September 2026

the bell tower

Reidland United Methodist Church Newsletter

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10-3

Service Times: Sunday School @ 9AM | Worship @ 10AM



Hello, Reidland UMC!

Rev. Dr. Tim Mitchell

Greetings, friends!

I'm Rev. Dr. Timothy Mitchell—but please, just call me Pastor Tim. Before we meet in person, I wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself and tell you how excited I am to spend time with you at Reidland United Methodist Church. I'm honored to walk alongside you while your pastor, Rev. Katie Minnis, takes some well- deserved time away to welcome her new baby, Reid. What an exciting season for Katie and her family—and what a privilege it is for me to be part of the Reidland family during this special time.

You may be wondering, "Who is this Pastor Tim guy?" My journey to ministry wasn't exactly a straight line. Before becoming a pastor, I spent years in the printing industry. I have a bachelor's degree in Printing and Industrial Engineering. So, somewhere along the way, God decided that someone who liked systems, processes, spreadsheets, large machines, and solving problems might be useful in the Church. I'm still trying to figure out exactly what God was thinking! I entered pastoral ministry in 1997 and have had the incredible privilege of serving the Church for 28 years. Along the way, I've preached a lot of sermons, baptized babies, stood beside families during difficult moments, celebrated during joyful ones, and sat through more meetings than I care to count.

Through it all, I've learned something important: The Church is not a building. The Church is people. People with stories, questions, hopes, dreams, and sometimes struggles. People who have walked with Jesus for decades– and people who are still discovering who Jesus is.

My doctoral work focused on church renewal and revitalization, and at the heart of that work is a simple question: Where is God already working, and how can we join Him there? I hope that question will guide our time together.

My wife, Jody, and I now make our home in Murray, Kentucky. I officially retired from active pastoral ministry at the end of 2025. So, yes, I'm retired. But apparently God didn't get the memo! When the opportunity came to serve with you during Katie's maternity leave, it felt less like going back to work and more like God opening another door.

Reidland UMC, I'm looking forward to getting to know you, worship with you, and sharing this season together. Most importantly, I hope we can surround Katie and her family with our prayers and give her the peace of knowing that Reidland is being cared for while she cares for her new little one. I'm already praying for you, and I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for all of us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tim Mitchell

Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns: Lynda & Frank Karnes, Chase Curry (son of Rev. Kimberly Brann), Sam Washington, Sandy Keith, John Jenkins, Jim Elwood, Richard Flowers, Carol Ann Rudolph, Trinity Jade, Charles Ramage, Tommy Lyles, Matt Martin, Lonnie Waddy, Breck Klepeis, Joanne Engelland, Craig Brown, Ina Gray, Linda Murray, Russ Wolfe, Ryan Lyles, Henrietta Watkins, Cynthia Hubble, Faylynn Siress, Bill O'Brien, Lyle Hawkins (ALS). Pray for peace in the middle east, for the families and communities affected by gun violence, political unrest, natural disasters and for peace around the world.

Loss of a Loved One: the family of Charlie Marshall, the family of Nathan McCallum, the family of Doris Alderdice Norsworthy Morris, the family of Debbie Briggs, the family of Mary Lynn Hillmann, the family of Cheryl Lawson, the family of Ann Jeffords

Cancer Patients: Gene Jenkins, Jaymie Smith, Giles Robinson, Bridget Garrett, Mike Hamilton, Tiffany Jenkins, Rita Banks, Dawn Gavin, Bobby Brockman, Yumi Takei Renshus, Katy Walker, Carolyn Pitt, Don Twitty, Patty Dedmon, James Hubble, Jeff Cooper, Linda Smith, Kelly Walker, Andrew Porter, Jennifer Tucker, Tonya Goodale, Mary Anderson

Military: Jake Seidel, Laine Sharpe, Jonnie Worrell

Please notify the church office with prayer requests and updates!
Pastor Katie will be on maternity leave soon and if the office is not informed of prayer requests, they will not be included in the bulletin or Friday email. Thank you!

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Innovative church giving

We appreciate your tithes to Reidland United Methodist Church. Your gifts allow us to continue the vital ministries within our church and community.

