

RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH
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Pastor Tom Scott

September - May

9:00 A.M. - PRAISE SERVICE

10:30 A.M. - WORSHIP SERVICE

June - August

10:00 A.M. - COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

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Circuit Rider
Richmond Methodist Church

A note from Pastor Tom Scott



Advent is the beginning of a new church year. It is a time when we pause to ponder the incarnation of Jesus—literally, God who put on human flesh and came to live like we do. It is also a time when we remember not only that Jesus came, but that He will come again, to judge the world and to set up an Eternal Kingdom. It is also a time where we can be overwhelmed by the pace of life, with all the events, family gatherings, and other obligations. So, I wanted to take a few moments to share with you some of the opportunities that will be coming up at Richmond Methodist.

On Saturday, **December 5**, we will be gathering for the **Richmond Christmas Parade**. The parade will step off **at 5 p.m.**

On Sunday, **December 13**, we will be having a **Parsonage Open House** from **4 – 7 p.m.** This gives Michelle and I opportunity to share a bit of the Christmas season with our church family. Everyone is invited to drop in for refreshments and fellowship, as we begin the Christmas season.

Christmas Eve will be on Thursday, **December 24** this year. The evening service for **Christmas Eve** will be at **7 p.m.** Join us for carols, the Christmas story, and candle lighting.

Michelle and I always take vacation time from Christmas Day through New Year's Day. This is a chance for us to get away and recharge before we jump into the new year. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, contact the church office and they will either contact me or a pastor who is covering for me.

As you make your New Year's resolutions, consider adding reading through the Bible to your goals. We will be restarting our **Bible Reading Plan**, with weekly readings in the bulletin, a monthly sheet available at the back of the sanctuary, and a two-month overview of the readings in the bi-monthly newsletter (see pages 4-5). If you stay with it all year, you will have read through the entire Bible in a year. It is also interesting to be reading the same passages as others so you can talk about what you've read.

January 3 will be **Epiphany Sunday.** Join us as we celebrate the coming of the wise men.

January 10 will be our fifth annual **Planning Retreat**. We will have a combined service at 10 a.m. with a potluck lunch following. After lunch, we'll split into our committees to set goals for 2027. If you are just coming onto a committee, this will be your first meeting. If you are not on any committee, feel free to pick one to join for the day. It is a great way to see what we are planning and doing as we move forward.

Now as you look at your calendar and try to put all (or some) of these things on it, look back at the bold print and you'll find the pertinent details to jot down. In Isaiah 43:19, *"God says, Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"* **I am excited for the new things God is going to do at Richmond Methodist in 2027!** I hope you are too.

UPDATE FROM THE ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE



On November 1, 2026, we received a new Bishop assigned to oversee our Annual Conference. Bishop Mark Webb, who has been our bishop since 2023 is continuing to serve, but in other annual conferences. Our new bishop will be Bishop Carolyn Moore. Before being elected bishop, Carolyn served as a church planter and pastor in Georgia. Our own Pastor Jeff Greenway says of Carolyn that she is the best preacher on the Assembly of Bishops. Please join me in praying for Bishop Moore as she begins her time with our conference.



On January 1, 2027, Rev. Jeff Greenway will be retiring from his position as Superintendent of the Allegheny West Conference. He will be followed by Rev. Dan Gildner. Gildner brings 25 years of ministry experience and a deep understanding of the Allegheny West Conference to his new role. He played a significant part in the formation of the Conference and has served in several leadership capacities, including chair of the Board of Ministry and member of the Conference Council. Rev. Gildner has spent the last two months visiting all 23 circuits in the conference, meeting with pastors as well as holding a time of worship for each circuit. Let's lift Rev. Gildner up in prayer as he being the work of overseeing the day-to-day operations of our conference.



Parsonage Open House

Sunday, December 12
from 4:00 to 7:00pm
Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

(Please, park at the church if you are able and save the driveway for those who need to be closer, thank you)



Bible Study of Exodus
Wednesday at 6:30pm and
Thursday at 1:00pm.

