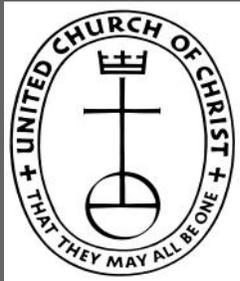


# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

June 2017



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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,

Summer greetings! I want to share news about important happenings at 1<sup>st</sup> UCC.

For over a year, a group of dedicated members has been meeting together and visiting a wide group of members to think and talk together about what it would mean for our church to become an Open and Affirming congregation.

The people on the committee are Karen Eltringham, Joe Burkhart, Shelly Champion, Sue Weinert, Jackie Waszkiewicz, and Traci Bartell. They've been spending time talking with members about our life together at 1<sup>st</sup> UCC and the call to be welcoming. There are a variety of opinions out there (not surprising!), but there is a deep sense of wanting to be truly welcoming and also the feeling that as a congregation we really do welcome everyone who walks through our doors. I whole-heartedly concur! And yet I know there are many questions on people's hearts and minds.

Here's an important question to ponder: How can we reach, invite and welcome people who have not yet walked through our doors? How can we let people know they really will be accepted and welcome if they take the big step of coming into our church for the first time?

These days, people who are searching for a welcoming and accepting congregation are most likely to browse through church websites as a way to decide which church to risk visiting. They are looking for signs about what a congregation actually believes about God and neighbor, and who is actually welcome. One of the most important signs is whether or not a congregation is an Open and Affirming congregation. It signals that this is a church that believes that God's love is for everyone and that every person is a gift from God, just as they are.

***No matter who you are,  
no matter where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here!***

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So what is Open and Affirming? “Open and Affirming” (ONA) is a movement of more than 1,300 UCC churches that welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) members. Nearly 300,000 members of the United Church of Christ belong to ONA churches – and the movement is growing.

How does a church become Open and Affirming? After a time of study, dialogue and prayer, churches adopt an ONA “covenant” committing their members to welcome LGBTQ seekers, support their relationships, and advocate for their basic rights. ONA churches take seriously the Bible’s admonition to “accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” (Romans 15:7, NIV)

Here is the Open and Affirming covenant that our 1<sup>st</sup> UCC welcoming/ONA committee has written after much study, discussion, prayer and conversation with many of you. This is the statement that we will study, discuss, pray over and finally vote on as a congregation.

***Rooted in the belief that we are all God’s children, we honor and affirm all people no matter race, gender, age, sexual orientation and expression, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical ability, mental ability, political affiliation or theological perspective. We believe in the message of the new commandment given by Jesus to love one another. Acting with this as model and compass, no matter your past, present or future journey we welcome all to God’s table, to join in fellowship, and to be challenged together in our call to love, worship and serve God. – adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> UCC welcoming/ONA committee***

Over the summer we’ll be hearing our own members talk about the experience of being excluded or judged and the grace of being accepted. We will also have a chance to hear from Rev. Henry Brinker, pastor of 1<sup>st</sup> UCC of New Baltimore – an openly gay minister with a faith-journey to share along with real-life struggles and joys. Rev. Brinker and I will have a pulpit exchange one Sunday this summer. After worship he will have an open dialogue with our members. Rev. Brinker will talk about why it matters for a congregation to go through this process and then be open and clear about their intention to welcome everyone. Stay tuned for the date! Perhaps in the Fall or during our annual meeting in January, we will be ready as a congregation to vote on whether or not we believe we are called to covenant together to officially become an Open and Affirming congregation.

I’m so grateful to the welcoming/ONA committee members and for the holy conversations that have been happening with members of our congregation. Let’s continue to listen well and speak with love and courage as we work together to follow Jesus, to love God, ourselves and our neighbors . . . and each other! I’m blessed to be on this faith-journey with all of you.

