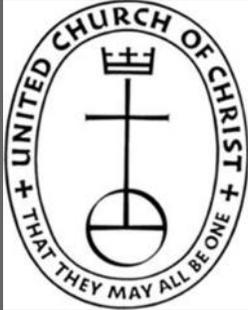


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

June 2022



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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.*

Our Music Director Shares His Eye-opening Retreat

Hello to the First UCC Richmond Congregation,

I have recently returned from a three-day retreat called the "Great Lakes Pilgrimage" at Echo Grove in Leonard, Mi. When Pastor Dailey learned of my attendance, she knew I would be challenged because I find it difficult to express my faith, and I need to work on it. So, here is my expression of faith related to last weekend:

The retreat forced me to revisit what Christianity can look like here and now. Powerful dramas reminded me that Christ is all around us. It is easy for all of us to forget Christ expects us to live a life that is always resembling and showing His spirituality. Pastor Dailey told me "The retreat will be good for you." She was correct.

The weekend had us listen to many songs, lectures, videos, and testimonials, and the use of a stool was used as an analogy. To stand on a stool, it must have enough legs or it will fall over, and whoever is on it will come toppling down. The legs of Spirituality, Study, Action, and Grace were the name of four of these legs.

One drama hit home regarding Spirituality, so here it is:

A woman walked into her house after a long day at work and was visibly glad to relax. She was ready to watch her favorite show, cook some of her favorite food and drink some wine. However, when she sat down, she was bothered by a knock at the door. It was Jesus. He didn't stop following her. He would follow her all over the house and not rest.

She relegated Jesus to a person that must be placated. She patronized him and asked him to sit down, watch TV and even have some wine saying, "I know you like wine." Finally, she said she was leaving, and Jesus could stay there if He wanted.

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As she was leaving, Jesus got up to follow her, and the lady was frustrated, but two more people entered the house. Everyone seemed distraught, and there was crying and pain. The owner of the house told Jesus to "Stand over there!" Jesus stood against the wall with his hands stretched out as if on the cross. His eyes were kind despite his own pain. The people kept Him against the wall by *nailling* Him there. He smiled while on the cross as if a father watching kids on a playground. He obviously loved everyone in the room regardless of each person's demeanor.

As I am watching the drama a young lady came to me and knelt. She handed me a rusty nail and said, "Don't ever forget that Jesus loves you and died for you." She seemed to say this more than once. I felt the power of Christ at that moment more than I have felt it in years. I also felt the urge to be a better Christian, underserving of Grace.

The Pastor who played Jesus, the woman who handed me the nail and the other actors in the Drama, were imbued with the Holy Spirit during the play. The atmosphere they created reminded me of the congregation at First United Church of Christ in Richmond.

I am humbled to be part of your church and create music for worship, and I can do better. Can all of us do better?

Three personal bullet comments I wrote down that need sharing and turned into personal action:

Spirituality: Tell someone I will pray with and for them

Study: Create a modern playlist of Christian Music

Action: Get out of my comfort zone. Be ready to turn a table if needed. Invite friends to church.

May Christ be with you,

Price Smith, Music Minister

Special Mission Offerings...

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.



Richmond's Heritage Festival

Free Family Fun - Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26

- ⇒ Tour Historic Buildings
- ⇒ Experience hands-on activities
- ⇒ Food Available
- ⇒ Vintage Tractor Display and Parade
- ⇒ Vintage Car Display

Visit the Historic Village
36045 Park St. Richmond
Open from 10 am - 4 pm
RAIN OR SHINE

www.richmondhistoricalsociety.org

Richmond Area Historical & Genealogical Society

Don Graham: 586-405-4786



Strengthen the Church Offering Pentecost Sunday, June 5

The Strengthen the Church (STC) offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Conferences and the national setting

equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Kroger Quarterly Statement

February 1 - April 30, 2022

Total Donation: \$74.69 from 23 Households





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. If we have your email address, the link to Facebook and YouTube can be forwarded to you.



Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Stepdads and Grandads. Cheers to you all!



No church council meeting in July unless needed.



Altar Flowers

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.

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ We purchased a new laptop to replace the office computer and to use for streaming the Sunday services.
- ◆ It was decided to terminate the usage of the Quill office supply service and go back to mainly using Staples for office supplies due to our low volume.
- ◆ We will only have a council meeting in July if something comes up that would need to be addressed prior to the August meeting.
- ◆ We decided to go with an electronic only version of the "The Newsletter Newsletter" subscription instead of the paper version to avoid a June price increase.

First UCC's Weekly Prayer Discipline for June

May 29 - June 4

Charles Rocker
Amy, Adam & Matthew Santo
Henry Schroeder III

June 5 - 11

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

June 12 - 18

Joyce Townsend
Lucille Trombley
Ray & Paulette Trombley

June 19 - 25

Terri Verlinde
Matthew, Shannon & Elliot
Vivona
William Wagner



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



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



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| 06 - Doris Essenburg | 22 - Katherine Davis |
| 12 - Blake Schrote | 27 - Kerri Green |
| 14 - Joshua Fair | 27 - Douglas Manska |

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



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| 01 - Doug & Suzie Manska |
| 06 - Joshua & Emily Houston |
| 09 - Dave & Terry Hunger |
| 15 - Ryan & Niki Schrote |
| 30 - Mark & Vicky Davis |



Offerings

May 22.....\$ 565.00
 May 15.....\$ 761.33
 May 08.....\$ 1,911.00
 May 01.....\$ 1,520.00

Attendance

May 22.....18
 May 15.....22
 May 08.....19
 May 01.....21



Daniel James Weeks III will be baptized on June 5. He is pictured here with his parents Ashley and Dan Weeks.



You have worked hard to achieve your goals and you have made your families proud. We pray that you all have a bright and successful future.

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 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 June

- June 05 Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • Romans 8:14-17 • John 14:8-17, (25-27)
- June 12 Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 • Psalm 8 • Romans 5:1-5 • John 16:12-15
- June 19 Second Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a • Psalm 42 & 43 • Galatians 3:23-29 • Luke 8:26-39
- June 26 Third Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 • Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 • Galatians 5:1, 13-25 • Luke 9:51-62

Servers Rotation Schedule—2022

May 29

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

June 5

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

June 12

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Altar Flowers.....Ron & Kim Schrote

June 19

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

June 26

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Altar Flowers.....Veronica Chrostowski

July 3

Lay Reader.....Lucia Marshall
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.

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy Anniversary to Doug & Suzie Manska	2	3	4
5 Baptism (Weeks) Worship 10 am	6 Happy B-day to Doris Essenburg Happy Anniversary to Joshua & Emily Houston	7	8	9 Happy Anniversary to Dave & Terry Hunger	10	11 Quilt Guild 10am
12 Happy B-day to Blake Schrote Worship 10 am	13	14 Happy B-day to Joshua Fair	15 Happy Anniversary to Ryan & Niki Schrote	16  Council Meeting 7 pm	17	18
19 Worship 10 am	20	21	22 Happy B-day to Katherine Davis	23	24	25
26 Worship 10 am	27 Happy B-day to: Keri Green Doug Manska	28	29	30 Happy Anniversary to Mark & Vicky Davis		



Return address requested

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