walter; Theresa & family
- From Carl Denbow: J.D. Shriner; Michelle Rose; Paul Aikman; Martha Cornelius (she is improving); the Figueroa family
- Sam Wells, brain surgery recovery
- From Jane Denbow: Barbara Testerman, surgery this week
- Kindness for skilled care facility residents who are unable(physically or mentally) to live at home
- Megan Hill (health)
- Jan Gehres' niece, Carol (health)
- Rod Gehres' brother-in-law, Bob
- Client of Sharon Burt, surgery
- Israel; Ukraine; our nation and its leaders
- God's direction for Richland Next projects
- May Richland be a welcoming church for adults and youth, offering hope and joy in Christ

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

RGMC History

George to the Rescue! (Again)

The worship leaders, choir members, musicians, and the pastor walk up onto the elevated altar-area flooring level for their participation in the worship service. Some people, through the years, have expressed some difficulty negotiating the steps without a handrail. George Adkins to the rescue!

George selected a wooden newel post and stained it to match our existing woodwork in the sanctuary. Then he secured the post discreetly, right in a position that facilitates a steady walk up and down the steps. It's something we've needed without realizing it, until we got one! 😊

Thank you, George!

September Activities

Junior High Pancake Breakfast was on September 14 at 9 am. This is the first of an ongoing series of breakfast events for our youth and their invited friends.

Jr High PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, Sept 14th 9 - 10am
Richland Methodist Church
60 Pomeroy Road, Athens
*Optional church service following at 10am



Discovery Kitchen was on Sept 10th

Thank you to Linda Lohse-Smith for helping with the planning of this event which is offered by Ohio Health DAWN Wellness Network to teach methods of creating delicious meals out of locally grown produce. The next opportunity will be on November 12



Richland Next Prayer Team

Led by Sheila Chelimo

The Church Growth Team offered this prayer

Lord, we thank You for the children and families who have joined our joyful fellowship this year. We praise You for the seeds planted through events like Vacation Bible School, the Easter Egg Hunt and youth gatherings. Grant us wisdom and divine direction as we continue to nurture spiritual growth. May Your Spirit guide every step we take in building a vibrant, Christ-centered community.

Bible Verses:

James 1:5

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 19:14

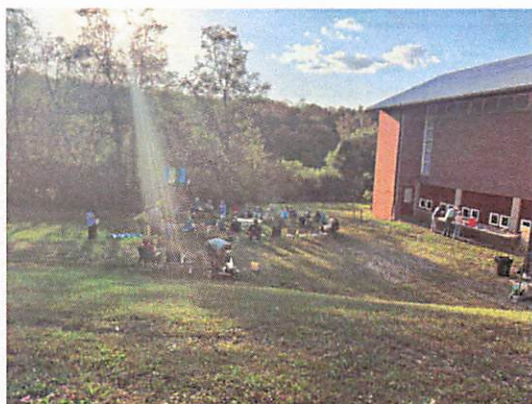
Missions Committee

Habitat News:

Our fall Fun Run was a success clearing more than \$4,000. We had 22 participants, including several families. We hope to expand in future years to include more walkers.

Family Fun Night

The Family Fun Night was enjoyed by almost forty attendees of all ages- We were blessed with a beautiful evening with three new families , five children under third grade, four teens, and our Richland family! Lawn chair chat time, enjoying hot dogs w homemade sauce, and s'mores, games with the kids, campfire songs, and closing devotional by Jeff Fischer, God showed up & showed off with his Presence surrounding us! Appreciate all who provided food items, money for hot dogs, and PRAYERS!! Praise be your God!!



October Activities

The next Jr. High breakfast will be on October 12 at 9 am. Invite your neighbors, classmates and friends.



Missions Committee

The scrap metal drive will be October 18 from 9-1 at the Athens County Fairgrounds.

The rummage sale will be November 15 at Christ the King Family Center.

Community of Hope

Our missions project for October is hosting Good Works' Friday Night Life on October 24 at The Plains United Methodist Church. We will need volunteers to attend and to provide food, details to follow. 2025 marks the 33rd year of Friday Night Life, which started out at the Timothy House as a way for former residents to keep in touch. As the event grew, it moved to Central United Methodist and then to The Plains (winter months) and the Luhrig Road property (summer). Now community members, current and former residents of Timothy House, and volunteers gather each week for food, fellowship, fun, and educational presentations. Friday Night Life is designed to "bring together a community of HOPE where people can establish trust, build friendships, help one another in practical ways, and encourage one another to love and serve one another."

There will be a Family Fest Night again on October 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Keep your eye on our Facebook page and website for updates. Sign up sheets to donate food will be in the Narthex or call the office at 740 593 8541.



The Next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on October 16 from noon till 6:00 pm. Sign up sheet for Volunteers is in the Narthex. All Blood Types are needed including O, A, B and AB.



Richland Next Prayer Team Request

The Richland Next Prayer Team is requesting daily prayers for the many aspects of our church's renewal project. Soon, we will be providing THREE SPECIFIC things about the ongoing planning for you to include in your prayers.

Also, we hope to incorporate a brief time during Sunday worship in which we will pray collectively for the three things which will be updated as the work progresses. Be on the lookout in each Sunday's bulletin announcements for the current "three specific" prayer requests!

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:1-2

Please send in any inspiration that you may have for the Newsletter, Facebook, or our website. This can be anything from photos, art, poetry, thoughts and etc. God is speaking to you every day. What is He saying to you?

Important Dates



Kenneth Cottrill Oct. 2
Katie Pittman Oct. 3
Kathy Daniels Oct. 7
Charles McManus Oct 10
Grace Kirkland Oct 18
Tina Swearingen Oct 25
Janis Gehres Oct 31

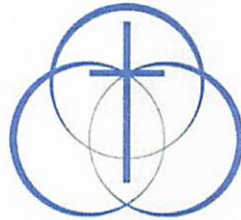
Roger and Kathy Daniels Oct. 1
Peter and Ruth Han Oct 7
Alex and Jean Tyre Oct 21

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



Office hours: Mon - Fri 10 am - 2 pm

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