



# Richmond First United Methodist Church

...growing disciples who make a difference

## August 27, 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

#### Current Series: The Kingdom Is Like

Matthew's gospel contains somewhere around 24 parables (depending on how you count). Of these, 10 begin with the phrase "The Kingdom of God is like..." Join us as we explore the world of Jesus' parables about the Kingdom of God.

#### This Morning: "Empty" Matthew 25:1-13

This passage pairs with the parable of the talents, each telling us in a different way that our behavior as we wait for the Kingdom is important. Even when the Master seems absent, we still belong to and serve him.

Hymns: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #485

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" #117

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" #396

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children: Birth to 3yr

Children's Discipleship: 4yr to 5th grade



HOW CAN WE HELP? Assisted-listening devices are available; ask a greeter!

### 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: August 27 - Sept 2

#### Sunday

10:00 - Traditional Worship

11:00 - Thrive Worship

12:00 - Fellowship Meal - MMC

12:30 - Fantasy Football - Gym

6:30 - "Chosen" Study - Sanctuary

#### Monday:

\*\* 10:00 - 12:00 - OPEN - MMC Rec Ctr

5:30pm - An Hour of Prayer -

MMC Chapel. ALL Welcome

7:00pm - Pickleball

#### Tuesday

\*\* 10:00 - 12:00 - OPEN - MMC Rec Ctr

#### Wednesday

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12:00 - Pickleball

6:30pm - Youth Ministry

7:30 - Adult Choir Practice

8:00 - Thrive Band Practice

#### Thursday

\*\* 10:00 - 12:00 - OPEN - MMC Rec Ctr

#### Friday

9:00 - Pickleball

#### Saturday

\*\* Based on Volunteer Availability



Matthew  
25:1-13

"Empty"

### Sharing Ministry Report

In July, our Sharing Ministry

Served 34 Families

For a total of \$1,675

5 Books Given

**August 27, 2023**

**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 Vitatoo (friend of Lauren & Savannah Thompson)  
Gage & Stephen Phillips (relatives of Stephanie Hicks)  
Barbara Fullington  
Kenneth Stultz (friend of Kim Nettleton)  
Tammy Barker (friend of Kim Nettleton, cancer)  
Friend of the Calitri's (dealing with rare form of leukemia)  
Shawn Brewer, Bobby & Diana Botner's son (2 stents in heart arteries this past Aug. 16 & David, Diana's brother, dealing with Alzheimer & health issues)  
Travis, Carl & Jordan for continuous sobriety  
Jeff & BJ Alcorn (no info given)  
Roy Peters (recovery from arm surgery)  
Peggy & Steve Coe

**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, Japan  
National Guard: Tom Petit

Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**



FUMC Budgeted Giving for 2023

\$706,600

Giving Needed thru 8/20/23

\$462,007.98

Giving Received thru 8/20/23

\$471,587.00

*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>



An Hour of  
Prayer  
Mon-5:30pm  
MMC Chapel  
ALL Welcome



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