Sacred Places: Historic Rockbridge County Church
Open-House
May 24 / 10am - 3pm

Raphine United Methodist Church (noon - 3pm)
25 Burkitt Hill Lane, Rockbridge Baths, VA
Description: In the early 1800s the congregation met at Lambert’s Meeting House. Later a brick church was built and remained in use for 60 years. Then, in 1908, rather than repair the old church the present church was built. The stained glass windows were installed in 1967. The 1985 flood badly damaged the sanctuary, requiring replacement of the pews and altar.
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Bethany Lutheran Church (noon - 3pm)
1300 Bethesda Road at Aline Mill
Description: Original church was built in 1853 and organized in 1854. Because of a change in the location of the road that church had to be abandoned and the present church was built in 1904. The stained glass windows were installed in the 1960s. The present Gothic Revival style brick church is distinguished by its tower and bell spire.
Directions: From Ebenezer turn right on Rte. 39 to cross the Maury River Bridge, then left on Turkey Hill Road, about six miles to Bethany Lutheran Church.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church (10am - 1pm)
90 Bethesda Road, Rockbridge Baths, VA
Description: Built in 1876, the brick church is typical of Presbyterian churches built after the Civil War. There is an unusual open choir loft behind the altar. The Italianate bell tower was added in 1908. The three colored glass windows made by the Tiffany company also date to 1908. There is an additional stained glass window in honor of a member killed in Vietnam.
Directions: From Timber Ridge go north on Rte 11 to Pluggers Corner. There turn left onto Mt. Atlas Road. Remain on this road until you reach Rte 33. Then right (west) on 39 to Rockbridge Baths. Bethesda Presbyterian Church is on the left.

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
73 Sam Houston Way, Timber Ridge, VA
Return to Lexington on Old Buena Vista Road and take Rte. or several miles, then left on Timber Ridge for about two miles.
Description: Listed on the National Register of Historic Place
Description: The church dates from 1816 and is the oldest Presbyterian church in the Valley of Virginia. The church has gone through many changes, its main portion incorporates the wall of the 1756 structure, and, as such, is the second oldest Presbyterian church in the Valley of Virginia.

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