

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

January 2022



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TUESDAYS

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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,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas Eve was absolutely grand as I looked out and saw generations within families worshiping and singing together. Great, great grandparents, great grandparents, grandparents with their adult children and the children's children came together to welcome the Christ Child. It was a beautiful site and it did get captured from an iPhone as our internet provider was out. Our coming together to just sing the traditional songs and share communion and then the candlelight sharing of the light from the Christ candle to each other was as angelic and meaningful as ever.

Now in 2022, we must continue to invite others to our community of faith and when we do that, never think you are intruding or crossing a not-to-be-crossed boundary as there are many within our area who experience an emptiness that they don't know can only be filled with God incarnated in each of our hearts. The invite is to help them fill the 'emptiness' that they thought could be filled with 'stuff' rather than a connectedness to our Messiah and Lord.

Year 2021 ended with the sadness of the passing of Sharlene Haws and of those that did a drive by at the funeral home since the funeral was private. Even Chris Hensch made it in, a tad late because of an accident on Gratiot, but made it she did.

One of our tasks for 2022 is to not be shy about inviting others to the love of God shared in community. Thank you to those who have stepped up to serve on Church Council and God Bless us All in 2022.

Pastor KatieD+

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ As part of the work of our Conference to provide support for their local churches, the Courage Grant project will provide \$2,000 to every congregation in the Michigan Conference to help them prepare for their ministry in these unknown times. It was decided to use the money to continue to support our on-line ministry including upgrading the church's internet..
 - ◆ The council has 2 three-year terms and 1 one-year term to be filled for 2022. Any member willing to serve on the church council starting next year should let a member of council know.
 - ◆ A sign-up sheet will be created for people to sign-up for providing hospitality following the Sunday services.
 - ◆ It was decided to not have an in-person service on Sunday, December 26. Instead an on-line service provided by the Michigan conference will be available.
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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 reminder 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.



Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift, cookies and gift cards, candles and soft soap. Most of all, thank you all for the privilege of being your pastor.

KatieD+

Church Notes

WORSHIP WITH US!

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.



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 when the snow flies. 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>



Many thanks to all who contributed once again to give me a generous Christmas bonus. The money will go into a summer vacation fund for me and my hubby to help us plan and enjoy a family vacation getaway.

I feel blessed and grateful to work for this church family who is always ready to help where help is needed. I deeply appreciate your generosity and kindness that has been the backbone of this wonderful family of faith. May God always be with every one of you and bless us all with a safe and healthy new year.

Helen

Dear UCC Members,

Thank you for your support of the Good Samaritan Fund again this year. Such a blessing you and the community are in helping those who are experiencing difficult situations. May God bless you for your servant hearts!

Pat Bartasiewicz

Note to all Committee Liasons:

Submit your committee year-end reports by January 4. Thank you.

Zoom Meeting for Traci Bartell with the Ecclesiastical Council on January 2 at 2 pm.

Visitors and delegates from the churches of the Eastern Association of the MI Conference will be sent a link to get

onto the zoom meeting. No longer a MID (member in discernment) after this Ecclesiastical Council, Traci will be

able to put her profile out to seek a Call.

Have Car, Will Travel? Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed



All our "snowbirds" are heading south for the winter! Won't you please help fill in for them?

Many of our regular drivers take a couple months off this time of year, but the need for transportation does not lessen. The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs drivers who can provide rides for our older and disabled neighbors so that they can get to doctor appointments and essential errands. Just a couple hours of your time can make a

huge difference in someone's life. You pick your own area and your own times. Drive as often or as little as you like in the comfort of your own car. Even one more ride a year might get someone to an appointment that could save their life! **Daytime drivers are especially needed!** For more information, call 586-757-5551.

First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for January

January 2 - 8

Charles Rocker
Amy, Adam & Matthew Santo
Henry Schroeder III

January 9 - 15

Adam & Michelle Schrote
Ron & Kim Schrote
Ryan, Niki, Blake & Brady Schrote

January 16 - 22

Joyce Townsend
Lucille Trombley
Ray & Paulette Trombley

January 23 - 29

Terri Verlinde
Matthew, Shannon & Elliot Vivona
William Wagner



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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)

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.

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.

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 January birthdays:



15 - Terri Verlinde
25 - Tim Fair
26 - Kathi Miller

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

17 - Kaleb Manska 20 - Kyle Ensley
20 - Kevin Ensley

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



21 - Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore



Offerings

Christmas Eve.....\$2,075.00
December 19.....\$1,635.00
December 12.....\$ 780.00
December 05.....\$1,880.00

Attendance

Christmas Eve...58
December 19....29
December 12....33
December 05....18



January 18

2021 Christmas Dinner

We would like to say "Thank You" to each and everyone of you for helping with our annual Christmas Dinner in some way! Thank you to some of you for getting the meal ready for our 1st Responders here in Richmond,

some for your cookies and for you who thought about or prayed that there would be enough of everything.

Next year, we hope we can do the outreach for the community as we have

done for the past 25 plus years. We may need to reach out to the other churches in Richmond for help... as they say, it takes a village.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for January

- January 02 **Second Sunday after Christmas**
Jeremiah 31:7-14 • Psalm 147:12-20 • Ephesians 1:3-14 • John 1:(1-9), 10-18
- January 09 **The Baptism of Christ**
Isaiah 43:1-7 • Psalm 29 • Acts 8:14-17 • Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- January 16 **Second Sunday after Epiphany**
Isaiah 62:1-5 • Psalm 36:5-10 • 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 • John 2:1-11
- January 23 **Third Sunday after Epiphany**
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 • Psalm 19 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a • Luke 4:21-30
- January 30 **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
Jeremiah 1:4-10 • Psalm 71:1-6 • 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 • Luke 4:21-30

Servers Rotation Schedule—2022

January 2

Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall
Coffee Hour.....Pam G. & Joyce T.
Altar Flowers.....No Altar Flowers

January 9

Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend
Coffee Hour.....Ron & Kim Schrote
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

January 16

Lay Reader.....Hope Fair
Coffee Hour.....Glen & Diane Porrett
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

January 23

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Coffee Hour.....Don & Donna Cockerill
Altar FlowersNeed Volunteer

January 30

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Coffee Hour.....Pam G. & Joyce T.
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

February 6



Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall
Coffee Hour.....Ron & Kim Schrote
Altar Flowers.....No Altar Flowers

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.

Thank you.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  <i>New Year's Day</i>
2 Worship 10 am	3	4 Yearly committee reports due	5	6	7	8 Quilt Guild 10 am
9 Worship 10 am	10	11	12	13	14	15 Happy Birthday Terri Verinde
16 Annual congregational Meeting after service Worship 10 am	17 Happy Birthday Kaleb Maska	18	19	20  Council Meeting 7 pm Happy Birthday Kevin & Kyle Ensley	21 Happy Anniversary Lynn & Jerry Dunsmore	22
23 Worship 10 am	24	25 Happy Birthday Tim Fair	26 Happy Birthday Kathi Miller	27	28	29
30 Worship 10 am	31					



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