Thank you for the wonderful luncheon and support for our family,
God Bless Edna J. Woodward
There are people in our lives who are so genuinely kindhearted…appreciating them just comes naturally. Thank you.
Sincerely, Russ Barker Sr. Family



In Memorial of Bob White:
Rev. Carol Smith

December & January

Altar Flowers-Birthdays-Anniversaries



December Altar Flowers

6 Given by Gloria Mercer in honor of Sherri, Malania, T.J. & Mallory
13 Given by The Grimm Family in memory of Tom Grimm
20 Given by Jennifer Lawrence in memory of Curtis, Bud & Becky, Michael & Colleen Jones & Bill Milhoan
27 Given by Dan Vojvodich in memory of our church family who have passed

December Birthdays



2-Kevin Browning
3-Emma Scott
9-Henry McConnell
10-Chris Somerville
12-Darlene Mohney
16-Joe Adamovich, Jr.
18-Cheyenne McElroy
20-Eric Longo
21-Jennie Scott
22-Blake Webber
26-Suzanne McConnell
26-Jennifer Ingram
28-Lauren DeSantis
28-Brynlee VanFossen

December Anniversaries



27-Dennis & Darla VanFossen

January Altar Flowers

3 Given by Judy Slater & Family in memory of John Slater
10 Given by RuthAnn Blackburn in memory of JoAnn Birney & Tom Blackburn
17 Given by Robert & Amy Scott Family in memory of Mary Ramsey
24 Given by the Abrahams
31 Given by the Warren Family in memory of Brad Warren

January Birthdays



3-Edwin Frye
4-Zac Kramarich
6-Wilma Kough
7-Gina Judy
7-Kamiliah Pendleton
7-Rich Elliott
9-Addaline Grimes
10-Ruth Ann Blackburn
10-Shari Tice
13-Brayden McConnell
13-Mary McConnell
14-Charli McConnell
16-Ruth Steiner
17-Josh McConnell
17-Amy Sinicropi
23-Gay Warren
24-Ryan Kramarich
24-Alaina Warren
24-Stephen Marcino
27-Maddy Keister
28-Linda Birney
29-Cindy Matuska
30-Amy Browning
31-Meghan Scott

January Anniversaries



11-Pam & Andy Smith

***If your anniversary or your birthday is missing, please let the church office know.**

DECEMBER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 2- 4:30pm Praise Practice
6:30pm Bible Study
December 3- 1:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Scouts
6:00pm Worship Committee
December 5- 5:00pm Richmond Christmas Parade
10am-2pm Shop with Richmond Lion Club
December 6- Communion-Advent
9:00am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service
December 9- 4:30pm Praise Practice
6:30pm Bible Study
December 10- 1:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Scouts
December 13- 9:00am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service
4-7:00pm Parsonage Open House
December 16 - 4:30pm Praise Practice
6:30pm Bible Study
December 17 - 1:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Scouts
December 20-9:00am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service
December 24 - 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service
December 25 – Christmas Day
Office Closed
December 27-9:00am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service
December 28 - 6:30pm Nurture Meeting
December 31-Happy New Year-
Office Closed



Join us Christmas Eve
December 24 at 7:00pm



JANUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 1- Happy New Year
Office Closed
January 3- Epiphany Sunday
Communion
9:00am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service
January 6- 4:30pm Praise Practice
6:30pm Bible Study
January 7- 1:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Scouts
January 10- 10:00am Combined Service Potluck to follow
Planning Retreat
January 13 - 4:30pm Praise Practice
6:30pm Bible Study
January 14- 1:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Scouts
January 17 - 9am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service
January 18- Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed
January 20 - 4:30pm Praise Practice
6:30pm Bible Study
January 21- 1:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Scouts
January 24- 9:00am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service
Newsletter Items Due
January 25- 6:30pm Nurture
January 27 - 4:30pm Praise Practice
6:30pm Bible Study
January 28- 1:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Scouts
January 31 –9:00am Praise Service
10:30am Worship Service

