

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

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*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,

Good Friday at Beebe Park was a cold one, but brave souls were there to pray as united Christians. Many thanks to the City Manager, Parks & Recreation, the pastors, Alex from Trinity; Tom from First Methodist; Randy who serves in New Baltimore.



Maundy Thursday we celebrated communion and remembered the story of the Passover Meal that Jesus had with his friends.

Wednesday “Simple Supper and Meditation” – it was a Stretch and Grow experience. For five Wednesdays during Lent we shared a meal followed by Hand, Bread, Wine, Barge People and Object meditation that gave us the opportunity to get to know each other better and to stretch in our thinking about those things. So thankful for the participation. Now maybe it is time to have “Beverage and Bible?” Any thoughts on this?

Palm Sunday we paraded around the church with our palms as Annette Johnston played the recorder. Together we read the Passion. The Northam family read the Jesus voice while others took part with crowd or narrator.

The Easter Egg Hunt kept the kids busy with a craft, a story, a lunch and lots and lots of eggs to hunt. Many pitched in to make it another success. Thanks again to Joselyn and crew.

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**The Ordination/Installation was wonderful!** The visiting pastors of the Eastern Association, Conference and other clergy that came, all commented on how great and welcoming we are as a community. The service music was supplied by Richard Wolf on the organ and the Choir under the direction of Bette Carrothers. Gathering music was played by Bill Russell and the closing song by Beth Ely.

At the luncheon after the service, the kitchen crew experienced a “multiplication of the loaves and fishes” and many brought in finger foods that were perfect. I am humbled by the number that came, the good wishes expressed in cards and in person, and the absolute generosity of your Sunday afternoon time.

At the morning service the Church Council presented me with the most beautiful stole, and of course, Sue included the instruction on care and wash. Thank you everyone!



**Now:** These 50 days are like one great Sunday. The season of Easter is actually a celebration of 50 days from Easter until Pentecost. The word, “Pentecost” means “fiftieth” and is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word, Shavuot.

Sunday is to our Christian week, what the Easter season is to the whole liturgical year. The 50 days of Easter have been observed longer than any other season of the Christian year. During these 50 days of joy, we are called upon in our life and worship to proclaim the lordship of Jesus revealed through his resurrection, ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This season is a time to grow in our understanding of the whole mystery and to make it part of our lives through our renewed attentiveness to God’s word that we hear each Sunday and talk about in our households, through our fuller participation in Communion, and through our renewed dedication to acts of charity and justice.

As we celebrate this season, we become more deeply aware of Christ’s abiding but hidden presence with us that is daily transforming us into the image of Jesus.

*Pastor KatieD*

# Church Notes

## McRest Week at Armada Congregational UCC...

Laundry help needed on May 13, 15 & 17.

Laundry needs to be picked up between the hours of 7:30 am—9 am and delivered back to the church by 5 pm. If you can lend a hand please call 810-796-9645. Thank you.



During the summer months, our worship service will begin at 10:00 am.

Our summer worship schedule begins on June 2. We return to our 11 am worship schedule on September 15.

## A Poem to honor Mother's Day on May 12...

### To My Beloved Mother

Though words are written  
About mothers, that is true,  
Still, I know that no one ever had  
A mother just like you.

I never had to wonder  
If your love was there for me.  
You showed it in so many ways  
That it was plain to see.

You helped me see the beauty  
Of this world in which we're living.  
You showed me how much happiness  
Can come from cheerful giving.

Your faith gave me the courage  
To pursue those distant goals.  
That might have seemed impossible  
For less encouraged souls.

So let these heartfelt words of mine  
Be included with the others,  
For you have been the very best,  
My own beloved mother.

—Alora M. Knight ©

## Food Pantry Update...

The shelves are well stocked at this time, but the following items are always in need: **pancake mix & syrup  
peanut butter, jellies & jams  
cookies & granola bars**

Thank you again for your continued support throughout the year.

Michele, Richmond Food Pantry

## Help Keep our Church Lawn Beautiful...

If you can lend a hand by mowing the church lawn, please write your name on the schedule that is on the oval table in the narthex for the week or weeks that you would like to mow the lawn.

Thank you.



# MISSIONS

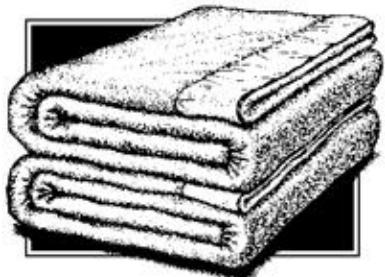
## Cake Bakers Needed for McRest Week



McRest is coming to the Armada Congregational UCC Church Sunday May 12 --Saturday May 18. Like in the past, we have been asked to provide two cakes each night. The cakes need to be

delivered to the Armada Church between 4 & 6pm each day. If you would like to help, please sign up. The sign-up sheet is located on the table at the back of the church.

