

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

November 2019



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*We are
a Christian community
called to love
God and our neighbors
as much as we
love ourselves.*

*No matter who.
No matter what.
You are
welcome here.*

Of Grief and Gratitude as we look forward to Holiday's

Halloween leads us to All Saints Day and remembering those who have had their home-going to God. Some were young, some were elders, but still we remember and we still love all that they meant to us, what they taught us, how they encouraged us. We will celebrate and remember on November 3, those who have and still mean so much. Our All Saints Day service invites you to light a candle and put a picture or funeral card at the window so we can all remember not only those who passed this year, but anyone you want to recall be they personal friends, family, or church family.

The season of fall reminds us that loss and letting go are a natural and inevitable part of life. Some say this is precisely why they don't like fall because it does remind them of loss. I understand that because feeling the sadness we have about the losses we have experienced is never easy. A question I often get as both a pastor/spiritual director is some version of, "Do I really have to talk about and feel my sadness and grief, or is it best to just try not to think about it in hopes that it will go away on its own?"

Take a moment and think about the people in your life who you think of as wise, the people who you might describe as "old souls." I know for me, the people I think of in this way are also people who have been through a lot and have come out the other side wiser and deeper, both emotionally and spiritually. They have been through hard times, including challenge and loss, and have emerged more grateful and wiser about life.

So while none of us desires experiences of grief and loss, they are, of course, inevitable. Our only choice is how we will carry them. Francis Weller, a well-respected psychotherapist and grief expert, says all of this much better than I am saying it here. And so I will close with a long quote from him. May his wisdom help us to see that it is in the way we carry our losses that enhances our capacity for compassion and gratitude.

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"The work of the mature person is to carry grief in one hand and gratitude in the other and to be stretched large by them. How much sorrow can I hold? That's how much gratitude I can give. If I carry only grief, I'll bend toward cynicism and despair. If I have only gratitude, I'll become saccharine and won't develop much compassion for other people's suffering. Grief keeps the heart fluid and soft, which helps make compassion possible."

November will also have our Holiday Auction on the 10th and a Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Trinity Lutheran, First UCC, and First United Methodist on the 27th. Thanksgiving Eve celebration will be hosted at the Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. It has become tradition that we three churches worship together for Good Old Days at Trinity, Thanksgiving at the Methodist, and Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) at First UCC, and together again at Beebe Park on Good Friday.

Also, for four Tuesdays in November at noon, come to our church with a brown bag lunch and we will eat together and then share some time with the Bible. Four Tuesdays in November and no lunch/study in December as business sets in for that month. I will be here, ready for any who wish to lunch with others and do a little Scripture Study to become ready for Advent.

Love, Peace, and Blessing to all,

Pastor KatieD



This year, on Sunday, November 3, we will remember those from and connected to our

family of faith who have died by lifting up their names in worship. Please bring a photograph or memento of a loved one who has died. We will light candles and remember those who have gone to God.

Here is a list of members and friends who have passed this year...if there is someone we have missed or someone you

would like added, please contact Pastor Katie or the church office as soon as possible:

Diane Kulman	3/18/2019
Norma Werth	8/24/2019
James Townsend	9/12/2019
Mary Alice Busch	9/13/2019
Donald Lawrence	10/6/2019



A sincere "thank you for your service" goes out to all our veterans. We salute all of the men and women who have served our country by giving their time and energy to ensure America's freedom. God bless you and your families. We pray for them and for peace. Thank you to the following and to all the men and women who serve our country today:

Al Busch
Samantha Conner
Jerry Dunsmore
Tim Fair
Dave Hunger
Steve Livingston
Jacob Marlow
John Pollock
Hank Schroeder
Jim Weeks

Church Notes



Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Tis the Season to Clear the Snow

Cold weather is on its way and that means cold temps and falling snow. If you can help keep our church grounds safe by shoveling the walkways around the church when the snow flies, please look at the schedule that is on the back table in the narthex. Write your name on the week/weeks that you would like to shovel the snow. Thank you.



