

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

February 2022



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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,

It is February, and we've come a long hard way together since March of 2020 when things all closed down and we were forced to be closed. From there we worshiped in the back yard, and from a distance we buried friends when we only had the on-line presence which actually excluded the many who don't have technology. Thank you Jesus, you opened our eyes to the necessity of having in-person so that the non-technology folks are able to worship.

Now we are on the threshold as God is doing a new thing! I am thankful that so many are on board as we follow the guiding of the Holy Spirit into this "new thing" that God is doing. Our live stream presence is growing and we are growing more into the "Body of Christ," actively inviting and welcoming others to join us on the journey of faith as the priesthood of all believers, united and uniting.

A decision has been made to offer another day of Worship and it is Thursday evenings at 7pm. The doors are open at 6:00 pm for any who might want to walk safely within the building and who might even decide to do steps as the Lord knows we have plenty of steps! While it's not a council mandate, I respectfully expect all will mask and keep a distance as you walk and or stay for worship. If you want to bring a mat and do stretching, feel free. Come anytime between 6-7:00 pm to walk, stretch, do steps and stay for worship if you choose. Let the lights in the building reflect that we are the light of Christ in this world and we are making a difference one by one as we invite, welcome, and pray together.

We experience lonesomeness in these times and so does our building. We've made it through the worst of the pandemic and we are gradually coming alive again. Thank you Jesus!

Love You All,

Pastor KatieD+

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ The members going off of council: Joe Burkhart, Steve Furtaw, Terri Houston were thanked for their service to the church. We welcomed the new council members: Lynn Dunsmore, Pat Fenton, and Shannon Vivona.
- ◆ We elected council officers for the 2022 council. Ron Schrote was elected to council president, Hope Fair to council vice president and Chris Hensch to council secretary. Hope Fair and Shannon Vivona were elected to the personnel committee to serve along with Pastor Katie and Ron Schrote.
- ◆ Price showed the training videos that were developed for training students to obtain community service hours for operating the streaming of the church service.
- ◆ We discussed the requirements to be able to use and stream music for the church service. Further research is needed. We determined that we need to update our copywrite license from OneLicense.net to include podcast and streaming.
- ◆ Due to the increase in Covid-19, we decided to pause the hospitality that we were doing after the church service. We will revisit this at next month's meeting.
- ◆ It was suggested to use the money that we receive from the Kroger Community Rewards Program for a mission; and membership should be encouraged to sign up for the program and invite others they know to also sign up. Council will select a mission to designate for the Kroger Community Rewards at next month's meeting.



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.

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>



Do You Have Something to Share...

Email to firstunitedcc@outlook.com before the 20th of each month and we will add your news to our monthly newsletter.

Special Mission Offering...

One Great Hour of Sharing
March 27- Fourth Sunday of Lent



I continue to enjoy playing the piano for Christ, and I am excited about 2022. Most of all I want to thank the church for your good wishes, prayers and nice gift at the Christmas Eve service which wrapped up 2021. As always, I am humbled to be part of your Christian community.

Price

Something New!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2. We are planning a fun night! There will be card and board games, maybe even a friendly Euchre tournament - no big stakes. Enjoy a silent auction with some fun spring and

summer items. The fun will start at 6 pm. There will be appetizers and snacks to enjoy. All are welcome to contribute an auction item and/or a finger food. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Kim

at 586-925-8802 or see her in church. More details will be coming in the March newsletter. Of course, Covid may have the last word in going forward with this fun night.

Help Those in Need with Kroger Rewards

If you shop KROGER anywhere in the country, the rewards can come to our little church in Richmond, MI. Maybe you are one of our on-liners or somebody who drops in once in awhile. Maybe you are limited in getting around, or have limited finances, or maybe you just never thought of, or never knew about, Kroger rewards.

We at First United Church of Christ - Richmond are using any rewards we receive for missions. The next page tells you how to sign up for the rewards, and remember, you can shop KROGER ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY and we will receive the rewards when you list us as your non-profit.

The funds received per individual are minimal, but when

more people work and give together, the small amounts combine, and when received quarterly, enable us to help those in need. This special collection helps support our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pastor KatieD+

First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for February

January 30 - February 5

Jackie Waszkiewicz

Fred Weeks

James Weeks

February 6 - 12

Tarah Weeks

Justine, Paul & Alyson Achatz

Jacob Marlow & Carissa Sugg

February 13 - 19

Traci Bartell

Joseph Burkhart

Shelley Champion & Keith Murphy

February 20 - 26

Jeffrey Chrostowski

Don & Donna Cockerill

Rev. Katie Dailey & Jack



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Shop Kroger?

