



## August 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Welcome!** We are so happy you are joining us this morning and 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.

### Youth and Children Events |

School has begun and we have lined up some events for our Children and/or Youth before we kick-off our Wednesday Night discipleship programs.

\* September 2nd-6:15-7:15 - Youth meet Eric Muncie at Irvine McDowell park for some Ultimate Frisbee. Let us know if you need a ride!

\* September 9th- 6:00-7:00 - Children and Youth prayer night in the MMC - Everyone will participate in interactive prayer.

### Confirmation Class | September 27<sup>th</sup>

Do you know of any youth, grades 4 thru 12 that would be interested in going thru Confirmation? We will hold classes each Sunday from September 27<sup>th</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 12:30 pm (after the Thrive Service). Please contact Amanda Bonner or call the church office for more details and to sign up.

**ADDITIONALLY**, . . . If you are an adult that wishes to help with the confirmation classes, your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Again, talk to Amanda.

### Operation Christmas Child | 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 7<sup>th</sup>

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.

### **Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Dinners | September 16<sup>th</sup>**

WNL officially kicks off for the Fall with dinner and an Ice Cream Bar (YUM!). Dinner will be lasagna/spinach lasagna, salad and garlic bread. Please bring your favorite ice cream to share. After dinner we will hold our Visioning Session (see below). We hope to see everyone there!

### **Dreaming/Visioning Session | September 16<sup>th</sup>**

After dinner on September 16<sup>th</sup>, Dr. 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.

### **Anti-Racism Training Opportunities | September 19<sup>th</sup> 10am -- MMC**

The Kentucky Annual Conference is pleased to announce that registration is now open for our 2026 Anti-Racism Training opportunities. The training will explore: Cultural competency, building bridges across differences, Inclusive leadership, Mission and ministry in diverse contexts and Creating healthy communities of belonging.

This training is required for active clergy. Lay leaders and church members are also encouraged to participate as we grow together in faithful discipleship, reconciliation and communities of belonging.

### **Richmond FUMC United Women in Faith One Day Retreat | October 10th**

Join us for a one-day retreat here at church in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30am to 2:00pm. The theme is *"Drawing Water - A Day at the Well"*. Cost for the retreat is \$25 which includes all supplies, breakfast and lunch. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

### **Future events for your calendar**

- ❖ Fall Festival – October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will need donations (candy and little trinkets), volunteers, and decorations.
- ❖ Richmond City Halloween Hoe-Down – October 29<sup>th</sup>. You can help by handing out candy at our table downtown or by donating candy to hand out.
- ❖ Children & Youth Sabbath – November 8<sup>th</sup>. Details to come!
- ❖ Youth Fall Retreat – November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at Aldersgate Camp. All youth are invited to participate.