

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

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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,

"I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, from the first day until now." [Philippians 1:3-5]

Obviously I can't say it any better than Paul. I am humbled and grateful to be 'called' to be your pastor. All of you have been so generous and kind to me and so encouraging. Together things will happen, we will be challenged, and we will continue to be life long learners together in faith.

As was mentioned in the Annual Meeting, we need more ideas on how to increase revenue. We more faithfully embody Paul's vision if we stopped asking, "What ministries need to be filled?" and instead asked, "What ministries are our members and friends actually called and gifted for?" I think one of the challenges facing many churches today is that we do not ask people what they are passionate about. We rarely ask people to share the gifts they hold in exile - gifts that are on the margins and perhaps even assumed not to be there at all.

We believe that everyone has something to share. We believe everyone has gifts to lend. It follows then that to invite people to share those gifts is not only empowering and dignifying, but it brings to center, gifts that have been on the margins or have been held in exile. It brings to center, gifts that may change the whole trajectory of our faith and life together. It says to people – We need you if we are going to be the Body of Christ.

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I wonder if we need to ask our members and friends to share their gifts, to share their passions, to share their hopes for a future that is distinct from the past. This is a challenge, but we have to be willing to seek out and encourage others to believe in their talents and help them to bring those talents forward. Are all ushers? No. So, what are people being called to? What gifts do our church members possess that no one knows about? What gifts exist on the margins that need to be brought to the center of our community life? Let's talk about your passion and how we can activate all with a new kind of initiative.

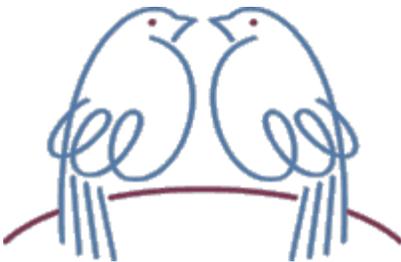
Continue to lift up those who are struggling with health issues, mobility issues and loneliness. Always 'thank God ahead of time' that our prayers will be answered. Anticipate the blessings we need only mention or keep within our hearts.

Lastly, your very generous Christmas gift will now be used to purchase a clergy robe as well as re-up my membership in the Network of Biblical Storytellers [NBS] and STA. Thank you for everything.

Peace and Love,

*Pastor KatieD*

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Many stories about the origin of Valentine's Day have come down through the centuries. There's no definitive story, but most revolve around the imprisonment of

Valentinus (St. Valentine) for his disregard of Roman laws.

Many legends are also associated with Valentine's Day. For example, because birds seemed to arrive and mate in some countries in mid-February, human couples came to be called "love birds."

In 1667, the first recorded Valentine card was printed.

Today, people will give their sweethearts countless millions of cards and acres of heart-shaped boxes filled with candy. But why wait for Valentine's Day to share love with others? Remember Jesus' words in John 13:34 (NRSV): "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."



Thanks to all who donated money to my Christmas bonus. I feel very fortunate to work for such a generous, kind, caring and loving congregation. I also send a warm hug to all the members and

friends of this family of faith who sent me lovely cards and expressions of sympathy for the loss of my mom.

Your secretary, Helen

## Super Bowl Treats

We will sell delicious home-made salsa and chips before and after our church service on February 3, Super Bowl Sunday.

salsa, and the nacho chips come from Carter's Cantina (a Mexican restaurant in New Haven). The cost is \$10 for a jar of salsa and a bag of chips.

will go to the Community Garden or the Backpack Blessings program.

Terri Houston has made 20 jars of her famous freezer

Please pick up a yummy treat for game-watching! Profits

## Church World Service



February is upon us and it is time to assemble the Church World Service Hygiene Kits. These small packages, assembled lovingly by our members, will be shipped to people in need around the globe.

### Items needed to complete one Hygiene Kit:

- One hand towel (no fingertip or bath towels)**
- One wash cloth**
- One wide-tooth comb**
- One nail clipper**
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)**
- One toothbrush (in original, individual packaging)**
- ten standard size band-aids**

There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church. Let's try to complete 40 kits. Please have your items to the church on or before **Sunday, February 24.**

## Paczkis for Possibilities—March 3

Fat Tuesday is right around the corner and for many of us that means we enjoy a yummy treat from Hamtramck. YES, a paczki! We will once again be taking pre-orders for the traditional flavors of apple, blueberry, custard, lemon, raspberry and strawberry.

The paczkis will come from New Palace Bakery and we will pick them up a 4 am on Tuesday, March 3.

Please place your order by calling the church office at 586-727-3155 or call Kathi Miller at 586-709-3626. We will take orders throughout

February. The cost is \$30 a dozen/\$16 a half dozen or \$4 individually. All orders will be available for pickup at the church from 6–9 am on Tuesday, March 3.



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## *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**

**Karen Eltringham (in rehab for her knee surgery)**

**All those who are going thru dialysis or cancer treatment**

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## **The Gift of Time**



Too many of our older and disabled neighbors are lonely and isolated. They long for just a brief visit now and then

from someone who will take the time to sit and chat. And other families in our community are struggling to take care of a loved one at home. For these full-time caregivers, a break to run errands, go to their own doctor appointments, or just relax for an hour is often impossible because their parent or spouse cannot be left alone.