## Church World Service BLANKET SUNDAY May 12



Blankets can provide warmth and comfort to those without homes. Blankets can provide love to families who have lost all their bedding from a hurricane, tornado or flood. One blanket cost \$10.00 but can mean much more than that to someone who is need-

ing a little support, warmth and encouragement.

Please give on Sunday, May 12. Envelopes will be provided. Know that the blankets you share are truly a blessing to many people.

## Eastern Association Spring Meeting Human Trafficking—What Churches Need to Know

**When: May 11, 9 am - 2 pm  
8:30 am registration**

**Where: First Congregational Church St. Clair UCC  
300 Adams St., St. Clair, MI 48079**

**Speaker—Erin Oginsky of the Michigan Abolitionist Project**

Lunch served—Please indicate your preference when registering.

Mail registration form to: Rev. Jane Rathman, 3281 Bluewater Drive, Northville, MI 48059

or

Register on line to: Rev. Kim Newport or call First Church UCC St. Clair and let the office administrator know you'll be coming (810-329-4142.) Cash or checks made payable to: Eastern Association.

Cost: \$10 per adult • \$5 per youth (12-18)

# **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!**

## *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**

**Keith Murphy & Shelley Champion**

**Paulette & Ray Trombley**

**Marjorie Pentzien**

**Justine Achatz**

**Bob Reindel**

**Al & Mary Alice Busch**

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

**Joe Burkhart's son**

## **Use Your Practical Skills to Help Neighbors in Need**



Volunteers are greatly needed to help frail, older and disabled adults in our community with the following:

**Minor Home Repairs  
Indoor/Outdoor Chores  
Basic Housekeeping**

For a frail older adult or a person with disabilities, simple tasks like dusting and vacuuming, changing light bulbs or raking leaves can be impossible. Many minor home repairs are often well beyond their abilities, and far too expensive for them to purchase professionally.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program helps our older and disabled neighbors with such tasks so they can remain safe and independent in their own homes. If you can help weekly, monthly or even just a couple times a year, please call us today. The time you give will make a real difference in someone's life.

**Call 586-757-5551.**

[Learn more about our work at [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org)]

### **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/>

# Servers Rotation Schedule—2019



## May 5 (May counter: Ray Trombley)

Greeters.....Joyce Townsend & Pam Green  
Ushers.....Glen & Diane Porrett  
Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend  
Communion Preparer....Kim McCardell  
Communion Servers.....Glen & Diane Porrett

## May 12

Greeters.....Doris Essenburg & Sally McNinch  
Ushers.....Rich & Sue Weinert  
Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall  
Altar Flowers...Diane Porrett

## May 19

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

## May 26

Greeters.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
Ushers.....Joe Burkhart & Karen Eltringham  
Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch  
Altar Flowers...Chris Hensch

## June 2 (June counter: Ron Schrote)

Greeters.....Sue & Rich Weinert  
Ushers.....Glen & Diane Porrett  
Lay Reader.....Mary Alice Busch  
Communion Preparer....Tom Hebel  
Communion Servers.....Kim McCardell & Rich W.

## June 9

Greeters.....Don & Donna Cockerill  
Ushers.....Tom Hebel & Sharlene Haws  
Lay Reader.....Sue Weinert  
Altar Flowers....Terry & Dave Hunger



## First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for May “Clip and Keep Reminders”



In Our Prayers

### May 5 - 11

John & Nancy Pollock  
Gary Porrett  
Glen & Diane Porrett

### May 12 - 18

Robert, Wendy, Drew &  
Nathan Reindel  
Robert & Yvonne Reindel  
Charles Rocker

### May 19 - 25

Amy, Adam & Matthew Santo  
Henry III & Jackie Schroeder  
Adam & Michelle Schrote

### May 26 - June 1

Ron & Kim Schrote  
Ryan & Niki Schrote  
Jim & Joyce Townsend

# 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

Sharlene Haws (586-727-9912)

### Finance

Ron Schrote (586-925-8801)

### Buildings and Grounds

Terry Miller (586-709-3906)

### Stewardship

Ron Schrote (586-925-8801)

### Worship

Terri Houston (810-650-5612)

### Memorial

Sue Weinert (586-206-1719)

### Christian Education

Steve Furtaw (586-855-3248)

