

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

April 2022



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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.*



March 27 4th Sunday of Lent
10:00

April 3 5th Sunday of Lent
10:00

April 10 Palm Sunday 10:00

April 14 Maundy Thursday 7pm

April 15 Good Friday Noon
@ Pavilion

April 17 Easter Sunday 10:00

Thursday, April 7, will be our last indoor walking exercise. Time to move outdoors. If you haven't noticed we have our worship on facebook and on YouTube live and we send out the link to each after worship. Feel free to share our link.

Dear Ones,

As we embrace change rather than deny its need or simply tolerate, how about we seriously look at what needs to stay and what needs to go. Isaiah is the most quoted of the Hebrew Scriptures in the Christian Scriptures for a reason: it says God will do a "new thing." The people were urged to move forward. Psalm 126 sees the community rejoicing in the changes God has made, but as human, they too wrestled to return to what was familiar. People haven't changed much.

Recall however, there were those who ran toward new paradigms, who embraced change. In John's Gospel, Mary of Bethany goes in a radically new direction for the sake of something greater. Paul in his letter to Philippi proudly claims his authority as a righteous vs rude Jew and invites the Gentiles into this "new thing" God has done with Jesus the Messiah.

Lent is concluding. Was it just another forty days or did something change in you? Repentance includes the invite to new paths carved by the Spirit. Feelings of threat must be overruled by trust in God's "new thing." Hopefully this Lent has trained us for a lifelong journey of resilience, trust, and resistance to forces of evil and despair. We are in this thing together.

How did I forget. We now have a new MI Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel. She is transparent, younger, full of ideas and some will recall her from StillSpeaking prayers.

Love & Peace, Pastor KatieD+



Can You Lend a Hand?

The First UCC Building and Grounds committee invites those who would like to lend a hand, to sign up on our lawn-cutting schedule. We have a "SignUpGenius" page online that you can use to view and sign up for the week or weeks that you would like to cut the grass.

Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA8AE2FA6FA7-first>

If you volunteer make sure to scroll all the way down on the Sign Up Genius page to submit your dates to complete your selection. Thank you.

Celebrate a Special Event or Loved One

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To provide flowers for the altar simply let Helen know of your intent.

For Easter, bring in pots of Easter flowers to use for the service and then you can take them home for your own decoration.

Fun Night Out



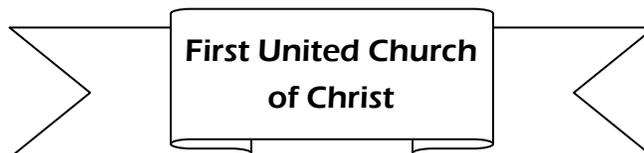
Mark your calendars for **April 2, 6:00 pm.** Join us for a new fundraiser that will

include card games, board games, food and a silent action. You don't need to play any games if you're not so inclined, just come out for a night of fellowship and lots of laughter.

Contribute \$10 per person and an appetizer or snack to keep the energy flowing. Also, we greatly appreciate any spring/summer-type

items that you could donate to our auction.

Looking forward to seeing you! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim at 586-925-8802. Covid, unfortunately, will have the last word.



Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ It was agreed to include the Holy Week services in the Macomb Daily.
- ◆ Since the equipment that has been used to support the on-line services has been working well, the council approved purchasing the equipment (router, lap top, monitor, and head phones) to replace the components that were purchased by Price Smith.
- ◆ We have received the Courage Grant of \$2,000 from the conference and will use a portion of the money to switch our phone and internet service to Comcast.
- ◆ There was a request from the UCC national office to support the Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative (MFVI), which is a program that provides support to financially burdened ministers. The MFVI has a goal to raise \$3 million by 2023 and are suggesting that if each church contributed a total of \$1,000 payable over three years, the goal would be met.. The council agreed to have one special offering for the MFVI each year for the next three years with the plan to provide a total of \$1000. It was decided to have the special offering for the MFVI in October.
- ◆ We will plan to start coffee hour back up starting May 1.
- ◆ We decided to suspend the road clean-up for this year.
- ◆ It was recommended to have the Christmas dinner open to the public this year and invite the First United Methodist and Trinity Lutheran churches to participate with us.
- ◆ We have substantial memorial funds so the Building and Grounds committee will investigate using some of the funds for addressing the carpeting and air conditioning in the sanctuary.



