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FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

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TUESDAY—THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 12 NOON

FRIDAY, 9 AM - 3 PM

Afternoons by appointment

Pastor Denise is in Richmond on
Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday

*We are
a Christian
community
called to
love God,
love neighbor,
love self,
as Jesus taught.*

Members and Friends of First UCC,

As I gathered articles and information for our October newsletter, Pastor Denise and her husband Bill traveled to Greece for their long, overdue honeymoon. We will miss her encouraging voice in this issue, but we hope they enjoyed some wonderful adventures, and I know she will inspire us with tales from her trip when she returns. Until then, put away your summer fun, take a little time to read our church news and enjoy this season's kaleidoscope of color.

Your church secretary,

Helen



The Beginnings of Sunday School

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn't know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England's prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn't have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people's opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ's light and love to children around the world.

Sunday School News

We started our new school year on September 18th and celebrated Blessing of the Backpacks. We have two new teachers this year, Cheryl Beauchamp and Jackie Waszkiewicz. We thank them for agreeing to teach our children this year. We also want to thank our returning teachers.

We ask that each family complete a registration form and submit it to one of the teachers. The registration form can be obtained from one of the teachers and is located on the church website, Church School section (<http://firstuccrichmond.yolasite.com/church-school.php>). The registration form also includes a permission slip for any field trips the Sunday school children may take.

The children are putting together ideas for their mission project. We decided to work with the larger church for Kids Against Hunger. We will be using our noisy offerings collected in July, September, October and November for this cause. We, as a group, will be going to Trinity Lutheran on November 19th to pack meals. Parents are also welcome to join us. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend .

The children will be going to Kroger on October 30th to finish up last year's mission project - The Richmond Food Pantry. We had so much fun shopping in early spring!

Kids Against Hunger

Another ecumenical, tri-church event happens on Saturday, November 19

Our church members are joining members from Trinity Lutheran and First United Methodist to "stop hunger now." We will help package 10,000, YES, 10,000 nutritional meals from 9am till noon on that Saturday. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning!

There is a shoe (new or used) collection happening along

with the meal packaging. Drop off your shoes at Trinity starting Tuesday morning, November 15 thru Saturday, November 19.

Our church school children have decided that the Noisy Offerings collected from July through November will be donated to the Kids Against Hunger project. Hopefully some of the kids and adults

will be on the assembly line packaging these meals.

Kathi Miller has been representing our church at planning meetings, and if you would like more info about this food relief campaign, ask her or read the Press Release included in this news letter.

Thank you! Gracias! Merci! Danke!

Thirty Church World Service school kits were sent to the Maryland distribution center on September 6. These kits

make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many people both here and abroad.



Church Notes

Gather 'Round the Circle...

Join us Sunday, Oct. 2 for our Sunday Potluck and Song Circle. Bring a friend!

Potluck: 5:30 pm: Bring a dish to pass
Community singing: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

If you like to eat, tell stories and sing old and new songs . . . this is for you!

Sticky Bun Sunday, October 2...

Come to worship and smell the sweet aroma of sticky buns baking, and for a free will donation have a roll with your coffee at coffee hour.

Euchre Party...

Saturday, October 15 at 6 pm
Tickets: \$10

Snacks, cold drinks and coffee will be provided. Raffles and 50-50 will add to the fun. Bring a friend!

Any questions, call Kim at 586-623-9833

McRest Supper

Wednesday, October 26...

Our church will provide a meal to the clients and workers of McRest staying at Trinity Lutheran Church. Trinity Lutheran hosts the shelter for one week every other year. The male clients sleep and eat meals there. Trinity members and community people drive the men to work and do their laundry.

We will provide ham & scalloped potatoes and all the fixings for a delicious meal including cakes for dessert. Monetary donations would be appreciated to help with the expense. If you wish to donate, please see Kathi Miller or Mary Alice Busch.

Saturday, October 1...

It's time again to clean up the road. Meet at the church at 9:00 am.



We furnish the orange vests, bags and grab sticks. All you need to bring are gloves and good walking shoes. We will clean up the debris along 33 Mile Road between Armada Ridge Road and Memphis Ridge (M19).



