

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

November 2021



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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.*



Dear Ones,

Halloween brings us to the beginning of the American Holiday Season. We begin with a tribute on October 31 to all our loved ones who have gone before us. Our tribute is to those who laid a foundation of faith within us and who loved us no matter our failures. No matter the length of time since they left our physical presence,

we still miss their love for us and all the love and good times we shared together. While many look at the first year since someone went back into the loving arms of our loving, and resurrected God, we stand with them on what would have been birthdays, Mother's or Father's day, and of course Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Days of celebration are forever changed.

Names have been emailed or called in to be added on our remembrance scroll. Our dearly beloved are part of our community of saints, always part of the beloved community of God. Because this Pandemic Time has not allowed us to celebrate their lives as we wanted, we are listing any of your loved ones and friends on our Remembrance Scroll.

Pastors Alex, Tom, and I usually do some celebrations together, and those times are wonderful. To date, I've not heard from Pastor Tom regarding Thanksgiving, but to be sure we will pray together. Having our three Richmond Faith communities celebrate as one Body of Christ praying together certainly brings all of us closer together.

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving we invite community families to stop by between 10 am and 12 noon to make an Advent Wreath to take home. The lighting of candles on the Advent Wreath began as a home prayer experience and then got moved into the building of worship years ago. But, a simple prayer once a week at home with a wreath is perfect for families to do as we prepare for the feast of the incarnation/Christmas.

As you busy yourself these days, do keep safe and wise in your get-togethers and just surround everyone with the love that makes the world go 'round. And finally, remember the Auction is November 7. After worship there will be a light brunch and then all the fun begins as we keep our distance and make our bids. Invite your friends!

Love & Peace, Pastor KatieD+



## VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in

heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.”

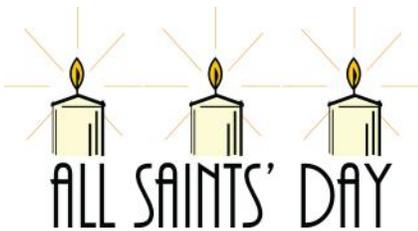
In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

We salute all our military veterans (present and past), and

all who serve our country today. God bless you and your families.

A sincere “thank you” to the following:

Jerry Dunsmore  
Tim Fair  
Dave Hunger  
Steve Livingston  
Jacob Marlow  
John Pollock  
Hank Schroeder III  
Price Smith  
Jim Weeks



The first of November is All Saints’ Day. During our worship service on **Sunday, October 31**, we will remember those who have gone to God.

The following is a list of those who have passed away in the last two years. If there is someone we have missed or someone you would like added, please contact Pastor Katie or Helen in the church office as soon as possible.

Francis Bartell  
Al Busch

Merle Davies  
Doris Anne Ensley  
Karen Foss  
Lawrence Memmer  
Marjorie Pentzien  
Gary Porrett  
Robert Reindel  
Jacqueline Schroeder  
Rose Weeks



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 new year. Pick a postcard that corresponds to the day you would like to provide flowers, address it to yourself, add a dedication if you want to, and submit the card to the church office. **Please do not keep the card.** We need the returned cards to acknowledge the donors and their dedications. As your date draws near, your postcard will be mailed back to you as a re-

minder to order your flowers. Flowers on the altar can be an expression of celebration, or they can be a solemn remembrance of deceased family members and/or friends.

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

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## Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ The council approved the purchase of 3 cameras as part of the “Vitality Award” that was received by the church. The cameras will be used to enhance the online service experience.
- ◆ Any member willing to serve on the church council starting next year should let a member of council know.
- ◆ Just as last year, the Christmas dinner will be served to only the police and first responders.
- ◆ Christmas gifts from the church members and friends to the church staff will continue as it has in past years. Look for a mailing from the church in November for more details.
- ◆ The proposal for snow removal by Austin DeBuck was approved.



Once again, we want to share our Christmas blessings with Kids In Distress Services. KIDS is a charity located in St. Clair that provides free clothing to underprivileged and displaced children in the surrounding area. The families in need are referred to this agency. Children, ages infant through 18 years old, receive clothing, age appropriate hygiene products, diapers and baby wipes.

The Mission committee would like you to choose an age and fill a Christmas gift bag with items that you think a child of that age would like to receive. Here is a list of a few suggested items:

- ◆ books
- ◆ small handheld game
- ◆ hat and/or mittens
- ◆ underwear
- ◆ wallet and/or purse
- ◆ gift card

Total value of the gift bag should be between \$25 - \$30. You may also provide

holiday wrapping paper. Please no religious items, candy or food.

The Christmas gift bags need to be brought to church on or before **Sunday, Dec. 5**. You can leave your gifts at the church on a Sunday at the 10 am service or drop them off when the church office is open on Tuesdays, 8:30 am until 12 noon, or Fridays, 8:30 am until 1 pm. This year more than any other year, KIDS needs our help. Please be generous.



# What Did the First Thanksgiving Look Like?

The first Thanksgiving, a harvest festival in the fall of 1621, bore little resemblance to what we would recognize as a traditional Thanksgiving today. The event honored a mix of religious, pagan, and practical traditions from past centuries. The pious Pilgrims centered the celebration around Thanksgiving prayers and gratitude to God for their bounty. They also had bonfires, Thanksgiving songs, food and gunshots that got the attention of the Native Americans.

