

HIGHLIGHTS for January 17, 2022



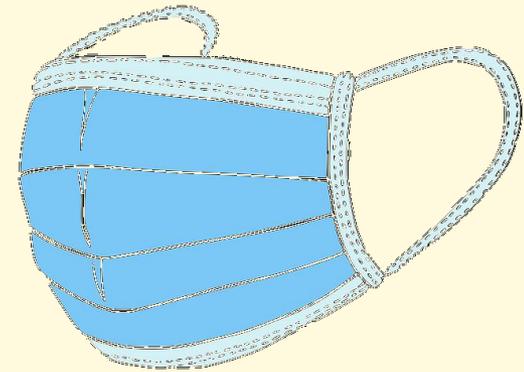
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UPDATED MASKING POLICY AS OF 12/13/21



In light of the State's unequivocal recent statement, we have two choices: we can institute a policy that turns away at the door anyone who cannot prove they are fully vaccinated, or we can require everyone, vaccinated or not, to wear masks while inside the building. After discussion and prayer, we do not believe that turning away people is appropriate for our church.

Accordingly, we are revising RCC's policy as follows:

- Everyone over the age of two must wear a mask while inside the building if there are other people present in the building.
- Per the New York State mandate, those who, for medical reasons, cannot wear a mask do not have to wear a mask in the RCC building but they must maintain social distancing.
- As we did last winter, we ask that people refrain from hugging and shaking hands.
- The governor's mandate does allow eating/drinking indoors when precautions like these are taken.
- Worship leaders, musicians, and those doing announcements, Scripture reading, and preaching are not required to wear masks while they are on the Chancel, but they should maintain social distance while there.

Friends, let us continue to trust and worship our Lord and show love, patience and grace to one another throughout the frustrations caused by this pandemic--by doing so, we preach the gospel in ways that nonbelievers can hear.

Blessings
Al, Nathan, and Fritz

NOTE: This is an abbreviated version of the new policy sent out by email. If you did not get a copy of the full announcement and would like one, please contact the office at office@ridgelandchurch.org



Lizz Floro - 1/29

Cindy Heisey - 1/28

Diana Stoddard - 1/29



Women's Bible Study meets on Monday mornings from 9:30 - 11:15.

All women are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY



GROUP

will NOT meet this week due to COVID. Watch for an announcement about next week.

Finances God's Way



I, Pastor Fritz, am going to make a claim that sounds like a gimmick but is 100% biblical. Here's the claim:

If you handle money according to biblical principles, you'll have MORE of 4 things:

- ~ more wealth
- ~ more financial security
- ~ more wealth to give away
- ~ more enjoyment of your wealth

NOTE: This 5-message series began on 1/2/22, was set aside once other speakers, and, circumstances permitting, #2 of the series will be this coming Sunday.

Intrigued? You should be! God is a God of abundance who delights in blessing His people. Come on Sundays excited to grow...and invite someone who needs to hear this.

Ron Heisey

Seeing Through Our Filters

Filter: process or assess (items) in order to reject those that are unwanted. "You'll be put through to a secretary whose job it is to filter calls."



Whether we realize it or not, most of us constantly apply filters to our interactions as we journey through life. We interpret information based on our preconceived notions or on information we already know. Some of our filters are good ones. Filtering can be helpful and a protection for us; it can keep us from interacting with information or situations that we know will be harmful for us. It can also quickly identify information that is false, not relevant, or in which we have no interest. Sometimes, however, our filters can mislead us or even be harmful. When visiting another culture, we can interpret their customs through the filter of being from the United States, resulting in missed communication or insulting our host. We filter the news through our preconceived political views. We make health care decisions based on the filter of our limited existing knowledge. Often, we do not even realize what filters we carry with us on a daily basis.

What filters do we bring to our spiritual lives? Do we read and interpret scripture through the filter of someone living in the 21st century, or do we seek to understand it the way the writer originally intended? How about when we read books or articles by Christian writers? What filters do we bring to that? What filters do we carry with us into the sanctuary every Sunday morning?

For the rest of the blog, go to

<https://www.ridgelandchurch.org/blog>





Young Life's mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. This month, we're helping kids grow in their faith through an extra focus on Campaigners. Campaigners is a weekly meeting that includes fellowship, fun, and Bible study. It's a non-threatening place where kids can explore faith for the very first time AND it's a place where kids who have a relationship with Jesus can grow and learn. Campaigners welcomes ALL kids and allows them to build relationships with other believers from their school.

This month, Hamburg and Orchard Park Campaigners are doing a study called *Whisper* by Mark Batterson. We have structured our meetings to have time for fellowship, teaching and discussion. Feel free to study along with us this month. Check out Mark Batterson's *Whisper* on RightNow Media!

We will end the month with Campaigner Day. This one day event will be held on January 29th from 9:30AM-3:00PM at The HUB, 4999 McKinley Pkwy in Hamburg. It's going to be a day of fun, spiritual growth, and will include a service project.

We appreciate your prayers!

God,

Thank you for the PRIVILEGE we have of sharing your truth with local kids. We pray that you will use events like Campaigners to grow kids to know and love you. We ask your blessing on our kids and leaders who are attending Campaigner Day. Lord, continue to pursue kids and use Young Life leaders to share your love.

AMEN!