### Personnel

Terri Houston (810-650-5612)

Sue Weinert (586-206-1719)

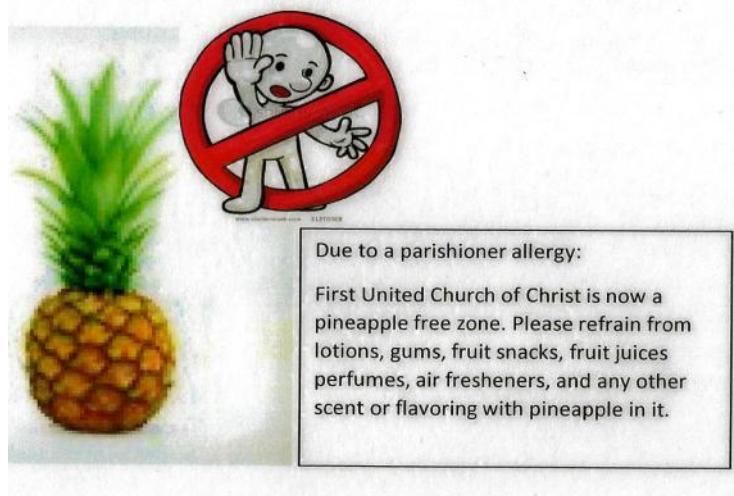
Terry Miller (586-709-3906)

## 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 of-

fice, 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.



## Your Church Council

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

Name	Position	Term Ends
Steve Furtaw	Council Member	2021
Mark Davis	Treasurer	2020
Ron Schrote	Vice President	2019
Katie Dailey	Pastor	—
Sharlene Haws	Council Member	2020
Terri Houston	Secretary	2021
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 May birthdays:



- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 01 - Amelia Miller    | 19 - Joshua Houston    |
| 03 - Tarah Weeks      | 21 - Kristie Hollick   |
| 07 - Jeff Chrostowski | 22 - Vance Green       |
| 11 - Ginnean Henrie   | 23 - Frank Bartell     |
| 13 - Jacob Marlow     | 23 - Bob Reindel       |
| 18 - Ellen Germain    | 23 - Paulette Trombley |
| 19 - Ryan Schrote     | 31 - Nicole Fair       |

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

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|--------------------|
| 09 - Logan Northam |
| 27 - Evan Grewé    |

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



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|-----------------------------|
| 03 - Jim & Joyce Townsend   |
| 18 - George & Sue Millbrand |
| 29 - William & Andra Jones  |

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### **Call to Care Team:**

**Mary Alice Busch...586-727-7009**

**Shelley Champion...586-255-0387**



### **Attendance**

April 21.....	65
April 14.....	51
April 07.....	44
March 31.....	41

### **Offerings**

April 21.....	\$2,224.00
April 14.....	\$2,025.00
April 07.....	\$2,703.00
March 31.....	\$1,588.00

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**May 20**

# **Sunday Services**

## ***Scripture Readings for May***

### **May 05 Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) • Psalm 30 • Revelation 5:11-14 • John 21:1-19

### **May 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43 • Psalm 23 • Revelation 7:9-17 • John 10:22-30

### **May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 148 • Revelation 21:1-6 • John 13:31-35

### **May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15 • Psalm 67 • Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 • John 14:23-29

### **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.

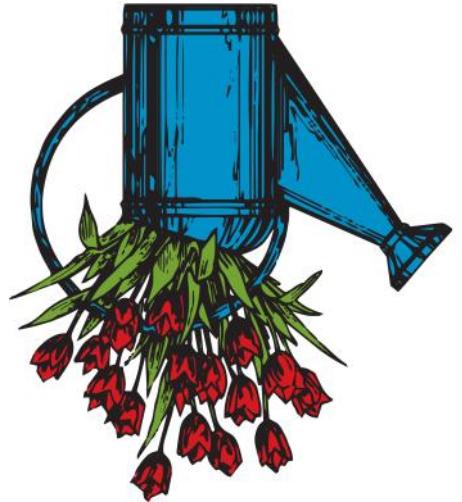
### **Vision Statement:**

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.

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church Yard Cleanup 4 pm	2	3	4
First UCC in Armada will host McRest May 12 - 18. Volunteer to donate a cake.						
5 Worship 11 am	6	7	8	9	10	11 Quilt Guild 10 am Eastern Association Meeting @ 1st Cong. UCC in St. Clair
12 Worship 11 am Sunday school Blanket Sunday offering	13	14	15	16  7 pm	17	18
19 Worship 11 am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 11 am Sunday school	27	28	29	30	31	

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