



RICHMOND FIRST TODAY

Growing Disciples who make a Difference

News from Your First United Methodist Church Family

Calling all kids: Vacation Bible School is coming



Invite your friends and neighbors for Vacation Bible School June 8 thru 12. Register children now ages preschool thru 5th grade using the QR code (left). Registration is at no cost but important so we can be prepared to greet each child. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, clean up, and host of other tasks. Have outdoor decor or equipment? We can use it! Have extra washed out gallon milk or water jugs? Let's make an igloo!

Kids will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure and learn how Jesus is their True North. They will take on the wild world of the tundra's mountains, meet new friends, and see the beauty of God's creation in sparkling glaciers. They will hear the stories of Jesus' life, learn about his miracles, and discover what it means to truly follow Christ.

Each evening begins with supper at **5:15 p.m. in the MMC Gym**, followed by programs of scripture, singing, science experiments, crafts, and Bible stories. Children should be picked up by **8:30 p.m.** For more information on registering, volunteering, or donating for VBS, contact *Amanda Bonner* at children@richmondfumc.org

Celebrating June Birthdays

Kim Nettleton: 1st
Shane Cartwright: 2nd
Sonnie Maas: 3rd
Adelyn Shearer: 3rd
Delainey Muncie 3rd
Hannah Nystrom: 4th
Michael Blakeney: 5th

Nicholas Killin: 7th
Thomas Barker: 8th
Bryan Gardner: 9th
Marie Whitehouse: 15th
Alex Phelps: 20th
Jimmy Phelps: 20th
Lisa (Phelps) Makinen: 20th

Helen Ferguson: 18th
Erin Cartwright: 20th
Aimee Wills: 23rd
Kathy Combs: 26th
Phil Foster: 27th
Amos Stone: 27th
Missy Rice: 30th

Plant Sale benefiting Multi-Ministry Center

A perennial plant sale will be held **Saturday, June 6** to benefit our MMC building's upkeep and repair. Morris & Betty Jo Thompson will host the sale during a community yard sale at 1060 Bay Colony Drive. If you have extra perennials, please consider potting, labeling and donating them for the sale. Donations/plants should be delivered to the Thompson's home Friday evening, June 5. Have questions? Call Betty Jo at 828-400-9003.



United Methodist Men's Ministry Pancake Breakfast



Join the Men's Ministry for a Father's Day pancake feast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. **Sunday, June 21** in the Fellowship Hall.



Youth: Join the King's Island Adventure

Let Amanda know if you are interested in joining the youth group on **Monday, June 22** as they travel to King's Island for a day filled with fun and fellowship.



Emerge Summer Mission Trip scheduled



The Unite District Youth Team is finalizing details for the Summer Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. Please let Amanda know if you are interested in joining the team **July 12-16**. We will have a great time together serving, worshiping, and enjoying fellowship.



Children

Youth

Unity in Prayer

“Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”
(*Luke 18:16*)

Father, we pray for our children and youth as they embark on summer adventures. Prayers for Vacation Bible School, mission trips, and church camps to be the guiding light for our children.

Our children – Our future. In your name, Lord, we pray. Amen.

**Join us for “One Hour of Prayer” at 5:15 p.m.
each Monday in the MMC Chapel.**

Join your family at:

**First United Methodist Church
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Richmond, KY 40475
Phone: (859) 623-3580
office@richmondfumc.org**

Sundays:

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

**Wednesday Night Live meals and classes will
resume in September! Have a great summer!**



Form Your Foursome for the 8th annual Malcolm Poulter Memorial Scramble

Put together a four-person team and join the Malcolm Poulter Golf Scramble at Richmond's Battlefield Golf Course on **Saturday, July 11**.

Funds raised will support community programs. Proceeds go towards the Malcolm Poulter Memorial Fund and Men's Ministry Outreach.

Cost is \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Lunch will be provided. Sign up **deadline is Wednesday, July 8**.

Contact Dave Alexander at 859-200-4288 or armycoach@gmail.com

Tee Time for the FUMC Family

Good weather is upon us! Join Stacy Russell and FUMC church golfing friends at Gibson Bay Golf Course at 1 p.m. **Wednesday, June 17**.

To confirm you are coming, text Stacy Russell your phone number and e-mail address to stacy.russell51@gmail.com. More golfing dates will be selected throughout the summer.



Help United Methodist Men make a difference in our community. If you have a Kroger Plus Shopper's Card, go to Kroger's webpage:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow#>

Register your card number, then please LINK your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card to First United Methodist Church Men's Ministry (#11679).

If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus Card, you can obtain one from the Customer Service desk at any Kroger or from a member of Men's Ministry.

Message from our pastor

Encountering Pentecost



Dear Church Family,

This Pentecost season, I want to personally invite you to lean into the life of the church in a deeper way. Summer often brings changes in schedules, travel, and routines, but it can also become a beautiful season of spiritual renewal.

As we gather for worship, prayer, fellowship, and service, we remember that Pentecost was not just a moment in the past—it is the ongoing movement of God’s Spirit breathing new life into ordinary people. The same Spirit that filled the early church still empowers us today to live with faith, hope, creativity, and love.

Through our summer sermon series, God’s Creative Connection, we will journey through Genesis and discover how God continues creating light in darkness, healing in brokenness, and purpose in every stage of life. Whether you have walked with Christ for many years or are simply searching for hope, there is a place for you here.

I encourage you not just to attend church this summer, but to truly participate in the life we share together as the body of Christ. Join us in worship 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Stay for conversations. Serve alongside others. Invite someone who needs encouragement.

Open your heart to what God may want to create within you. As a church striving to be Devoted to God, Empowered by the Holy Spirit, and Committed to sharing the love of Christ with our community, we believe transformation happens when we grow together.

My prayer is that this Pentecost season will renew your spirit, strengthen your faith, and remind you that God is not finished with your story yet. Come experience the joy of belonging, the power of the Spirit, and the creative grace of God moving among us together.

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EE' or 'Eric Espada'.

Rev. Eric Espada