Love and prayers,

*Pastor Denise*



## Please Help Support the New Roof for our Church Project! Buy Roof Squares

The cost is \$100 per square and a chance to win a special prize. There are over 50 squares (10' x 10') of roofing shingles needed to cover the church roof. We have 125 members in the church, so, if we sold 125 "squares of shingles" at \$100 each, we could raise up to \$12,500.

The congregation approved the cost of \$22,350 for replacing the roof at a special Con-

gregational meeting on 5/21/17. And, we have been approved for a grant from the city for up to \$10,000.

You can buy more than one square or as much as you can afford to support the project. You could also donate a roof square "in memory" of someone in your family.

We will be mailing out tickets to members and our church

family or you can pick them up at the rear of the church. The drawing for the prize will be July 30<sup>th</sup> after church.

Thank you for your support!

Rich Weinert,  
Finance Committee  
Chairperson

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## Richmond City-wide Yard Sale

Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29 is the Richmond City-wide Yard Sale and our church is participating again this year. This was a well-received sale for the city last year and a huge fundraiser for us!!!

We need your TREASURES and your TIME! Anyone who

can help for one hour or the full two days to make this year's sale a success would be greatly appreciated. We shared great fellowship and a lot of good laughs last year!

**You can start bringing items in on Sunday, July 17.** There will be tables set up. Almost

everything is fair game except clothing, big tube TVs and computer monitors. We will also need plastic shopping bags and boxes if anyone has these to donate.

If you have any questions please contact Sharlene Haws or Kim Schrote.

### 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/>

# Our Community Garden Will Soon Have Veggies Growing!



Dave & Catherine Wilkins and Joyce Rama gardened in our planters last year and will be

growing things again. We are excited to have them back! If you see them working in the garden, please stop and say "hi." Also, the church gardening group will be planting green beans, tomatoes and carrots. If anyone would like to donate green bean or tomato plants, it would be appreciated. Please have plants to the church on June 11. All of the

church veggies are donated to the Richmond Food Pantry.

Watch for pretty yellow sunflowers growing along the backyard fence this summer. Terri Houston has once again started the flower seeds in her little greenhouse and will be planting them for all of us to enjoy. We are so grateful for Terri's green thumb!

Spring has sprung and the weather is making a turn for the better. It's that time of year again when the Sunday school children and their families start planning for the planting of the Butterfly Garden. The garden will be planted on June 4, after worship. We need donations again this year: top soil, mulch, perennials, annuals and anything else that you think would make a good addition to the garden. Also, please consider staying and helping us with this mission. After planting, we will have a light lunch. Thank you in advance.



The Sunday school teachers



**First  
United Church of Christ**

## Prayers Answered! Welcome Beth Ely, our new Church Musician!

Beth is from Port Huron. She has a strong background as an accompanist and has sung in many choirs. She served as the church musician and choir

director at the Presbyterian Church in Lakeside, MI a number of years ago. She lived in Brooklyn, New York where she gave music lessons and

accompanied dance classes. We are so pleased that she has joined our staff at 1<sup>st</sup> UCC!



We're getting ready for Tri-Church Vacation Bible School! August 8 - 10, 5:30 - 8 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 35110 Division, Richmond.

Trinity Lutheran, First United Methodist and First UCC are all coming together to share the good news that Jesus is the Light!

If you are looking for a safe, friendly and fun time for your kids, sign 'em up for "Camp Out" VBS. For children 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

This lively VBS program will engage your child and help them to experience for themselves how Jesus lights up the world with God's love for everyone. They'll have a great time making cool crafts, playing fun games, eating yummy snacks and making

new friends. Kids will learn that it's fun and faithful to share God's love with others! Pre-registration begins June 4. Registration forms will be available in the church office and on the table in the narthex.

