RICHMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Peter Jamieson
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
Service 10:00 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship - from Psalm 123

We look to you, O God in heaven,
we look up to you for help.
Like servants, alert to their master's commands,
like a maiden attending her lady,
We're watching and waiting, holding our breath,
Lord, we are waiting your words of mercy.

Opening Song #398 "Jesus Calls Us"

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. May we find joy in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. This we pray in your holy name. Amen

Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

First Lesson – Judges 4:1-7

Second Lesson – Matthew 25:14-30

Message

Time for Reflection

Statement of Faith #887

Prayer Chorus TFWS#2150 "Lord, Be Glorified"

Pastoral Prayer –
Question: Do You Have Any Praises?

The Lord's Prayer – UMC Hymnal page 10

Dedication of Revitalized Sunday School Room, New Murals and Ted Emmon's Painting.

Announcements and Action Plans

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Closing Hymn #733 "Marching to Zion"

Benediction

Benediction Response "May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You"

PRAYER CONCERNS

***OUR COUNTRY – Our Military – PUMP**

People of Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Columbia & Nepal

John Frable, Janice Rodriguez Frank Creazzo, Brad Muffley, Joe Stecker, Kenny Glen, Richard Shreve, The family of Elizabeth McCall, Bridget Pruett, Lynn & Bill, Marie Ricker, Charlotte, Cindy Smith. Our Church Family - Victims of Natural Disasters and Abuse

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DEALING WITH CANCER

Paula Kohl, Angela Lemmer, Ed Wehmeyer (Cousin), Tom Stark, Jeff Ausfahl, Susan Wehmeyer, Anna Diehl, John, Kristin, Ed Curry, Marilyn Monica, Jack Bel, Chris Sellers, Debbie Crafa, Roxanna Jensen.

11/08/26 Offering $521.00, the amount to meet the annual budget is $1,686.32.*

PUMP – We always need your financial support and non-perishable food items Place any donations in the PUMP basket in the Narthex.

FAITH CREW SUNDAY SCHOOL Every Sunday after the children's message. Please spread the word and bring the kids to Sunday school!

BIBLE STUDY – on Monday, at 1:00 PM in Thomas Hall and on Zoom. We will continue Studying the word "Spirit". We will be finding references to the Spirit of God in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

GRATEFUL BREAD MISSION- our last Safe Harbor Meal is Tuesday, December 8th - Group #1 recipes and pans are in the kitchen.

MINISTERIUM ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Flicksville United Church of Christ.

HOAGIE FUND RAISER – You can purchase coupons for $11.00 each valid for one 10" hoagie of your choice. Lettuce, tomato, and onion included. Let staff know when ordering you are using the coupon (different size). if ordering more than 6 at one time, a 24-hour notice is required. Use at Franks Deli & Farm Market, Mount Bethel (570-583-2102) Coupon has no expiration date. Contact Dawn Olson for coupon purchase@ 610-392-8004. Checks payable to RUMC or cash at time of coupon purchase.

CHURCH CONFERENCE 2026 - Our Conference is on Sunday, November 22nd here at the church, after worship. Please plan your schedules around this date. All church members are encouraged to attend. Pastor Dave Goss will lead us.

CHURCH COMMUNITY BRUNCH from *Lynne Emmons*--On Sunday November 15, I'd like to invite everyone to join me for a Church Community Brunch. Over the past few years everyone has reached out to give peace and comfort to Dad and myself. We should celebrate our unity over a meal!

HELP WANTED We need your muscles to help bring the Christmas decorations in from the shed for Advent decorating upstairs on Wednesday Nov. 25 at 10:00 am and North Pole Express downstairs on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 10:00 am. The more volunteers the quicker the decorating will go! Word on the street says there may be food involved?

SAVE THE DATE! North Pole Express is bringing Santa to RUMC again this year! The date is Sunday, November 29. from 4-6pm. See the flyer on the website for all the details and to register!

HANDBELLS Looking for some festive folks to ring the handbells this Christmas Eve! Help us bring music to our 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service. You don't have to read music to play the bells and its pretty easy to do. We will have short practices (30 minutes tops) after worship starting Sunday, November 29 through Sunday, December 20th. Please let Ed Wehmeyer know if you'd like to be included in the FUN!

CHRISTMAS 2026 GIVING- We are blessed to have such a giving church family to those that are in need in our community and beyond, and the Christmas season is no exception! There are a few different ways to participate in giving this year if you'd like. The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox is an option As in previous years we will have the opportunity to participate with the Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Pantry in their gift-giving mission to local children. Names will be available to us around the Thanksgiving holiday. We also have an opportunity this year to provide Christmas stockings and stuffers to foster children with Fostering Hope-Northampton County. Details are below.

"STOCKINGS OF HOPE"- This outreach extends our current support of providing hand tied blankets to youth in the local foster care system (they absolutely love them by the way). Fostering Hope Northampton County alone has served over 800 youth this year so far! A very large percentage being teens. An idea to provide Christmas stockings came to fruition in our Crafts & Mats group and supported by the Refresh committee. Of course, we cannot donate 800 stockings, but we are hoping to provide some. Several handmade stockings have already been made for younger children and larger stockings have also been donated for tweens and teens. We are looking for donations of stocking stuffers to put inside the stockings. We will be collecting these items until November 23rd and will deliver them to Fostering Hope the following week. There is a list of ideas near the donation box located in the narthex. Only NEW and UNUSED items please. Let's make some kids feel the love and support for them from RUMC.

CHRISTMAS CARDS for people in prison: Campaign Part 2!
Thank you so much to everyone who filled out Christmas cards and sent them in to bless those who are in prison.
In part 2 of the campaign, we will donate unused Christmas cards to people who are incarcerated so that they may send a card to their loved ones. Unused cards are due by Nov. 23. Place unused cards in the envelop on the Narthex table.6

WEB-SITE – RICHMONDUMCBANGOR.ORG

***Note: Some members' offerings are only received quarterly or monthly so the weekly donation amounts can vary greatly.**