

**May 21, 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 get connected, talk to any ministry leader or call the church office at 859-623-3580. You may also fill out a physical connect card or online at [richmondfumc.org/connect](http://richmondfumc.org/connect).

**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 children's worship for age 4 through 5th grade during each service.

*Current Series: Strong in the Struggle*

*We continue our look at the life Jesus' disciple, Peter, along with the first letter he wrote to his own disciples.*

This Morning: 1 Peter 4:12-19 "Surprised by Joy"

In today's passage, Peter begins by telling the Christians to *not be surprised* by their suffering. But what *might* surprise them is his command to "rejoice"! Can we really have joy while struggling? And what if we don't? Maybe it all depends on what "joy" is actually telling us.

Hymns: "Marching to Zion" #733  
 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" #715  
 "God of Grace and God of Glory" #577

**Our Mission**

After His resurrection, Jesus gave his disciples this mission:

*"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt 28:19-20)*

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)
- 2:00 Hispanic Worship

**Monday**

- 1:30-3:00 Sharing Ministry

**Wednesday**

- 12:00 Pickleball
- 6:30 Discipleship Groups
- 7:30 Choir

**Thursday**

- 10:00 Women's Fellowship Class

**Friday**

- 8:30 Pickleball

**Saturday**

- 10:00 "Symbols and Words in 1 Peter" Bible Study (MMC)



**Sharing Ministry Report**

In April, our Sharing Ministry served 27 families for a total of \$1,300.

We also distributed 7 free books and a stuffed animal to community children.

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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.**

**Prayer Concerns**

- Scott Deyo
- Tristan (Yehor Vitel's brother-in-law)
- Dee Vitatoe (friend of Lauren & Savannah Thompson)
- Gage & Stephen Phillips (relatives of Stephanie Hicks)
- Barbara Fullington
- Kenneth Stultz (friend of Kim Nettleton)
- David Buckner (finding work and a place to live)
- Tammy Barker (friend of Kim Nettleton, cancer)
- Family of Philip Knopoka  
 (friend of Kim Nettleton, accidental death)
- Family of Cheryl Jackson
- Family of Michael Mineer (death in line of duty)  
 (Nephew to Dale and Allison Emmons)
- Keith Pierson & his father
- Anne Blakeney's cousin, Diane Dietz: death of her son and her daughter has started chemotherapy

**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

FUMC Budgeted Giving for 2023

\$706,600

Giving Needed thru 5/14/23

\$271,769.40

Giving Received thru 5/14/23

\$268,120.13

*Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving to FUMC!*

You may give to the ministries of the church at <https://pushpay.com/g/richmondfumc>

**Mark your Calendar**

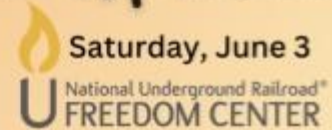
**VBS**



**Volunteer Training:**  
 May 21, 6-8pm

**June 12-15**  
 6pm-8pm

**All Church Family Field Trip to Cincinnati**



Saturday, June 3

**Tickets - \$14 in the church office**  
 Middle School to Adults

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