

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

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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,

It does my heart good when I visit those in "home away from home" living situations and see cards posted from the membership. Usually, they are placed in a location so as to be seen from a chair or their beds. Life is about change and unforeseen situations, but they are made better by people who care.

Some memories never leave us. Climbing the final steps to the third floor of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in DC, I entered the shoe room of four thousand shoes in the exhibit. The leather still gives off a musty smell that says, We are the shoes, we are the last witnesses, as if to deliver the final crescendo of the Final Solution. In the company of a stranger who was crying, I also began to weep when I saw the baby shoes.

In the Bible, Jesus weeps. He wept in reaction to another and he wept over the disappointment of the broken world. When he wept over Jerusalem it was as if he was crying over human malpractice the world over.

Weeping is an exclusively human behavior because we are the only creation that is struck with the difference between what is and what ought to be. Other animals of creation can whimper and whine, but crying involves the production of tears and we only can do that. However, when a situation throws us into shock, the tears might not come for weeks.

We humans cry happy and sad tears, tears of deep heartache. However they arrive, tears are a biological gift from God. They put us in touch with essential things that we know to be dear or wrong. Those things have a way of taking up residence in our hearts and often draw us closer to God. Giving ourselves permission to cry is valuable especially if we want to trust the psalmist that sowing in tears can reap shouts of joy.

A favorite prophet of many is Jeremiah, and maybe that was precisely because he cried a lot. We have a God who weeps but who also laughs. I think that is what God did on Easter, and that is what we Christians should also do.

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The Second Sunday of Easter is called "Holy Humor" and is a reminder that laughter is in order. Pray for those who have a delayed reaction to a tragedy and be there when the numbness and shock wear off. That is when they will need good friends to listen.

May these fifty days of Easter be full of resurrection experiences, new life, greening and growing.

Love to all,

Pastor KatieD+



This church has blessed me and Joe in many ways, and nothing shows it more than the many prayers, cards, gifts,

food, and caring acts that we've received from so many of you. Joe is still adapting to Medilodge. Many thanks to those who have sent him cards or visited him.

I will be back to church but still don't know when. Another biopsy planned Tuesday the 30th. Then finally onto

a treatment plan. It will be extensive but God will be by my side all the way. God bless you all and thank you all for your many ways of caring. All has been greatly appreciated!

Karen Eltringham and Joe Burkhart



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 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.** As your date

draws near, your postcard will be mailed back to you as a reminder to order your flowers.

Many thanks to those who provided our Easter flowers and those in the Easter season.



## 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.

## A Successful Fun & Games Night

Good fellowship and good food were shared at the Fun & Games night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. We learned how to play Hues & Cues. Some of us weren't too good at color

clues. The Silent Auction was held over until Easter Sunday in the narthex. We had fun watching the bids grow. The bid winners were excited to take home their

treasures or get that phone call! As a new fundraiser, we did well, as \$341 was added to the General Fund. Thank you to all!!

## Let's Bring Back Our Christmas Dinner

The Council met on March 24<sup>th</sup> and decided that this year we will have the Christmas Dinner for the public. We would like to work with both Trinity Lutheran and First United Methodist and make this truly a community

project. Both churches have helped us in the past, but never as partners in the dinner. Lets change that.

We need to find a coordinator or a couple of people to get this very important pro-

ject rolling. If this is something your heart says YES to, please contact a council member or the church office at 586-727-3155.



### 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](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. If we have your email address, the link to Facebook and You Tube can be forwarded to you.



### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to host our Sunday morning fellowship and coffee hour that follows worship each Sunday. Set the table with a light snack, some juice, and see that the coffee is ready to enjoy by the end of the worship service.

If you can lend a hand, or need more information, contact the office at 586-727-3155. Thank you.



**A** big thank you for the generous "Noisy Offering" on Good Friday that went to our local mission activity via Good Samaritan Fund.

# Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Financially, we were in the red by over \$3,000 for the month of March. This was offset by the Courage Grant of \$2,000 that we received from the conference as well as memorials that were received.
- ◆ The possibility of getting a new laptop to replace the office computer and also be used to stream the Sunday services was presented. The money from the Courage Grant that we received could be used for the purchase along with other items (monitor, router, and lights) to support our streaming of the services.
- ◆ We discussed the usage of memorial monies to replace the carpet in the sanctuary. Council reviewed several alternatives for how much carpet should be replaced. The next step is to receive quotes from several companies.
- ◆ The Armada UCC church is sponsoring MCREST starting the week of May 8. Our church has committed to providing two cakes per day for the week. A signup sheet will be available.

## First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for May

May 1 - 7

Douglas & Suzie Maska  
Lucia Marshall  
Kimberly McCardell

May 8 - 14

Sally McNinch  
George & Sue Millbrand  
Aaron Miller

May 15 - 21

Amelia Miller  
Terry & Kathi Miller  
Lantz, Jennifer, Shane & Logan  
Northam

May 22 - 28

Glen Porrett  
Robert, Wendy, Drew & Nathan  
Reindel  
Yvonne Reindel



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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



Hello Everyone,

I am proud to report that our online presence is becoming smooth, consistent and very professional looking.

Mia, our high-school-age volunteer has been doing well producing the broadcast and is anchored behind the computer screens each Sunday way up in the balcony. In her spring break absence, Jack has taken over the computer to produce the video and has done a great job as well.

As you know, we have three cameras, lights and a very



good microphone that captures the broadcast. The Pastor's power point is embedded in the broadcast and the results are reaching people far beyond the walls of our church.