How about letting us be your non-profit for the Kroger Rewards Program.

- ◆ Get a Kroger Plus card at the Kroger Service Desk
- ◆ Register for a Rewards account
- ◆ To register online, go to **krogercommunityrewards.com**
- ◆ Click on Community Rewards and enter your Kroger Plus Card #
- ◆ Enter NPO (far left of *my Account-Community Rewards* - will be maybe 7th or 8th)

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TY 543 - non profit # 97155

Besides those who worship in person with us, those who watch on Facebook Live can contribute to us via the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

Please let your friends and neighbors know so they too can make us the recipient of their Kroger shopping. It does not matter if the Kroger you shop at is in Ohio or anywhere else, we can be credited. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for considering this and us.

krogercommunityrewards.com

If you do not want to register online, ask at the Kroger Service Desk how you can be registered for the Rewards Program or call 1-800-krogers.

By registering us as your NPO we get credit and designate any rewards towards missions. Working and giving together enables us to help those in need. Thanks in advance for listing First United Church of Christ - Richmond.

Blessings to you and yours.

Pastor KatieD



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



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

01 - Kim Schrote	17 - Sue Millbrand
06 - Kristina Dunsmore	17 - Shane Northam
07 - James Weeks	17 - Charles Rocker
11 - Veronica Chrostowski	21 - Dennis Dubay
12 - Pam Green	21 - Adam Santo
13 - Sue Weinert	27 - Ron Schrote

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

17 - Sebastian Burkhart

Offerings

January 23.....\$ 755.00
January 16.....\$ 915.05
January 09.....\$2,490.00
January 02.....\$ 300.00

Attendance

January 23.....17
January 16.....21
January 09.....14
January 02.....13



Congratulations to Rich Weinert



Richard was presented with the City of Richmond Volunteer of the Year Award by City Manager Jon Moore at the RAHGS Annual Meeting. Rich is truly deserving of this award for his service to the community. RAHGS is fortunate to have him as a member.

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

Pat Fenton (586-430-1139)

Buildings and Grounds

Shannon Vivona (586-372-1147)

Worship

Chris Hensch (586-457-9196)

Christian Education

Hope Fair (586-531-1103)

Finance/Stewardship

Shannon Vivona (586-457-9196)

Memorial

Lynn Dunsmore (586-727-5217)

Personnel

Hope Fair (586-531-1103)

Ron Schrote (586-925-8801)

Shannon Vivona (586-372-1147)

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>
Katie Dailey	Pastor	586-202-8644	N/A
Mark Davis	Treasurer	586-292-3612	2023
Lynn Dunsmore	Council Member	586-727-5217	2024
Hope Fair	Vice President	586-531-1103	2023
Pat Fenton	Council Member	586-430-1139	2022
Chris Hensch	Council Secretary	586-457-9196	2022
Ron Schrote	Council President	586-925-8801	2023
Shannon Vivona	Council Member	586-372-1147	2024
Jackie Waszkiewicz	Financial Secretary	586-244-3290	2023

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.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for February

- February 06 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) • Psalm 138 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 • Luke 5:1-11
- February 13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10 • Psalm 1 • 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 • Luke 6:17-26
- February 20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Genesis 45:3-11, 15 • Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 • 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
• Luke 6:27-38
- February 27 Transfiguration
Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99 • 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 • Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Servers Rotation Schedule—2022

January 30

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Altar Flowers.....

February 6

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

February 13

Lay Reader.....Joyce Townsend
Altar Flowers.....Jennifer Northam

February 20

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote
Altar Flowers

February 27

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Altar Flowers.....

March 6

Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall
Coffee Hour.....TBD
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.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy Birthday Kim Schrote	2	3	4	5
6 Happy Birthday Kristina Dunsmore Worship 10 am	7 Happy Birthday James Weeks	8	9	10	11 Happy Birthday Veronica Chrostowski	12 Happy Birthday Pam Green Quilt Guild 10 am
13 Happy Birthday Sue Weinert Worship 10 am	14	15	16	17  Council Meeting 7 pm Happy Birthday : Sebastian Burkhart Sue Millbrand Shane Northam Charles Rocker	18	19
20 Worship 10 am	21 Happy Birthday: Dennis Dubay Adam Santo	22	23	24	25	26
27 Happy Birthday Ron Schrote Worship 10 am	28					



Return address requested

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