



NOVEMBER 2025

RICHMOND FIRST TODAY

Growing Disciples who make a Difference

News from Your First United Methodist Church Family



Children and Youth Sabbath and Unity Sunday on Nov. 23: This 10 a.m. service in the MMC will be led by the children and youth, followed by a celebration for November birthdays, and a potluck Thanksgiving meal. (No Thrive service.) Turkey will be provided. A-F please bring bread, G-L salad, M-R vegetable, and S-Z dessert. Remember to let the church office know if you have a November birthday!

Red Bird Mission Trip: Richmond FUMC's United Women in Faith/Women's Ministry will host a trip to Red Bird Mission on Nov. 10. We will depart Richmond at 9 a.m. for the two hour drive to Beverly, Ky. We will tour Red Bird's programs and services, shop in the community store and craft store/cafe, and lunch on site in Manchester. Please contact Jennifer Taylor for more information at 270-535-6304 or cacgr2@yahoo.com

Famsgiving on Nov. 25: Calling all youth, youth leaders and all youth alumni! Our annual Famsgiving meal will take place 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26 in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy breakfast for dinner. Let Amanda Bonner know if you will be able to join the fun.

Ministry Spotlight: WNL Discipleship



Pastor Eliza's Wednesday Night Live Discipleship Class has been exploring Jesus' parables through Amy-Jill Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. Together we're discovering how Jesus' original audience, first-century Jews, might have heard these stories. Examining the parables from multiple perspectives helps us consider meanings we may have overlooked. Through lively discussion, we're finding ways that the ancient teachings in scripture continue to challenge and surprise us.

November Birthdays

Eric Espada: 2nd
Susan Gardner: 3rd
Jeff Cain: 4th
Andrew Stewart: 4th
Charlene Stone: 5th
Kaili Whitehouse: 5th
Peggy Coe: 8th
John Ferguson: 9th
Pam Rye: 13th
Sevi Brown: 14th
Thea Shearer: 15th
Bobby Barton: 17th
Shannon Ackerman: 19th
Lynda Park: 20th
Brinley Taylor: 21th
Andrea Mantor: 25th
Susan Shearer: 28th
April Cain: 28th
David Wills: 29th

UNITE FALL YOUTH RETREAT



Calling all youth grades 6th -12th to unite with our district churches at Aldersgate Camp for an awesome retreat Nov. 7-8. Register with the QR code or the link below. Cost is \$40. Check in with Amanda Bonner for more information and let her know if financial support is needed.



Church Family,

Jabez's Prayer: "Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." As we enter November, the air becomes crisp, and the leaves display vibrant colors of gold and crimson. Naturally, our thoughts turn toward Thanksgiving.



For many, this season is about preparing hearty family feasts, gathering with loved ones, and reflecting on the blessings of the past year. While we cherish these traditions, I encourage us all to look beyond the table and holiday.

The biblical call to thankfulness isn't just for this season; it's a way of life. The Apostle Paul writes: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). He reminds us that our gratitude should not be based on our circumstances but should spring from a deep faith in the Giver of all good things Jesus Christ.

As part of the family at Richmond First, we are called to love all people and to grow disciples who make a difference. Remember that you are loved. May God bless you and your families with a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving season.

With a grateful heart, Rev. Eric Espada



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Sundays:

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
11 a.m. Thrive (MMC Gym)
12 p.m. Lunch

Wednesday Night Live:

5:30 p.m. Family Dinner (MMC Gym)
6:15 p.m. Class for Children, Youth, & Adults





Volunteers Needed

Children and Youth Teams:
See Amanda Bonner

Kitchen Staff for
Sunday After Thrive &
Wednesday Night Live:
See Kathy Combs



Thanks to everyone who joined the Men's Ministry clean-up of seven miles along Crooksville Road near Battlefield Park. Volunteers walked the roadside and collected trash. Funds raised allow the Men's Ministry to help our community by providing meals and gift cards during the holidays.

Preparing for Christmas with Your Church Family

Hanging of the Greens on Nov. 30: Join us as we decorate our church and prepare our hearts for the beginning of the Advent Season. We will adorn the Sanctuary in the 9:30 a.m. service and decorate the MMC Gym during Thrive Worship at 11 a.m. We pray you will be able to join in one or both of these special worship events.

Christmas Tea on Dec. 6: Richmond FUMC United Women in Faith/Women's Ministry invite everyone to a joyous afternoon tea beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. Please let Kathy Combs (kcombs@hotmail.com) know now if you would like to host one of the tables of eight. Tickets will be available for sale before Thanksgiving.