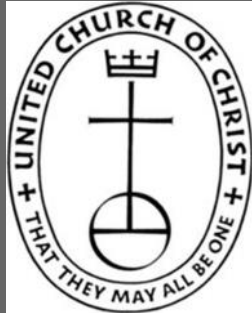


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

May 2023



FIRST UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.*



This is a Mission of The United Church of Christ.

From the website:

Back Bay Mission has a simple mission—to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives.

We strengthen neighborhoods through ministries like our education and empowerment programs and our housing rehabilitation program. These vital ministries help the people we serve be a part of, and build, their communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As volunteers take what they learn at Back Bay Mission home with them, they have the opportunity to strengthen their own neighborhoods.

We seek justice by helping the people we serve become more involved in their communities, educating people about the realities of poverty, and advocating on behalf of marginalized people in our community.

All of our programs transform lives. Whether we're helping a homeowner keep their home, mentoring a single mother as she plans her path out of poverty, or working with an intern who is thinking about a career in social work, we're making the lives of the people we serve better.

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Through March, we had a budgeted deficit of \$6,163 and an actual deficit of \$2,542. When including non-budgeted items such as memorials, we were in the black by \$2,092.
- ◆ A checklist has been developed to identify custodial items to be completed each month by members of the church and is located at the back of the church. Some items are to be done bi-weekly and others monthly. When a church member completes an item, the item is then dated on the checklist to note that it has been completed.
- ◆ The fee schedule for building use (for weddings, funerals, and usage of the fellowship hall) has been updated and posted on the Financial News section of the church website.
- ◆ Since the existing “In Memoriam” plaques are full, an additional plaque for names to be added that do not fit on the existing plaques were ordered.
- ◆ Special offering envelopes will be available for the Blanket Sunday offering to be collected May 8.
- ◆ We decided that the raised gardens in the back of the church grounds should be removed since they have not been used in the past several years.
- ◆ The hot water heater began to leak and was replaced. Thanks to Rich Weinert for coordinating the replacement.

A Prayer for Memorial Day



We remember, Oh Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the

supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion—their very lives—for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of

eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**“Love never fails.”
1 Corinthians 13:8**

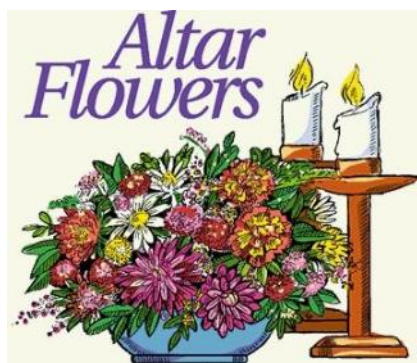
When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That’s why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time,

reminding them that they are not alone.

Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.

When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

Blanket Sunday is May 15. Please send your donations to the church using the special CWS envelope or send a check clearly marked for Blanket Sunday.



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. 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.

A Huge Thanks to our Bakers...

Armada Congregational UCC is sponsoring MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) May 7 -13.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all of you who said yes when asked to bake two cakes for MCREST. You know who you are and now so does everybody else: Jack & Pastor Katie, Chris Hensch, Donna Cockerill, Hope Fair,

Lynn Dunsmore, Pat Fenton and Ron & Kim Schrote.





Welcome TO OUR church

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 You Tube can be forwarded to you.



Our 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 mow the lawn. There is a lawn tractor and mower in the shed that you can use.

We miss our number 1 volunteer, Glen Porrett who always was there to take care of everything including the lawn. So, if you can help keep our lawn neat and trim, please hold the "Ctrl" key and click on the link below to view the online signup sheet.

Any questions, or for help call Rich Weinert (586-484-1643) or Dave Hunger (586-727-1995). Thank you.

[First United Church of Christ, Richmond, Michigan: First UCC Lawn Care 2023 Volunteer Sign Up \(signupgenius.com\)](http://firstuccrichmond.yolasite.com)



Another successful Euchre night! Ten people attended on April 15, and all had fun! Again, we had people from the community join us. This month we added \$107 to the General Fund.

We plan to hold the next Euchre night in June. Watch for details in our next newsletter.

Shop at 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")

First United Church of Christ - Richmond
TY 543 - non profit # 97155

Besides those who worship in person with us, those who watch on Facebook Live can also 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 to help support our missions.

If you do not want to register online, ask at the Kroger Service Desk how you can be registered for the Rewards Program. 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

USE YOUR PRATICAL SKILLS TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED!



Volunteers are greatly needed to help frail, older and disabled adults in our community with:
MINOR HOME REPAIRS
INDOOR / OUTDOOR
CHORES & BASIC HOUSE-KEEPING.

