



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2023

RICHMOND

First United Methodist Church Newsletter

BY: PASTOR SUNHWA

Hello Richmond First! I am your Pastor, Sunhwa.

“Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from him.” (Psalm 127:3)

It has been such a blessing that our Sunday school reopened and our children and youth are in class. It always gives me joy, and it is a privilege to work for the children and to work with those who have pure hearts and sweet praises to Jesus with their excitement in hearing God's Word. It is also the most incredible privilege to work with Sunday school teachers who are followers of Christ and use their gifts for the next generation with the same heart and love.

This month, we will have the most exciting things from our church. We will have Youth Confirmation. Most of the youth who are in Confirmation, were baptized at our church when they were little.

Infant and toddler baptism is a great blessing because these children have been baptized because of their parent's faith, and it is a commitment by their parents that they will raise their kids by faith. But Confirmation gives us more joy and blessings because the children grow up and now confess God is their Creator, Jesus is their Savior, and they join the church as a member in the mission of the church by their faith.

Our youth will receive Confirmation in our church. This means we have a responsibility to nurture and provide discipleship to them. So, please continue to pray for them and provide opportunities to learn, walk, and grow in their faith journey.



Important Dates

- 4/2-** Palm Sunday Service 9:30am
Holy Communion
Easter Choir Rehearsal 4pm
- 4/3-** Praise Team 6pm
- 4/4-** Children's Group
- 4/5-** Busy Hands 10am
Youth Group 4pm
- 4/7-** Good Friday Service 3pm
- 4/9-** Easter Breakfast 8am
Easter Sunday Service 9:30am
Easter Egg Hunt
Confirmation
- 4/10-** Praise Team 6pm
- 4/11-** Children's Group 4pm
- 4/12-** Busy Hands 10am
UMW 12:30pm
Youth Group 4pm
- 4/13-** Book Study 10am
- 4/16-** UMM breakfast at Ken's 8am
Sunday Service 9:30am
Potato Sunday
Confirmation & Celebration
- 4/17-** Praise Team 6pm
- 4/18-** Children's Group 4pm
- 4/19-** Busy Hands 10am
Youth Group 4pm
- 4/20-** Book Study 10am
- 4/23-** Sunday Service 9:30am
- 4/24-** Praise Team 6pm
- 4/25-** Children's Group 4pm
- 4/26-** Busy Hands 10am
Youth Group 4pm
- 4/27-** Book Study 10am
Leadership Board Meeting 7pm
- 4/30-** Sunday Service 9:30am

NOTES FROM YOUR LAY MEMBER



By Laura Pobanz

What's On My Mind These Days?

Greetings church family and friends!

Easter is upon us. The evidence is there in all the candy isles at the store. But Easter is so much more than chocolate bunnies and decorated eggs. The fact we celebrate Easter in the spring is no coincidence. Every year we get to experience a rebirth happening all around us and...in us.

Many people make New Years resolutions to do this or that better. I feel more compelled to ponder Easter and what the real meaning of rebirth, starting anew, setting a new course on a path means. Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in the book alone, but in every leaf of spring time." Even back then we understood what the importance of a spring renewal, in all plants, creatures, us, and the earth, is needed on a yearly basis.

Let us, as a church family, experience a rebirth. We are already on a new path that is showing promise of rebirth and growth. Let us continue to work together to build the kingdom of God within our walls and outside in our community.

1 Peter 1:3 states, "In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." It is my hope that we all grasp onto this living hope to create new wonders in this next year.

If you have comments or questions, please contact me at (586) 727-2656 or at klpjr@yahoo.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



By: Donna Quick

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***It is God
who is at
work in
you,
enabling
you both to
will and to
work for his
good
pleasure.***

***Philippians
2:13***

...we shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to expand the concepts of MISSION... As we began our season of diligence to purposeful meeting with our March meeting, we were reminded of these goals in mission. As we meet in April, having experienced the Easter message, we continue our season of new beginnings joining in fellowship and exploring our opportunities to serve.

Please, women of our church family, join in as God works in us all!

Join us at 'BUSY HANDS' every Wednesday 10-12!

'DATE TO REMEMBER' is April 12, 12:30pm Regular meeting of 'U'nited Women in Faith...See 'U' there!!

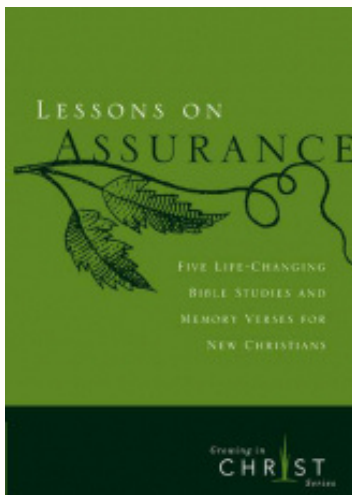
Other News

Backpack Blessings

The backpack blessings program is currently serving 13 families; totaling 28 adults and 30 children. They are supplied with groceries including milk, eggs, and meat every week. The majority of these distributions are delivered to their homes. If anyone would like to assist with deliveries, please contact Laura Pobanz at (586)727-2656.

