

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

January 2019



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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8:30 AM - 12 NOON

FRIDAY, 8:30 AM - 1 PM

*We are  
a Christian community  
called to love  
God and our neighbors  
as much as we  
love ourselves.*

*No matter who.  
No matter what.  
You are  
welcome here.*

Dear Ones,

Happy New Year to one and all. Pastoring at First United Church of Christ is a blessing to me and hopefully to you. I find it so encouraging that our community is one of 'doing justice, loving kindly, and walking humbly with God;' we truly are a Micah 6 community of faith.

For the many that participated and enjoyed Sunday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, I am forever grateful. Christmas Day volunteers arrived early and finished out the day with clean-up and wow, our guests so enjoyed their meal and all the goodies. Included with our volunteers were some from First United Methodist church and a freshman at college who played Christmas music on the piano for two hours.

Goodies—oh my!—upon getting home we relished peanut brittle, a chocolate fudge-like brownie that was to die for, homemade rolls, and then crashed. Christmas Eve was beautiful with all the candles and singing. Communion was served by the Northam family and candles were lit by Ray Trombley and Steve Furtaw.

Shannon, what can I say, you are remarkable with the Sunday school children, and even though small in number, they presented a lovely living Nativity for us on Sunday. And we all enjoyed you and your Mom singing "What Child is This" ... it was perfect.

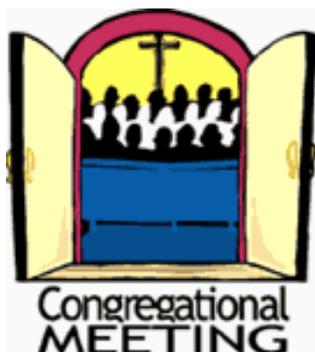
Beth, along with Annette Johnston on her recorder, provided wonderful music on Sunday. Annette returns the 2nd Sunday of January.

Lucille Trombley and Jackie Schroeder, two of our shut-ins, expressed wishes to all for a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I just love how everyone takes care of one another and pitches in wherever needed. I continue to thank God ahead of time for all the blessings and remember God is good all the time. All the time God is good. Looking forward to 2019 and the practice of All Are Welcome and believing, belonging, and becoming which will happen in whatever sequence it happens. God is still speaking!

Peace and Love, *Pastor KatieD*

## Annual Congregational Meeting, January 20



Please plan to attend our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 20 after the service. We need all committees to submit their annual reports as soon as possible. Also, if you haven't submitted your Time and Talent sheet for 2019, please do so. We can use more volunteers to participate in our

worship services, so if you would like to try something new, please complete and submit a Time and Talent sheet. You can find copies on the back table in the narthex. Choose to be a lay reader, an usher, a greeter, a communion server or serve in any other capacity listed.



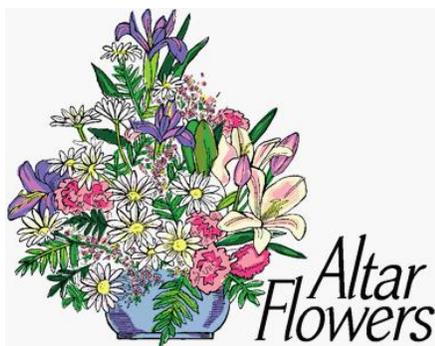
Dear First United Church of Christ,

On behalf of Kids In Distress Services, we just wanted to say "thank you" once again for all the Christmas shoe boxes. These have been such a blessing every year in helping us make Christmas a little brighter for those children in need.

Thank you for helping KIDS make a difference in a child's life this holiday season and this past year. We appreciate all you do for our community.

In gratitude,

K.I.D.S



The Flower Calendar is displayed on an easel in the narthex for those who would like to donate altar flowers on a specific Sunday during the year. The postcards on the calendar reflect the dates when flowers are needed. Pick a postcard that corresponds to the day you would

like to provide flowers, address it to yourself, add your dedication and submit it to the church office. **Please do not keep the card.** We need the returned cards to acknowledge the donors and their dedications in the weekly bulletins. As your date draws near, Diane Porrett will mail your postcard back to you as a reminder to order your flowers.

Flowers on the altar can be an expression of celebration for a wedding, birthday or other spiritual, life-altering moment. They can be a solemn remembrance of deceased

family members and/or friends. Altar flowers are a beautiful expression of thanks for all of God's blessings.

Thanks to all the past and future contributors – your flowers make a beautiful addition to our church.



I would like to thank all of our area churches for the donations to the food pantry

throughout the year, especially for the last few months when we really needed help. We have had several food drives as well, so the pantry is now well stocked. I will keep you informed of our current needs (if any), but we should be set for a few months.

We are very grateful and truly blessed to have such a gener-

ous community who continues to help us serve the needs of others. As the world rejoices in the wonder of His birth, may you be blessed with every happiness in the new year.