For a frail older adult or a person with disabilities, simple tasks like dusting & 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 Interfaith 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

Please call our office today at (586) 757-5551.

[Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org.]

Updated Fee Schedule

FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING USE

First United Church of Christ
68651 S. Forest
Richmond, Michigan 48062

NON-MEMBERS

Security deposit required (To be returned one week after event.)	\$100
Use of Sanctuary	\$450
Use of Fellowship Hall (optional)	\$ 25 an hour
*Compensation for Pastor (pay directly to Pastor)	\$300
*Compensation for Musician (pay directly to musician)	\$250
*Creation of Video of Service (optional - pay directly to video coordinator)	\$250
Custodial Fee for use of Sanctuary	\$100
Custodial Fee for use of Fellowship Hall (optional)	\$ 50

MEMBERS

Use of Sanctuary	no charge
Use of Fellowship Hall (optional)	no charge
*Compensation for Pastor (pay directly to Pastor) (Please consult non-member fees as your guideline.)	at your discretion
*Compensation for Musician (pay directly to musician)	\$250
*Creation of Video of Service (optional - pay directly to video coordinator)	\$250
Custodial fee for use of Sanctuary	\$100
Custodial fee for use of Fellowship Hall (optional)	\$ 50

All fees are to be paid two weeks in advance.

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March 31, 2023

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



May
BIRTHDAYS

09 - Logan Northam
13 - Jacob Marlow
19 - Ryan Schrote
22 - Vance Green

23 - Paulette Trombley
26 - Paul Achatz
30 - Alyson Achatz

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



May
ANNIVERSARIES

18 - Sue & George Millbrand



Offerings

Attendance

April 23.....\$1,580.00
April 16.....\$ 239.20
April 09.....\$2,715.00
April 02.....\$ 330.00
March 26.....\$ 735.00

April 23.....21
April 16.....21
April 09.....40
April 02.....15
March 26.....15



Weekly Prayer Discipline for May

April 30 - May 6

Pam & Vance Green
Darrel Haws
Tom & Christine Hebel

May 7 - 13

Christine Hensch
Terri Houston
Dave & Terry Hunger



May 14 - 20

Patty Kelly
Sandy & Fred Knoell
Carol Kulman

May 21 - 27

Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Reagan & Mayella Manska
Doug & Suzie Manska
Lucia Marshall

May 28 - June 3

Joyce Townsend
Lucille Trombley
Ray & Paulette Trombley

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

Shannon Vivona (586-372-1147)

Buildings and Grounds

Jack Dailey (586-202-7358)

Worship

Donna Cockerill (586-872-8417)

Christian Education

Shannon Vivona (586-372-1147)

Finance/Stewardship

Jack Dailey (586-202-7358)

Memorial

Veronica Chrostowski
(586-615-8735)

Personnel

Ron Schrote (586-925-8801)
Shannon Vivona (586-372-1147)
Veronica C.. (586-615-8735)

Vitality

Pat Fenton
(586-248-1808)



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.

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
Donna Cockerill	Council Member	586-872-8417	2025
Veronica Chrostowski	Council Member	586-615-8735	2023
Pat Fenton	Vice President	586-248-1808	2024
Shannon Vivona	Council Secretary	586-372-1147	2024
Ron Schrote	Council President	586-925-8801	2023
Jack Dailey	Council Member	586-202-7358	2025
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 7 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14
- May 14 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21
- May 21 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1=11
- May 28 **Pentecost**
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Servers Rotation Schedule—2023

April 30

Lay Reader.....Donna Cockerill
Altar Flowers.....Darlene Furtaw

May 21

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Altar Flowers.....Ray Trombley

May 7

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw
No Altar Flowers

May 28

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Altar Flowers.....Jennifer Northam

May 14

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote
Altar Flowers.....Need Volunteer

June 4

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw
No Altar Flowers



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.

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.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Happy Anniversary to George & Sue Millbrand</i>	6
7 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	8	9 <i>Happy B-day to Logan Northam</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am</i> <i>Happy B-day to Jacob Marlow</i>
14 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	15	16	17  Council Meeting 7 pm	18	19 <i>Funeral for Russ Nehring 3 pm</i> <i>Happy B-day to Ryan Schrote</i>	20
21 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	22 <i>Happy B-day to Vance Green</i>	23 <i>Happy B-day to Paulette Trombley</i>	24	25	26 <i>Happy B-day to Paul Achatz</i>	27
28 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	29  MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR	30 <i>Happy B-day to Alyson Achatz</i>	31	MCREST at Congregational UCC Armada— week of May 7 thru 13.		



Return address requested

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