

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY'S REPORT to the
CONSISTORY of RICHVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

October 5th, 2020

Since we last met, I've been working diligently with CE to decide whether to participate or not with the Fall Festival this year. It was decided to abandon the idea due to short notice, scrambling, and lack of volunteers. With that determined, it was decided by a CE consensus to hold a separate Fall event and make it on November 1st. This would be our Trunk or Treat and Best Dressed Pet contest on that date from noon to two. This event will be finely tuned & executed by safety protocols in place. Our RISE youth have agreed to help volunteer, not only for attempting to fill shifts as parking lot attendants at the Fall Festival, but also to assist with this November event too.

On Tuesday, Sept 8th at 6:30pm, I met with CE at the church and basically led the meeting in the absence of our own Liz because of time sensitive events and things needing discussed. My administrative duties have slightly increased because of the current situation, but we thank Jennifer S. for stepping up and being aggressive to support this CE ministry!

I've continued to be faithful to our Youth Service Sunday's. I've assisted Jennifer S. with acolyte volunteer assistance, etc. And that third Sunday of the month doesn't end until the RISE youth finish their time together that night at 6 PM at the church pavilion. I'm encouraged by their faithfulness & steadfastness for maintaining a service attitude! During their young, active, busy lives, they have stepped up and arranged a service project on Sunday, November 8th at 6 pm. They have organized a "leaf-drop" service for anyone who would like pickup of their raked leaf piles. Our monthly, Sunday evening gatherings consist of a time for spiritual formation, discussion, and vision for the group. Again, to keep continuity and theme, I base our lessons off what P.-w- has during that week as a focus text. RISE is still waiting on the CE's decision on their created logos. We have a RISE family member who can do logo transfers on our pre-purchased T-shirts not utilized during this year's VBS. Because of my passion for this ministry, and such a time as this, I've been trying to fill in the extra gaps where needed. I rejoice in this report knowing that despite the pandemic, my presence and contacts with youth & families are not compromised.

Respected submitted,

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