

TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Oh yeah! It's going to be a great summer!!

Our Work Retreat at NWOCYC is approaching very quickly. That's right, this coming weekend, May 3, 4, and 5th, we will be working at the camp preparing for this summer's sessions. I will be there all day on Friday, so feel free to arrive at any time. Carol will have food prepared so that as you arrive you will have supper waiting on you. We have a list of projects posted in the foyer, and we can add other projects if you have one in mind that you would like to complete. We need lots of hands to cut, split, and stack firewood. Make sure to bring work gloves and a jacket for cool nights. There are two other congregations that will be joining us, so there will be time for fellowship as well. There is also a schedule posted in the foyer, but be flexible as it may change. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend so that our Kitchen staff can prepare plenty of food.

Camp is also approaching fast. June 16th through June 22nd, we will have our Camp Week at NWOCYC. Registration is now open! Go to nwocyc.org and find Josh Ball's Week. Get signed up, then invite your friends! Our staff has been preparing for a great week of bible classes, crafts, skits, songs and break out sessions. The Kitchen staff has been preparing meal plans and snacks so we will as always be well fed! I am so excited for this year's camp! Our next camp staff meeting will be May 8th at 8 pm in room 11. We still are looking for some scholarships to help families send their kids to camp. If you are able to help with that cost, see me, Matt Dahm, or James Gary.

June 2nd will be Youth Day here at Richland Road. Our teens and youth group will lead the service on that day. Young ladies will greet all our members as they enter and hand out bulletins. Our young men will be ushers and serve communion. Finally, Mathew Bellamy will be preaching! Mark your calendars for this special day!

We are planning our family campout this year for late July or early August. The campground is looking at a few dates, and we should have them soon. During that camping trip, we will also be canoeing or tubing the river!

Congratulations to Mathew Bellamy for making the All-Ohio Hockey Team this year! Also, Maggie Hallabrin took first place in the 800 meters this past Tuesday. We have some stellar athletes this year!!

-Josh



MOTHER'S DAY SLIDESHOW

On Sunday, May 12, we will be showing a slide show of all the babies that have been born since Mother's Day last year. If you received a letter in the mail asking for 2 pictures of your little one, please try to email those to the church office by Sunday, May 5.

Basic Instructions on How to Live a Godly Life GOD'S STANDARDS VS THE WORLD'S Ephesians 5:1-7

_____ **OF** _____

Pre-_____ age.

- Jonah 1:9

_____ age.

- Acts 17:30, 31

Post-_____ age.

- Romans 1:32

God is _____!

- John 14:6
- Ephesians 5:5-6

GOD'S _____ **FOR** _____

IS VERY _____

Not even a _____ of _____
...or of _____.

- Ephesians 5:3
- Ephesians 5:12
- I Timothy 6:10

Nor should there be any _____,

_____ or _____ talking.

- Ephesians 5:4

Therefore _____ be _____ with
them.

- Ephesians 5:7, 11-12

THE _____ **OF GOD'S** _____

IS FOR OUR _____

Our heavenly _____ has establish _____
for our own _____.

- Ephesians 5:1, 6

Live a life of _____.

- Ephesians 5:2

Live as _____ of _____!

- Ephesians 5:8-10
- John 8:12

Two warnings for us:

First, _____! – Ephesians 4:14
Second, _____! – Ephesians 4:17

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Richland Road

Church of CHRIST

April 28, 2024

MYSTERY DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

AT 6:00 PM



THOSE
MEDDLING
GEEZERS!

TICKETS ARE \$15 PER PERSON
AND ARE ON SALE IN THE FOYER!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS

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REACHING OUT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS THROUGH HIS LOVE

Just Between Us

IF THESE PEWS COULD TALK? This morning is the last time we, as a congregation, will be sitting in the pews for our worship service. The pews and the carpet in the auditorium are original from when the church was built in 1965. When you tell most people that the carpet is the original carpet, most people are surprised. As we assemble for that last time before the pews are carried out, the carpet is ripped up, the new carpet is put down, and the new chairs are set up, I wanted to reflect for a few minutes. If stones can communicate (Joshua 4:6) and rocks cry out (Luke 19:40), and if the pews could talk, what would they say?

If these pews could talk...

