



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2026

RICHMOND

First United Methodist Church Newsletter

BY: PASTOR SUNHWA

How is your Lent going?

Hello, Richmond First! I am your pastor, Sunhwa.

One thing I love about this season of Lent is that it begins at the end of winter and flows into spring. Have you made any plans for the coming season? I've heard that many people are already thinking about spring cleaning. Maybe you haven't made a plan yet, but I'm sure you understand why people do it.

Spring cleaning isn't always easy. Sometimes it feels like everything gets messier before it gets clean. That is probably because it is not just about tidying the spaces we see every day; it is also about cleaning the corners and hidden areas we usually overlook. And part of it is deciding what to keep and what to give away or throw out.

Lent reminds me a lot of spring cleaning. During this season, we are invited to look inside our hearts, including the good, the bad, the hurt, and all the clutter that holds us back, and focus on spiritual growth. It is a time to pause, reflect, and, guided by the Holy Spirit, decide what to hold on to and what to let go.

Would you like to join a Lenten Wednesday service and a 40-day prayer journey with us? Spending this time together can refresh our hearts, fill us with the Holy Spirit, and remind us of God's love.

Important Dates

- 3/1-** Sunday Service 9:30am
Holy Communion
- 3/2-** Praise Group 1:30 pm
- 3/4-** Lent Service 7 pm
- 3/8-** Sunday Service 9:30 am
Potato Sunday
- 3/9-** Praise Group 1:30 pm
- 3/11-** Busy Hands 10am-12pm
Lent Service 7 pm
- 3/15-** Sunday Service 9:30am
UMM meet at Ken's Kitchen 8am
Easter Choir practice 4 pm
- 3/16-** Praise Group 1:30 pm
- 3/18-** Busy Hands 10am-12pm
Lent Service 7 pm
- 3/22-** Sunday Service 9:30am
- 3/23-** Praise Group 1:30 pm
- 3/25-** Busy Hands 10am-12pm
Lent Service 7 pm, Soup & Bread 5:30 pm
- 3/26-** Leadership Board Meeting 7pm
- 3/29-** Palm Sunday Service 9:30 am



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



By: Donna Quick

With thankful hearts, our “Out to Lunch” gathering for lunch at Gather & Grounds was a celebration of fellowship and appreciation of our friendships, rewarded with tasty food. The “fruit of the spirit” was with us as we celebrated the love between us!

March 11 is the day to celebrate back to “BUSY HANDS” @ 10 AM with regular Meeting at 12:30 to begin with Soup and a Sweet and celebrate Spring coming! We’ll have a Lenten thought, AND Susan’s idea of a sharing time...please bring your favorite childhood toy, eq: doll, school project, activity book, or thoughts to share. Maybe childhood pictures, a Memory Lane” time!

So, let’s see ALL our Women in Faith on
**Wednesday, March 11 @ 10 am BUSY HANDS
12:30 “SOUP & SWEET” REGULAR MEETING**

“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Galatians 5:22-23



!!WELCOME BACK BUSY HANDS!!

Time to get the creative juices flowing with new, fresh ideas for the Bazaar.

The second Saturday in November is the big day!

It seems like a long way away, but time does fly by way too fast and before we know it...Saturday, November 14 is here.

All the work and effort are worth it at the end of the day.

Starting March 11th, we will be meeting from 10 till noon each Wednesday morning. We will need a couple of weeks to reorganize and sort out stuff for fresh start on projects.

All hands will be busy!!

IDEAS

are what we need - a sample - a picture - or whatever you have for an idea is very much appreciated.

Lent Service Schedule



Wednesday March 3, 7 pm
Wednesday March 11, 7 pm
Wednesday March 18, 7 pm
Wednesday March 25, 7 pm
Wednesday April 1, 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 3, 4 PM



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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30 AM





The Easter Choir will practice on Sunday, March 25 at 4 pm.

If you would like to donate altar flowers there is a sign up sheet hanging in the back of the church by the picture frame.



There is now a sign-up sheet for Sunday coffee hour. You can bring a treat for Sunday Service.

