

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

September 2021



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TUESDAYS

8:30 AM - 12 NOON

FRIDAYS

8:30 AM - 1 PM

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

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



Dear Ones,

Through the MCREST program First United Church of Christ provides an answer to the question posed by Jesus in the parable of the Good Samaritan, "Who is my neighbor?"

The church not only provides resources but also engages their "neighbors" on the plane of a common humanity, thereby fulfilling the injunction to love the neighbor in equal measure to one's own self-regard. We assist Armada in May with cakes, and we assist Trinity every other year. You can choose how you want to participate in September at Trinity by going to their website or by calling the church to offer and ask where the need is greatest; or simply tell the secretary if you would like to bake, pack up dinners, or make lunches. There are many opportunities and ways to lend a hand.

Trinity Lutheran Church

35110 Division Road

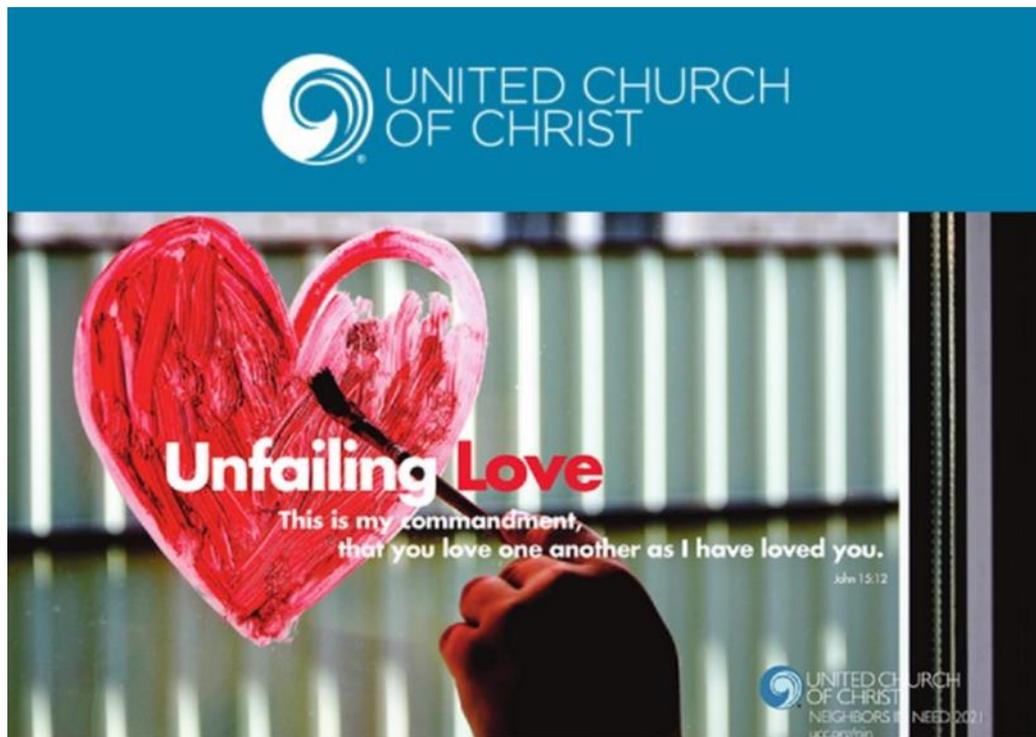
Richmond, MI 48062

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www.tlcrichmond.org





Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering Sunday, October 3

The 2021 Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects serving our homeless and immigrant neighbors and communities. One-third of

NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches

and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.

McRest at Trinity Lutheran, September 12 - 19

Once again Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond will be providing meals to 30 men through McRest, September 12-19. Due to Covid-19, they will not be housing the men at their church, instead they will be providing meals to them at the McRest facility where the meals will be

passed out to the guests. **All meals need to be prepared and delivered to Trinity Lutheran Church 35110 Division each morning by 10 am.** Meals will be packaged into individual containers and then delivered to the McREST facility. You can package individually, or it

can be done at Trinity. If Trinity Lutheran is packaging, the food would need to be at Trinity by 9 am.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Leslie 586-524-3236 or Dalynn at 586-291-4137.

Please click on the sign-up genius link below to review the available slots and to sign up.
Thank you!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0c4fa5ac2ca6ff2-trinityrichmond1/31197557>

Church Council Highlights

The August meeting of the church council included the following highlights:

- The church will investigate submitting a request to the Michigan UCC for a “Vitality Award” that is due September 15.
- The annual meeting to approve the church’s budget for 2022 will be held in church after service on October 17.
- It was decided to have a reduced fundraising for Good Old Days. We will collect for parking and sell water and soft drinks. It will also be checked to see if there is any interest in selling walking tacos.
- The Stewardship campaign for this year has kicked off. Commitment cards will be sent out the week of August 27 and due back to the church by Sunday, September 28.
- We need to find someone new to plow the church parking lot this winter. Please pass along any suggestions that you have to a member of the Building and Grounds committee.



