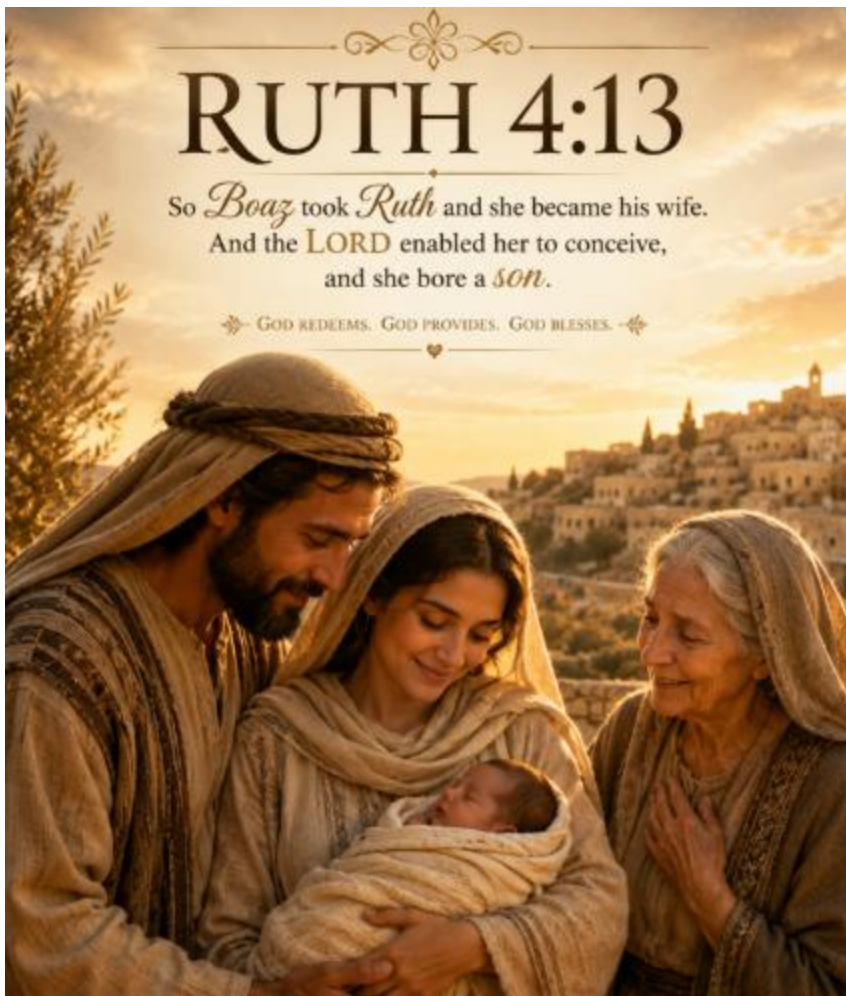




September 27th 2026

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 | Starts Today

If you want to participate in the confirmation class today, we will meet at 12:30-2:30 in MMC Room 213.

September WNL Menus | Hope to see you there!

- *September 30 – Meat Loaf, Pasta Salad, sides & Peach Cobbler
- * October 7 – Grilled Cheese and Tomato & Vegetable Soup

Bake sale | Today in the Foyer

We are having a Bake sale to support our Children's Ministry Team. Stop by the table in the downstairs foyer and get some goodies!

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!

Richmond City Halloween Hoe-Down | October 29th

The Children's Ministry Team will have a table set up at the Hoe-Down right on Main Street. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. The event is 6 – 8pm and we will start our set up at 4pm. Please come help us pass out goodies to our community. You can also donate candy or trinkets to be distributed.

Youth Fall Retreat | November 13-14 at Aldersgate

All youth are invited to attend. This is a combined retreat with other local UM churches. The cost per youth is \$75. If you need a scholarship or if you would like to donate to the retreat scholarship fund, please talk to Amanda Bonner or Zack Williams. The deadline for signing up is October 23rd.

Charge Conference | November 2nd at Winchester 1st UMC

Everyone is invited to attend at 7pm.

Caring for Creation Week 4 – Let All Creation Praise God

Scripture: Psalm 148

Devotional: “A Choir Bigger Than Us” Psalm 148 gives us one of the most beautiful pictures of worship in Scripture.

The sun praises God.
 The moon praises God.
 The stars praise God.
 The heavens praise God.
 The mountains praise God.
 The trees praise God.
 The animals praise God.

And finally, humanity is invited to join the choir.

Creation is already praising its Creator. The question is: Will we join the song? Caring for creation is therefore more than an environmental project. It can become an act of worship. Every time we protect something God has made, every time we restore something that has been damaged, every time we use God's resources responsibly, we are saying: “Lord, what you have made matters to me because it matters to you.” Our goal isn't simply to leave a cleaner planet. Our goal is to become people who recognize God's glory throughout creation and respond with gratitude, responsibility, and praise.

Reflection: What would it look like for your church to become a community that not only worships God on Sunday but also cares for God's creation throughout the week?

Practice: Do one act of creation care together with someone else—clean up a public space, plant something, care for a garden, pick up litter, or help protect a local natural area.

Prayer: *God of all creation, may our lives join the great song of heaven and earth. Teach us to worship you not only with our voices but with our actions. Make us faithful caretakers of the world you have entrusted to us. Amen.*

Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God and King*, UMH #62.

Future events for your calendar

- ❖ 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