

**Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ**

**Our Church at Worship and Annual Meeting
on the Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023 10:00 A.M.**

Our Mission: **To be an inviting, caring faith community
connecting with Christ.**

Worship & Annual Meeting Agenda

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Song: “God of Change and Glory”

Word for All Ages

Song: “This Little Light of Mine”

Time of Confession

Choir Anthem: “I Prepare a Place”

Call the Meeting to Order

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Members and Ministries

The Lord’s Prayer

Words from the Outgoing President

Nominations

Election of Officers and Leaders

Song: “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” v. 1 & 2

Scripture Reading:

The Gospel According to Matthew 5:1-16

Pastor's Report

Affirmation of Faith

Song: "Called as Partner's in Christ's Service" v. 3 & 4

The Offering

The Finance Report

Looking Forward: Updates and New Business

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Final Blessing

Song: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

"I Prepare a Place" arranged by Roger Thornhill (BMI). Music shared under CCLI #1908882.

CHURCH NEWS

FOR LEARNING

BIBLE STUDY will be Tuesday on Zoom at 1:30. We read and discuss the sermon Scripture for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join in and no special knowledge is needed. Our Meeting ID is 896 5130 1635 and the passcode is 003204. This Tuesday we'll continue discussing Matthew 6:7-21, 25-34.

FOR SERVICE

GIVE TO THE CHRISTMAS FUND of the United Church of Christ provides annuity supplements, health insurance supplements, emergency grants, and Christmas gift checks to individuals who have long served the church, such as pastors, widows of pastors, and pastors in transition between churches. You can contribute

through January 22; just mark “UCC Christmas Fund” on your giving envelope or check memo line.

GIFT CARD ORDERING: Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! Think about gifts you might need to give or places where you shop regularly. You can see a full list of vendors and the % at www.raiseright.com/brands

If you give Penny a gift card order on Sunday, your cards are usually here by midweek. Contact Penny at 815-236-6172 or mriapk@gmail.com or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled “GIFT CARDS” in the office hallway. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: You don’t need to have children of Sunday school age to be a teacher. We ask teachers to take a month at a time, which is usually 3 or 4 Sunday, and we provide an easy-to-use curriculum. Talk to Jean Valsa for more information.

HOST FELLOWSHIP SNACKS: A simple snack is all that’s needed, and coffee-making tutorials are available. Sign-up sheet is available in the lounge today.

BLOOD DRIVE: We will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 31, from 3:30-7:30 PM. Anyone wishing to make an appointment can contact DeAnn Workmon at 815-678-0011.

FOR CONNECTION

FOOD WITH FRIENDS is back for winter gatherings.

Food With Friends is a fun plan for our church family to host each other in our homes or at church, one household at a time for a simple meal and relaxed conversation. We will get together with one other member or household in our homes, at the church or at a meeting place. Each time we will repast with a different member until, hopefully over time, we have each had a chance to eat and visit one on one with every other member of the church. The “meal” can be as simple as tea and cookies or frozen pizza – the point is to enjoy the time together not to stress over cooking. Get togethers will be casual and last about an hour and a half. Friday or Saturday evenings or Sunday mid-day or evenings are all good choices. For more information or to sign up, see the flyers available today or talk to Elise Livingston (815-347-2807 or Elise@EliseLivingston.com).

SAVE THE DATE FOR BUNCO! The Congregational Care Committee is planning a Bunco night for Friday, February 17 at 7 PM. Watch for further details as we get closer to the date.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

TODAY

Liturgist: ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday School: Eveylyn Heber

Jan 29

Liturgist Nicki Carter
Video Director
Greeter/Usher
Fellowship Hosts: The Hebers
Sun. School: Deann Workmon

Feb 5

Liturgist Mike Kennedy
Video Director
Greeter/Usher
Fellowship Hosts
Communion Prep

PRAYERS for the WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope (pastorhope@richmonducc.org) AND our office manager, Kathy Smietana (office@richmonducc.org). THANKS!

We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.

JOYS: Birthdays –Matthew Kazimier (1/25), Debbie Franzone (1/28)
The birth of Rob Rummel’s grandson, Cameron Steven Navis.

PRAYERS FOR:

Louise Strahs
Ronnie Obara’s father, Ron Obara, Sr.
Jeanie Bletsch, relative of the Kemps
Phyllis Kazimier
Jim Speaker’s aunt, Susie McCrae
Lydia Blanton
The people of Ukraine

Ongoing Prayers:

Cheryl Heber’s father, Russell Koca
Lydia Blanton’s friend, Natalie, and Natalie’s family
Marti Swanson’s brother, John Baldwin
Ella Watts, Melissa Jones’s mother
Louise Strah’s niece, Amy Lenik

Congregational Prayer Partners: Bill and Sheryl Vezina.

In the Wider Church: We pray for The Community Church of Richmond and all churches having Annual Meetings in these days.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities: Betty Waspi, Phyllis Kazimier

God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the best modern tunes to gain discipleship gifts from Christ.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
 Al Carmines, 1973

EPIPHANY SEASON

C F C F G

In our dif-fer-ence is bless-ing, from di-ver-si-ty we praise

C F G

one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,

F C G7 C

hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

For another key, see 43, 368

3 A Cris-to-en-sal-ce-mos
por su san-ta a-lian-za.
4 Al Fiel Con-so-la-dor
de-mos a-la-ban-za.
(Estrillo)

3 Sing praise to Christ the Sav-ior,
Bring-er of sal-va-tion.
4 And praise the Ho-ly Spir-it,
Com-fort-er most ho-ly.
(Refrain)

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be-fore our God we come and pour our ar-dent prayers;
3 We share each oth-er's woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in-ward pain,

The shar-ing of a com-mon life is like to that a-bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
And of-ten for each oth-er flows a sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a-gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Huddon Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nægeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845