**Daylight Saving
Time ends at
2 am on Sunday,
November 6.**

Newsletter Deadline...Oct. 24

MISSION CALENDAR 2016

February	Health Kit items due in church on or before February 21
March	*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on March 6
April	No Shoe Drive this year
May	*Blanket Sunday Offering on May 8 McRest, Armada—cakes needed week of May 8 - 14
June	*Strengthen the Church Offering on June 5 Baby Kit items due in church on or before June 19
August	School Kit items due in church on or before August 31
October	*Neighbors In Need Offering on October 2 Bread for the World Bread Sale on October 16
November	Shoebox Christmas Gift Collection for KIDS due in church on or before Dec. 4
December	*Christmas Fund Offering on Dec. 18

*Envelopes will be provided

Check the Mission bulletin board at the back of the church for the detailed list for the baby, health, and school kits plus any other Mission updates. Look for canisters for the ongoing collection of Box Tops for Education, Campbell's UPC labels for Crossroads Child Services & coins for the Holy Joe's Café Coffee for the Troops.



Neighbors in Need Offering which we will receive on Sunday, October 2, supports the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Our offering will continue to support our denominations strong policy of advocacy work on issues such as voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental issues.

The Neighbors in Need offering also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and about 1,000 individuals from other tribes who are members of United Church of Christ congregations in the U.S.

Envelopes will be provided in the Sunday bulletin.

Bread for the World Sunday, October 16

On Sunday, October 16, our church joins thousands of other churches across the country in celebrating Bread for the World Sunday. We will pray for the severe drought and civil strife that has caused acute malnutrition in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Syria and other parts of the world. We will also pray for humanitarian assistance and long-term solutions to world hunger. Also, the Mission Committee will have delicious loaves of bread for sale. All proceeds will be sent to Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger here and abroad. We have been abundantly blessed so let us help those who struggle with hunger. Buy bread on **Sunday, October 16!**

Mark Your Calendars!



The Annual Church Gift Auction is coming up on November 20th after service. We would love it if each family could contribute one new item, whether it be a baked good, craft item, handmade scarf or a themed gift basket (i.e. a basket with pasta & sauce and a bottle of wine for a "date night" theme, or pop-

corn, toppings and a video rental card for a "movie night" theme). You get the idea. Something that would be a perfect gift for someone or yourself (we all need to splurge once in a while). We hope you participate in the fun and fellowship!

Help Keep our Church Lawn Beautiful



A lawn-mowing/snow shoveling schedule is on the table in the narthex. If you can help us maintain the lawn around the church for the remaining warm season, please write your name on the schedule on the arrowed

line for the week or weeks that you would like to mow the lawn.

Thank you.

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

Kathi Miller
(586-727-1726)

Buildings and Grounds

Matthew Ball
(586-531-7966)

Worship

Terri Houston
(586-727-7034)

Vitality

Joe Burkhardt
(330-431-3663)

Christian Education

Dave Hartwell
(586-727-8083)

Finance

Rich Weinert
(586-727-1139)

Stewardship

Veronica Chrostowski
(586-727-9904)

Memorial

Karen Eltringham
(586-291-0615)

Personnel

Terri Houston
Karen Eltringham
Kim McCardell 586-623-9833

Press Release

Kids Against Hunger Coalition of Michigan

An international food relief campaign

....feeding children around world and around the corner...

Kids Against Hunger Coalition of Michigan is partnering with Richmond churches Trinity Lutheran, First United Methodist and First United Church of Christ to "stop hunger now". On Saturday November 19, volunteers of all ages will gather to package over 10,000 nutritional meals. The food packing event will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church at 35110 Division (32 Mile Rd.) Richmond 48062 from 9 to approximately 12:30. Volunteers can sign up at www.signupgenius.com for one of the shifts or email Judie at omajudie@yahoo.com. For more information contact Judie Schafer at omajudie@yahoo.com or 810.305.1825.

The meals will then be distributed to some of the local food shelters and pantries, as well as disaster relief for areas around the world.

There will also be a shoe collection on that day. Please drop off new or used shoes at Trinity Lutheran Church between 9 am and noon on November 19.

Richard Proudfit, the founder of Kids Against Hunger International, formerly known as Feed my Starving Children, went to Honduras as a volunteer following a devastating hurricane. Profoundly affected by the starvation, malnutrition and deaths seen among the countries children, Proudfit committed his life and financial resources to addressing the enormous problem of world hunger. Kids Against Hunger is a 501c 3 nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to provide fully nutritious food to the impoverished children around the world and around the corner. Feeding programs in orphanages, schools, shelters, and clinics are the direct paths used to reach and feed starving children. Richard Proudfit saw a need and did something about it by setting up food packaging satellites throughout the United States and Canada. Last year these satellites packaged 50 million meals and distributed the food to starving children in over 50 countries.

