Richwood Presbyterian Church

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I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34

<u>Sunday Schedule</u>

9:30 am Adult Sunday School Resumes June 6th 11:00 am Worship Service

> Virtual Worship on Facebook & In-House Worship with social distancing and masks for those who are not fully vaccinated.

<u>Daily Scheðule</u> 9:00 am Facebook Daily Scripture Reaðing & Meðitation given by Rev. Terry Webster

A Message from our Transitional Pastor:

Hey Friends,

Well, it is summer now. It is a great time for me because I am someone who loves the heat and all that comes with it, except maybe the cicadas!

Summer has always been a time when I remember what life was like growing up for me. It was mostly spent playing baseball, kick the can, and other games with neighborhood kids. It was chance for me to just be a kid, to put away all the strange stuff that was going on in my family, and for that I will always be grateful for those summer months. It was just a time of a lot of fun and joy for me. I hope that each one of us have some of the same type of stories that we can tell as we think back to those years.

I was thinking about this as I was driving home from a family birthday party last weekend. Marsha and I headed up to Pennsylvania for her brother in law's 70th birthday. It was a great outdoor time since the weather was just about perfect. While the discussions wandered off into areas that I had no interest in, it was still a lot of fun getting to see family who traveled from Indianapolis and Illinois to join in the Festivities. As we were driving home it really made me see how much, even as a total introvert, I do miss that kind of social time with people I know, and how much I am looking forward to getting a chance to do this again soon. I am really looking forward to the upcoming birthday picnic on the church lawn on the first Sunday in June, plus hopefully soon, we can get back to fellowship time on Sunday morning.

In the meantime, I hope all of us will take the opportunity to spend some time with each other to provide support and prayer. Come to the picnic, join with us for our Sunday school class on the Psalms, and find other chances to fellowship. It really is an important part of the church's life, maybe the most important part.

My prayers are with each of you!

See you Sunday.

Blessings, Terry **Per Capita**- Our annual contributions to the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery are being received. The amount due is \$33/ member. It can be submitted by check with a note in the memo section or you may donate online and designate Per Capita.



The Garden is almost finished with all the plantings except the peppers and a few more beans need to be planted. We had several children sprout their beans at home and they had a chance to plant them along the fence last Friday evening with the help of their family. Other children will be coming to plant their beans when they are big enough.

The garden will need maintenance so if you enjoy the out of doors and the beauty of Nature, Anita will be there **every Wednesday at 9:30** beginning in June to do whatever chores that are needed and she could use your help.!!!!

Other Happenings in Christian Ed.



The theme of Vacation Bible School this year is *"Water All Around the World"*.
VBS will start the week of June 9th - July 7th.
The Christian Education Committee has decided to follow the same format as last year with parents picking up the packets each Wednesday at 4:00pm. There will be a party on the July 10th.



The Adult class begins **Sunday**, **June 6th** with a social time at **9:30** with class starting at **9:45**. We will be studying the Psalms each Sunday for twelve weeks. Rev. Webster has the books so please see him. The cost is \$10. Start reading the Psalms and come enjoy the fellowship of learning and sharing our faith together.

The **Children's SS** will also begin their curriculum at the same time. See you there!





Arya Tewes	Jun 9
Shelia Mann	Jun 9
Mary Broeg	Jun 14
Ina Hahlbeck	Jun 17
Nolan Tewes	Jun 22
Leah Clore 🍃 🧃	Jun 23
Anita Reed	Jun 24
Sawyer Roth	Jun 25
Reagan Lakes	Jun 28
Karola Yourison 🖉 🔪	Jun 30



Richard & Kay Griffith	Jun 12
Fred & Patti Hester	Jun 13
George & Anita Reed	Jun 20
Cole & Lacey Lakes	Jun 27
Glenn & Mikel Derrick	Jun 27



Online is new to a lot of us but works very well. Go to the church website and click on **Sunday Worship**, then click on the button.



This will take you to online donations. This is through the PCUSA Foundation. They will process checks or credit cards and then let us know what has come through.

OR

You put your phone on camera and point it at



this box to the right in the bulletin. At the top of your screen a link will appear that you can then click on to take you to the site where you can donate money to us. It's that easy!



Celebrate Our Church's 187th birthday!

Sunday June 6th, we will be celebrating our Church's 187th birthday with a picnic. It will be different this year, due to the Pandemic. The Church will supply the hamburgers and hotdogs, which will be grilled up on the hill, behind the Church. Tables and chairs will be set up. You are asked to bring

your own basket lunch for your family picnic. We are Not sharing any food. Please let us know by June Ist if you will be coming and how many guests with you. We all need this get together for fellowship, since this last year has been stressful for everyone!

Contact Pat Spillman with any questions at 859-866-1027



Saturday, May 15th was a fun day working together in the yard and inside the building. It was a time of fellowship along with work. Two loads of mulch were laid, flower beds weeded and bushes around church trimmed. Two toilets repaired inside and more planting in the Community Garden took place. A second workday was held May 29th where work was completed in the garden and up around the manse.

Thank you to all who helped!







May Highlights

The meeting opened in prayer and devotion.

- Rev. Terry shared the combined responses on the Congregational Conversations" to help us in the discernment process for the future of Richwood. Thanks to all who participated.
- Building and Grounds will have second workday this Sat. The foundation on the East side of building has been repaired. The steps at the manse are going to repaired soon.

Toilets in bathrooms repaired.

Christian Ed. Is preparing for VBS starting June 9th.

Sunday school for Adults and Children will begin June 6th at 9:45am. Come early and have a little fellowship.

The community garden is off to a good start. Plants are in, tending open to all on Wed. am to pull weeds or to water.

- Fellowship is planning the picnic for the 6th. Be sure to let Patsy know if you are coming. Prepared funeral luncheon for Lisa Ramler, daughter of Barb Britt and sisters, Leah and Lara.
- Finance: Overview of where we are with all our transitions from Covid to staff changes. More accurate standing expected in July meeting.
- Mission continues working on serving others through the CAC food donations, Quilters for Comfort making quilts.
 Fairhaven comes in July and menu is to be hamburgers and trimmings for Summer.
- Personnel is reviewing the Ministries and Policies of Richwood Pres. and having the rest of session to assist in the process.

Worship and Music had announcements that bring joy to many. Beginning May 29th Masks optional for fully vaccinated people,

If you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional for worship and in the church. Then came the word from Presbytery similar to our decision, YEAH! If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask when you are in worship and in the church. We will be keeping the pews the same so that there will be a safe distance. Please respect everyone's space. Many fully vaccinated people, like pastor, will still be wearing masks. No one is going to be a vaccine police office, however, please remember that we are a covenant community, so we ask that you abide by these rules. As a community of faith, as Christians, we follow first the teachings of Jesus. We are called to love others as we love ourselves which means that we will look out for other's people's needs first.

- Discussion of the location of the flags led to a decision to have the flags back in the sanctuary beginning May 29th.
- ↓ June 5th video equip will be set up with potential to be ready for the 6th.
- **4** Session ended in prayer and thanksgiving.



Dear Congregation,

I haven't taken the time to write the thank you note for the beautiful quilt given to me. Thank you especially to each one who made the effort to sign a swath of cloth with their name and return that same cloth to the hands that would put it all together. Thank you also to those who put the quilt together into one piece. It is a great memento of the years spent at Richwood. And I am sure that when God desires to call me home, it will be displayed one last time.

I haven't made it through the mounds of boxes that came home with me, so some of you have not yet received your individual thank yous for gifts. Please be patient. You can be assured as I come across each one in my unpacking that you will receive one.

God Bless, Rev. Rhoda

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