

November 22nd, 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.

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.

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! Gathering starts at 6pm!

Church Office Closed | November 25th-26th
Happy Thanksgiving – enjoy your families and friends!

First Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens | November 29th
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 prepare not only our worship spaces, but also our hearts for the most wonderful celebration of our Savior's birth!

Seasonal Flowers-Poinsettias -- 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. You may also make a donation to our Sharing Ministry in Memory or in Honor of loved ones.

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. 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!

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Dinner and Classes | December 9th

December 9th will be our last WNL before we enter Winter Break. We will pick back up again on January 13th 2027.

Christmas Cantata | December 11th and 13th

Our very talented Choir will present a Christmas Cantata entitled "Sing the Song of Christmas". You will have two opportunities to enjoy this beautiful presentation. On Friday, December 11th it will be presented in the church sanctuary at 7pm and on Sunday, **December 13th** it will be in the sanctuary during our **10:00am Unity Service.**

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).

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
- Christmas Sweater Contest – December 20th (NEW DATE!). 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.