The people from the Wampanoag tribe brought deer, and there was some type of cooked fowl, most likely duck, not turkey. They also ate cranberries, vegetables, cornmeal, and pumpkin—but not in the form of pumpkin pie.

In 1863 President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving an official U.S. holiday celebrated on the last Thursday of November. He hoped that it would help reunite our country fractured by Civil War.

Then, in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to extend the Christmas shopping season and boost the economy by moving the date of the holiday to the third week of November. Not all states complied. But, by 1942, a proposal was accepted that proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November (which is not always the last Thursday) as Thanksgiving Day.

Hey  
Kids...



Grab some paper and get out your drawing tools. Let your creative juices flow, and draw us a Christmas picture. Bring it, or mail it to the church by December 1, and we will choose one to use to design our Christmas card!

## First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for November



October 31 - November 6

Steve & Darlene Furtaw

Kerri Green

Vance & Pam Green

November 7 - 13

Kim Grewe & Evan

Darrel & Sharlene Haws

Tom & Christine Hebel



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November 14 - 20

Christine Hensch

Joshua, Emily, Jentry & Jaxson  
Houston

Terri Houston

November 21 - 27

David & Terry Hunger

Sandy Knoell

Carol Kulman

November 28 - December 4

Pat Lawrence

Stephen & Linda Livingston

Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Reagan  
& Mayella Maska

# 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](http://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.



**SHOVELING  
CREW**

**Want to join our snow shoveling crew?**

We have hired a company to plow the church parking lot and back sidewalk for the winter season, and now we need volunteers to shovel or snow blow the front sidewalk and front steps of the church. If needed, you can use the small snow blower in the shed. It works great thanks to Glen Porrett.

Use our Sign-up Genius link to choose the week/weeks you are available for shoveling. Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ea8ae2fa6fa7-first4>

## A New Addition...

Congratulations to Don & Donna Cockerill as they welcome their new great granddaughter, Layla Mae, born October 11, 2021.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME ENDS  
NOVEMBER 7**



If anyone would like to send Bill Wagner a greeting card, here is his new address:

**1861 Windwood #101  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307**

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# 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)

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## Come to Our Holiday Auction—November 7

### Right after the 10 o'clock worship service



We hope you join us at our Holiday Gift Auction on Sunday, November 7, right after worship service. It is also the end of Daylight Saving time, so everyone should be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to do some serious bidding for all those unique items. If you are able, please donate an item for

the auction and something for the light luncheon to share.

If you know of a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew or neighbor who needs service hours, please bring them along. We will give them four service hours for helping.

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## 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 November birthdays:



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 - Linda Livingston | 20 - Suzanne Maska    |
| 07 - Christine Hensch | 23 - Traci Bartell    |
| 10 - Karen Eltringham | 30 - Rev Katie Dailey |
| 13 - Donna Cockerill  |                       |

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

- 14 - Mayella Maska
- 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 - Robert & Wendy Reindel
- 20 - Jack & Pastor Katie



### Offerings

October 24.....\$ 950.00  
October 17.....\$ 228.00  
October 10.....\$2,505.00  
October 03.....\$2,135.00

### Attendance

October 24.....23  
October 17.....21  
October 10.....29  
October 03.....24



**November 22**

## **A Saintly Party**

A priest told the children of his parish they could come trick-or-treating at the rectory, but only if they dressed up as a saint. So a group arrived on the eve of All Saints' Day: one dressed as St. Anthony, one as St. Joseph, another in a St. Clare costume — and then a child dressed as a dog.

"My boy," exclaimed the priest, "you were supposed to come as a saint."

"I did!" replied the child. "I'm St. Bernard."

# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for November*

November 7 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 • Psalm 127 • Hebrews 9:24-28 • Mark 12: 38-44

November 14 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20 • 1 Samuel 2:1-10 • Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 • Mark 13:1-8

November 21 Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7 • Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) • Revelations 1:4b-8 • John 18:33-37

November 28 First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 • Psalm 25:1-10 • 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 • Luke 21:25-36



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### Servers Rotation Schedule—2021

#### October 31

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

#### November 7 (counter: Ron Schrote)

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

#### November 14

Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend  
Altar Flowers.....Darlene Furtaw

#### November 21

Lay Reader.....Hope Fair  
Altar Flowers .....Need Volunteer

#### November 28

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch  
Altar Flowers.....Kim McCardell

#### December 5 (counter: Ron Schrote)

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

# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> November 1 ⇨</p>	<p>1 Happy B-day to Linda Livingston</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Adam &amp; Michelle Schrote</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Robert &amp; Wendy Reindel</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Worship 10 am</p> <p>Auction after service</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> <p>Happy B-day to Chris Hensch</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Happy B-day to Karen Eltringham</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>★ <b>Veterans Day:</b> ★ Thank You for Your Service!</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Quilt Guild 10 am</p> <p>Happy B-day to Donna Cockerill</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Happy B-day to Mayella Maska</p> <p>Worship 10 am</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Happy B-day to Faith Franklin</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p><i>Church Council</i></p> <p>Council Meets 7 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Happy B-day to Suzie Maska</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Pastor Katie &amp; Jack</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Worship 10 am</p>	 <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Happy B-day to Traci Bartell</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Happy THANKS GIVING</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Worship 10 am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy B-day to Pastor Katie</p>				



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