In Michigan, the Kids Against Hunger Coalition – State Satellite Headquarters is located in Oak Park. The Michigan affiliate, a partner of Kids Against Hunger International, is lead by Dr. Donald Burwell who established operations in Michigan 1998. In recent months over 75,000 volunteers have packaged nearly 10 million meals, over 3.5 million of these meals have been donated to local food shelter in our State. A million meals were recently shipped to Haiti after the devastating earthquake. KAHIC has shipped thousands of meals to countries in Africa, Central America and South America. Dr Burwell can be contacted at 248.336.2559. Or visit us on the web at kahmichigan.org.

Servers Rotation Schedule—2016

October 2

Greeters.....Ron & Kim Schrote
 Ushers.....Bob & Veronica Chrostowski
 Lay Reader.....Sue Weinert
 Communion Preparer.....Sally McNinch
 Communion Servers.....Glen & Diane Porrett

October 9

Greeters.....Rich & Sue Weinert
 Ushers.....Amy & Rob Follebout
 Lay Reader.....Mary Alice Busch
 Altar Flowers...Sue Weinert

October 16

Greeters.....Mary Alice & Al Busch
 Ushers.....Sharlene Haws & Ray Trombley
 Lay Reader.....Need Volunteer
 Altar Flowers...Karen Eltringham

October 23

Greeters.....Don & Donna Cockerill
 Ushers.....Glen & Diane Porrett
 Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall
 Altar Flowers...Need Volunteer

October 30

Greeters.....Joyce Townsend. & Pam Green
 Ushers.....Karen E. & Joe B.
 Lay Reader.....Christine Hensch
 Altar Flowers...Ray & Paulette Trombley

November 6

Greeters.....Bob & Veronica Chrostowski
 Ushers.....Don & Donna Cockrill
 Lay Reader.....Pam Green
 Communion Preparer.....Paulette & Ray T.
 Communion Servers.....Ron & Kim Schrote

First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for October

"Clip and Keep Reminders"



<p><u>October 2 - 8</u></p> <p>Tim, Hope, Joshus & Nicole Fair</p> <p>Pat Fenton</p> <p>Rob & Amy Follebout</p>	<p><u>October 9 - 15</u></p> <p>Tim, Liz, Faith & Noah Frnaklin</p> <p>Ellen Germain</p> <p>Kerri Green</p>
<p><u>October 16 - 22</u></p> <p>Vance & Pam Green</p> <p>Kim & Evan Grewe</p> <p>Rev. Denise Griebler & Rev. Bill Wylie-Kellermann</p>	<p><u>October 23 - 29</u></p> <p>Scott Grzanka</p> <p>Michael Grzanka</p> <p>Dean, Shelly, Makenna & Cooper Handrow</p>



EXCITING NEWS!

FIRST UCC IS NOW PART OF THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Enroll now to help benefit our church.

Kroger is committed to helping communities grow and prosper. Each year, they assist hundreds of local nonprofit organizations, schools and churches working to make the communities they share better places to live and work.

First United Church of Christ is now registered as a nonprofit organization that can benefit from the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

You will still earn points toward your fuel savings as always, only now our church can benefit as well from you shopping at Kroger. First UCC will get money from Kroger based on the percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

All you have to do is enroll with your Kroger Plus Card and use the church's new NPO number: **97155**

See the following notes to help you enroll and get a Kroger Plus Card if you don't have one.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

- * Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

- * Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.

- * If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

- * Click on Sign In/Register.

Most participants are new online customers, so you must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account: enter your zip code, click on your favorite store, enter your email address and create a password, agree to the terms and conditions.

- * You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.

- * Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.

- * Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.

- * Update or confirm your information. Enter NPO number (97155) or name of organi-

zation, select organization from list and click on confirm.

- * To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our group until you register your card(s).

- * Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

- * Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

- * You must re-enroll annually for your points to count for First UCC.

Also we will schedule a special sign up day at church for those of you who need assistance with online registration.

Thank you for your support!
The Finance Committee

Prayers coming your way...