Are you interested in Faith and Family Night at the Wheeling Nailers on Sunday, February 7, 2027
If interested, please let the church office know. Thank you! 740.765.4957 or secretary@richmondmc.org

OUTREACH NEWS

TRUNK OR TREAT – We had a good crowd and 17 vehicles participating! Including the Richmond Lions Club, East Springfield Junior Women's Club, fire department, Lighthouse Church members and Jefferson County WIC Department and our church members among the participants. We had a great community night. We had donated candy that was leftovers and given to the Friendship Room in Steubenville.
NOVEMBER OUTREACH PROJECTS – Collecting canned soup throughout November for the WEBA Food Pantry based in Amsterdam.
The **Thanksgiving envelope offering** will benefit the Muskingum County Flood Relief effort involving the Global Methodist Church in Zanesville.
DECEMBER OUTREACH PROJECTS – We will be collecting toiletry bags for men and women for distribution at the WEBA Food Pantry. Collection dates will be from Dec. 1-20.
The **Christmas envelope** offering will go to Valley Hospice for its Whispered Wishes program, which grants special end-of-life wishes to patients and their families.
RICHMOND CHRISTMAS PARADE – Will be held Saturday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. We will offer bagged cookies and hot chocolate again and distribute holiday service information.

REMEMBER – WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!!!



TRUSTEES

Trustee update on completed projects: The sidewalk project is completed and hillside landscaped and seeded. Also repaired were the door of the kitchen refrigerator, kitchen door stop and pew scratches have been repaired.

Reminder: If you see anything that needs repair, please let one of the Trustees know. It's better to address any issues before it becomes a bigger issue later. - Thank you

Scouting America -Cub Pack 20, Scout Troop 22 & Scout Troop 20

Boys and Girls grades Kindergarten to Fifth Grade are invited to join **Cub Scout Pack 20**, please contact Bobby at 740.424.1327.
Young men between 11 to 17 years of age are invited to join **ScoutsBSA Troop 20**, please contact Joe at 740.381.2887.
Young ladies between 11 to 17 years of age are invited to join **ScoutsBSA Troop 22**, please contact Ashley at 740.275.1364.
Young men and ladies between 14 (finished 8th grade) to 20 years of age are invited to join **Venturing Crew 20**, please contact James at 740.485.0585





Watch for them at the Richmond Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5 at 5:00pm.

December

1	Daniel 7:1-8:14 1 John 2:12-27 Psalm 136:13-26	11	Esther 1:1-2:18 Revelation 2:18-3:6 Psalm 140:6-13	22	Ezra 8:15-9:15 Revelation 14:1-13 Proverbs 1-9
2	Daniel 8:15-9:19 1 John 2:28-3:10 Proverbs 29:10-18	12	Esther 2:19-5:14 Revelation 3:7-22 Psalm 141:1-10	23	Ezra 10:1-44 Revelation 14:14-15:8 Psalm 146:1-10
3	Daniel 9:20-11:1 1 John 3:11-4:6 Psalm 137:1-9	13	Esther 6:1-8:17 Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 142:1-7	24	Nehemiah 1:1-2:20 Revelation 16:1-21 Psalm 147:1-11
4	Daniel 11:2-35 1 John 4:7-21 Psalm 138:1-8	14	Esther 9:1-10:3 Revelation 5:1-14 Proverbs 30:11-23	25	Nehemiah 3:1-4:23 Revelation 17:1-18 Psalm 147:12-20
5	Daniel 11:36-12:13 1 John 5:1-21 Psalm 139:1-10	15	Malachi 1:1-2:16 Revelation 6:1-17 Psalm 143:1-12	26	Nehemiah 5:1-7:3 Revelation 18:1-17 Proverbs 31:10-20
6	Haggai 1:1-2:23 2 John 1-13 Proverbs 29:19-27	16	Malachi 2:17-4:6 Revelation 7:1-17 Psalm 144:1-8	27	Nehemiah 7:4-8:18 Revelation 18:17-19:10 Psalm 148:1-64
7	Zechariah 1:1-4:14 3 John 1-14 Psalm 139:11-16	17	Ezra 1:1-2:67 Revelation 8:1-9:12 Psalm 144:9-15	28	Nehemiah 9:1-37 Revelation 19:11-21 Psalm 148:7-14
8	Zechariah 5:1-8:23 Jude 1-25 Psalm 139:17-24	18	Ezra 2:68-4:5 Revelation 9:13-10:11 Proverbs 30:24-33	29	Nehemiah 9:38-11:21 Revelation 20:1-15 Psalm 149:1-9
9	Zechariah 9:1-11:17 Revelation 1:1-20 Psalm 140:1-5	19	Ezra 4:6-5:17 Revelation 11:1-19 Psalm 145:1-7	30	Nehemiah 11:22-12:47 Revelation 21:1-27 Proverbs 31:21-31
10	Zechariah 12:1-14:21 Revelation 2:1-17 Proverbs 30:1-10	20	Ezra 6:1-7:10 Revelation 12:1-13:1 Psalm 145:8-13	31	Nehemiah 13:1-31 Revelation 22:1-21 Psalm 150:1-6
		21	Ezra 7:11-8:14 Revelation 13:1-18 Psalm 145:13-21		





