



January 11th 2026

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 worship with us today.

Wednesday Night Live – Kick Off and Chocolate Fest | January 14th

Join us on Wednesday, Jan 14th as we kick off a new semester of Wednesday Night Live (WNL). We will enjoy a dinner and fellowship. After dinner we will have a Chocolate Fest including Hot Chocolate and desserts. We are asking you to bring in your best baked chocolate dessert . . . there will be prizes. Categories may include: Best dessert made by a youth, best dessert shaped like something unique, best dessert that isn't baked, etc.

After we enjoy our chocolate desserts, everyone is invited to peruse the class/discipleship tables that will be set up in the gym. Class leaders will be available to answer any questions you may have about individual classes. Hope to see you there!!

Methodist Mountain Mission | January 14th

The Methodist Mountain Mission truck will pick up donations on Wednesday January 14th. If you have any donations, please bring them to church and place them in the Hartman room on the first floor.

January Birthday Celebration | January 18th

We will celebrate our January birthdays in the Fellowship Hall after 1st service. Please let the office know if you have a January birthday that is not on the list.

Name	Day
Matthew Bendure	4-Jan
Gertrude Tait (Trudy)	5-Jan
Jo Lynn Linville	5-Jan
Gary Salmon	6-Jan
Charles Perkins	7-Jan
Katelyn Ann Upchurch	7-Jan
David Purvis	9-Jan
Jon Clevenger	10-Jan
Austin Higginbotham	10-Jan
Judy L. Adkins	13-Jan
Jeffrey Shearer (Jeff)	13-Jan
Adley Muncie	13-Jan
Maribeth Upchurch	14-Jan
Steve Miller	15-Jan
Suzanne Nayle	17-Jan
Peggy Brewer	17-Jan
Landen Higginbotham	17-Jan
William B. Way	24-Jan

Thrive Service Celebrates the Tropics | February 8th

Cold weather got you down? Come to our Thrive Service in the gym on February 8th and let's pretend we are in the tropics (or at least someplace warmer)! Wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt and let's see if we can "heat things up!" You might even win a prize if your shirt is the best.

Volunteers Needed | ALWAYS

If you are interested in becoming part of FUMC's volunteer corps, just call the office. We can get you plugged in! We are always looking for folks to serve. We need you and your servant's heart!

2026 Church Directory | Starting in January

The Church Office will start working on an updated directory after the New Year. Please email Jane in the Office if you would like to submit a picture (or a newer picture) for inclusion in the directory. Deadline will be January 31, 2026.

Richmond FUMC Leadership Teams for 2026

Administrative Council: Chairperson, Sue Mahanna-Boden

Recording Secretary	April Cain
Lay Delegates to Annual Conference	Jaime Stewart
Lay Leader	Barry Tait
Finance Team	Stacy Russell
Trustee	David Wilson
Staff Parish Relations Team	Charlene Stone
Children's Ministry Team	Chelsee Muncie
Youth Ministry Team	Shad Stewart
Youth Council Representative	Haley Cartwright
Adult Ministry Team	April Cain
Men's Ministry Team	Bryan Gardner
Women's Ministry	Kathy Combs and Ginny Whitehouse
Music Ministry Team	Scot Hoeksema
Growing Place Director	Jasmine Hamilton
Prayer Ministries	Rindy Russel and Donna Karr
Communications Team	Ginny Whitehouse

* Administrative Council, Officers plus the District Superintendent make up the Charge Conference

Staff

Eric Espada	- Senior Pastor
Eliza Love	- Associate Pastor
Amanda Bonner	- Youth & Children's Ministry Director
John Stegner	- Choir Director
David Southgate	- Thrive Praise Team Director
Buzz Cornelison	- Accompanist
Jane Yerace	- Office Manager/Financial Officer
Jerry Hacker	- Custodian
TBA	- MMC Part Time Custodian
Keith Browning	- MMC Kitchen Manager
Zach Myre	-Thrive Coordinator
Jasmine Hamilton	-TGP Director

Lay Leadership Team: Eric Espada, Chairperson

(This committee nominates people to/for the primary committees, Delegate and Lay Leader positions.)

Class of 2026

Susan Shearer
Adrianna Francis
Sue Mahanna-Boden

Class of 2027

Jeff Babbit
Jessie Rice
Kathy Combs

Class of 2028

Bel Riley
Audrey Tracy
Bobby Barton

Lay Delegate/Lay Leader

Jaime Stewart
Barry Tait

Staff Parish Relations Team: Charlene Stone, Chairperson

(SPR is responsible for hiring all personnel, employee benefits, and staff and congregation concerns for the church.)

Class of 2026

Steve Miller
Donna Karr
Don Calitri

Class of 2027

Anne Poulter
Charlene Stone
Mike Ballard

Class of 2028

Peggy Brewer
Maribeth Upchurch
Robbie Riley

Lay Delegate/Lay Leader

Jaime Stewart
Barry Tait

Finance Team: Stacy Russell Chairperson

(The Finance Team recommends to Admin Council the annual budget, is responsible for the Stewardship campaigns and all finances, except rental properties, for the church.)

Chairpersons to: Admin Council, SPRC, & Trustees

Class of 2026

Nancy Adams
Donna Hale
Jo Lynn Linville

Class of 2027

Debra Whitehouse
Scot Hoeksema
Kyle Nystrom

Class of 2028

Stacy Russell
Thea Shearer
John Ferguson

Lay Delegate/Lay Leader

Jaime Stewart
Barry Tait
Sr. Pastor, Eric Espada

Trustees: David Wilson, Chairperson

(The Trustees manages the care and upkeep for the grounds, and church buildings. They also represent the church in all legal manners.)

Class of 2026

Amos Stone
David Purvis
Billy Way

Class of 2027

David Wilson
JoJean Barton
David Rice

Class of 2028

MaryAnn Haynes
Diane Luttrell
Joe Bently

Lay Delegate/Lay Leader

Sr. Pastor, Eric Espada

Permanent Endowment Committee: Mike Park, Chairperson

(The Permanent Endowment Committee oversees financial trusts such as memorials that are held in stocks and trusts funds. They also communicate to the congregation about alternative giving opportunities, such as wills, insurance beneficiaries, and living trusts. Membership includes the pastor, the Chair of Finance, the Chair (or designated representative) of the Trustees, and the following members at large elected by Charge Conference.)

Michael Park
Betty Jo Thompson
Allison Emmons
Anne Blakeny
Martin Brock