Please suggest or invite any person that would like to learn how to operate the computers and cameras for Sunday's gathering. This

would be beneficial for First UCC and any person, particularly a youth, who wants to gain streaming experience. And, musically, the invitation stands that anyone who desires to sing or play an instrument at our worship service is openly invited to share their talent. I am getting our sound system ready to play pre-recorded music for anyone that wants an orchestra backing (like karaoke) instead of me on the piano.

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## Armada will Host MCREST the Week of May 8 - 14



MCREST is a revolving shelter for those struggling in Macomb County. Armada counts on our assistance, and we want to keep up the tradition of providing cakes for their clients. So, mark your calendar so you remember to participate.

Thank you to those who will bake cakes and get them to Armada the week of May 9 - 14.

For question or concerns, contact Linda DeNardis at 810-796-9645.

On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



### Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

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**Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Moms!**

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



- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 - Amelia Miller       | 19 - Ryan Schrote      |
| 03 - Tarah Weeks         | 23 - Paulette Trombley |
| 07 - Jeffrey Chrostowski | 26 - Paul Achatz       |
| 09 - Logan Northam       | 27 - Evan Grewe        |
| 13 - Jacob Marlow        | 30 - Alyson Achatz     |
| 19 - Joshua Houston      |                        |

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



- 18 - Sue & George Millbrand



**Offerings**

**Attendance**

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| April 24.....\$ 1,041.00 | April 24.....21 |
| April 17.....\$ 1,055.00 | April 17.....34 |
| April 10.....\$ 1,625.00 | April 10.....31 |
| April 03.....\$ 2,155.00 | April 03.....22 |



## Use Your Practical Skills to Help Neighbors in Need

Volunteers are greatly needed to help frail, older and disabled adults in our community.

- MINOR HOME REPAIRS
- BASIC HOUSEKEEPING
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR CHORES

For a frail older adult or a person with disabilities, simple tasks like dusting and vacuuming, changing light bulbs or raking leaves can be impossible. Many minor home repairs are often well beyond their abilities and far too expensive for them to purchase professionally. The Inter-faith Volunteer Caregivers program helps our older and disabled neighbors with such tasks so they can remain safe and independent in their own homes. If you can help weekly, monthly or even just a couple times a year, please call us today. The time you give will make a real difference in someone's life.

Call 586-757-5551.  
 [Learn more about our work at [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org)]



# 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)

## 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.



## Do You Have Something to Share...

Email to [firstunitedcc@outlook.com](mailto:firstunitedcc@outlook.com) before the 20th of each month and we will add your news to our monthly newsletter.

## 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             |

### Need to Get in Touch with Pastor Katie?

If 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 leave your message on the answering machine.

### 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 May*

- May 01      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) • Psalm 30 • Revelation 5:11-14 • John 21:1-19
- May 08      **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:36-43 • Psalm 23 • Revelation 7:9-17 • John 10:22-30
- May 15      **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 148 • Revelation 21:1-6 • John 13:31-35
- May 22      **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 16:9-15 • Psalm 67 • Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 • John 14:23-29
- May 29      **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 16:16-34 • Psalm 97 • Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 • John 17:20-26

## **Servers Rotation Schedule—2022**

### **May 1**

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

### **May 8**

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell  
Altar Flowers.....Jennifer Northam

### **May 15**

Lay Reader.....Need Volunteer  
Altar Flowers.....Paulette Trombley

### **May 22**

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

### **May 29**

Lay Reader.....Need Volunteer  
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

### **June 5**

Lay Reader.....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](mailto:firstunitedcc@outlook.com) or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155.

Thank you.

# May 2022

| Sun                                                              | Mon                                                                                                                          | Tue                                     | Wed                                                      | Thu                                                                               | Fri                                                                       | Sat                                            |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1<br>Happy B-day to<br>Amelia Miller<br><br>Worship 10 am        | 2                                                                                                                            | 3<br><br>Happy B-day to<br>Tarah Weeks  | 4                                                        | 5                                                                                 | 6                                                                         | 7<br><br>Happy B-day to<br>Jeffrey Chrostowski |  |
| 8<br>MCREST at Armada<br>8 - 14<br>Mother's Day<br>Worship 10 am | 9<br><br>Happy B-day to<br>Logan Northam                                                                                     | 10                                      | 11                                                       | 12                                                                                | 13<br><br>Happy B-day to<br>Jacob Marlow                                  | 14<br><br>Quilt Guild 10 am                    |  |
| 15<br><br>Worship 10 am                                          | 16                                                                                                                           | 17                                      | 18<br><br>Happy Anniversary<br>Sue & George<br>Millbrand | 19 Church Council<br>meets 7 pm<br>Happy B-day:<br>Joshua Houston<br>Ryan Schrote | 20                                                                        | 21                                             |  |
| 22<br>Happy B-day to<br>Vance Green<br><br>Worship 10 am         | 23<br>Finance committee<br>meets 7 pm<br>Happy B-day to<br>Paulette Trombley                                                 | 24                                      | 25                                                       | 26<br><br>Happy B-day to<br>Paul Achatz                                           | 27<br>Memorial for Nieves<br>Nehring 2 pm<br>Happy B-day to<br>Evan Grewe | 28                                             |  |
| 29<br><br>Worship 10 am                                          | 30<br><br>Happy B-day to<br>Alyson Achatz | 31<br><br>Happy B-day to<br>Nicole Fair | MCREST @ Armada May 8 -14                                |                                                                                   |                                                                           |                                                |  |



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