

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.*

Dear Ones,

Each Sunday during this season, we've begun our service by singing a little song. It's meant as an invitation to walk with Jesus through this holy season of Lent and to share in the joy of Easter.

*A light is gleaming,  
spreading its arms throughout the night,  
living in the light.*

*Come share its gladness,  
God's radiant light is burning bright,  
living in the light.*

It's not what we expect to be singing in these days, as little by little we realize that this journey we are on leads through the dark valley of the cross. But we do know where this story is ultimately headed. And so we sing our way through to the end, each step of the way proclaiming the power of even the smallest light to pierce the darkness. Jesus is the Light of the World. The powers of darkness haven't got a chance.

Still, it's not an easy road. Not for Jesus. Not for any of us. But the smallest of lights, the humblest of hopes, are enough to cast out fear and make space for love. We need this in our own hearts. We need this in our encounters with our neighbors. And it seems to me that this should not be so very difficult!

But it is the very thing that was so controversial about Jesus. He taught that if you want to follow him you have to love God and your neighbors - no exceptions. He shows us the way when he breaks with customs and even laws to offer healing and receive hospitality. He breaks down walls of hostility, prejudice and fear. He's Light of the World. He is always inviting us to magnify the light of love in the world.

There are so many ways to magnify the light of God's love these days.

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In my neighborhood in SW Detroit there is so much fear. I have undocumented neighbors who have lived here for fifteen or twenty years – who have US-citizen children, some have US-citizen spouses – who have built good lives here, who are good neighbors, who are afraid to even go to the grocery store for fear of being arrested, detained and deported. What would happen to their children? How shall I love my neighbor in these days? What will we allow to be done in our names, in the name of our supposed security? How does the mother down the street who is a good mother, neighbor and worker threaten the rest of us? Being light for my neighbors is as simple as being sure to stop by to say hi, to ask about the kids, to play with the kids, to let them know that we are here to help in any way we can. Being light is joining others out on the corner by Clark Park on Vernier to stand with signs that say: We love our neighbors! Stop Separating Families! Immigrants & Refugees are Welcome Here! We Are All Immigrants!

It's scary to get specific about loving our neighbors. For instance, I'm afraid that you will think that what I have shared about my Detroit neighbors has nothing to do with you or/and your neighbors in Richmond. Why does that pastor keep talking about these kinds of things? Yet, there was a moment a couple of years ago when a co-worker of one of our members faced just such an immigration crisis. Our ministry at 1<sup>st</sup> UCC provided a bit of sanctuary for this woman and her partner when I was able to marry them and help them to have documentation that would help their immigration case.

What do you think it means to love your neighbors in these times? How can you magnify the light of God's love in the world these days? How can we begin to calm our fears and make more space to love? These are the kinds of things my heart is longing to talk about. It seems to me that it shouldn't be so difficult to talk about how we can love our neighbors.

*A light is gleaming, spreading its arms into the night. Come share its gladness. God's love is burning bright. This Lenten invitation leads to a place at the Easter Table. May we all be surprised (and I hope delighted) to discover who is with us at the Table!*

Blessed Rest-of-Lent and Joyous Easter,

*Pastor Denise*

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## Sunday April 9 1<sup>st</sup> UCC Goes to the Movies . . .

After worship a group of members and friends will go together to see ***The Shack*** at **50675 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield, MI 48051**. The movie begins at 1:20 pm. (We'll have to confirm this when the movie times are released next Friday . . . but it seems like it will work!)

This is an amazing story about the lengths to which God goes to find us and how far our hearts can go in order to forgive and come alive after they have been all but dead.

A great way to begin Holy Week.

If you are planning to go, let Pastor Denise (630-297-1740) or Kim McCardell (586-623-9833) know! See you at the movies!



## Holy Week & Easter Worship Opportunities

**Palm Sunday worship at 1st UCC**  
*Sunday, April 9 at 11 am*

**Maundy Thursday ecumenical worship at 1st UCC**  
*Thursday, Apr 13 at 7 pm*

Keep the tradition of the Last Supper around the table in small groups.

