



THE REMSEN DISCIPLE

News of the Remsen Christian Church

October 2017



CWF CRAFT FAIR

November 11th

9:00 am – 4:00 pm



CWF will be meeting **Every Tuesday** during the month of **October** in preparation for the **Craft Fair** on **November 11th**. The meetings will take place on the following dates & times: **Tuesday, October 3rd at Noon; Tuesday, October 10th at Noon; Tuesday, October 17th at Noon; Tuesday, October 24th at Noon.** We will also be having our regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 pm.** All Ladies are welcome to join us as we need as much help as we can get. Please see the weekly bulletin as a reminder for upcoming dates and times.

We are also still collecting items for our Gift Basket drawing. Baskets that we still need items for include Tea basket, Coffee break basket, Family Game basket, Sewing basket, Craft basket, Gingerbread basket, Hero & Frozen waffle iron baskets, Kitchen basket, Christmas basket, Elegant Dinner basket, Candle basket and Garden Basket. We appreciate any items you can donate to this effort.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY
CANCELLED!!!**



**The Halloween Party Scheduled for
October 28th at 4:00 pm has been
cancelled.**



Children's Church!!!

Linda Kara will be leading a Children's worship ministry starting with a Sermon before the 2nd scripture reading in church and continuing in the Nursery. We extend a warm welcome to all children, and would love to have them attend this special children's ministry service where they can learn about God and His love for us. Growing in knowing that God is real and we can depend on Him to help us in our daily lives.

Operation Christmas Child

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 22nd following Worship and Fellowship hour**. We will have our annual **Pizza Packing Party** to fill our shoeboxes. We invite our congregation, especially the children, to help with this “intergenerational ministry”, since our entire church family helps with monthly donations to this worthwhile campaign. We will be viewing videos on how these simple shoeboxes change lives. **A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex so we know how much pizza to buy.**

Our first year doing Operation Christmas Child, we sent 10 shoeboxes; the second year 16 and this year 25. Last year, for the first time, we sent Bibles in the children’s language and a 12-week Bible lesson series called **The Greatest Journey**, which teaches the children about Jesus Christ. The “Basket Ministry”, which is totally financed by donations, is conducted at our Women’s Tea and the Craft Fair. This pays all shipping charges for the shoeboxes and provides funds for the Bibles and **The Greatest Journey**.

Also, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 5th**, when we will have a **Blessing Service for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**.

Linda Lee Marty, Chair

Operation HOMES

Our Operation HOMES program will be held on **October 20th**. We need volunteers for dinner preparation, greeters and overnighters. Please notify Linda Lee or Nancy if you can assist us.

Linda Lee Marty & Nancy Abraham, Co-Chairs

Stephen Ministry

The combined Stephen Ministry group of Remsen, Granger UMC, Lafayette UMC and York UMC will be holding its next **50-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers beginning January 8th, 2018**. This 50-hour course prepares people to become Christian caregivers to those in need.

Stephen Ministry is a lay care giving ministry that supplements pastoral care. The program teaches laypersons to provide one-on-one care for individuals who request support. The confidential Caregiver and Care Receiver relationship, usually conducted by weekly visits, will continue for as long as the Care Receiver is in need. Reasons for requesting a Stephen Minister’s visits may range from grieving the loss of a loved one to

experiencing a major illness, going through a divorce, job loss, struggling with substance abuse, or other life difficulties.

Stephen Minister training teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others:

- You gain insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting.
- You develop relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life.
- You deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver.
- You feel a special bond with those in your class—experiencing real Christian community.

If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry or its training, please check out the Missions Bulletin Board and then talk with Kit or Linda Lee. We’d love to have more Stephen Ministers from Remsen Christian Church.

Kit & Linda Lee Marty, Co-Chairs

125th Anniversary

August 6th marked the celebration of our 125th anniversary. At Worship, it was great to see the sanctuary filled to almost overflowing! We all learned some history of the church that we didn’t know before. Family members representing founders of the Sunday School and a number of our past ministers and interim ministers, told us about what it was like when their loved ones were at Remsen.

Numerous tables of memorabilia were set up in Fellowship Hall showing life at Remsen Christian Church over the years and a cycling slide show was running throughout the afternoon. It was a warm, sunny day and over 100 people signed up for the catered dinner. A number of games were set up for the “young at heart” and reminiscing was abundant under the pavilion and shelters. Kids of all ages, from 10 to 94, enjoyed having their face painted and all of us were entertained by the magician and his assistant.

Those who have been at Remsen Christian Church for a lot of years felt this was the best reunion celebration ever. We’d like to thank everyone who participated, either with their presence or their financial support, for making this a day that we can all remember!

Diane Boggs, Ginnie Herrmann, Kit & Linda Lee Marty, Sandy Ross, Dave & Chris Shaw

SHARING BRINGS JOY

TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

**Are you Excited about Remsen Christian Church?
Do you want to invite your Friends and Family?
Would you like to pass out our new Tri-Fold?**

In Examining these questions, the Elders decided to have a mini review during Hospitality of the 15 different points in our Tri Fold for the next approximately 15 Sundays. Each Elder will explain 3 of the points in 15 to 20 minute talk. One point per Sunday Morning during Hospitality.

No need to come an extra day or drive at night. Let us just drink our coffee and refresh the wonderful beliefs we have and the reasons we should be so happy to share. We have something very special at Remsen let's get excited about it so we can "Go and spread the Word of Jesus Christ."

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.**

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*"Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'?
I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."
- John 4:35*