

WELCOME WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE.

August 10th, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome. Please help us connect with you by filling out the connect card and placing it in the offering plate during the service. We're honored that you've chosen to join us today.

Glow Back to School | Wednesday, August 13th

We will have a special event for our youth to celebrate the first day of school. Meet us in the MMC at 6:00pm wearing your brightest color as we celebrate a new school year!

Operation Christmas Child | August 17th - September 7th

Our Annual Operation Christmas Child box collection starts soon! Now is the best time to shop for items to include in the boxes as retailers have back to school items on sale. We will provide more details soon.

Methodist Mountain Mission (MMM)

MMM is scheduled to pick up donation from our church on August 20th. All donations should be brought to the church and placed in the Hartman Room in a box or bag for pick up. Please do not bring loose items. Call the church office if you have questions.

Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers

We are looking for some volunteers to help with our Children and Youth Ministry programs. As we gear up for Wednesday Nights we are looking for people to help out one Wednesday Night a month to help us provide a safe and nurturing environment. Our Safe Sanctuary Policy requires at least two background-check, unrelated adults in each room to ensure the safety and well-being of all children and youth. If you feel called to invest in the next generation, we'd love to talk with you!

Thank you!!

- **Madison Home Donations** - The volunteers for the Madison Home Lunches want to say thank you for all the donations that have been provided. We appreciate our church family so much. Our cabinets in the Fellowship Hall are filled, but if you would like to continue to support us with monetary donations, please make checks payable to RFUMC with a memo for the Madison Home Lunches.
- **Sanctuary Sound System** – The Sound system is completely paid off!! Thank you so much to each person/family that contributed to make this a reality.

- **Sharing Ministry** – What a wonderful ministry we have here that helps our community members with their utility bills. Thank you not only to everyone that generously contribute to this program, but a special thank you to the wonderful team that comes in each Monday to run the program. You are so appreciated!
- **MMC Clean up team** – 2 weeks ago, about 18 individuals showed up to “company clean” the MMC. Thank you to each and every one of you that participated in this event!
- **A million other things** – Thank you to each and every person that shows up daily/weekly/monthly to do things that keep our church running. Office volunteers, weed pullers, recycle collectors, food deliverers, hospitality team, sound and tech team, etc. This church absolutely could not run without you! **You are so appreciated.**

FUTURE HAPPENINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- ❖ Fall Kick Off Cook out & Ice Cream Social – Sep 3
- ❖ Start of Wednesday Night Live – Sep 10
- ❖ Young Adult Retreat – Sep 26-28
- ❖ Women’s Retreat – Oct 11 in the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Fall Youth Retreat – Nov 7-9

Discipleship Opportunities

Women of Faith – This is a zoom only class that meets at 8:00 am on Sundays. Lessons are taken from the ***Standard Lesson Commentary***. Led by Donna Karr.

Bible Journey Class -- This group is currently walking thru the bible, reading scripture and enjoying lively discussion. They meet in the Parlor at 8:15am each Sunday. Led by Carol Woolverton.

Defending the Faith – This is a zoom only class meeting at 5:00 pm on Sundays. This group reads through various books and enjoys lively discussion. They are currently studying ***Practice Resurrection*** by Eugene Peterson. Led by Barry Tait.

Pathfinders – This group studies different books to delve deeper into the bible and its relevance in today’s world. They meet on Sunday mornings after 1st service (10:45am). They are currently studying C.S Lewis’ ***Mere Christianity***. Led by Mike Ballard.

Affinity Group – This class meets on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the MMC, room 202. Each semester a different book is read/studied/discussed. This class will restart September 7th. Led by Rindy Russell.

Men’s Life Group – This is a zoom only meeting. It is used as a catalyst for participants to lift each other up in faith and accountability. The group meets on Tuesdays at 5:00pm. Led by Barry Tait.

Women’s Life Group – This is a zoom only meeting. It is used as a catalyst for participants to lift each other up in faith and accountability. The group meets on Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Led by Trudy Tait.

Women’s Journey Bible Study – This class meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 am in the MMC, room 202. Each semester a different book is read/studied/discussed. This class will restart September 4th. Led by Rindy Russell.

Planned Wednesday night classes—Starting September 10th

Sisters & Friends Bibles Study – The Journey Home thru the books of **Ezra** and **Nehemiah**. Bring your bible and learn about how you can restore your hope, your relationship and your walk with God in today's world. 6:15pm in MMC Room 202 and by zoom.

Devotional Quilting – Learn how to sew/quilt or build your existing skills. Participate in a weekly devotional and spend time building friendships as you create something beautiful! 6:15pm in MMC Room 114.

Something else EXCITING!! -- This Fall there will be two additional classes offered. One will be led by Pastor Eric and the other led by Pastor Eliza! Both will begin at 6:15pm. Info will be provided soon!