**Maundy Thursday all-night prayer vigil at 1st UCC**  
*8 pm until dawn*

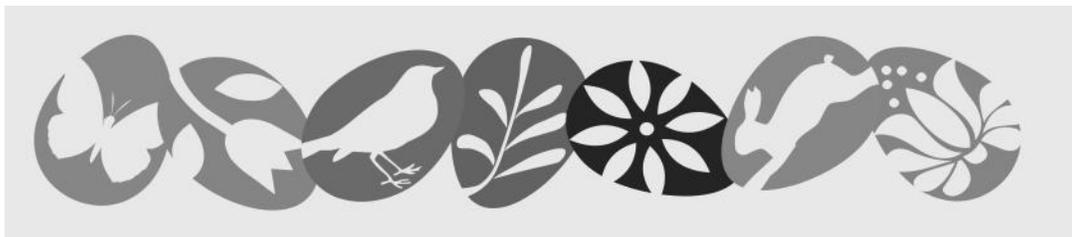
Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or call the church office. This is a tradition at 1st UCC and a lovely way to slow down, sit with God and your own soul in this—a time to pray with and for Jesus.

**Good Friday ecumenical worship at 1st United Methodist**  
*Friday, April 14 at 7 pm*

**Easter Celebration**  
*Sunday, April 16*

**Easter Breakfast**  
*9:30 am*

**Easter Worship**  
*11 am*



*A huge Thank You for all the well wishes, good thoughts and prayers that were offered for my surgery and recovery.*

*Terri Houston*

**First  
United Church of Christ**

# Church Notes

## Gather 'Round the Circle...

Join us Sunday, April 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!

## Euchre Party...

Join us on April 22 at 6 pm for a fun and friendly evening of cards. You don't need a partner, just come on down!

## Easter Egg Hunt...

Saturday

April 8

11:00 am

Come join the hunt at First UCC! Lots of fun for the kids! We will create a craft, have story time, enjoy a lunch and hunt for candy-filled eggs.



spaghetti sauce  
pancake mix/syrup  
coffee (regular & decaffeinated)  
canned tomatoes (diced, stewed, etc.)  
Jell-O  
jam/jelly assorted flavors (greatest need)

## Kroger Community Rewards...

The Kroger Community Rewards Program has earned our church \$95.89 during the months of November, December & January. Thanks to all who have participated.

Through this program Kroger donates to animal shelters, community center and educational groups throughout Michigan. Lets keep this program working for us and help Kroger assist in the needs of our local communities!

## Easter Lilies...Turning into Backpacks Full of Blessings!

This year, as we did at Christmas, we are changing our tradition around purchasing Easter lilies. Please make contributions to the Easter Lily fund as you always have! Donations can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one and will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Mary Alice Busch will purchase a few larger plants to decorate the church rather than many small ones one for each donation. Funds raised will be donated to the Backpack Blessings program which feeds children and families who live below the poverty line within our community. This is a program that is administered through our local Richmond schools and is also supported by 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church.

## Mission News...

**Crossroad Child & Family Services** continues to want our help in collecting box tops & Campbell Soup Company UPC code labels. There is a large Campbell soup container at the back of the church for you to put these items in. Also, there is a container for

any loose change for the **Holy Joe's Café**. This is the UCC Coffee Ministry that sends Equal Exchange coffee to the chaplains and troops. As of July 2015, Holy Joe's had supported over 1,400 chaplains and had shipped over 75 tons of coffee supplies.

All donations are sent to the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, CT. Their volunteers collect and ship the coffee to military bases, veterans' hospitals, and anywhere men and women of the U.S. military are located.

## Thank you...

To all who purchased paczkis on Tuesday, Feb. 28. We had 27 dozen preordered and sold 40 dozen. Profit was \$355.90. It was split with \$36.00 going into the Church's general fund and \$319.90 into Paczkis for Possibilities to be given to the Kids Against Hunger Event in November. A huge "thank you" to Sharlene & Darrel

Haws, Chris Hensch, Terri Houston, Traci Bartell, Terry and Kathi Miller. Also, if you are ever in Hamtramck, stop into the New Palace Bakery and experience an old world unique bakery.

Thirty-seven hygiene kits were mailed to Church World Service on March 10. Your support to provide items for the kits and cash donations is

greatly appreciated. In 2016, the ecumenical organization, Church World Service provided 13,980 hygiene kits, 3,000 school kits, 8,236 emergency cleanup buckets and 205 wool blankets to communities affected by Hurricane Matthew here in the United States. What a great feeling it is to know that we are a part of helping!!

**Remember the Richmond Food Bank during Lent.** There is a nice collection of

food at the front of the sanctuary but there is still room to make the pile larger. We will

be collecting food items through Easter Sunday.

**May 14 is Blanket Sunday.** We take a collection for Church World Service

blankets. The blankets are then sent by CWS to places in need around the world.

