



May 4th 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.

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 31st. 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.

United Methodist Mountain Mission | May 13th

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 12th.

Women’s Retreat | May 16-17

Women of Faith will gather for an overnight retreat in Bardstown at the Nazareth Retreat Center. Our theme this year is *The Emmanuel Experience*. Come have fun, fellowship with other women of faith, learn how God is always with us and enjoy the Retreat Center. Cost is \$90 and includes all meals, lodging and supplies (scholarships are available). Deadline for registration is May 3rd.

Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center-Spring Work Day | May 23rd

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.

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).



Men's Ministry Malcolm Poulter Memorial Golf Scramble

July 11th - 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. More details to follow soon, but go ahead and put it on your calendars. It will be great to spend a week serving together, worshiping and enjoying fellowship.

The Growing Place (TGP) Wish List

Our new TGP Director, Kristen McDowell has been acquainting herself with the Child Care classrooms and has put together an Amazon Wish List. If you are interested in donating to this VERY worthy cause (and before she disburses precious financial resources) you can click on the below QR codes. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

The Growing Place Wish List

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| Fellowship Hall | https://a.co/01pV0uAe |  |
| Sensory Room | https://a.co/0a66R3up |  |
| One Year Old Room | https://a.co/075sCBya |  |

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, aprildawncain@gmail.com, 859-806-0828. We would love to have you join us in making everyone feel at home!

Seeking Church “Golfers” and Their Golf Buddies!

We are putting together a list of FUMC church golfers who would be interested in golfing every 2 or 3 weeks this summer. We would play different area courses on (Tuesdays or Thursdays). This would be a great opportunity to hone your golf skills, have some great Christian fellowship and get ready for the Men’s Ministry Golf Scramble! If interested, please send Stacy Russell your phone number/email address to: stacy.russell51@gmail.com

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