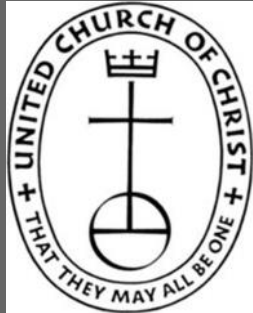


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

August 2022



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TUESDAYS

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FRIDAYS

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.*



WHAT'S IN YOUR CROCKPOT?

Tasty ingredients for your
spiritual stew.

The harvest is plentiful!

Driving around mid Michigan, one sees the wheat fields are turning that golden color that radiates the summer sunlight. Soon the combines will be out in force gleaning the grain and pouring it into wagons so it can be hauled away to mills where it's turned into flour and meal for food. The harvest is plentiful!

The rest of what Jesus says is that the workers are few. I am grateful that the Lord of the Harvest sends the workers. Who are the workers – and how do I get them into the fields? For those of us who remember the old shampoo commercial... "I told two friends, and they told two friends, and so on, and so on." All I have to do is share my excitement with a few others and let them know how to get involved in this movement, and the workers will be as plentiful as the harvest.

I'm also reminded that Jesus says, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." [John 12:24] I have to let go of the stalk, jump into the combine and allow myself to be milled. One grain of wheat milled into flour can feed a lot more people than I believe.

Within our worship of late we've added the "music moment" and some contemporary music. No complaints that Price or I have heard, so I take it that there is acceptance to some of the newer songs/hymns. *Shine Jesus Shine* was our song of the month for July and we also did *Because He Lives* and *The Summons*. Music suggestions appear at the back of our New Century Hymnal as "Proper" with a number which is why I add "Proper" for the week at the beginning of our worship text. Our song of the month for August will be, *As the Deer Pants for Water*.

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I have met the two new pastors in Richmond: Katie Butler is Interim at Trinity Lutheran, and Rev. Sunhwa is at First United Methodist. As is tradition, the worship for Septem-

ber 11, the Sunday of Good Old Days, will be at Trinity Lutheran. I hope many will plan on being there as our three local churches pray together.

Be a blessing to all you encounter. See you in church.

Pastor KatieD+

Please note: The service for the Ordination of Traci Bartell will be live streamed through the YouTube site of First Congregational, Rochester. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKXgwsMsZdX7cPW34QwebPA/featured>. This is an Eastern Association of the MI Conference event.



The 2023 Stewardship campaign is underway, so watch your mailbox for a letter

along with a commitment card and Time and Talent sheet coming your way. Your financial pledge is essential for us to plan our operating budget for 2023.

This year's theme from the United Church of Christ is, "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving" which makes the connection between our experience of God and our generosity as disciples.

The last two years have brought many changes to

our church, and your generous gifts have helped us to sustain and adapt new ideas to stay connected during the pandemic and as we go forward. Please join others in our congregation by making a financial pledge for the coming year. And please return your commitment card and Time and Talent sheet by **September 11**. Thank you.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!



The following items are needed to put together one school kit and are due in church by Sunday, August 21:

- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 70-count bound notebooks
- 1 12"/30-centimeter ruler
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 6 new, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 2 12" X 14" or 14" X 17" cloth bag

Processing fee: \$2 per kit



Welcome TO OUR church

Our church doors are open every Sunday at 9 am for those who would like to drop by for a visit or to drop off an envelope. Our worship service starts at 10 am and all are welcome.

You can also watch our worship service from home on our Website Sunday mornings.

Go to: firstuccrichmond.yolasite.com and click on "Worship Services" in the side bar. Or, Join us on our Facebook page as we live stream our service Sundays at 10 am. If we have your email address, the link to Facebook and You Tube can be forwarded to you.



First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for August

July 31 - August 6

Kristina Dunsmore
Karen Eltringham
Kyle & Kevin Ensley

August 7 - 13

Doris Essenburg
Tim, Hope, Nicole & Nyana Fair
Joshua, Allyssa, Annabelle & Jaxson Fair



August 14 - 20

Pat Fenton
Rob & Amy Follabout
Steve & Darlene Furtaw

August 21 - 27

Kerri Green
Vance & Pam Green
Kim Grewe & Evan

August 28 - September 3

Darrel Haws
Tom & Christine Hebel
Christine Hensch

The Log in Your Eye

This humorous illustration of how *not* to get along at college also demonstrates Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:3-5.

A young man from Scotland went to study at an English university. A month into the school year, his mother visited

and asked how he liked living in the dorm.

