


**November 15th, 2026**

**Welcome!** We are 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.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE!!****

*The Women of Faith Sunday School class now meets in the* ***Church Library each Sunday at 10:40 a.m.*** This class began meeting on Zoom during COVID and we are now meeting in person! We use the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary (large print version!). ***All women are welcome!***

**THANK YOU!!**

The Men's Ministry would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to everyone that supported last week's soup bean luncheon. All proceeds from the sale of the soup will go to Gift Cards for our Kentucky National Guard members.

**Pathfinders Sunday School Class**

On November 22nd, our class will start a new study ***Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God*** by Mark Batterson. "That voice is God's voice, and what we've learned from Scripture is that He often speaks in a whisper. Not to make it difficult to hear Him, but to draw us close. Many people have a tough time believing God still speaks. Sure, in ancient times and in mysterious ways, God spoke to His people, but is He still speaking now? The author wants to introduce you to the seven love languages of God; each of them unique and entirely divine. Class meets at 10:45 am on Sundays in the 2nd floor parlor. A Zoom option is also available. Contact Mike Ballard at 859-314-2855 if you have any questions.

**October WNL Menus | Hope to see you there!**

* November 18 – Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Bean Casserole, Boston Crème Pie
* November 25 – No dinner or classes! Happy Thanksgiving!

**Youth Famsgiving | November 25th**

Calling all youth, youth counselors, prior youth, prior youth counselors and anyone else that has loved on our youth group over the years! We will celebrate together in the Fellowship Hall with a "breakfast for dinner" meal. Our youth will be in charge of the cooking! Come, taste and see that it is good!

**First Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens | November 29th (both services)**

Join our congregation as we decorate both our beautiful sanctuary and our Thrive Worship space for the Christmas season. We encourage everyone to help with the decorations and specifically welcome children to participate. So bring your children, your grandchildren, etc. to take part in this special event. This is always a very special time in the life of our church as we not only prepare our worship spaces but also our hearts for the for the most wonderful celebration of our Savior's birth!

*****Additionally, we will start taking orders for poinsettias today***. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, please fill out the special order form and turn it into the church office. They will be delivered in time to be used to decorate the sanctuary. You can take them home after our Service on December 20th. Cost is $12 each.

**Christmas Retreat at Aldersgate | December 4-6**

Get ready for a festive weekend at camp! Aldersgate and Adventure UMC are teaming up for a Christmas retreat filled with fellowship, crafts and holiday cheer. Participants will help decorate camp for the season and enjoy the beauty of winter at Aldersgate.

**Richmond Christmas Parade | December 4th**

We will again enjoy taking part in this special night in our town. As is our habit, we will serve hot apple cider, hot cocoa and popcorn by the front steps as the parade goes by. We also have a group of gifted singers leading us in some Christmas songs. Come watch the parade with us, enjoy singing, fellowship and some treats!

**United Women in Faith Christmas Tea – December 5th**

The United Women in Faith will hold their annual Christmas Tea. The event begins at 2pm and is open to ALL! Tickets are $15 and are on sale now. See Rainey Hayes for a ticket or visit/call the church office. Additionally, if you are interested in hosting a table, please talk to Rainey Hayes (859) 221-3065. We will again collect gift cards for the United Methodist Children's home. Please donate as you are able!

**Mature Methodists | December 17th**

Our re-launch of the M&M group was a huge success! We had a wonderful turnout with nearly 40 attendees! The overwhelming desire of those in attendance was to continue with regular meetings. Therefore, we will have our next meeting on Dec 17th. It will be a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share. We will meet either in the M&M room (212 in the MMC) or in the gym, depending on participation. We would also like to encourage folks to step up into a leadership role with our group. Please contact Larry or Susan Shearer with any questions (859-200-2101).

**Madison Home**

Several women of our church take lunches to Madison Home every Monday. Donations to support this mission are always welcome! Some items needed to help serve the community are: beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, fruit cups, chicken salad kits, tuna salad kits, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, cereal bars or protein bars. When purchasing items in cans, please ensure they have a pop top. Items can be put in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for all the help! Please talk to Nancy Adams if you have any questions.

**Sharing Ministry**

Thank you to everyone that contributes to our sharing ministry. During these difficult times, we can be an answer to prayer as we help those in need. Richmond First helps our community members with assistance with utility payments and gas vouchers (for doctor appointments and job interviews). If you are interested in donating to this important ministry, please ensure you designate "Sharing Ministry" on your contribution. Additionally, we accept and distribute books to the children that come in with their families. If you have any you can donate, please bring them to the church office.

**Other Upcoming Events!**

- FUMC Staff Christmas Lunch, Papa Lenos in Berea – December 8th
- Youth Progressive Dinner – December 9th
- Ugly Sweater Contest – December 13th. Everyone is invited to participate in our Annual Sweater Contest during our Thrive Service.
- Gingerbread Bash – December 16th. All families are invited to create your own Nativity and enjoy yummy fun!
- Youth Group Lock-in – December 18th – 19th.