The Miracle of Summer

A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed, “I like the time when everybody loafes and fishes!”

Servers Rotation Schedule—2021

August 29 (counter: Ron Schrote)

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

September 5 (counter: Ron Schrote)

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote
No Altar Flowers

September 12

Good Old Days
Worship at Trinity 10 am

September 19

Lay Reader.....Hope Fair
Altar FlowersRay & Paulette Trombley

September 26

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

October 3 (counter: Ron Schrote)

Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall
No Altar Flowers

The "Good Old Days" Event Returns This Year

September 10, 11 & 12



During the Good Old Days, our church will rent parking spaces in our parking lot and sell water and pop. If anyone is interested in making and selling walking tacos for this fundraiser, please call the church office at 586-727-3155.

Worship at Trinity Lutheran
September 12 at 10 am.

Craft Show, Bake Sale and Used Book Sale



The Marysville Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a craft show on **October 16**. The event takes place at **The Knight Club**, 1195 Gratiot Blvd. in Marysville from 9:30 am - 3 pm. Free admission. Funds raised from this event help sponsor college scholarships. For questions, please call or text Evelyn at 810-990-9718 or Gio at 248-635-7011.

**Kroger Quarterly
Statement**



Donations from 20 households:
May 1 - July 31: \$61.70

Thanks to all who participate.

**Big
Thank
You!**

Thank you to all who donated school supplies to support our community's children. Your donations help make a difference in the success of the school year.



Safety & In-Person Worship

Dear Ones,

Like many others, we have been diligently watching the spread of the latest COVID-19 variants. Certainly, we are living through an incredibly fluid and complex time. We need to find a way forward that acknowledges the risks that remain for coming together as well as the cost of staying physically isolated from each other.

We are also writing to share some guidelines which will remain in place until we receive more and better information:

- ◆ We will make every effort to hold our family-friendly space.
- ◆ We continue to offer worship in person and online at 10 am during our Sunday Worship Service.
- ◆ Inside the church, we ask that you practice appropriate social distancing whenever possible.
- ◆ We encourage you to wear a mask if you or members of your family have any concerns about your safety.
- ◆ Please make use of the many options for COVID-19 testing if you suspect that you may have been infected.
- ◆ As always, please use your best judgment always with regard to the way you physically participate in our life and work.

Finally, we ask that we meet one another gracefully and accept that, in the current context, there will be many views as to what constitutes best practice. Please stay engaged, stay tuned, and stay safe. God is working powerfully through us, and we believe that, for such a time as this, God has called us together as a congregation to be Christ's Body in our world.

Yours faithfully and joyfully,

First UCC Richmond,
Church Council

Rooted in Love

Dear Members and Friends,

It's Stewardship time again! Please don't stop reading. First and foremost, we want to say THANK YOU for your generosity during this challenging year.

This year, our theme is "Rooted in Love" based on Psalms 1, "he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season."

We have all been rooted in love, the love of God, love of your church, your own family or church family, nature, whatever it is that makes you feel rooted and loved.

Stewardship by definition is "taking care of." When you make your pledge, you are taking care of YOUR church. All monies are used for building upkeep, employee salaries, license for using music, etc. Your pledge is not set in stone. You can change it up or down with a call or note to our financial secretary. It is strictly confidential.

We, as your Stewardship Committee understand fully that pledging may not be for you. But since we are trying to set a budget just like your household, we need to know our income for the year. We try each year for a balanced budget; however, this is not always easy if we don't have your pledge.

We are asking you to return your pledge and time and talents sheet by Sunday, September 26. We will present the 2022 Budget at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 17, after the 10:00 am service.

Sincerely,

Stewardship Committee:

Pastor Katie Dailey	Christine Hensch
Mark Davis	Ray Trombley
Jackie Waszkiewicz	Ron Schrote
Rich Weinert	Kim Schrote

Church Notes



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

You can also watch our worship service from home on our Website Sunday mornings. Go to: firstuccrichmond.yolasite.com and click on "Worship Services" in the side bar.

OR

Join us on our Facebook page as we live stream our service Sundays at 10 am.

Have time to lend a hand?...



Thanks to those volunteers who keep our lawn looking good through the growing season. We appreciate your help. If anyone else is interested in lending a hand to keep our church grounds beautiful, click on the following link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA8AE2FA6FA7-first3>

Review the available slots, then click on the button to sign up. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the sign-up page after you select your dates and click on the "submit" button to complete your sign-up. Thank you.