ANNUAL AUCTION



Come to our Annual Holiday Gift Auction after service on November 10...

Join in the fun and exercise your bidding arm. Please bring a finger food to share. Invite your family and friends ...all are welcome!



Hello everyone. Here is a new list of things needed for the food pantry:

macaroni and cheese
stuffing mix
canned fruit
spaghetti sauce
rice (1 lb. bags)
Jell-O/pudding
boxed potatoes
Manwich

We appreciate anything you can do to help us out.

Thank you from Michele at the Richmond Community Food Pantry.



Thanksgiving Ecumenical service...

Wednesday, Nov. 27 at First United Methodist 6:00 pm



Due to a parishioner allergy: First UCC 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.

The Flower Calendar is displayed on an easel in the narthex for those who would like to donate altar flowers on a specific Sunday during the year. The postcards on the calendar reflect the dates when flowers are needed.

Pick a postcard that corresponds to the day you would like to provide flowers, address it to yourself, add your dedication and submit it to the church office. **Please do not keep the card.** We need the returned cards to acknowledge the donators and



their dedications in the weekly bulletins. As your date draws near, Diane Porrett will mail your postcard back to you as a reminder to order your flowers.

Flowers on the altar can be an expression of celebration for a

wedding, birthday or other spiritual, life-altering moment. They can be a solemn remembrance of deceased family members and/or friends. Altar flowers are a beautiful expression of thanks for all of God's blessings.

Thanks to all the past and future contributors — your flowers make a beautiful addition to our church.

A Driving Need



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 our office today at 586-757-551. [Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org]



Thanks to all who gave their time, energy and donations to help with our Pasty fundraiser. Our pasty crew worked hard to make this a big success. They made more than 550 pasties in three days

time and sold them all. Their efforts were truly rewarded by all who purchased these tasty meat pies. Thank you for your support of our church.

Christmas Gifts for Kids in Distress



This coming Holiday Season how about providing a Christmas gift for a child at Kids In Distress?

The Mission Committee would like you to pick a child's age between infant and 18 years old and fill a Christmas gift bag with items that you want to give. Total value of the items needs to be between \$25 – \$30. Items in the bag could be small games, hat, mittens, underwear, age appropriate hygiene products, clothing, books, wallet, socks, gift card. Please, no candy or religious items.

Kids In Distress is located in St. Clair and services families in St. Clair County and northern Macomb County. This charity provides free clothing, shoes, and household products to families who are underprivileged and displaced.

All gifts need to be at church on or before **December 1**. Be generous and do for others this Holiday Season.

Looking for Christmas Gift Ideas...? Consider one of these:

✓ Give \$60.00 to Church World Service for a Home Gardening Kit for three families in Indonesia. This would provide tools and seeds to grow a garden.

✓ Give \$30 to Heifer International for a Gift of Honeybees. This provides a family with bees, a box & hive, plus training in beekeeping.

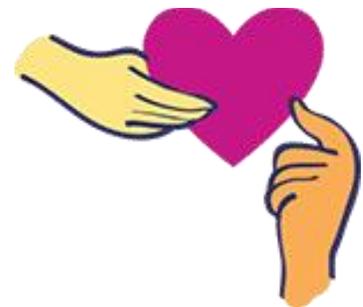
✓ Give \$20 to Heifer for a flock of ducks. Duck eggs help build a healthy diet for families all around the world.

✓ A \$100 donation to Mid City Nutrition Brick Program in Port Huron. The brick can be engraved and you will be helping their building cam-

paign for their new kitchen & building. Mid City Nutrition provides **70,000 meals** a year to people in the St. Clair County area.

✓ Give a donation to the Backpack Blessings program. This is a partnership with Richmond Community Schools and First United Methodist Church. It is a school/church/community effort to help feed students in the district who are food insecure.

Yes, giving is a part of our Christmas tradition. The following poetry/hymn gives a poignant focus to our giving during this season and all throughout the year:



What can I give Him,
 poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd,
 I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a Wise Man,
 I would do my part;
 Yet what I can I give Him:
 give my heart.