OTHER

BACKPACK BLESSINGS



A big thank you to all who provided Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper, Shake & Bake mixes, cooking oil and spices this past month. This month we are requesting Pop Tarts and Pickles. We are also in need of grocery bags.

If you would like to volunteer with or donate to this great community wide outreach, please contact Laura Pobanz at (586) 727-2656.



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Last Quarter Total Donations Was \$59.97. Enter Richmond First United Methodist Church in the search button or our non-profit number AB956. Please let friends and family know so that they can register us as their non-profit organization also.

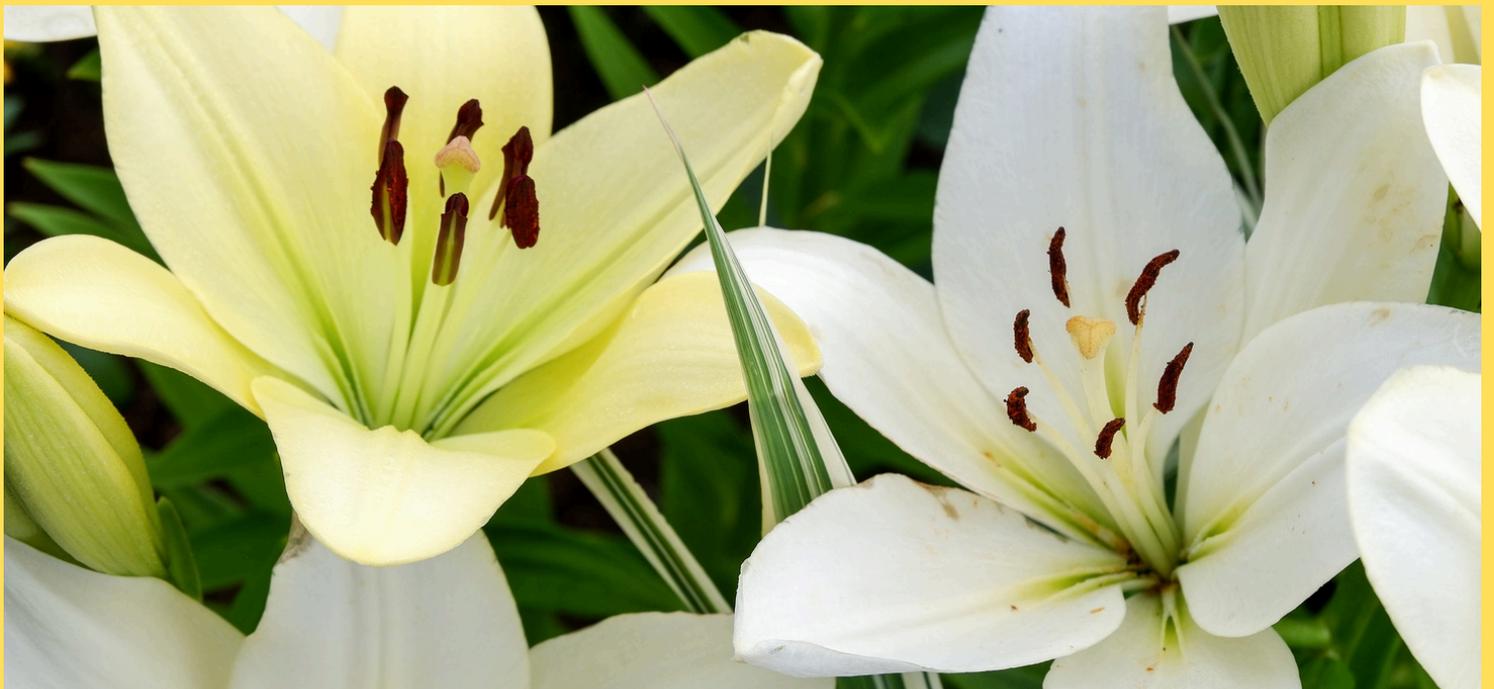


**PRAISE TEAM
MEETS
MONDAYS AT
1:30 PM**



EASTER LILIES

The cost this year is \$14.00 per plant. Order forms are located on the back table. You may place orders in the offering plate, call the church office or return to the church office no later than Sunday, March 22, 2026.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/3- Janeane Avery
3/8- Glenda Rix
3/9- Tim Rix
3/9- Stacey Rowley
3/9- Marjorie Monahan
3/11- Matt & Miranda Mott
3/11- Jon Walkowski
3/11- Pearl White
3/12- Nancy Maro
3/14- Clara Patchel
3/21- Olivia Wofford
3/21- Kurt Nieman
3/21- Nicole Denny
3/26- Matthew Mott
3/27- Nicholas Maro
3/28- Nola Rowley
3/30- Kathy Harley