First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for September



September 5 - 11

James Weeks

Tarah Weeks

Rich & Sue Weinert

September 12 - 18

Justine, Paul & Alyson Achatz

Jacob Marlow & Carissa Sugg

Traci Bartell

September 19 - 25

Joseph Burkhart

Shelley Champion & Keith Murphy

Jeffrey Chrostowski

September 26 - October 2

Veronica Chrostowski

Don & Donna Cockerill

Rev. Katie Daily & Jack

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

Terri Houston (810-650-5612)

Buildings and Grounds

Steve Furtaw (586-855-3248)

Worship

Hope Fair (586-531-1103)

Christian Education

Hope Fair (586-531-1103)

Finance/Stewardship

Chris Hensch (586-457-9196)

Memorial

Chris Hensch (586-457-9196)

Personnel

Joe Burkhart (330-431-3661)

Hope Fair (586-531-1103)

Heads Up!...Our Auction is Back!



It feels so good to be writing that we are having the Auction this year! It will be on Sunday, November 7th after the 10 am service. We will still have the finger food luncheon and all

the fun. We will monitor the CDC and follow their guidelines even if it means being masked up and socially distanced. Watch for more information coming in the October newsletter.

Need to Get in Touch with Pastor Katie?

Covid19 has altered many of our schedules and is keeping us sheltering at home when possible. So there may be times when Pastor Katie is not in the office when you need pastoral care. Please know that Pastor Katie is always glad to take your call or to arrange a day and time to meet with you.

Cell number: 586-202-8644

Home phone: 586-716-9543.

You can also call the office at 586-727-3155 and leave a message with Helen or on the answering machine. 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, so please feel free to give us a call when needed.

Your Church Council

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Ron Schrote	Council President	586-925-8801	2023
Steve Furtaw	Council Member	586-855-3248	2021
Mark Davis	Treasurer	586-292-3612	2023
Jackie Waszkiewicz	Financial Secretary	586-244-3290	2023
Terri Houston	Council Member	810-650-5612	2021
Hope Fair	Vice President	586-531-1103	2023
Joe Burkhart	Council Member	330-431-3661	2022
Chris Hensch	Council Secretary	586-457-9196	2022
Pastor Katie	Pastor	586-202-8644	N/A

First UCC Prayer Chain



Pastor Katie	586-202-8644
Diane Porrett	586-727-1374
Karen Eltringham	586-291-0615
Shelley Champion	586-255-0387
Christine Hensch	586-457-9196
Traci Bartell	586-557-2264
Kim McCardell	586-623-9833

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 September birthdays:



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| 05 - Adam Schrote | 18 - Kim Grewe |
| 13 - Lucille Trombley | 20 - Glen Porrett |
| 17 - Amy Santo | 26 - Darlene Furtaw |

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

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| 26 - Aubrey Hopp | 30 - Jackson Houston |
| 27 - Savannah Briggs | 30 - Elliot Vivona |

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



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| 14 - Ray & Paulette Trombley |
| 15 - Matt & Shannon Vivona |
| 18 - Steve & Linda Livingston |
| 26 - Robert & Wendy Reindel |



Offerings

August 22.....\$2,110.00
August 15.....\$ 900.00
August 01 & 8...\$2,881.15
July 25.....\$ 635.00

Attendance

August 22.....18
August 15.....24
August 01 & 8..19 & 13
July 25.....28



September 19

Quote for the Day...

"When you do something beautiful and no one notices, do not be sad. For the sun every morning is a beautiful spectacle and yet most of the audience still sleeps."

—John Lennon

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for September

September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 • Psalm 125 • James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 7:24-37

September 12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33 • Psalm 19 • James 3:1-12 • Mark 8:27-38

September 19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31 • Psalm 1 • James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-81 • Mark 9:30-37

September 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 • Psalm 124 • James 5:13-20 • Mark 9:38-50

Office Hours

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

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.

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Happy B-day Adam Schrote Worship 10 am	6 	7	8	9	10	11 Good Old Days
12 Good Old Days Worship at Trinity 10 am	13 Building & Grounds Meeting 7 pm Happy B-day Lucille Trombley	14 Initial Budget Planning Happy Anniversary Ray & Paulette Trombley	15 Happy Anniversary Matthew & Shannon Vivona	16  Council Meets 7 pm	17 Happy B-day Amy Santo	18 Happy Anniversary Steve & Linda Livingston Happy B-day Kim Grewe
19 Pastor Katie away Worship 10 am	20 Happy B-day Glen Ronett	21	22	23	24	25
26 Happy Anniversary Robert & Wendy Reindel Happy B-day : Darlene Futaw Aubrey Hopp Commitments due Worship 10 am	27 Happy B-day Savannah Briggs	28 Budget meeting 7 pm	29 Happy B-day Yvonne Reindel	30 Happy B-day to: Jaxson Houston Elliot Vivona		



Return address requested

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