– *In the Bleak Midwinter*
by Christina Rossetti

2019

MISSION & OUTREACH CALENDAR

February 03.....Super Sunday Salsa & Chip Sale

February 24.....Hygiene Kit items due in church on or before February 24

March 05.....Paczkis for Possibilities

March 31.....*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

May 12.....*Blanket Sunday Offering

May.....McRest, Armada—cakes needed

June 09.....*Strengthen the Church Offering

June 24.....Baby shower for Kids in Distress (KIDS) St. Clair

July/Aug.....School Kit items due in church on or before August 25

October 06.....*Neighbors In Need Offering

November.....Shoebox Christmas Gift Collection for KIDS

Boxes due in church on or before December 1

December 22.....*Christmas Fund Offering

December 25.....Christmas Day Dinner

*Envelopes will be provided

Check the Mission bulletin board at the back of the church for the detailed list for the Hygiene and School Kits plus any other Mission updates. Look for canisters for the ongoing collection of Box Tops for Education, Crossroads Child Services, Coins for the Holy Joe's Café Coffee for the Troops, and Keith's Horseback Riding Therapy.

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

Our congregation gives \$600.00 annually to support the Richmond Good Samaritan Fund. Cash donations are always needed and welcomed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

What's Going on at First UCC?

If you would like to be an active participant in any of the goings on at First UCC or have any questions concerning what our committees

do, feel free to reach out to the committee liaison.

The many committees that make sure things run

smoothly are made up of volunteers, and each committee is represented by a church council member.

The various committees and liaisons are as follows:



Mission

Sharlene Haws (586-727-9912)

Buildings and Grounds

Terry Miller (586-709-3906)

Worship

Terri Houston (810-650-5612)

Christian Education

Steve Furtaw (586-855-3248)

Finance

Ron Schrote (586-925-8801)

Stewardship

Ron Schrote (586-925-8801)

Memorial

Sue Weinert (586-206-1719)

Personnel

Terri Houston (810-650-5612)

Sue Weinert (586-206-1719)

Terry Miller (586-709-3906)

Pastor Katie's Office Hours and Pastoral Care

Pastor Katie will be in her office at the church on Wednesdays & Thursdays. If there are situations that arise in which you need pastoral care on a day that Pastor Katie is not in the of-

office, please call 586-727-3155 and leave a message with Helen or on the answering machine. You can also give Pastor Katie a call:
Cell number: 586-202-8644
Home phone: 586-716-9543

In the old days, hospitals and rehab/nursing facilities used to inform pastors when one of their flock was admitted. That doesn't happen anymore. Pastor Katie is always happy to receive your calls.

Wider Church Connections...you just may be interested in:

Daily Devotional, emailed to you:

<http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/>

Weekly E-Zine with featured items, resources, worship materials, and justice-action items: <http://www.ucc.org/news/keeping-you-eposted/>

Information and resources of all kinds from the United Church of Christ:

<http://www.ucc.org/>

Servers Rotation Schedule—2019



October 27 (Oct. counter: Ray T.)

Greeters.....Kathi & Terry Miller
 Ushers.....Don & Donna Cockerill
 Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend
 Altar Flowers....Kathi Miller

November 3 (Nov. counter: Ron Schrote)

Greeters.....Ron & Kim Schrote
 Ushers.....Joe Burkhart & Karen Eltringham
 Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall
 Communion Preparer:....Merle Davies
 Communion Servers.....Sue & Rich Weinert

November 10

Greeters.....Sue & Rich Weinert
 Ushers.....Glen & Diane Porrett
 Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
 Altar Flowers...Joe Burkhart

November 17

Greeters.....Don & Donna Cockerill
 Ushers.....Ron & Kim Schrote
 Lay Reader.....Christine Hensch
 Altar Flowers....Need Volunteer

November 24

Greeters.....Glen & Diane Porrett
 Ushers.....Rich & Sue Weinert
 Lay Reader.....Christine Hensch
 Altar Flowers...Terri Houston

December 1 (Dec. counter: Rich Weinert)

Greeters.....Terry & Kathi Miller
 Ushers.....Sharlene Haws & Tom Hebel
 Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend
 Communion Preparer.....Sharlene Haws
 Communion Servers.....Karen E. & Joe B.



