



**May 10th 2026**

**Welcome!** If you are visiting with us, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome. Please help us connect with you by filling out a connect card and placing it in the offering plate. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT CHARGE CONFERENCE | MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 PM\*\*\***

The Richmond FUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) had the honor to interview Chris Nettleton regarding his Declaration of Candidacy to become a Licensed Local Pastor within the United Methodist Denomination. The SPRC joyfully approved this request. The Called Charge Conference is being held for our congregation to give final approval and forward the request to the Kentucky Annual Conference. Everyone is invited to attend and cast your vote.

**Have you heard the news?**

Our own Pastor Eliza Love has been appointed to her own Church. Starting in July, she will be the Senior Pastor at Scottsville First UMC in Western Kentucky. Unfortunately, that means she will be leaving Richmond First. While we are VERY sad to see her leave, we are very excited to see how God will use her as she begins her journey at Scottsville First. As a way to show her our love, we will have a “See Ya Later” party during our Unity Service on May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to write a note or give a gift to be presented at the party, there will be a basket at the front of the sanctuary in the main building and on the stage in the MMC Gym where you can place your items. We hope everyone can attend this special event.

**Celebration for Shad Stewart | May 13<sup>th</sup>**

We will hold a special celebration for Shad starting at 6:15 in the youth area of the MMC. Shad has fearlessly guided our Emerge Youth Group for 20+ years. As he steps down from this role, let us take time and let him know how much we truly appreciate his years of loyalty and dedication to the youth of our church. Everyone is welcome, but we want to specifically invite anyone that was in the youth group during his tenure. Whether you were a youth, a youth counselor or a youth parent, please come and show him the love!

**United Methodist Mountain Mission | May 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Mountain Mission trucks will be here to pick up donations. Please have any items in the Hartman Room (basement of main church building) by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center-Spring Work Day | May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Won't you join the Aldersgate Camp family as they prepare the grounds for another incredible summer of camp? Volunteers of all ages are invited to spend the day serving. Lunch will be provided and no special skills are needed! Register at [www.aldersgatecamp.org](http://www.aldersgatecamp.org).

### **VBS Training | May 24<sup>th</sup>**

If you are volunteering for VBS, please attend the training session from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. This is critical in order to ensure everyone follows the United Methodist Safer Sanctuaries requirements as they pertain to our children. Lunch will be served at 12:00 as we start the training session.

### **Unity Sunday | May 31<sup>st</sup>**

We will come together as one church body at 10 am on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The service will be held in the Gym of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC) and will include many wonderful elements, including:

- \* Blended Music. We will be blessed with music from both our Choir and our Thrive Praise Band
- \* Birthday Celebration
- \* Summer Kick-off cook out. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. Everyone should bring a side
- \* Silent Dessert Auction to raise money for painting the MMC. Bring your best dessert to be auctioned off
- \* Farewell celebration for Pastor Eliza
- \* A special welcome of membership for our Hispanic Congregation

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) | June 8-12**

We need you! **Yes, you!!** If we want to reach the community through our VBS, we need volunteers. Don't know what you can do? Contact Amanda Bonner or Kathy Combs . . . they have the perfect spot for you! The theme this summer is "True North" centering around encountering God in Nature. We need bible teachers, classroom leaders, people to set up, clean up, decorate, welcome families, etc. *We cannot do this without you!*

***And*** . . . we are collecting items such as gallon sized milk jugs, outdoor themed décor, etc., as well as items on our wish list (see QR Code below).



### **Youth King's Island Adventure | June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Let Amanda know if you are interested in joining the youth group as they travel to King's Island for a day filled with fun and fellowship.

## **Men's Ministry Malcolm Poulter Memorial Golf Scramble**

July 11<sup>th</sup> - See special flyer for details

## **Emerge Youth Summer Mission Trip | July 12-16**

The Unite District Youth Team is finalizing details about the Summer Mission Trip. The District youth will travel to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY to assist with a multitude of jobs. Please let Amanda Bonner know if you are interested in attending. It will be great to spend a week serving together, worshipping and enjoying fellowship.

## **Hospitality Committee**

Our new Hospitality Committee is excited to expand our welcome ministry, and we would love for you to be part of it! We are looking for friendly volunteers to serve as greeters at additional doors, staff the information center, and hand out bulletins at both the front and back of the church. This is a wonderful way to help create a warm, welcoming environment for anyone who walks through our doors. Volunteers serve one month at a time, beginning at 9:00 AM—and you are still able to attend the service. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact **April Cain**, [aprildawncairn@gmail.com](mailto:aprildawncairn@gmail.com), 859-806-0828. We would love to have you join us in making everyone feel at home!

## **Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center | Registration now open!**

Are you ready to experience God in the hills, valleys and creek banks? There are so many opportunities for **EVERYONE** to experience camp! Grand Camp (grandparents with their grandchildren), mini-camp, elementary camp, middle school camp, junior high camp, high school camp and family camp. Go to their website to register [www.aldersgatecamp.org](http://www.aldersgatecamp.org)