November 2026

the bell tower

Reidland United Methodist Church Newsletter
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10-3
Service Times: Sunday School @ 9AM | Worship @ 10AM



Gratitude, Hope, and the Coming Christ

Rev. Dr. Tim Mitchell

Greetings in the name our Triune God of Grace, Glory, & Love!

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of fall. One of my daily prayers is that our farmers remain safe and enjoy a bountiful harvest. Living in Kentucky allows me to appreciate God's beautiful creation through each changing season. Fall reminds us that each season brings something new to anticipate. As we look toward Thanksgiving, we have an opportunity to pause, count our blessings, and consider how we respond to God's goodness. Are we half-full or half-empty people? I like to think of myself as a half-full person, looking forward with anticipation to what God might do next.

At Reidland United Methodist Church, we are deep into our worship series, *Living the Generous Life*. One of the hallmarks of generous living is a grateful heart. Generosity recognizes God's goodness and responds with kindness, compassion, and a willingness to share what we have received. Gratitude helps us recognize God's faithfulness even during challenging seasons. One important lesson I have been reminded of during my time with you is the importance of counting our blessings and giving God thanks. This month, I encourage you to take a few moments each day to name the things you are grateful for.

A Message of Hope for All Saints' Sunday

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) What a powerful promise! We do not have to face life's uncertainties alone. God walks beside us, strengthening and sustaining us through every challenge. This assurance does not mean we will never experience hardship. It means we can move forward with courage, trusting in God's faithfulness rather than fearing what lies ahead.

Advent: Anticipating the Coming Christ

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am looking forward to one of my favorite seasons: Advent! Beginning Sunday, November 29th, Advent starts a new Christian year and prepares our hearts for Christmas.

The word Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming." During this season, we remember Christ's birth, welcome His presence in our lives, and anticipate His promised return. At the heart of Advent is the truth that God has come near to us. In Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, reconciliation, and a way into a lasting relationship with Him. We celebrate Jesus as the One who brings meaning, promise, and hope to our lives.

This year's Advent worship series is titled *Carols for the Coming Christ*, by Marcia McFee. Together, we will sing familiar and new carols proclaiming Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, discovering their messages in fresh ways. As the familiar saying attributed to Hans Christian Andersen reminds us, "Where words fail, music speaks." Through the generations, hymns and carols have helped Christians express their faith and find comfort when words are not enough. Advent's songs remind us that Christ has come, Christ is with us, and Christ will come again.

A November Blessing

As we enter November, I invite you to count your blessings, trust God's promises, and look for opportunities to share Christ's love. Then, as Advent approaches, prepare your heart to welcome the Coming Christ. May our Triune God of Grace, Glory, and Love fill your Thanksgiving with gratitude and your Advent season with renewed hope, peace, joy, and love.

Blessings,
Pastor Tim

Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns: Iris Singletary (Sherry Kahne's mom), Karen Martin, Kim McLeod, Sarah Henry, Jason Weiss, Amy Wood, Lynda & Frank Karnes, Sam Washington, Sandy Keith, Jim Elwood, Richard Flowers, Carol Ann Rudolph, Trinity Jade, Charles Ramage, Tommy Lyles, Lonnie Waddy, Joanne Engelland, Craig Brown, Ina Gray, Linda Murray, Russ Wolfe, 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 Fred Faulkner, the family of Giles Robinson, the family of Charlie Marshall, the family of Nathan McCallum, the family of Doris Alderdice Norsworthy Morris

Cancer Patients: John Jenkins, Gene Jenkins, Jaymie Smith, Bridget Garrett, 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, Zake Thompson, Justin Story

Please notify the church office with prayer requests and updates. If the office is not informed of prayer requests, they will not be included in the bulletin or Friday email. Thank you!

