



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

Lay Delegates to Annual Conference

Lay Leader

Finance Team

Trustee

Staff Parish Relations Team

Children's Ministry Team

Youth Ministry Team

Youth Council Representative

Adult Ministry Team

Men's Ministry Team

Women's Ministry

Music Ministry Team

Growing Place Director

Prayer Ministries

Communications Team

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

April Cain

Jaime Stewart

Barry Tait

Stacy Russell

David Wilson

Charlene Stone

Chelsee Muncie

Shad Stewart

Haley Cartwright

April Cain

Bryan Gardner

Kathy Combs and Ginny Whitehouse

Scot Hoeksema

Jasmine Hamilton

Rindy Russel and Donna Karr

Ginny Whitehouse

Staff

Eric Espada

Eliza Love

Amanda Bonner

John Stegner

David Southgate

Buzz Cornelison

Jane Yerace

Jerry Hacker

TBA

Keith Browning

Zach Myre

Jasmine Hamilton

- Senior Pastor

- Associate Pastor

- Youth & Children's Ministry Director

- Choir Director

- Thrive Praise Team Director

- Accompanist

- Office Manager/Financial Officer

- Custodian

- MMC Part Time Custodian

- MMC Kitchen Manager

-Thrive Coordinator

-TGP Director

Lay Leadership Team: Eric Espada, Chairperson

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

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Lay Delegate/Lay Leader</u>
Susan Shearer	Jeff Babbit	Bel Riley	Jaime Stewart
Adrianna Francis	Jessie Rice	Audrey Tracy	Barry Tait
Sue Mahanna-Boden	Kathy Combs	Bobby Barton	

Staff Parish Relations Team: Charlene Stone, Chairperson

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

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Lay Delegate/Lay Leader</u>
Steve Miller	Anne Poulter	Peggy Brewer	Jaime Stewart
Donna Karr	Charlene Stone	Maribeth Upchurch	Barry Tait
Don Calitri	Mike Ballard	Robbie Riley	

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

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Lay Delegate/Lay Leader</u>
Nancy Adams	Debra Whitehouse	Stacy Russell	Jaime Stewart
Donna Hale	Scot Hoeksema	Thea Shearer	Barry Tait
Jo Lynn Linville	Kyle Nystrom	John Ferguson	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.)

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Lay Delegate/Lay Leader</u>
Amos Stone	David Wilson	MaryAnn Haynes	Sr. Pastor, Eric Espada
David Purvis	JoJean Barton	Diane Luttrell	
Billy Way	David Rice	Joe Bently	

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