### VBS Volunteers Needed!

Can you help with Vacation Bible School this year?? We're looking for help with the following:

**Volunteers to man the registration table on August 8**

**Teachers (there's a great curriculum to work with) - a teacher for each activity center: Bible exploration, crafts, games**

**Group leaders (Jr. & Sr. high school-aged volunteers needed here!)**

If you can help, please let Pastor Denise know! Thanks so much.



**HELD IN YOUR PALM**

Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen

**What you do:**

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift - and a hug!

# Church Notes

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



Our summer worship schedule begins on June 4 through September 10.

## Euchre Party...

Join us on June 17 at 6 pm for a fun and friendly evening of cards. You don't need a partner, just come on down!

To everyone that sent cards and prayers when I had my head injury—I really appreciated it.

Thank you,  
Joyce Townsend



## Choir and Song Circle Potluck Picnic...

Join us Saturday, June 10

Gather: 3 pm

BBO/Potluck: 5 pm

Song Circle and choir will join together for an end of the year gathering at Terri Houston's house. Great way to start the summer!

For questions, contact:

Terri Houston 586-727-7034 or

Kathi Miller 586-727-1726

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 back table for the week or weeks that you would like to mow the lawn. Thank

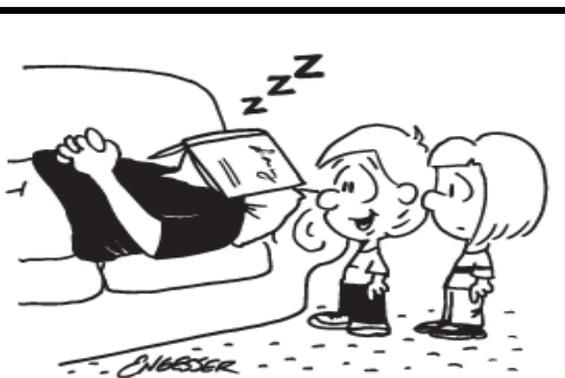


## Due to a parishioner allergy:

**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!



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."



## Please Support the Horseback Riding Therapy for Keith Fund

Thank you for supporting the Riding Therapy For Keith Fund. Keep up your generous support of this worthy cause. These riding therapy sessions really help Keith feel better after each session and greatly benefit his legs.

The riding sessions are \$35 each week. We covered four sessions a month during the

winter which amounts to \$140 a month. We need your continued financial support to be able to cover the cost each week.

You may not know, but Keith helps Shelley clean the church. He mops the floors and runs the vacuums; he has been helping us behind the scenes for a long time.

You can place your donation into the "Support Keith" box at the rear of the church on the back table, or mail a check to the church, or place it on the plate with a note that says it is for Riding Therapy. Please make the check payable to "First United Church of Christ."

Thank you!



### What is a Dad?

**A dad is someone who holds you when you cry,  
scolds you when you break the rules,  
shines with pride when you succeed,  
and has faith in you even when you fail.**

## Strengthen the Church Offering

How does our church vision the future of Christianity? Many UCC congregations are asking a range of questions on this subject, from “Who are we, and who is God calling us to be?” “How do we think beyond our walls to impact the community around us for the better?” “Where are the younger Christians?”