If you have a few hours, once or twice a month, to visit or just sit with an older or disabled adult, your gift of time will make a huge difference for our lonely and struggling neighbors. No hands-on care or nursing experience is needed.

For more information, please call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 586-757-5551.

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### **Winter weather is here with a chance of snow.**

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.

Thank you.

**2019**

**MISSION & OUTREACH CALENDAR**

**February 03.....Super Sunday Salsa & Chip Sale**

**February 24.....Hygiene Kit items due in church on or before February 24**

**March 05.....Paczkis for Possibilities**

**March 31.....\*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

**May 12.....\*Blanket Sunday Offering**

**May.....McRest, Armada—cakes needed**

**June 09.....\*Strengthen the Church Offering**

**June 24.....Baby shower for Kids in Distress (KIDS) St. Clair**

**July/Aug.....School Kit items due in church on or before August 25**

**October 06.....\*Neighbors In Need Offering**

**October 13.....Bread for the World Bread Sale**

**November.....Shoebox Christmas Gift Collection for KIDS**

**Boxes due in church on or before December 1**

**December 22.....\*Christmas Fund Offering**

**December 25.....Christmas Day Dinner**

\*Envelopes will be provided

Check the Mission bulletin board at the back of the church for the detailed list for the Hygiene and School Kits plus any other Mission updates. Look for canisters for the ongoing collection of Box Tops for Education, Crossroads Child Services, Coins for the Holy Joe's Café Coffee for the Troops, and Keith's Horseback Riding Therapy.

The Richmond Food Pantry is always in need of food. Watch the newsletter for the items that are needed each month.

Our congregation gives \$600.00 annually to support the Richmond Good Samaritan Fund. Cash donations are always needed and welcomed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

# Servers Rotation Schedule—2019



## 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

## February 17

Greeters.....Glen & Diane Porrett  
 Ushers.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall  
 Altar Flowers...Jennifer Northam

## February 24

Greeters.....Kathi & Terry Miller  
 Ushers.....Glen & Diane Porrett  
 Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell  
 Altar Flowers...Kathi Miller

## March 3 (March counter: ??)

Greeters.....Pam Green & Joyce Townsend  
 Ushers.....Rich & Sue Weinert  
 Lay Reader.....Mary Alice Busch  
 Communion Preparer....Tom Hebel  
 Communion Servers.....Karen E. & Joe B.

## March 10

Greeters.....Mary Alice & Al Busch  
 Ushers.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Lay Reader.....Christine Hensch  
 Altar Flowers...Mary Alice Busch

## First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for February "Clip and Keep Reminders"



<p><u>February 3 - 9</u></p> <p>Tim, Hope, Joshua &amp; Nicole Fair</p> <p>Pat Fenton</p> <p>Rob &amp; Amy Follebout</p>	<p><u>February 10 - 16</u></p> <p>Tim, Liz, Faith &amp; Noah Franklin</p> <p>Steve &amp; Darlene Furtaw</p> <p>Ellen Germain</p>
<p><u>February 17 - 23</u></p> <p>Kerri Green</p> <p>Vance &amp; Pam Green</p> <p>Kim Grew &amp; Evan</p>	<p><u>February 24 - March 2</u></p> <p>Scott &amp; Stephanie Grzanka</p> <p>Michael Grzanka</p> <p>Dean, Shelly, Makenna &amp; Cooper Handrow</p>



*In Our Prayers*

# 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>
Steve Furtaw	New Member	2019
Mark Davis	Treasurer	2020
Ron Schrote	Vice President	2019
Katie Dailey	Pastor	—
Sharlene Haws	Council Member	2020
Terri Houston	New Member	2019
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 February birthdays:



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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 - Kim Schrote          | 17 - Sue Millbrand  |
| 01 - Rose Weeks           | 17 - Shane Northam  |
| 06 - Kristina Dunsmore    | 17 - Charles Rocker |
| 07 - Jim Weeks            | 18 - Dean Handrow   |
| 11 - Veronica Chrostowski | 21 - Dennis Dubay   |
| 12 - Pam Green            | 21 - Adam Santo     |
| 13 - Sue Weinert          | 27 - Ron Schrote    |

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

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

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



01 - Don & Pat Lawrence

**BEST WISHES  
TO YOU!**

**Call to Care Team:**

Mary Alice Busch...586-727-7009

Shelley Champion...586-255-0387



**Attendance**

January 20.....39  
January 13.....37  
January 06.....44  
December 30.....28

**Offerings**

January 20.....\$1,915.00  
January 13.....\$1,645.87  
January 06.....\$2,664.00  
December 30.....\$1,075.00

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**  
**February 18**

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# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for February*

- February 03**    **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday**  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
- February 10**    **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
- February 17**    **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
- February 24**    **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50;  
Luke 6:27-38

### **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.

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Worship 11 am Salsa & Chips Sale	4	5	6	7	8	9 Quilt Guild 10 am – 5 pm
10 Worship 11 am Sunday school	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 11 am	18	19	20	21  7 pm	22	23
24 Worship 11 am Sunday school Hygiene Kits due	25	26	27	28		

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Return address requested

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