January

1	Genesis 1:1-2:17 Matthew 1:1-25 Psalm 1:1-6	11	Genesis 24:1-67 Matthew 9:14-38 Psalm 8:1-9	22	Genesis 43:1-44:34 Matthew 15:10-39 Psalm 13:1-6
2	Genesis 2:18-4:16 Matthew 2:1-18 Psalm 2:1-12	12	Genesis 25:1-26:35 Matthew 10:1-31 Proverbs 1:20-33	23	Genesis 45:1-47:12 Matthew 16:1-20 Psalm 14:1-7
3	Genesis 4:17-6:22 Matthew 2:19-3:17 Psalm 3:1-8	13	Genesis 27:1-28:22 Matthew 10:32-11:15 Psalm 9:1-6	24	Genesis 47:13-48:22 Matthew 16:21-17:13 Proverbs 3:1-10
4	Genesis 7:1-9:17 Matthew 4:1-22 Proverbs 1:1-7	14	Genesis 29:1-30:43 Matthew 11:16-30 Psalm 9:7-12	25	Genesis 49:1-50:26 Matthew 17:14-18:9 Psalm 15:1-5
5	Genesis 9:18-11:9 Matthew 4:23-5:20 Psalm 4:1-8	15	Genesis 31:1-55 Matthew 12:1-21 Psalm 9:13-20	26	Job 1:1-3:26 Matthew 18:10-35 Psalm 16:1-11
6	Genesis 11:10-13:18 Matthew 5:21-42 Psalms 5:1-12	16	Genesis 32:1-33:20 Matthew 12:22-45 Proverbs 2:1-11	27	Job 4:1-7:21 Matthew 19:1-15 Psalm 17:1-5
7	Genesis 14:1-16:16 Matthew 5:43-6:24 Psalm 6:1-10	17	Genesis 34:1-35:29 Matthew 12:46-13:17 Psalm 10:1-11	28	Job 8:1-10:22 Matthew 19:16-30 Proverbs 3:11-20
8	Genesis 17:1-18:33 Matthew 6:25-7:23 Proverbs 1:8-19	18	Genesis 36:1-37:36 Matthew 13:18-35 Psalm 10:12-18	29	Job 11:1-14:22 Matthew 20:1-19 Psalm 17:6-12
9	Genesis 19:1-20:18 Matthew 7:24-8:22 Psalm 7:1-9	19	Genesis 38:1-39:23 Matthew 13:36-58 Psalm 11:1-7	30	Job 15:1-18:21 Matthew 20:20-34 Psalm 17:13-15
10	Genesis 21:1-23:20 Matthew 8:23-9:13 Psalm 7:10-17	20	Genesis 40:1-41:40 Matthew 14:1-21 Proverbs 2:12-22	31	Job 19:1-21:34 Matthew 21:1-17 Psalm 18:1-6
		21	Genesis 41:41-42:38 Matthew 14:22-15:9 Psalm 12:1-8		