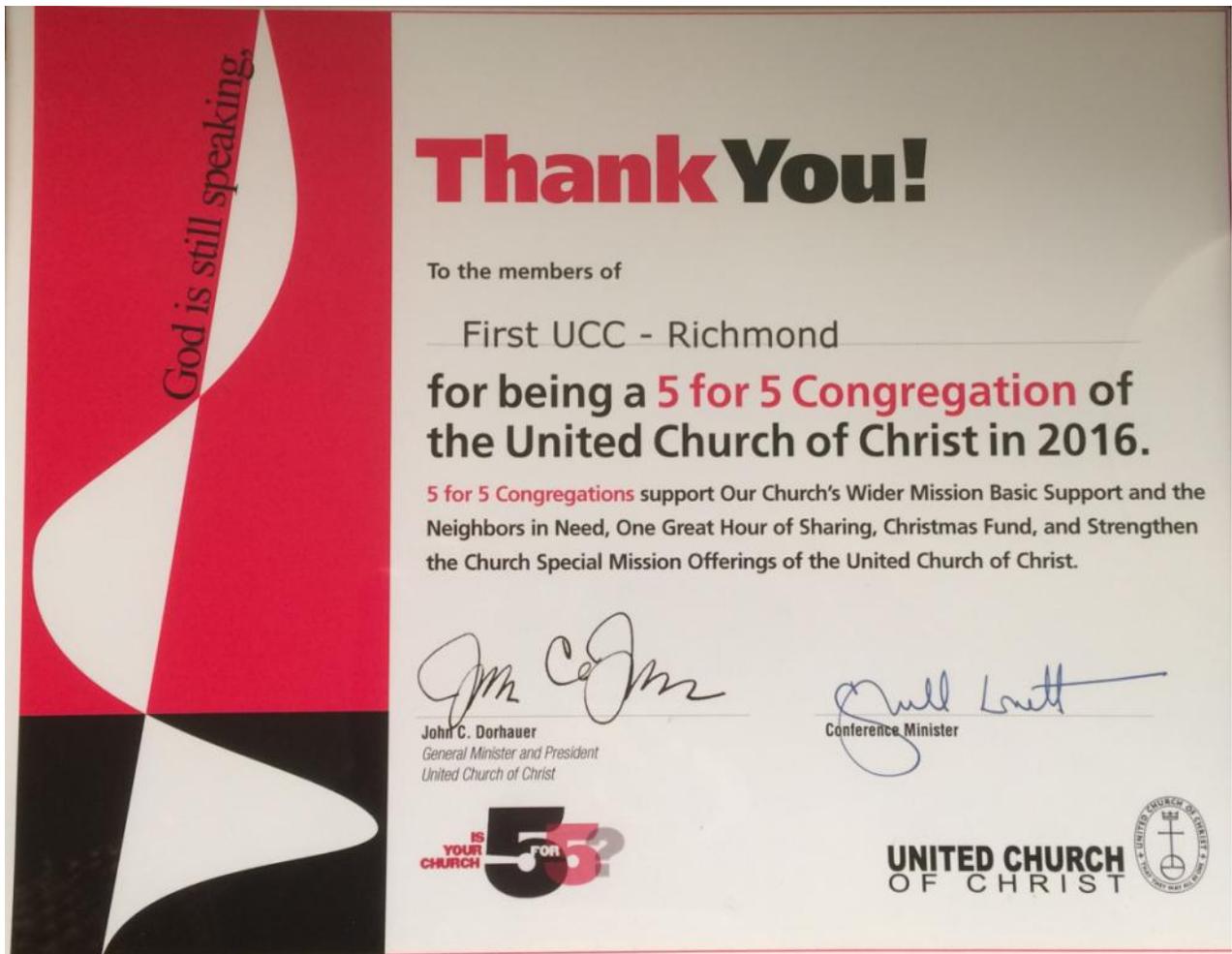
One way our church is already involved in imagining the future is through giving to the UCC’s Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering. We

will collect this offering on June 4th. This offering is used to envision and invest in the many voices of what church can be—to invest in the future of Christianity!

With the gifts we give to this offering, we help to fund new ministries that experiment with church beyond the walls of a building. We are able to resource and inspire churches seeking to do a bold new thing for the sake of the Gospel. It helps churches work together in visioning who they are and

who they can be in 2017 and for years to come.

As we all know, the shape of Christianity is changing. The ways our church can have an impact on the world around us are multiplying. Please help to Strengthen the Church even more, through prayerfully giving to this special mission offering on June 4th. Envelopes will be in the bulletin.



## More Mission News...

In June, we will be having a Baby Shower for Kids In Distress Services (KIDS) in St. Clair. This organization provides clothing and bedding items for youth ages infant through 18 years.

