

WELCOME TO RIVER ROAD CHURCH! Our congregation is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and community by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church. If you desire to become a member, you are invited to come forward during the *Time of Reflection and Response*, or speak with a minister at any time.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We hope you feel especially welcome among us. During the *Ritual of Friendship* portion of our service, you will hear about upcoming opportunities and ministries as well as expressions of concern. In these moments, please locate and sign the friendship register in the maroon guestbook, passing it along your row. You are asked to offer some contact information so that we might further welcome you. Take notice of those who sign in around you, that you might greet one another following the service.

THIS IS THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST in the Christian year. Having celebrated the birthday of the church through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, age-appropriate children's bulletins and worship bags are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT Rev. Anna Perry Miller, our Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship.

WE WELCOME Raymond Chenault guest organist, Beth Chenault, pianist, and John Tibbetts, soloist this morning. Mr. Chenault and Mr. Tibbetts will be performing in our concert series May 17, 2020.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Ellis and Phyllis West.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Bette Schwall and family upon the death of Rev. Frank Schwall on August 10. A memorial service was held on Thursday in the Sanctuary.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by the *WMU Connectors*. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

WMU Connectors is a missions group open to all women. Visit our table at the reception today for our story in slides and print. We meet in the evening every third Tuesday from September until April. Our theme this year is "Friends Helping Friends" in our community and church family. Come check us out!

Are you getting our weekly news and announcements by email? It's easy to sign up! In an effort to maximize our resources and improve our communications mix, we plan to phase out the printed Sunday *Connections* newsheet in the coming weeks. Announcements and events are noted in the worship bulletin, with additional details on the church website (rrcb.org) and in our weekly email communications. If you have not signed up to receive our email communications, including the weekly *eSpire* newsletter and additional timely announcements, please visit rrcb.org/emailnews to sign up and choose the electronic communications you would like to receive.

THE FELLOWSHIP FUND is a special collection for RRCB members and other individuals in crisis in our community, and is sustained by ongoing gifts outside of the annual budget. It is quietly administered by the Board of Deacons, with the support of the church staff, after a screening process. Please consider making a generous gift to the Fellowship Fund. Your gifts throughout the year are important in making this ministry possible. Specially marked blue envelopes are always in the pew racks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS — Two Wednesday dishwashers are needed beginning in October. Dishwashers volunteer once per month and are typically done by 7:00 p.m. Contact Betty Damon at badamon25@gmail.com if you are interested. One more Wednesday night lock up volunteer is needed to lock up once each month. Lockup takes about 20 minutes following the Wednesday Night TFC programs. Contact Daniel Ingram at danielingram@rrcb.org if you are interested.

Sun, August 18 **Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Mon, August 19 **Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
Communications Committee, 7:00 p.m., Parlor

Tues, August 20 Youth Lunch Bunch, 12:00 p.m., CookOut at Short Pump

Wed, August 21 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Building & Property Committee, 4:30 p.m., UC 230

Youth Mission Outing, 9:00 a.m., Oregon Hill Baptist Center
FIXERS, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Sat, August 24 **Lois Creamer Memorial Service**, 1:00 p.m., Chapel

Holland Lectures with Dr. C. Michael Hawn
“Tell me what you sing and I’ll tell you who you are:
Developing a Congregational Identity through Congregational Singing”
Sundays, August 4-September 1, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

C. Michael Hawn is one of our nation's leading experts in hymnology and world music. Now a Richmonder, he recently retired after 25 years from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, as University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Church Music and director of the Sacred Music Program. Previously he taught at two Baptist seminaries for a total of 15 years. We are excited to welcome Dr. Hawn back to RRCB for another series of lectures!

Congregational singing both forms our individual faith perspective, but also shapes us as the body of Christ in community. These lectures will examine our hymnic heritage that has shaped our faith, look at some trends that are currently influencing the ecumenical church, and consider the cultural, societal, and ethical issues that inspire what we might sing in the future.

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(World Council of Churches, 1966)*

- August 25: *Ten (or more) Hymns Written in the Twenty-first Century Everyone Should Learn*
- September 1: *Singing Love in a Culture of Hate*

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series
The Choirs of Boys and Girls of Washington National Cathedral
Michael McCarthy, Director
Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The choirs attend a week-long choir retreat at nearby Roslyn Conference and Retreat Center to prepare for the upcoming year. As part of their preparation, they sing at River Road Church. Free tickets are available at rrcb.org/eventbrite.