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 2 - Terry & Clara Patchel
March 28 Joe & Sharron Dickenson



We Are Praying For You!

- Vicki Lyszczyk's friend Renee, who is undergoing Cancer treatment.
- Jacob Rhein - has Cipro toxicity. He is now able to move his head 10%. Jacob is great nephew of Jim and Debbie Rhein.
- Relative of Alane Rowley, Cody Ballard, 10 years old, diagnosed with Leukemia.
- Chelsea Jones, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer.
- Doug MacMartin, prayers for health concerns.
- Carol Jarrett, friend of Kristina Livingston, has been diagnosed with brain cancer.
- Mark McKiernan, friend of the Quick Family, Intense treatments for brain tumor.
- Jodi Bishop, Fighting Ovarian Cancer.
- Josh, grandson of Wayne Murray, with lung issues.
- Kathy Wojciechowski, Aunt of Laura Pobanz, has Parkinson's disease and liver and pancreatic cancer.
- Rick Pearsall, Son-in-law of Sandy and Dr. McClellan, health concerns.
- Amelia, an 8-year-old girl, who had a stroke is undergoing continued treatment for right-sided impairment, speech and ongoing vasculitis.
- Jim Leyson, Hoon and Sunwha Hopgood's uncle-in-law. He is dealing with pain issues.
- Ray Evans, who is navigating health concerns.
- Earleen Kaltz, friend and neighbor of Ken and Darlene Kelly, with pancreatic cancer.
- Emily Anderson, niece of Keith and Laura Pobanz, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Russ and Susan VanHousen, Parkinson's and other health concerns, Mark Hubanks' sister and brother-in-law.
- Sally Mott, who has been placed in hospice, mother of Alane Rowley's son-in-law, Matt.
- Harold Cummings, former coworker of Alane Rowley, had a lung transplant.
- Dr. Pat McClellan, home from hospital and undergoing therapy after surgery.
- Prayers for James Tennimon and his unit as they prepare for deployment, and for Lauren, Mia and Violet during his time away.
- Dan Maben, friend of Alane Rowley and family, was injured in a serious roll-over side by side accident.
- John Rowley, Alane Rowley's son, fell from a ladder and had cardiac arrest. He is now home.
- Shirley Ahlgrim, friend of Jaynmarie Hubanks, is on hospice care.
- Jon and Denise Walkowski's granddaughter, Zoey, has been diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disease and will be undergoing testing at U of M.
- Daniel Hagle and Michael Kammer, two young men who perished in a work accident. They are friends of Alane Rowley.

FEBRUARY FACTS & FIGURES



DATE	ATTENDANCE	GIVING TOTAL
February 1, 2026	47	\$3328
February 8, 2026	43	\$3946
February 15, 2026	47	\$1665
February 22, 2026	45	\$780

February Giving Total: \$9,719

February Expenditures Total: \$13,305.56

CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2025

CHAIR OF COUNCIL: Glenn Quick (2025)

LAY LEADER: Laura Pobanz (conference only)

SPRC MEMBERS: Foster Amy (2026)
Lyszczyk, Vicki (2025)
Kondek, Larry (2025)
loco, Amanda

FINANCE TEAM: Livingston Tina (Chair)
Gutt, Christine (Treasurer)
Nieman, Sue (Financial Secretary)

TRUSTEES: Habel, Derek (Chair)
Light, Scott
Kelly, Ken

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Foster, Susan

NOMINATING: Pastor Sunhwa
Foster, Susan



First United Methodist Church

Sunhwa Hopgood, Pastor

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Office Hours:

Monday 10:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday 10:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm

Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm

Friday CLOSED