- They would tell of the day they were placed in the auditorium, and the people were thrilled with their new church home.
- They would tell you how, for nearly 60 years, three different generations of Christians have worshiped and praised the glorious God of heaven!
- They would tell you of hundreds of babies that grew up to be Christian men and women who, in turn, raised their children to serve the Lord.
- They would tell you of the first time a young man delivered a devotional or sermon and then went on to become a preacher.
- They would tell of the first wedding in the building and every one after that.
- They would tell you of the many private tears shed from unspoken confessed sins.
- They would tell of the hundreds of boys and girls, men and women who made the awesome decision to put Christ on in baptism!
- They would tell of the many Christians who spent their lives serving the Lord in this place but now have gone on to heaven, waiting for the day we will be joined together once again.
- They would tell of those who made the sad decision to turn away from Christ rather than be steadfast in their faith.
- They would tell you of the thousands of sermons and Bible lessons that have been presented over the past 59 years.
- They would tell you about the thousands of people who visited and the hundreds who chose to stay and become part of the church.
- They would tell you about Lovell Stone, who wore the varnish off the back of one of the pews because he was so faithful in his attendance to worship the Lord.
- They would tell you how, in the 90s, Bob Meister encouraged people to have the pews padded at every business and congregational meeting.
- They would tell you of the exciting Bible Bowls covering I Samuel and Exodus and the amazing amount of Bible knowledge the young people possessed.
- They would tell you about some of the most amazing Vacation Bible Schools, how the children enthusiastically sang, and how they looked forward to skits each night.
- They would tell you of the warm hugs that Christians expressed to each other week after week.
- They would tell you of the warm fellowship that has been part of this church for nearly 60 years and will continue long after the pews are gone!

If these Pews could talk...

FRIENDS DAY IS ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY! As you start thinking about whom you are going to invite to **Friends Day on May 19th**, remember you are the “link” between somebody and the God of the universe. You are the one person who could engage your friend or family member in a religious conversation, or to bring him or her with you on Friends Day! As never before, we must invite every available person to be with us! It was God’s intent that through the church - (that’s you and me; Ephesians 3:10), that the gospel would be made known to the world! Who knows if the person you invite to Friends Day this year - one year, two years, ten years from now will obey the gospel of Jesus Christ! Make sure to pick up some “Friend’s Day” cards in the foyer to use to invite your friends!
- Russell

INFORMATION & EVENTS



DIRECTORY UPDATES—If you have never had your picture taken or would like to have an updated photo for our online directory, today is the last day we will be taking pictures in the north foyer, in front of the rainbow mural, before and after worship.



THE AUDITORIUM WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK TO HAVE NEW CARPETING INSTALLED.

LOADING...

WORK IN PROGRESS

OUR AUDITORIUM REFRESH IS ALMOST COMPLETE!—Most of the updates have been completed, and now we are to the carpet and chairs! We are going to need the help of many people in this last phase.

PEW REMOVAL—Help is needed today, from 1:30—6:00 PM to remove all the pews from the Auditorium. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to help.

CLASSROOM CLEANOUT—Help is needed tomorrow, from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM, to remove everything from the classrooms. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to help.

CLASSROOM SETUP—Help is needed this Saturday, from 9:00—11:30 AM to move all classroom furniture back into its appropriate classroom. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to help.

CHAIR SETUP—Help is needed this Saturday, at Noon, to move and set up all the new Auditorium chairs. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to help.



PRAISE, PRAYER, & PASSAGES—Due to the new carpet being installed in the Auditorium, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday instead of our usual Bible classes for singing, prayer, and scripture.



MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



CHURCH CAMP WORK WEEKEND—If you are interested in helping at Church Camp this weekend, please sign up in the foyer. See Josh Ball for details.



MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE—There will be a meeting on Monday, May 6, in Room 11 at 6:30 PM.

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will meet on Tuesday, May 7, at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Hour and Junior Worship will be offered at the 2nd service

FOR THE RECORD - April 21, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....75	WEDNESDAY.....97
SUNDAY AM.....290	CONTRIBUTION.....\$6,504.22
SUNDAY PM.....97	BUDGET.....\$7,100.00



CAMP STAFF PLANNING MEETING—There will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 8 in Room 11 after Bible Class.



Ru-Roh Raggy! It's time for another Mystery Dinner!

That’s right! After a 12-year hiatus, the Scooby Doo Gang returns on Saturday, May 11 at 6 PM for an encore presentation of:

Those Meddling Geezers!

Fred, Velma, Daphne, Shaggy—and, of course, Scooby—come back to the Coolsville Art Museum after 60 years only to discover that a new mystery needs to be solved.

The Mystery Dinner is our annual Fellowship event that includes dinner and a show. It’s a great opportunity to hang out with fellow church members as well as invite your friends and neighbors. And, if you guess who the villain is, you can win valuable prizes!

Tickets are on sale today in the foyer and will also be available next Sunday. Tickets are \$15/each. The funds are used to offset the expenses for the evening. Get your tickets today, as space is limited.



PAINTBALL OUTING—Join us for an outing to Splatter Park in Mount Gilead on Monday, May 13. Contact Austin Buckland for more information. Sign up in the foyer!



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 11:30 AM at Cracker Barrel in Delaware. Sign up in the foyer.



VBS PLANNING MEETING—There will be a VBS planning meeting on Wednesday, May 15, in Room 11 after Bible Class.



FRIENDS DAY—Our Spring Friends Day is set for Sunday, May 19. Pick up some cards in the foyer and hand them out to your friends and family! Fellowship Meals will be offered at 10:45 and 12:15. Everyone is welcome!



ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, May 22, the Elders and Ministers will meet in Room 11 @ 9 AM. If you want to address anything with the Elders, all are welcome to attend!



WOMEN OF PURPOSE—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday, May 29, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Terry Fawley for details.