Celebration Sunday, September 8

As we begin to look ahead at where God is leading this gathered community of faith called River Road, we will celebrate the past summer as well as the beginning of a new season, expressing our gratitude for all that makes us the people of God in this time and place.

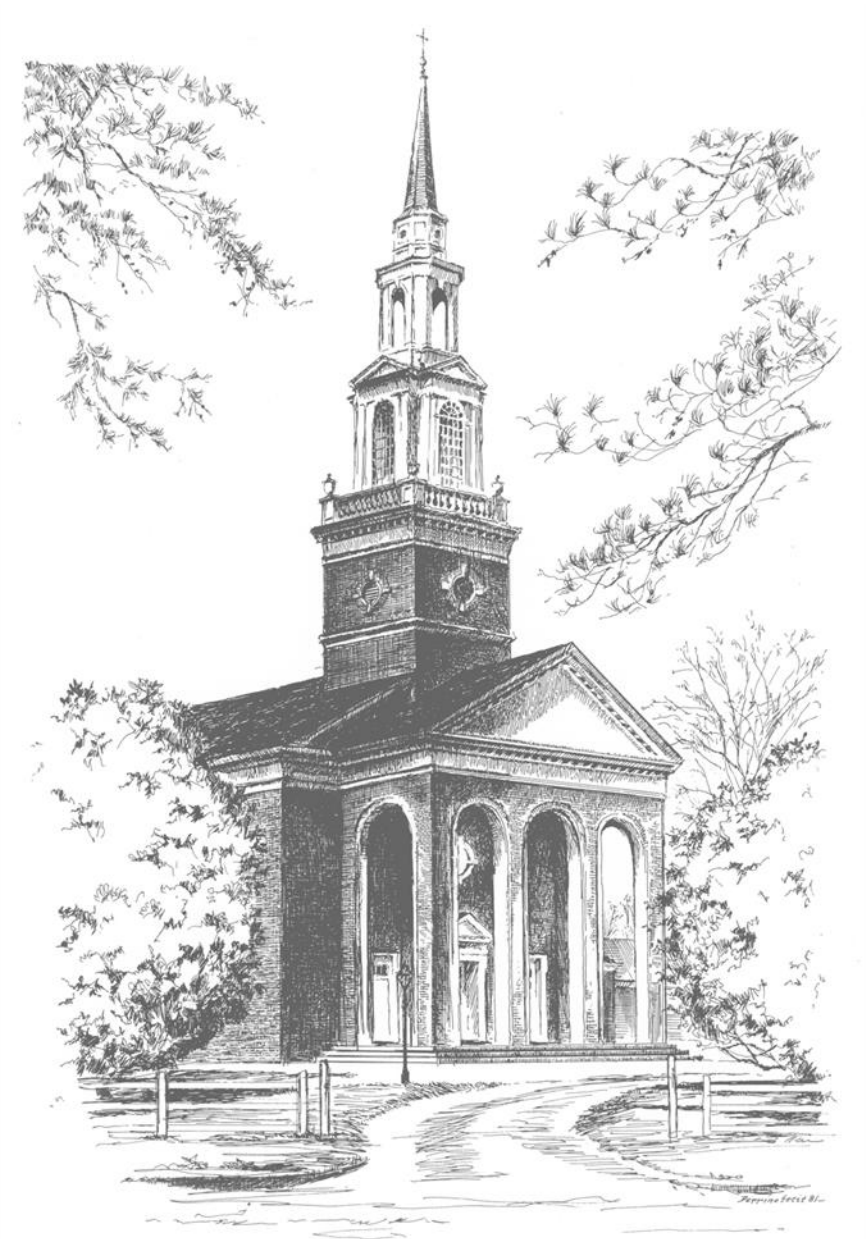
Sunday Morning

- 9:40-10:00: Children's Sunday
School Open House
- 9:45-10:45: Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00-12:00: Worship

Sunday Evening

- 5:00-5:15: Gather for potluck/picnic
- 5:15-6:15: Food is served
- 6:15-7:00: Summer Presentations

Return to church that evening for a church-wide picnic. The deacons are providing fried chicken and the rest of us providing sides and desserts (if your last name begins with... A-J: bring a dessert, K-S: bring a salad, T-Z: bring a starchy side). Sign up for the potluck by noon on Wednesday, September 4 at rrcb.org/picnic or call the church office.



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