TITHE.LY
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



OCT 26 - NOV 1	CONGREGATION
NOV 2 - NOV 8	SOUL SISTERS
NOV 9 - NOV 15	LEAP OF FAITH
NOV 16 - NOV 22	PAIRS AND SPARES
NOV 23 - NOV 29	JANET JENNINGS
NOV 30 - DEC 6	CONGREGATION
DEC 7 - DEC 13	SOUL SISTERS
DEC 14 - DEC 20	LEAP OF FAITH

November Birthdays

1	Evelyn Lyles
	Gayla Westfall
4	Jason Beachel
5	Rhonda Clapp
	David Landis
6	Carl Hosford
8	Danny Morris
16	Carol Ann Rudolph
	Hannah Lewis
17	Eric Bach
19	Joe Burkhead
23	Kay Robertson
25	Cheryl Grana
28	Macie Gordon

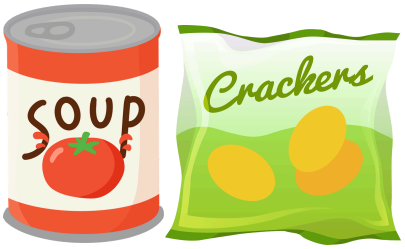
celebrate





PCM IS IN NEED OF:

soup & crackers



United Women in Faith

formerly United Methodist Women

November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

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

Upcoming Events

Mountain Mission

UNITED METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION

Drop off:

November 2nd - 8th

Please put your donations in boxes





Backpack Food Ministry



Help pack bags on Wed. November 11th at 9:00 AM

Please mark any monetary donations as "for the Backpack Food Ministry"

Holiday Food Drive

PCM is in need of: canned soup, canned beans, crackers, and cereal

Help us reach our goal of at least 1,000 food items by bringing donations through December 6th



Donation bins are located outside the church office & in the fellowship hall

Invite Your Friends!



Family Game Night

November 14th
3:00-6:00pm

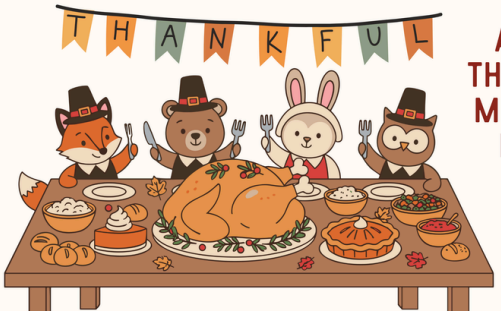
Join us for a church wide game night! Bring your favorite games, dessert, and/or chili to share!

OWLS Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 18th, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Program: Our RUMC Preschool will be sharing music with us!

LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!



A CATERED THANKSGIVING MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED!



DON'T FORGET YOUR PENNIES FOR MISSION!

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET LOCATED ON THE OWLS CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Events

YOUR ONE-STOP THANKSGIVING DINNER SHOP!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

TURKEY

FALL FUNDRAISER



November 24th

Pick up in church parking lot

from 12:00-4:00 PM

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ORDER FORMS COMING TO YOUR BULLETINS SOON!!

BOSTON BUTTS AND CHOCOLATE COVERED KEY LIME PIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER



Breakfast Meeting 8AM

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UNITED METHODIST MEN

Saturday, November 21st



Family Kitchen

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AND/OR MAKE DESSERTS!

Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 AM

Meet at RUMC Serve Lunch 11am - 1pm at Holy House of Prayer

To volunteer, contact Melissa Henry (270-703-1364)

Join us for...

Craft & Chat



November 22nd 3-5:00pm





REIDLAND

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SAVE THE DATE

CHARGE CONFERENCE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 5:30PM

in the RUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

FORMS ARE DUE ON: November 30TH

All Saints Sunday

November 1st 2026

Honoring and thanking God for these RUMC members who have died since last All Saints Sunday:

Giles Robinson
Joanna Grimes
Dennis Kinsel
Mary Lynn Hillmann





NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints' Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	2	3 6PM- Trustees	4 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	6	7
8 Mountain Mission Drop-off Deadline 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	9 *Mountain Mission Truck Here*	10 6PM- Finance	11 9AM- Backpack Food Ministry 10AM- UWF 6PM- Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	13	14 3-6PM Family Game Night
15 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	16 6PM-Preschool	17 6PM-Education	18 11:30 AM OWLS Thanksgiving Luncheon 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	20	21 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast
22 Craft & Chat 3:00-5:00pm 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	23	24 UMM TURKEY PICKUP 12:00-4:00 PM	25 ------ Church Office Closed --	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27 ----------	28 10:00 AM Family Kitchen
29 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOPE 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	30 CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS ARE DUE					