Watch for more info in the May newsletter and bulletins.

**Camp Talahi** located in Howell is our denomination's camp and nature center for people of all ages. It is nestled inside the Brighton Recreation Area. This summer it is offering a variety of camps for kids in kindergarten through young adult, family camp and even a Pinterest Camp.

Each year, during the traditional summer camp sessions, Camp Talahi serves hundreds of children. Many of these campers attend on scholarship. Please consider donating to the scholarship fund and give a special child or children a chance to have a life changing experience at the incredi-

ble summer camp. Go to [www.camptalahi.org](http://www.camptalahi.org) to make a donation.



## **MISSION CALENDAR 2017**

**February 5.....Super Sunday Salsa & Chip Sale**

**February 26.....Health Kit items due in church**

**February 28.....Paczkis for Possibilities Sale**

**March 26.....\*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

**May 14.....\*Blanket Sunday Offering**

**June 4.....\*Strengthen the Church Offering**  
**Baby items for KIDS**

**July - Aug 27.....School Kit items due in church by August 27**

**October 1.....\*Neighbors In Need Offering & Kids Against Hunger**  
**Sticky Bun Sale**

**October 15.....Bread for the World Bread Sale**

**November 18.....Kids Against Hunger meal packaging @ Trinity Lutheran**

**Nov. - Dec. 3.....Shoebox Christmas Gift Collection for KIDS (shoebboxes due  
in church by Dec. 3)**

**December 17.....\*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 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 and Keith's Horseback Riding Therapy.

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

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!**



**Richmond  
Community Choir**  
Presents

# SPRING REVIVAL

Concert Series Dedicated to Our Friend and Long Time Supporter,  
Richard F. 'Dick' Huvaere (1944-2017)

**FRI** 4/07 @7pm **SUN** 4/09 @2pm

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
35320 Division - Richmond

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL  
(586) 727-8584 OR (586) 933-3893  
[www.richmondcommunitychoir.com](http://www.richmondcommunitychoir.com)

**JOSEPH AGOSTA**  
Director & Accompanist

**NO TICKETS REQUIRED-OPEN SEATING**

We thank you for monetary donations at the concert to help defray costs of the choir. Bring canned/non perishable food items to be distributed by the **Gleaners Community Food Bank.**

2017 concert series underwritten by PGS Dentistry, PLLC and Dick Huvaere's Richmond Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram.

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## The History of Michigan Coalition for Human Rights



In December 1980, Episcopal Bishop H. Coleman McGehee Jr., Rabbi Richard Hertz, and Roman Catholic Bishop Thomas Gumbleton launched MCHR in response to growing divisive elements in religion and politics. Their goal was to create a forum to discuss and act on racism, unemployment, sexism, militarism, and economic justice. With other religious, labor, community and business leaders from Detroit and the suburbs, they inaugurated a movement that has had national and international effects.

During its formative years, MCHR led a grassroots anti-apartheid campaign, focused on divestment from South Africa and protests against sale of South Africa's Krugerrand gold coins. In its second decade, MCHR sponsored Detroit's first environmental justice gathering, which developed into the Coalition for Environmental Justice. An MCHR conference on Iraq led to the creation of Metro Detroit Against Sanctions, a leading national group challenging U.S. policy against Iraq.

Through the years MCHR has brought inspiring and enlightening speakers to Detroit audiences, including Bishop Desmond Tutu, Congressman Keith Ellison, attorney-activist Lani Guinier, and workers' rights advocate Rev. Kim Bobo. We have presented eye-opening films and organized broad community-wide forums on such critical issues as public education, local democracy, and U.S. foreign policy. All of our work is guided by a belief that civil rights, human equality and economic justice are fundamental to the mission of our city, our state, our nation and our world.

One of MCHR's proudest achievements, beginning in 1989, was the "Freedom Tour" project, which educated metro Detroit youth about the civil rights movement by taking them on a two-week bus trip to major historic civil rights sites in the south. For five years, the tours taught young people about the history of racism, helped them develop leadership skills, and educated them about the power of non-violent direct action in struggle.

### **On-going Freedom Tours**

June 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech – which was first delivered in Detroit. In tribute to this historic milestone, MCHR organized a new Freedom Tour to educate and cultivate leadership among metro Detroit's 21st century youth. Starting June 20, a buss filled with 34 high school students rediscovered the path of history. They visited sites of martyrdom, struggle and victory – places in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia where brutality was defeated by steadfast, unwavering courage. MCHR organizes periodic freedom tours for youth in the Detroit metro area.