<p><u>April 3 - 9</u> Kim Grewe & Evan Darrel Haws Tom & Christine Hebel</p>	<p><u>April 10 - 16</u> Christine Hensch Joshua, Emily, Jentry & Jaxson Houston Terri Houston</p>
<p><u>April 17 - 23</u> Dave & Terry Hunger Sandy Knoell Carol Kulman</p>	<p><u>April 24 - 30</u> Pat Lawrence Stephen & Linda Livingston Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Reagan & Mayella Maska</p>





Love is the theme for this year's **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. The campaign's focus scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:13 – "And now these three remain: faith, hope and **Love**. But the greatest of these is **Love**." The OGHS carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. So, with this theme in mind, we will collect the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Sunday, March 27**.

Our money will provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports

domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Lives change when health improves. Lives change when communities can thrive. Your financial assistance will directly help people and communities affected by disaster, violence and poverty. Your financial assistance will be an investment into the lives of people and communities who need it most. Let us stand with other UCC congregations and lend a hand by supporting the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**.

Thank you for giving on **Sunday, March 27**.



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.

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. Thank you



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.

Holy Week Events

April 14

† Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm

April 15

† Prayers at 12 noon at the Richmond Pavilion

† Good Friday Service at 7 pm

April 17

† Easter Sunday Service at 10 am



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.

Kroger Quarterly Statement....

Nov. 1, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022
19 Households
Total Donations: \$54.32

Special Mission Offerings...

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

Strengthen the Church
June 5 - Pentecost Sunday

Neighbors in Need
October 2 - First Sunday of October
(World Communion Sunday)

The Christmas Fund
December 18 - Sunday before Christmas

Please give to these ministries that bring hope to people in the U.S. and around the world.

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



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| 02 - Hope Fair | 18 - Nathan Reindel |
| 02 - Matthew Santo | 24 - Benjamin Hostetler |
| 03 - Jennifer Northam | 26 - Lynn Dunsmore |
| 04 - Dave Hunger | 28 - Stephen Livingston |
| 11 - Pat Lawrence | |

Offerings

March 20.....\$ 500.00
 March 13.....\$1,060.00
 March 06.....\$4,085.00
 February 27.....\$1,220.00

Attendance

March 20.....17
 March 13.....15
 March 06.....26
 February 27.....24



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 586-757-5551. [Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org]

Jokes for a Joyful Season

*Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket..

*What should you do after eating so many Easter treats?
Eggs-ercise!

*Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?
It might crack up!

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 April

- April 03** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Isaiah 43:16-21 • Psalm 126 • Philippians 3:4b-14 • John 12:1-8
- April 10** **Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)**
Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16 • Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 23:1-49
- April 17** **Easter Sunday**
Acts 10:34-43 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 • John 20:1-18
- April 24** **Second Sunday of Easter**
Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 • Revelations 1:4-8 • John 20:19-31

Servers Rotation Schedule—2022

April 3

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote
Coffee Hour.....None
No Altar Flowers

April 10 (Palm Sunday)

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Coffee Hour.....None
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

April 17 (Easter)

Lay Reader.....Hope Fair
Coffee Hour.....None
Altar Flowers.....Easter Lilies

April 24

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Coffee Hour.....None
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

May 1

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

May 8

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Coffee Hour.....Don & Donna Cockerill
Altar Flowers.....Jennifer Northam

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.

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Fun Night Out 6 pm Happy B-day: Hope Fair Matthew Santo
3 Worship 10 am Happy B-day to Jennifer Northam	4 Happy B-day to Dave Hunger	5	6	7 Walking 6 pm Mini Worship 7 pm	8	9
10 Worship 10 am	11 Happy B-day to Pat Lawrence	12	13	14  Worship Service 7 pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY Prayers at 12 noon @ Richmond Pavilion	16
17 Worship 10 am 	18 Happy B-day to Nathan Reindel	19	20	21 Council Meets 7 pm Outdoor Walking 6 pm	22	23
24 Worship 10 am Happy B-day to Benjamin Hostetler	25	26 Happy B-day to Lynn Dunsmore	27	28 Outdoor Walking 6 pm Happy B-day to Stephen Livingston	29	30



Return address requested

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