Michele,  
Richmond Community Food Pantry



Dear Congregation,  
Thank you for your donation to the Good Samaritan Fund. Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

God's blessings to each of you during this Christmas season, and thank you for your servant hearts.

Grateful,  
Pat Bartosiewicz



On Christmas Day we served nearly 90 meals! We had at least 35 volunteers from the community, our sister churches and our own wonderful congregation. We sent meals to our Police Department and also to EMS. We couldn't have done it without our wonderful

volunteers. So we want to give a huge "thank you" to each of you!

We also received donations of prayers, baked goods, canned goods and money. Thanks to all who contributed. And, a special thank you to our following sponsors who's donations we greatly appreciate:

**Vinckier Foods in Armada**

**Hamilton Bicycles in Richmond**

**The Voice Newspaper of Macomb County**  
**Weeks Meats in Richmond**  
**Richmond Chamber of Commerce**  
**Verlinde Insurance in Richmond**

This year, as you know, we worked as a committee to put on the Christmas dinner. That way no one person (s) had the full responsibility. It worked well!



## *In our prayers...*

This page in our newsletter shares prayer concerns and prayer opportunities within the life of our family of faith. By actively praying for the concerns presented, we strengthen our congregation, our brother and sister churches, our association and our conference.

If you have prayer concerns you would like to see added to this page, or if you are aware of someone who should be included in our prayers, please contact Pastor Katie or call the office at 586-727-3155. Please add the following concerns to your personal prayer time:

+ Prayers for those in our congregation with long-term illnesses and their caregivers, and for those who are homebound or in nursing homes, especially for the following:

Lucille Trombley

Paulette & Ray Trombley

Justine Achatz

Al & Mary Alice Busch

Joe Burkhardt's son

Keith Murphy & Shelley Champion

Marjorie Pentzien

Bob Reindel

Sandy Knoll's son

Karen Eltringham (recuperating after knee surgery)

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## Have Car, Will Travel?

### Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed!



All our "snowbirds" are heading South for the winter! Won't you please help fill in for them? Many of our regular drivers take a couple months

off this time of year, but the need for transportation does not lessen.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs drivers who can provide rides for our older and disabled neighbors so that they can get to doctor appointments and essential errands. Just a couple hours of your time can make a huge difference in someone's life.

You pick your own area and your own times. Drive as often or as little as you like in the comfort of your own car. Even one more ride a year might get someone to an appointment that could save their life! **Daytime drivers especially needed!**

Please call IVC today at 586-757-5551 for more information. [Learn more about our work at [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org)]



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### It may soon be time to haul out the snow shovels.

If you can help keep our church grounds safe by shoveling the walkways around the church when the snow flies, please look at the

schedule that is placed on the table in the narthex. Write your name on the signature line for the week or weeks that you would like to shovel the snow now.

Thank you.

# Servers Rotation Schedule—2019



## January 6 (Jan. counter: Ron Schrote)

Greeters.....Sharlene & Darrel Haws  
 Ushers.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall  
 Communion Preparer....Mary Alice Busch  
 Communion Servers.....Rich & Sue Weinert

## January 13

Greeters.....Pam Green & Joyce Townsend  
 Ushers.....Rich & Sue Weinert  
 Lay Reader.....Mary Alice Busch  
 Altar Flowers...Need Volunteer

## January 20

Greeters.....Mary Alice & Al Busch  
 Ushers.....Tom Hebel & Sharlene Haws  
 Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell  
 Altar Flowers...Need Volunteer

## January 27

Greeters.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Ushers.....Glen & Diane Porrett  
 Lay Reader.....Sue Weinert  
 Altar Flowers...Need Volunteer

## February 3 (Feb. counter: Sue Weinert)

Greeters.....Kathi & Terry Miller  
 Ushers.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Lay Reader.....Christine Hensch  
 Communion Preparer....Kim McCardell  
 Communion Servers.....Glen & Diane Porrett

## February 10

Greeters.....Doris Essenburg & Tom Hebel  
 Ushers.....Rich & Sue Weinert  
 Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend  
 Altar Flowers...Veronica Chrostowski

## First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for January

“Clip and Keep Reminders”



### December 30 - January 5

Warren & Sue Ann Burmann  
 Al & Mary Alice Busch  
 Charles Busch &  
 David Busch

### January 6 - 12

Shelley Champion &  
 Keith Murphy  
 Jeffrey Chrostowski  
 Veronica Chrostowski

### January 13 - 19

Don & Donna Cockerill  
 Mark & Vicky Davis  
 Dennis Dubay

### January 20 - 26

Erin Dunsmore &  
 Kristina Dunsmore  
 Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore  
 Justin & Avrie Dunsmore

### January 27 - February 2

Karen Eltringham  
 Doris Anne Ensley  
 Doris Essenburg

# What's Going on at First UCC?



If you would like to be an active participant in any of the goings on at First UCC or have any questions concerning what our committees do, feel free to reach out to the committee liaison.

