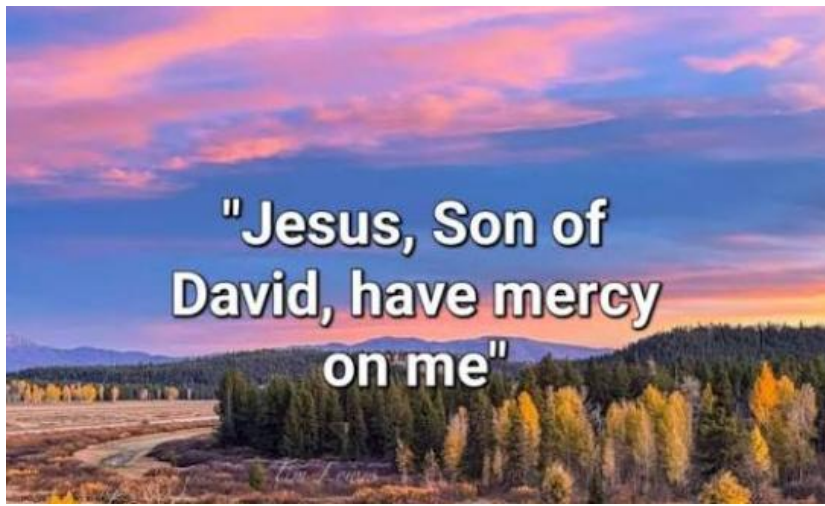




August 2nd 2026

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.

Church-Wide Picnic | August 9th

Get ready! We are having a pot luck picnic at Camp Catalpa. Dinner will begin promptly at 5 but come as early as 3pm to enjoy disc golf, corn hole, a fishing tournament, the hiking and walking trails or to just enjoy the camp and fellowship. The church will provide the main entrée as well as drinks. Please bring a side or dessert to share with everyone.

Blessing of the Backpacks | August 9th

We want to invite all students and teachers to bring your backpacks to church next Sunday. We will bless the backpacks in both services and distribute tags to hang on them to remind you how much you are loved by your church family.

Praying for our Students, Teachers and Schools

We have many opportunities to lift each other in prayer as school starts back up. Two specific opportunities include:

1 - 13 Days of Prayer Campaign. Beginning August 1st, let's be in prayer for our students, teachers and schools. We have bookmarks with daily prayer focus from August 1st to August 13th (the first day of Madison County Schools). If you haven't received your bookmark, see Rindy Russell or Amanda Bonner.

2 - 1st day of school prayer meeting. Everyone is invited to join our Prayer Team as they lead prayer in the MMC Chapel on August 13th starting at 9am. Let's cover our families and schools in prayer!

United Methodist Mountain Mission-Pick up | August 19th

The trucks will be here early on the 19th to pick up donations. Please have anything you wish to donate here by August 18th. Place all items in the Hartroom room on the first floor of the main church building. Current needs include: Belts, Men's & children's shoes & summer clothes, yarn, pots/pans, uniforms & scrubs, socks and purses.

Jersey Day at Thrive | August 23rd

Rep your team and wear your favorite sports jersey to the Thrive Service. No contest this time, but everyone that wears a jersey will get a little "treat"! Jerseys can be football, baseball, soccer, hockey, etc.

Operation Christmas Child | August 9th thru September 6th

We will begin collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is one of the best times to start filling your boxes since all school supplies will be on sale in the coming weeks. You can bring your boxes here on Sunday or to the office throughout the week.

FUMC Women of Faith Outing | September 7th

Our Women of Faith Ministry Group is organizing an outing to Lexington. We will go to the Historic St Paul AME church. This church is a verified Underground Railroad site and is part of the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Let the office know if you are interested in joining. **EVERYONE** is welcome to come.

Dreaming/Visioning Session | September 16th

Remember the on-boarding session we had last year when Pastor Eric arrived? It was a very successful event and now we want to take it one step further. After dinner on September 16th, Tammy Coleman, Assistant to the Bishop, will be here to help us dream (envision) what we want our future to look like. We pray we will have a big turn-out for this event. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Richmond FUMC Food Pantry

You can contribute to our pantry by bringing non-perishable food to the church office or donating by check or PushPay (and we will do the shopping). Call the church office with questions.



August Birthdays

Dale Emmons	1-Aug
Bert Cartwright	1-Aug
Jonathan Kleppinger	1-Aug
Alison Emmons	2-Aug
Kaitlyn Cain	2-Aug
Gene Strange	4-Aug
Betty Jo Thompson	6-Aug
Sue Mahanna-Boden	15-Aug
Daniel Rice	16-Aug
Emily Upchurch	17-Aug
Lauren Upchurch	17-Aug
Laura Barker	18-Aug
Pat Miller	19-Aug
Tine Grijalba	21-Aug
Alex Fassas	21-Aug
Mikaylla Ballard	24-Aug
Beth Roane	28-Aug
Audrey Tracy	30-Aug