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



<p><u>November 3 - 9</u></p> <p>Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Reagan & Mayella Manska</p> <p>Doug & Suzie Manska</p> <p>Lucia Marshall</p>	<p><u>November 10 - 16</u></p> <p>Kimberly McCardell</p> <p>Sally McNinch</p> <p>George & Sue Millbrand</p>
<p><u>November 17 - 23</u></p> <p>Aaron Miller</p> <p>Amelia Miller</p> <p>Terry & Kathi Miller</p>	<p><u>November 24 - 30</u></p> <p>Lantz, Jennifer, Shane & Logan Northam</p> <p>Lisa O'Rourke</p> <p>Marjorie Pentzien</p>

Your Church Council

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

Name	Position	Term Ends
Steve Furtaw	Council Member	2021
Mark Davis	Treasurer	2020
Ron Schrote	Vice President	2019
Katie Dailey	Pastor	—
Sharlene Haws	Council Member	2020
Terri Houston	Secretary	2021
Terry Miller	Council Member	2019
Jackie Waszkiewicz	Financial Secretary	2020
Sue Weinert	Council President	2020

First UCC Prayer Chain



Pastor Katie	586-716-9543
Sue Weinert	586-206-1719
Diane Porrett	586-727-1374
Mary Alice Busch	586-727-7009
Paulette Trombley	586-506-5002
Karen Eltringham	586-291-0615
Shelley Champion	586-255-0387
Christine Hensch	810-385-4391
Traci Bartell	586-557-2264
Kim McCardell	586-623-9833
Joyce Townsend	586-727-9735

Want to join our prayer chain? Please call the church office at 586-727-3155.

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

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

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



01 - Linda Livingston
07 - Christine Hensch
10 - Karen Eltringham

20 - Suzanne Manska
23 - Traci Bartell

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

02 - Cooper Handrow
14 - Mayella Manska

15 - Faith Franklin

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



01 - Adam & Michelle Schrote
03 - Bob & Yvonne Reindel
10 - James & Rose Weeks

**BEST
WISHES
TO YOU!**

Call to Care Team:

Shelley Champion...586-255-0387



Attendance

October 20.....28
October 13.....38
October 06.....38
September 29.....41

Offerings

October 20.....\$1,120.00
October 13.....\$1,496.00
October 06.....\$2,545.00
September 29.....\$1,697.00

**Newsletter
DEADLINE
November 18**

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for November

November 03 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 • Psalm 119:137-144 • 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 •
Luke 19:1-10

November 10 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 • Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 • 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 •
Luke 20:27-38

November 17 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25 • Isaiah 12 • 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19

November 24 Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Luke 1:68-79 • Colossians 1:11-20 • Luke 23:33-43

Office Hours

The secretary is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:30 am till 12 noon and Friday 8:30 am till 1 pm. If you need additional assistance at other times, please send Helen an email at firstunitedcc@outlook.com 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.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 11 am Daylight Saving Time ends	4	5 Brown Bag Lunch @ noon w/Pastor Katie followed by Bible time.	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 11 am Holiday Auction after service	11  VETERANS DAY	12 Brown Bag Lunch @ noon w/Pastor Katie followed by Bible time.	13	14	15	16 Quilt Guild 10 am
17 Worship 11 am	18	19 Brown Bag Lunch @ noon w/Pastor Katie followed by Bible time.	20	21 Clergy meeting at 12 noon Church Council 7 pm	22	23
24 Worship 11 am	25	26 Brown Bag Lunch @ noon w/Pastor Katie followed by Bible time.	27 Thanksgiving service @ First United Methodist 6 pm	28 	29	30



Return address requested

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