**KIDS needs:** newborn diapers, baby towels and wash cloths, crib sheets & bassinet sheets, infant blankets (not knitted),

Boys shorts (size 2T), Girls solid color shirts & shorts (size 2T) and Girls shirts (size 18 months).

Please bring your items to the church by the Deadline of **June 18**. Give what you can and know that you are helping children in our area.

Also, if you are out shopping and find a good sale on winter

clothes – boys pants (size 12 & 24 months) and girls tops (size 18 months) and girls pants (6/9 months), they will be needed for next winter.

*“Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the World. Red & yellow, black & white, they are precious in his site. Jesus loves the little children of the World.”*



**\$215.00** was collected on Church World Service Blanket Sunday. This means we purchased 14 blankets!! Thank you so much for giving.



**Thank you** to the McRest cake bakers: Mary Alice Busch, Sharlene Haws, Veronica Chrostowski, Karen Eltringham, Chris Hensch, Terri Hunger and Kathi Miller. The guests loved the desserts!!!



**General Synod 2017** is happening June 30 – July 4, 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland. Every two years General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship of friends. Let us keep all who will be attending in our prayers.



**The United Church of Christ** has a Child & Elder Sponsorship Program. The cost is between \$25.00 and \$35.00 a month. One hundred percent of your designated gifts go to the child or elder. For more information go to:

**ChildSponsorship@ucc.org**

**Re-Member Pine Ridge** organization provides opportunities for UCC volunteers to work with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. During a 7 – 14-day visit, volunteers build and install bunk beds, outhouses, trailer skirting, steps and decks. There is also time to experience Lakota museums, crafts and attend social gatherings with Lakota friends. Wouldn't this be a great "working vacation" to show our love for our neighbors in South Dakota? If you are interested in this, please speak with Pastor Denise or Kathi Miller.



## **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!**

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAYS

# Thank You!

To the members of

First UCC – Richmond

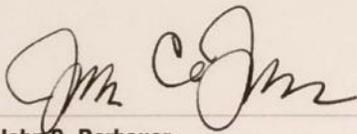
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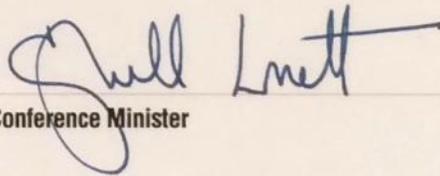
For Basic Support of

**Our Church's Wider Mission**

Changing Lives



**John C. Dorhauer**  
General Minister and President  
United Church of Christ



Conference Minister

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



## Have Car, Will Travel



Hundreds of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for

them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers who can provide transportation in the local area. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours – mornings and afternoons. If you have just a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a huge difference in the life of a struggling neighbor. You tell

us what days, times and areas are convenient for you and we call you with specific appointments that meet these criteria. If you are free, say yes. If you're not, simply decline and we will call you another time. Even one more ride a year will make a big difference to the person who needs it!

Please call Carmen today at 586-757-5551. Learn more about our work at [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org).

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## 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



## June 4

Greeters.....Lucia Marshall & Mary Lou V.  
 Ushers.....Mary Alice & Al Busch  
 Lay Reader.....Sue Weinert  
 Communion Preparer...Sally McNinch  
 Communion Servers.....Ray Trombley & Bob C.

## June 11

Greeters.....Donna & Don Cockerill  
 Ushers.....Sharlene Haws & Ray Trombley  
 Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend  
 Altar Flowers...Diane Porrett

## June 18

Greeters.....Karen Eltringham & Joe Burkhart  
 Ushers.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall  
 Altar Flowers...Mary Alice Busch

## June 25

Greeters.....Bob & Veronica Chrostowski  
 Ushers.....Don & Donna Cockerill  
 Lay Reader.....Christine Hensch  
 Altar Flowers...Sharlene Haws

## July 2

Greeters.....Glen & Diane Porrett  
 Ushers.....**Need Volunteer**  
 Lay Reader.....Mary Alice Busch  
 Communion Preparer...Paulette & Ray Trombley  
 Communion Servers:.....Joe B. & Karen E.