The many committees that make sure things run smoothly are made up of volunteers, and each committee is represented by a church council member.

The various committees and liaisons are as follows:

Mission

Terry Miller  
(586-727-1726)

Buildings and Grounds

Terry Miller  
(586-727-1726)

Worship

Sharlene Haws  
(586-727-9912)

Welcoming & ONA  
(Open & Affirming)

Joe Burkhart  
(330-431-3663)

Christian Education

Joe Burkhart  
(330-431-3663)

Finance

Ron Schrote  
(586-925-8801)

Stewardship

Ron Schrote  
(586-925-8801)

Memorial

Sue Weinert  
(586-206-1719)

Personnel

Terry Miller  
(586-727-1726)  
Sue Weinert  
(586-206-1719)  
Kim McCardell  
586-623-9833

## Pastor Katie's Office Hours and Pastoral Care

Pastor Katie will be in her office at the church on Wednesdays & Thursdays. If there are situations that arise in which you need pastoral care on a day that Pastor Katie is not in the office, please call 586-727-3155 and leave a message with

Helen or on the answering machine. You can also give Pastor Katie a call:  
Cell number: 586-202-8644  
Home phone: 586-716-9543

In the old days, hospitals and rehab/nursing facilities used to inform pastors when one

of their flock was admitted. That doesn't happen anymore. Pastor Katie is always happy to receive your calls.

### Wider Church Connections...you just may be interested in:

Daily Devotional, emailed to you: <http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/>

Weekly E-Zine with featured items, resources, worship materials, and justice-action items:  
<http://www.ucc.org/news/keeping-you-eposted/>

Information and resources of all kinds from the United Church of Christ: <http://www.ucc.org/>

## Your Church Council

Listed below are your church council members. Please contact any one of them with any questions, comments or concerns.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Joe Burkhart	Council Member	2018
Mark Davis	Treasurer	2020
Ron Schrote	Vice President	2019
Katie Dailey	Pastor	—
Sharlene Haws	Council Member	2020
Kim McCardell	Secretary	2018
Terry Miller	Council Member	2019
Jackie Waszkiewicz	Financial Secretary	2020
Sue Weinert	Council President	2020

## First UCC Prayer Chain



Pastor Katie	586-716-9543
Sue Weinert	586-206-1719
Diane Porrett	586-727-1374
Mary Alice Busch	586-727-7009
Paulette Trombley	586-506-5002
Karen Eltringham	586-291-0615
Shelley Champion	586-255-0387
Christine Hensch	810-385-4391
Traci Bartell	586-557-2264
Kim McCardell	586-623-9833
Joyce Townsend	586-727-9735

Want to join our prayer chain? Please call the church office at 586-727-3155.

## Adopt-A-Bill Here's How it Works:

- 1) Take an Adopt-A-Bill envelope from the display board in the narthex.
- 2) Pick a bill from the board.
- 3) Place your check (made out to First United Church of Christ) or cash along with the bill in the envelope.
- 4) Place the envelope in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Every contribution is greatly appreciated and helps to support our church.

We wish a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members and friends who are celebrating their January birthdays:



06 - Andrew Ball  
15 - Terri Verlinde  
17 - Charles Busch

25 - Tim Fair  
26 - Kathi Miller

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the children of our church who celebrate a birthday this month:

01 - Brendan Weeks  
05 - Savannah Kohn  
17 - Kaleb Manska

20 - Kevin Ensley  
20 - Kyle Ensley

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We also wish a **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to the following members and friends whose wedding anniversary is in January:



21 - Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore

**BEST  
WISHES  
TO YOU!**

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**Call to Care Team:**

Mary Alice Busch...586-727-7009

Shelley Champion...586-255-0387



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**Attendance**

December 24.....68  
December 23.....51  
December 16.....44  
December 09.....50

**Offerings**

December 24.....TBD  
December 23.....\$1,780.00  
December 16.....\$1,846.00  
December 09.....\$2,978.00

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**  
**January 21**

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# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for January*

**January 06 Epiphany Sunday**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**January 13 The Baptism of Christ**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**January 20 Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**January 27 Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

### **Office Hours**

The secretary is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:30 am till 12 noon and Friday 8:30 am till 1 pm. If you need additional assistance at other times, please send Helen an email at [firstunitedcc@outlook.com](mailto:firstunitedcc@outlook.com) or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155. Thank you.

### **Mission Statement:**

We are traveling life's road: created by God, guided by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and grounded in scripture. We strive to be individuals on a spiritual journey and a community sharing God's love with all.

### **Vision Statement:**

The purpose of this church shall be to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the Church universal; to render loving service toward humankind; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  New Year's Day Office closed	2	3	4	5
6 Worship 11 am	7	8	9	10	11	12 Quilt Guild 10 am
13 Worship 11 am Sunday school	14	15	16	17  MEETING 7 pm	18	19
20 Worship 11 am Congregational Meeting after service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 11 am Sunday school	28	29	30	31		



Return address requested

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