Book Study

Book Study will start back up on April 13 at 10am. Lessons on Assurance will be covered and presents five short Bible studies on basic promises God gives to Christians.



Good Samaritan Program 2022 Year End Report

A total of 129 adults, 77 children, and 26 teens received food from the pantry.

Monetary assistance was provided for the following:

I City of Richmond Water Bill

I SEMCO Bill

I DTE shutoff was avoided

This program worked with the Richmond School social worker to help secure an apartment for a homeless family with children in the school district.

Assistance was also provided with car insurance for a high school student with no family. This student works a part time job and has been accepted into nursing programs at four different colleges. The school resource officer Kelly Davenport vouched for the student.




Youth Group
Wednesdays at Richmond
First UMC 4pm



*Tuesday's 4pm
Richmond First UMC*

**CHILDREN'S
GROUP!**



Praise Team

Meets Mondays at 6pm

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 6: Dan Carroll
April 9: Kristen Patchel
April 12: Susan Foster
April 13: Max Dawe
April 16: Christopher DeVos
April 20: Linda Kondek
April 21: George Fealko
Brenda Pruccoli
April 23: Mia Tennimon
April 26: Emily Light
April 30: Mary Fealko



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 4, 1975:
Jim & Debbie Rhein

April 12, 2019:
Mike & Katie Rowley

April 18, 2006:
William & Lizabeth Wisner





We Are Praying For You!

- Sallie Craig, George & Mary Fealko's sister, very ill and in hospital
 - Jim Rhein, treatments for cancer
 - Joe Sebastian, Jim Rhein's friend, kidney dialysis
 - Pat Birmingham, former work colleague of Glenn Quick, colon cancer
 - Carole Evans, health concerns
 - Richmond Community Schools
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- Those ill & recovering from COVID
 - Those families with loved ones that have passed recently
 - Local and national leaders
 - Medical and health professionals
 - Service men and women
 - The students, teachers, and staff of the schools
 - Those seeking employment, housing, and everyday needs
 - The social unrest in our country

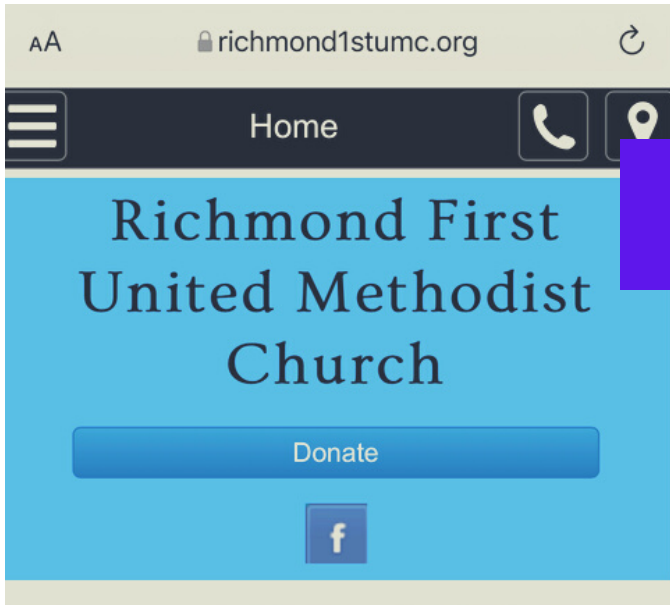
MARCH FACTS & FIGURES



Date	Attendance	Giving Total
March 5, 2023	In- Person: 62	\$3,393.80
March 12, 2023	In-Person: 45	\$2,141
March 19, 2023	In-Person: 66	\$1,814
March 25, 2023	In- Person: 47	\$2,596

March Giving Total: \$9,944.80
March Expenditures Total: \$9,655.25

DONATIONS



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APRIL READINGS

Week 14

- Joshua 14-17; *Luke 17*
- Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; *Luke 18*
- Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; *Luke 19*
- Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; *Luke 20*
- Judges 4-6; *Luke 21*

Week 15

- Judges 7-8; *Luke 22*
- Judges 9-11; Psalm 17; *Luke 23*
- Judges 12-16; Psalm 146; *Luke 24*
- Judges 17-18; Psalm 21; *Acts 1*
- Judges 19-21; *Acts 2*

Week 16

- Ruth 1-2; *Acts 3*
- Ruth 3-4; Psalm 37; *Acts 4*
- 1 Samuel 1-2; Psalm 120; *Acts 5*
- 1 Sam 3-5; Psalm 23; *Acts 6*
- 1 Sam 6-8; *Acts 7*

Week 17

- 1 Samuel 9-10; *Acts 8*
- 1 Sam 11-13; Psalm 38; *Acts 9*
- 1 Sam 14; Psalm 124; *Acts 10*
- 1 Sam 15-16; 1 Chr 1; Ps 39; *Acts 11*
- 1 Sam 17; 1 Chr 2; *Acts 12*



First United Methodist Church

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Office Hours:

Monday 10am-12:00pm

Tuesday 10am-2:00pm

Wednesday 10am-2:00pm

Thursday 10am-2:00pm

Friday Closed