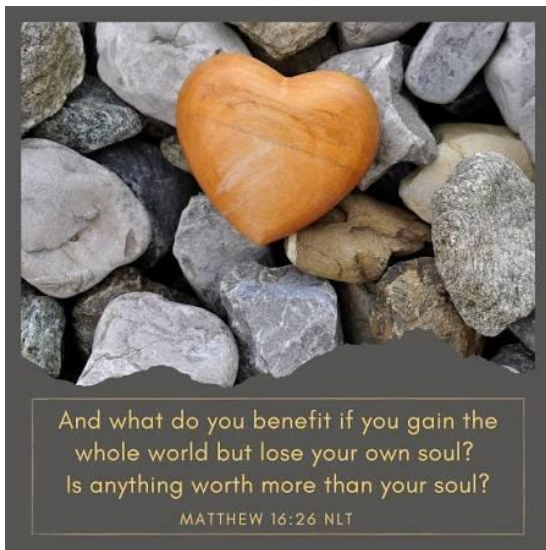




August 9th 2026

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 | Today!!

Meet us at Camp Catalpa for some fun and fellowship. Activities start at 3, dinner at 5. Bring a side or dessert to share with everyone.

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!

Newsletter Correction!! – Beth Roane's phone number listed in the August Newsletter was incorrect! Her correct phone # is 859-227-2738.

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.

First Aid / CPR / AED Training | August 21; 8am – 2pm MMC room 213

See insert for registration and details.

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.

100 Year Celebration

Richmond FUMC will celebrate its 100 year anniversary in our current location on Main Street in April 2027. Planning for the celebration is ongoing. Our committee is soliciting stories about our church. These stories could include significant memories of people, special events for your family or stories of how the church helped you through a time of need. Please limit your responses to about 250 words or less. That way, we will have enough room to publish the remarkable history of Richmond First United Methodist Church. You may respond by email, to centennial@richmondfumc.org, or by contacting one of the committee members. (Mike Park, Anne Brooks, Billy Way, Ken Peters, Sanford Jones or David Woolverton.)

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
Mikayla (Ballard) Ayala	24-Aug
Mark Harrison	26-Aug
Beth Roane	28-Aug
Audrey Tracy	30-Aug
Sara Orellana	31-Aug