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, please contact Pastor Denise or call the office at 586-727-3155. Please add the following concerns to your personal prayer time:

We pray for those from our family of faith who are homebound, dealing with illness, caregiving or grief:

Emily & Josh Houston....Lucille Trombley....Donna & Frank Bartell....Marjorie Pentzien....Bob Reindel....Paulette & Ray Trombley....Chuck & Mary Alice Busch....Leona Conner....Lucy & Daniel Wylie-Eggert just married and expecting a baby in December, gratitude for our community garden and gardeners . . . for the bounty of the earth . . . for our Richmond schools – students, teachers, administrators and staff . . . for families with young children who can become so exhausted, may they find delight in each other and community with family, friends and neighbors, and church . . . for clean affordable water for all of the residents in Michigan . . . for the healing of deep racial divisions through a process of reconciliation and justice...for all who feel afraid - that we continue to be bold to live out of our faith and commitments to justice, mercy and love even when we are afraid. . . for patience and wisdom in this election season . . . for the people and communities who have suffered terrible storms, heat and drought...for an end to the war in Syria, for Syrian refugees and for a willingness for nations to welcome them . . . for detained immigrants and all prisoners, for people being released from jail, especially those who have served long sentences...for people suffering from addictions...for justice, mercy and peace for all.

If you are aware of someone who should be included in our prayers, please call the church office or speak with Pastor Denise.

Pastor Denise's Office Hours and Pastoral Care

I plan my week to be in Richmond on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. It's possible that the days may move a bit as I respond to various needs that arise, but for the most part, that's when I'll be in town. If possible, please plan for committees to meet on one of those days or evenings.

Thanks so much! If there are situations that arise in which you'd like pastoral care, please call to let me know. 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.

You can reach me directly by calling my cell phone – 630-297-1740 or call the church office and leave a message with Helen or on the answering machine. I'm always happy to receive your calls.

Pastor Denise

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
Matthew Ball	Council Member	2018
Joe Burkhart	Council Member	2018
Veronica Chrostowski	Council Member	2016
Mark Davis	Treasurer	2017
Karen Eltringham	Council Member	2017
Denise Griebler	Pastor	N/A
Dave Hartwell	Council Member	2017
Terri Houston	Council Member	2016
Kim McCardell	President	2018
Kathi Miller	Secretary	2016
Jackie Waszkiewicz	Financial Secretary	2017
Rich Weinert	Vice President	2017

First UCC Prayer Chain



Pastor Denise	630-297-1740
Sue Weinert	586-206-1719
Diane Porrett	586-727-1374
Jennifer Northam	586-727-5176
Sally McNinch	586-727-1000
Mary Alice Busch	586-727-7009
Paulette Trombley	586-506-5002
Karen Eltringham	586-291-0615
Joyce Townsend	586-727-9735
Shelley Champion	586-255-0387
Christine Hensch	810-385-4391
Traci Bartell	586-557-2264

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 October birthdays:



10 - Mary Lou Volkenant	19 - Mark Davis
11 - Kim McCardell	20 - Dawn Trombley
12 - Nancy Pollock	27 - Pat Fenton
15 - Alexa Jarrell	30 - Sue Ann Burmann
16 - Elizabeth Franklin	31 - Henry Schroeder III
19 - Aaron Miller	

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

10 - Carissa Sugg
14 - Reagan Manska

We also wish a **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to the following members and friends who have October wedding anniversaries:



07 - Vance & Pam Green
10 - Andrew & Alexa Jarrell
11 - Rich & Sue Weinert
11 - Chris & Krista Plucinski
23 - Terry & Kathy Miller
25 - Robert & Amy Follebout

**BEST
WISHES
TO YOU!**

Call to Care Team:

Mary Alice Busch...586-727-7009

Bob Chrostowski...586-727-9904 (H) or 586-855-1823 (C)



Attendance and Offerings:	September 18.....48	Sept. 18.....\$2,275.00
	September 04.....37	Sept. 04.....\$2,117.00
	August 28.....31	August 28...\$1,062.25
	August 21.....34	August 21...\$1,853.50

**First
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Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for October

October 02 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 ; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 09 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 16 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 23 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 30 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Office Hours

The secretary is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9 am till 12 noon and Friday 9 am till 3 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.

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.

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Order Pasties October 3-8 (586-588-2635)						1 Road Clean-up 9 am
2 Worship 11 am Potluck 5:30 pm Song Circle 6:30 pm	3	4 Personnel cmte. meets 6 pm Budget Planning meeting 7 pm	5-	6 Special Budget meeting 7 pm Welcoming cmte. meets 8 pm	7	8 Quilt Guild 10 am
9 Worship 11 am	10	11	12 Building & Grounds cmte. meets 7 pm	13	14	15 Euchre Party 6 pm
16 Worship 11 am Annual Meeting for Budget Approval after worship	17 Pasty Sale and Pick-up Days	18	19	20 Church Council meets 7 pm	21	22
23 Worship 11 am	24	25	26 Provide Supper for McRest @ Trinity 6:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship 11 am	31			Michigan Conference Meeting @ Woodside Church in Flint on October 14 & 15		



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