



**January 29, 2023**

### Welcome!

Are you visiting with us? Whether in-person or on Facebook Live, we welcome you to our worship services! We would love to get to know you and find out how we can best serve you.

### Connect

To find a small group, a place to serve, or help with a need, talk to any ministry leader or call the church office (859-623-3580). You may also visit us at [richmondfumc.org](http://richmondfumc.org).

### Worship

*Assisted-listening devices are available; ask a greeter as needed.*

*We provide childcare for children from birth to age 3 on Sunday Mornings, as well as a Children's Worship alternative for age 4 through Fifth Grade during each of our services.*

*Our Current Series; Shine: Beacons of Goodness and Light*

*Join us in our study of the prophet Isaiah and the theme of "light" in the book that bears his name.*

This Morning: Isaiah 52:1-8: "The Light of the Gospel"

This morning's passage lies between two of the famous "Servant Hymns" of Isaiah and draws its power from a completely new metaphor. Isaiah likens Jerusalem to a night watchman on the ramparts, awaiting news of the outcome of battle. As dawn breaks, the awaited messenger comes to "bring good news." The power of this poetic image is so strong that it becomes the Apostle Paul's favorite way to refer to his own ministry in the early church.

What does it mean to be a people who stand as witness to the dawning of the "Good News?"

### Our Mission

As you know, Sunday, January 29, is a fifth Sunday when our United Methodist Children's Homes depend on us to support financially our mission to Kentucky neglected, abused, and abandoned children and youth. Through community services, counseling, and residential services we serve between 800 and 1,000 children and youth annually. Please remember us with a thoughtful offering through your church with a memo for UM Children's Homes or online at [kyumh.org/donate](http://kyumh.org/donate).

Our purpose is to **"grow disciples who make a difference."**

### This Week

#### Sunday

10:00 Traditional Worship  
11:00 Thrive Worship  
12:00 Fellowship Meal GYM  
02:00 Hispanic Worship

Monday - Thursday Open Gym 10am - noon

#### Monday

2:00-3:00 Sharing ministry

#### Tuesday

#### Wednesday

12:00 Pickleball  
5:30 WNL Meal  
6:30 WNL classes  
7:30 Choir practice  
8:00 Thrive Band practice

#### Thursday

10:00 Women's Fellowship Class

#### Friday

8:30 am Pickelball  
Winter Blitz Friday - Sunday

#### Saturday

### Recovery Ministries

Our church hosts a variety of 12-Step recovery groups. Contact the church office for more details.

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**Prayer Concerns and Celebrations**

To have your concern or celebration added to this list, contact the church office. **Requests will remain for 3 weeks.**

**Ongoing Concerns**

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Tristan (Yehor Vitel's Brother in law)

**Prayer Requests**

To feature a prayer request for the entire congregation, please call the office during the week or place a prayer card in the offering plate and do not mark private.

**Our Military**

Army: Sam Lisle, Special Ops

William McCoy

Jason Glen, Hawaii

Tyler Anderson, Colorado Springs

Army Reserve: Luke Harvey

Marines: John R. Glenn, Quantico

Air Force: Traver Harvey, Fairbanks Alaska

National Guard: Tom Petit

Are you interested in Men's Ministry? We would love to add you to the informative email distribution list. Please contact David Alexander. If you need further information you may also contact the church office.

**Financial Report**

Offering from Jan. 8: \$ 17,699.75

Offering from Jan. 15: \$ 8,996.52

Offering from Jan. 22: \$ 8,966.00

Weekly Budget for 2023: \$ 13,588.47

Annual Budget to Date: \$ 54,353.88

Annual Income to Date \$ 44,399.11

Year to Date Net: (\$ 9,954.77)\*

*\*We are current on all obligations.*

The Pathfinders Sunday School Class will begin a new study **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth** the class meets after Sunday worship service 11:10 am in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Parlor.

Winter Blitz for our youth is next weekend!

**Contact Us**

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