## July 9

Greeters.....Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Ushers.....Glen & Diane Porrett  
 Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell  
 Altar Flowers...Need Volunteer

## First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for June

### "Clip and Keep Reminders"



<p><u>June 4 - 10</u></p> <p>Michael Grzanka</p> <p>Dean, Shelly, Makenna &amp; Cooper Handrow</p> <p>Dave &amp; Ruth Hartwell</p>	<p><u>June 11 - 17</u></p> <p>Darrel &amp; Sharlene Haws</p> <p>Tom &amp; Christine Hebel</p> <p>Ginnean Henrie &amp; Joshua and Savannah</p>
<p><u>June 18 - 24</u></p> <p>Christine Hensch</p> <p>Kristie Hollick &amp; Jesse</p> <p>Kyle, Jamie &amp; Grant Hopp</p>	<p><u>June 25 - July 1</u></p> <p>Joshua &amp; Emily Houston</p> <p>Terri Houston</p> <p>Dave &amp; Terry Hunger</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:

**Farewell blessings for Cheryl Beauchamp in her move back home to the UP and as she begins her new social work position ...For Justine Achatz (Glen & Diane Porrett's daughter) who has begun treatment for breast cancer....prayers for strength and healing for Diane Porrett & Bob Chrostowski, both dealing with learning to manage and live with congestive heart failure .... gratitude for Terri Houston's successful healing after a long stretch - great to have her back in church again!...Niki & Ryan Schrote (expecting their first child – a girl!)...Donna & Frank Bartell...Lucille Trombley...Paulette & Ray Trombley...Leona Conner who recently turned 100!...Chuck & Mary Alice Busch...Marjorie Pentzien...Bob Reindel...for successful eye and hand surgery for Pastor Denise....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 and their Sunday school teachers - their joy, learning, compassion and their imaginations....for our Richmond schools – students, teachers, administrators, staff and board, for a great summer vacation....for the leaders of our country - may they be servants of the people, serving the Common Good 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 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 either Tuesday or 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 June birthdays:



- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 03 - Joshua Kohn     | 18 - Carmen Breese  |
| 06 - Doris Essenburg | 18 - Warren Burmann |
| 09 - Diane Porrett   | 27 - Doug Maska     |
| 14 - Joshua Fair     | 27 - Kerri Green    |

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

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 18 - Avery Ball      | 27 - Katherine Chrostowski |
| 22 - Katherine Davis | 28 - Liam Jones            |

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



- |                             |
|-----------------------------|
| 01 - Doug & Suzie Maska     |
| 06 - Joshua & Emily Houston |
| 09 - Dave & Terry Hunger    |
| 15 - Ryan & Niki Schrote    |
| 21 - Al & Mary Alice Busch  |
| 30 - Mark & Vicky Davis     |

**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)



<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offerings</b>
May 21.....39	May 21.....\$1,923.00
May 14.....32	May 14.....\$1,305.00
May 07.....29	May 07.....\$2,077.00
April 30.....32	April 30.....\$1,266.00

**NewsLetter  
DEADLINE  
June 20**

# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for June*

- June 04 Pentecost Sunday**  
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23
- June 11 Trinity Sunday**  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- June 18 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
- June 25 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39  
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11



### **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.

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Helen out of office</i>	2	3 <i>Eastern Association Spring Meeting</i>
4 <i>Worship 10 am Strengthen the Church Offering Plant Butterfly Garden after worship</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am  Potluck Picnic @ Terri Houston's 3pm</i>
11 <i>Worship 10 am Choir &amp; Song Circle</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Church Council meets 7 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Euchre Party 6 pm</i>
18 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	26	27	28	29	30	



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