



September 20th 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.

Confirmation Class | September 27th

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 27th thru November 1st 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.

September WNL Menus | Hope to see you there!

- * September 23 – Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Salad, sides & Tres Leches Cake
- * September 30 – Meat Loaf, Pasta Salad, sides & Peach Cobbler

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.

United Methodist Men – Road Clean-up | October 12th -18th

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in road cleanup for Madison County. This is a big fundraiser for the men’s group and they need full participation! What a great way to both serve our community and enjoy family time outside! Please talk to Craig Myers or Dave Alexander for more information and to volunteer.

Fall Festival | October 14th

Please come and join in the fun! We will eat our normal Wednesday Night Live meal, but instead of classes, we will all participate in an inter-generational Fall Festival. Of course, we **CANNOT** do this without **you!!** You can help in any of the following ways:

- * Help decorate – Decorating will begin on Tuesday, October 13th in the MMC.
- * Volunteer to man a booth or event – We have a whole list of opportunities from manning the cake walk, to hosting a game and everything in between!
- * Volunteer to donate home-made desserts for the cake walk, or candy for the giveaways or even little prizes for bingo!
- * Bring in some Fall/Halloween decorations to help make our space more inviting.
- * Attend and invite your friends and neighbors!

Let Amanda know where you can fit in!

Caring for Creation Week 3 — Let Creation Teach us

Scripture: Job 12:7–10

Devotional: "Ask the Animals" Job gives us a fascinating invitation: "*Ask the animals, and they will teach you.*" We usually think that humans are the teachers and creation is the student. Job turns that around.

Look at the birds.
Look at the animals.
Look at the plants.
Look at the oceans.
Look at the mountains.

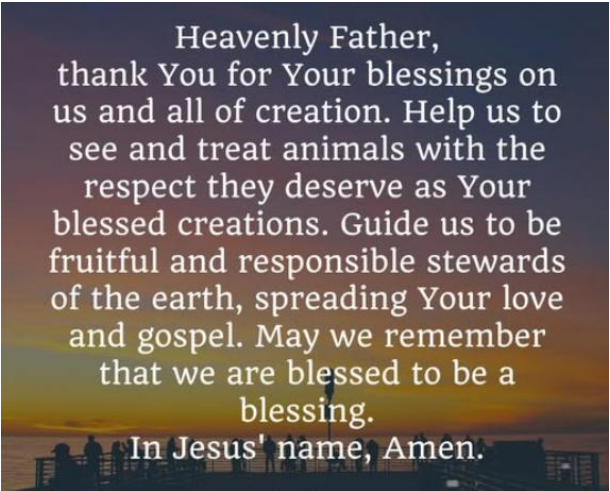
Creation has something to teach us about God. Animals teach us dependence. Trees teach us patience. Rivers teach us movement. Seasons teach us change. Seeds teach us hope. And the vastness of creation reminds us that God is much bigger than our little corner of the world. Perhaps caring for creation begins with humility—the willingness to admit that *we are not the center of God's creation* -- God is.

Reflection: What has creation taught you about God—or about yourself?

Practice: Spend time observing one part of creation—a bird, tree, garden, pet, stream, or field. Ask yourself: *What can this teach me about God?*

Prayer: *Creator God, give us humble hearts. Teach us to listen—not only to Scripture and to one another, but also to the creation you have made. Help us learn your wisdom through the world around us. Amen.*

Hymn: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, UMH #147.



Heavenly Father,
thank You for Your blessings on
us and all of creation. Help us to
see and treat animals with the
respect they deserve as Your
blessed creations. Guide us to be
fruitful and responsible stewards
of the earth, spreading Your love
and gospel. May we remember
that we are blessed to be a
blessing.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Future events for your calendar

- ❖ Richmond City Halloween Hoe-Down – October 29th. You can help by handing out candy at our table downtown or by donating candy to hand out.
- ❖ Youth Fall Retreat – November 13th & 14th at Aldersgate Camp. All youth are invited to participate.
- ❖ Children & Youth Sabbath – November 15th. Details to come!
- ❖ Richmond Christmas Parade (Music, Cider & Popcorn at the Columns) – December 4th
- ❖ United Women in Faith Christmas Tea – December 5th