### **MCHR Today – and for the Future**

MCHR has grown as a force for justice this year thanks to its dedicated and committed members and volunteers. We continue to increase our impact for social change and sustain MCHR's core mission. *We invite all of you who share our concern for the Common Good to join our efforts on behalf of human rights.*

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MCHR presents

Morris Dees

co-founder of  
Southern Poverty Law Center

April 30, 2017  
Marygrove College



**You are invited to join MCHR for their annual dinner. The dinner begins at 5pm. Pastor Denise and Bill have reserved 2 tables of 8. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from Pastor Denise.** This promises to be an educational and inspiring evening where you will meet and mingle with people from all over the Detroit metro area who are dedicated to supporting human rights and working together for the Common Good. It would be wonderful to have some members of 1<sup>st</sup> UCC and St. Peter's Episcopal (Bill's church) share in this evening together!

Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center will give the keynote address.

Founded in 1971, Southern Poverty Law Center is dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of our society. Using litigation, education, and other forms of advocacy, the SPLC works toward the day when the ideals of equal justice and equal opportunity will be a reality. SPLC lawsuits have toppled institutional racism and stamped out remnants of Jim Crow segregation; destroyed some of the nation's most violent white supremacist groups; and protected the civil rights of children, women, the disabled, immigrants and migrant workers, the LGBT community, prisoners, and many others who faced discrimination, abuse or exploitation.

Their Intelligence Project is internationally known for tracking and exposing the activities of hate groups and other domestic extremists.

Their Teaching Tolerance program produces and distributes - free of charge - anti-bias documentary films, books, lesson plans and other materials that reduce prejudice and promote educational equity in our nation's schools.

The Southern Poverty Law Center also built and maintain the Civil Rights Memorial and its interpretive center, the Civil Rights Memorial Center, in Montgomery, Alabama, the birthplace of the modern civil rights movement.

## Use Your Practical Skills to Help Neighbors in Need



Volunteers are greatly needed to help frail older and disabled adults in our community with minor home repairs, indoor/outdoor chores and 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).

## Due to a parishioner allergy:

**First United Church of Christ is now a pineapple free zone.** Please refrain from lotions, gums, fruit snacks, fruit juices, perfumes, air fresheners and any other scent or flavoring with pineapple in it.

Please do not bring anything for coffee hour that contains pineapple. This is really serious. Let's all do our best to take care of each other!



## What's Going on at First UCC?

### The various committees and liaisons are as follows:

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.

#### Mission

Terry Miller  
(586-727-1726)

#### Buildings and Grounds

Matthew Ball  
(586-531-7966)

#### Worship

Ruth Hartwell  
(586-727-8083)

#### Welcoming

Karen Eltringham  
(586-291-0615)  
Joe Burkhart  
(330-431-3663)

#### Christian Education

Dave Hartwell  
(586-727-8083)

#### Finance

Rich Weinert  
(586-727-1139)  
Kim McCardell

#### Stewardship

Bill Wagner  
(586-292-2667)

#### Memorial

Karen Eltringham  
(586-291-0615)

#### Personnel

Terry Miller  
Karen Eltringham  
Kim McCardell  
586-623-9833

# Servers Rotation Schedule—2017



## April 2

Greeters.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Ushers.....Glen Porrett & Ray Trombley  
 Lay Reader.....Mary Alice Busch  
 Communion Preparer.....Paulette & Ray T.  
 Communion Servers.....Rich & Sue Weinert

## April 9

Greeters.....Bob & Veronica Chrostowski  
 Ushers.....Kim McCardell & Ray Trombley  
 Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend  
 Altar Flowers...Need Volunteer

## April 16

Greeters.....Amy & Fob Follebout  
 Ushers.....Rich & Sue Weinert  
 Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell  
 Altar Flowers...Easter lilies

## April 23

Greeters.....Pam Green & Joyce Townsend.  
 Ushers.....Joe Burkhart & Karen Eltringham  
 Lay Reader.....Sue Weinert  
 Altar Flowers...Jennifer Northam

## April 30

Greeters.....Sharlene & Darrel Haws  
 Ushers.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall  
 Altar Flowers...Sue & Rich Weinert

## May 7

Greeters.....Paulette & Ray Trombley  
 Ushers.....Bob & Veronica Chrostowski  
 Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend  
 Communion Preparer...Mary Alice Busch  
 Communion Servers.....Mary Alice & Al Busch