"It's awful!" he exclaimed. "The fellow in the room next door bangs his head on the wall constantly, and the one on the other side screams all day."

"How do you stand it?" his mother asked in amazement.

"Oh, I ignore them," her son replied. "I just sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

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



- 03 - Lisa O'Rourke
- 04 - Sally McNinch
- 06 - Lucia Marshall
- 13 - Jack Dailey

- 13 - Richard Weinert
- 17 - Harrison Zoma
- 19 - Jentry Houston
- 26 - Elaina Briggs

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



- 18 - Steve & Darlene Furtaw



Offerings

July 24.....\$2,110.00
 July 17.....\$N/A
 July 10.....\$1,005.00
 July 03.....\$1,625.00

Attendance

July 24.....18
 July 17.....18
 July 10.....20
 July 03.....18



Lucia Marshall
 Longstanding and active member



Rev. Sunwha
 New pastor for First United Methodist Church



Katie Butler

Interim for
 Trinity Lutheran

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

Pat Fenton (586-430-1139)

Buildings and Grounds

Shannon Vivona (586-372-1147)

Worship

Chris Hensch (586-457-9196)

Christian Education

Hope Fair (586-531-1103)

Finance/Stewardship

Shannon Vivona (586-457-9196)

Memorial

Lynn Dunsmore (586-727-5217)

Personnel

Hope Fair (586-531-1103)

Ron Schrote (586-925-8801)

Shannon Vivona (586-372-1147)

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.



Do You Have Something to Share...

Email to firstunitedcc@outlook.com before the 20th of each month and we will add your news to our monthly newsletter.

Your Church Council

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Katie Dailey	Pastor	586-202-8644	N/A
Mark Davis	Treasurer	586-292-3612	2023
Lynn Dunsmore	Council Member	586-727-5217	2024
Hope Fair	Vice President	586-531-1103	2023
Pat Fenton	Council Member	586-430-1139	2022
Chris Hensch	Council Secretary	586-457-9196	2022
Ron Schrote	Council President	586-925-8801	2023
Shannon Vivona	Council Member	586-372-1147	2024
Jackie Waszkiewicz	Financial Secretary	586-244-3290	2023

Need to Get in Touch with Pastor Katie?

If Pastor Katie is not in the office when you need pastoral care, please know that Pastor Katie is always glad to take your call or to arrange a day and time to meet with you.

Cell number: 586-202-8644

Home phone: 586-716-9543.

You can also call the office at 586-727-3155 and leave a message with Helen or leave your message on the answering machine.

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

- 1) Take an Adopt-A-Bill envelope from the display board in the narthex.
- 2) Choose 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.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for August

- August 07** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 14
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 • Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 • Genesis 15:1-6 • Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 • Luke 12:32-40
- August 14** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15
Isaiah 5:1-7 • Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 • Jeremiah 23:23-29 • Psalm 82 •
Hebrews 11:29-12:2 • Luke 12:49-56
- August 21** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 16
Jeremiah 1:4-10 • Psalm 71:1-6 • Isaiah 58:9b-14 • Psalm 103:1-8 •
Hebrews 12:18-29 • Luke 13:10-17
- August 28** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17
Jeremiah 2:4-13 • Psalm 81:1, 10-16 • Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverb 25:6-7
• Psalm 112 • Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • Luke 14:1, 7-14

Servers Rotation Schedule—2022

July 31

Lay Reader.....TBD
No Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

August 7

Lay Reader.....TBD
No Altar Flowers

August 14

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

August 21

Lay Reader.....TBD
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

August 28

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

September 4

Lay Reader.....TBD
No Altar Flowers

Office Hours

The secretary is in the office on Tuesdays, 8:30 am —12 noon and Fridays 8:30 am till 1 pm. If you need additional assistance at other times, please send Helen an email at firstunitedcc@outlook.com or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155.

Thank you.

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Happy B-day to Lisa O'Rourke	4 Happy B-day to Sally McNinch	5	6 Happy B-day to Lucia Marshall
7 Worship 10 am	8	9	10	11	12	13 Happy B-day to: Jack Dailey Rich Weinert
14 Worship 10 am	15	16	17 Happy B-day to Harrison Zoma	18 Church Council Meets 7 pm Happy Anniversary to Steve & Darlene	19 Happy B-day to Jentry Houston	20 Quilt Guild 10am
21 Worship 10 am	22	23	24	25	26 Happy B-day to Elaina Briggs	27
28 Worship 10 am	29	30	31			



Return address requested

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