Mini Food Pantry
STOCKING SCHEDULE



AUG 31 - SEP 6	LEAP OF FAITH
SEP 7 - SEP 13	PAIRS AND SPARES
SEP 14 - SEP 20	JANET JENNINGS
SEP 21 - SEP 27	CONGREGATION
SEP 28 - OCT 4	SOUL SISTERS
OCT 5 - OCT 11	LEAP OF FAITH
OCT 12 - OCT 18	PAIRS AND SPARES
OCT 19 - OCT 25	JANET JENNINGS

September Birthdays

6	Will Cox
7	Cynthia Hubble
11	Sherry Kahne
	Steven Maiorana
	Sandy Stuart
	Brian Westfall
15	JJ Humphrey
19	Cathy Burkhead
20	Zeb Gordon
21	Tommy Lyles
22	Kenny Kerr
24	Joanne Engelland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Anniversaries

18	Craig and Susan Brown
21	Freddie and Rhonda Clapp

PCM IS IN NEED OF:

crackers & soup



United Women in Faith

formerly United Methodist Women

September 9th at 10:00 a.m.

UWF will now meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month!

Upcoming Events

RUMC PRESCHOOL BBQ BUTTS FUNDRAISER

"BUTTS FOR OUR LITTLE BUTTS"

Cooked by the Buzzard Brothers

PICK UP IS ON:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
from 10:00am-3:00pm
(Unless Otherwise Arranged)

RUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL
canopy-drive through

Don't forget to bring a cooler, pan, or something else to put them in!







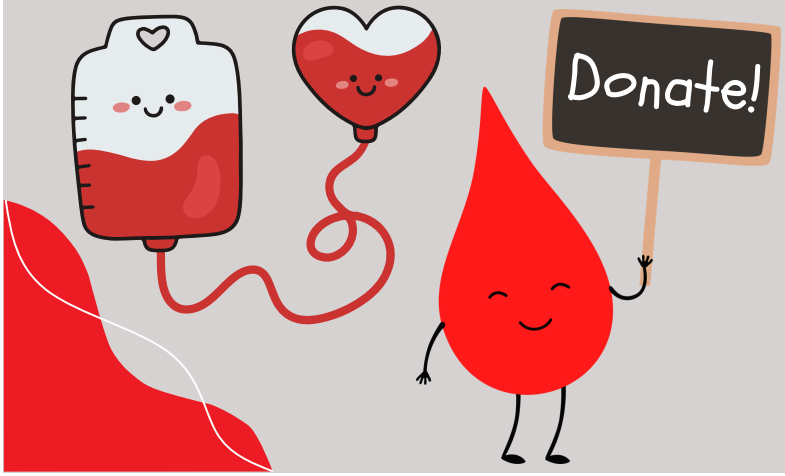


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Blood Drive

October 11th, 2026
10:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Reidland UMC Fellowship Hall



Holiday Food Drive Kickoff Potluck

Sunday, October 18th following the service

Help us to launch our Holiday Food Drive by bringing canned goods to get us started and join us for food and fellowship!

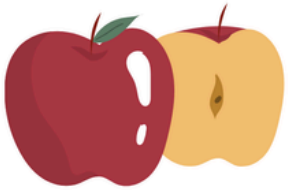
Please bring sides & desserts to share!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!!!

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love!

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of Reidland United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Hannah Lewis,
Cetreda Lovett,
Diana & Pat McCloud,
Kim & Mike McLeod



SEPTEMBER 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6PM- Trustees	2 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	4	5 10:00am-3:00pm BBQ BUTTS PICK UP
6 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	7 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	8 6PM- Finance	9 9AM Packing Bags *(Backpack Food Ministry)* 10AM- UWF 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	11	12
13 Mum Pick-up! Pastor Tim's First Sunday! 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	14	15	16 11:30 AM OWLS Luncheon 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	18	19
20 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	21	22	23 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	25	26
27 9AM- Sunday Fellowship *(join us for coffee & donuts)* Craft & Chat 3:00-5:00 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	28 6PM-Preschool	29	30 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	IMPORTANT! **Pastor Katie's maternity leave will begin on Tuesday, September 8th (this will give her a few days for final baby preparation). We are looking forward to welcoming Pastor Tim on Sunday, September 13th! In addition, Sherry Golightly will serve as our guest preacher for September 20th and 27th** If any pastoral needs arrive after Pastor Katie's leave starts, please contact the church office at office@reidlandumc.org or 270-898-2114		