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



<p><u>April 2 - 8</u></p> <p>David Busch</p> <p>Shelley Champion &amp; Keith Murphy</p> <p>Jeffrey Chrostowski</p>	<p><u>April 9 - 15</u></p> <p>Bob &amp; Veronica Chrostowski</p> <p>Don &amp; Donna Cockerill</p> <p>Leona Conner</p>
<p><u>April 16 - 22</u></p> <p>Rose Crowley</p> <p>Mark &amp; Vicky Davis</p> <p>Dennis &amp; Joyce Dubay</p>	<p><u>April 23 - 29</u></p> <p>Erin Dunsmore</p> <p>Jerry &amp; Lynn Dunsmore</p> <p>Justin &amp; Avrie Dunsmore</p>



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# 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:

## **The prayers of our hearts:**

**Joyce Townsend who is recovering from a head injury after a fall...Terri Houston who is on the mend after successful neck surgery - she's unable to drive for another month at least...Bill Wylie-Kellermann who has a large blood clot in his lungs...Niki & Ryan Schrote (expecting their first child - a girl!)...Donna & Frank Bartell (who just celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary!)...Lucile Trombley...Paulette & Ray Trombley (welcome home after their Florida adventure!)...Leona Conner...Chuck & Mary Alice Busch...Marjorie Pentzien...Bob Reindel...for those who are struggling with grief and loss, for all of our bodies and spirits, for peace for each of us and all of us together....and for our children - their joy, learning, compassion and their imaginations.**

**Prayers for a new Music & Choir Director for 1st UCC....of gratitude for the promise of Spring and for the gifts of earth, sky, and water....for our care of the earth....for our Richmond schools - students, teachers, administrators, staff and board, especially for a breakthrough on a contract for our middle school teachers....for the leaders of our country - may they be servants of the people, serving with wisdom, justice and mercy for all...for a spirit of welcome in our country...for protection for the most vulnerable, including refugees and immigrants....for all who are in harm's way in the service of justice and peace and freedom....for detained immigrants....for all prisoners, and for people just being released from jail, especially those who have served long sentences....for people suffering from addictions or depression and their loved ones...**

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

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## **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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Matthew Ball	Council Member	2018
Joe Burkhart	Council Member	2018
Mark Davis	Treasurer	2017
Karen Eltringham	Council Member	2017
Dave Hartwell	Council Member	2017
Ruth Hartwell	Council Secretary	2019
Denise Griebler	Pastor	—
Kim McCardell	Council President	2018
Terry Miller	Council Member	2019
Bill Wagner	Council Member	2019
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
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 April birthdays:



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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 01 - Bob Chrostowski  | 07 - Michael Grzanka   |
| 02 - Hope Fair        | 11 - Patricia Lawrence |
| 02 - Matthew Santo    | 18 - Nathan Reindel    |
| 03 - Jennifer Northam | 26 - Lynn Dunsmore     |
| 04 - David Hunger     | 28 - Steve Livingston  |
| 05 - John Pollock Sr. |                        |

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

- 01 - Hanna Plucinski

### Call to Care Team:

Mary Alice Busch...586-727-7009

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



<b>Attendance and Offerings:</b>	March 26.....35	March 26.....\$1,743.30
	March 19.....30	March 19.....\$1,878.00
	March 12.....28	March 12.....\$1,787.00
	March 05.....24	March 05.....\$1,753.00

### Women's Grow Conference

*Deeply Loved*

Robyn Dykstra &  
Kim Boyce Koreiba

April 21 - 22

at Colonial Woods Missionary Church  
3240 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron

Tickets: \$40—includes all food and beverage at the conference  
Call to register: 810-984-5571



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# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for April*

- April 2**      **Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
- April 9**      **Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday**  
Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54
- April 16**     **Easter Sunday**  
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
- April 23**    **Second Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- April 30**    **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

### **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](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.

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Worship 11 am</i> <i>Potluck 5:30 pm</i> <i>Song Circle 6:30 pm</i>	3	4 <i>Building &amp; Grounds meeting (re: roof estimates) 7 pm</i>	5	6	7	8  <i>11 am</i>
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Worship 11 am</i> <i>Trip to the Movies</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Ecumenical Worship @ 1st UCC 7 pm</i>	14 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Ecumenical Worship @ 1st United Methodist 7 pm</i>	15
16 <i>Easter Breakfast 9:30 am</i> <i>Worship 11 am</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Church Council meets 7 pm</i>	21	22
23 <i>Worship 11 am</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Worship 11 am</i>						



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