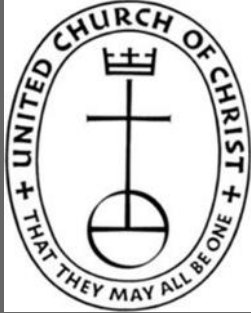


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

June 2023



FIRST UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor Katie Dailey

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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.*

We will return to communion in the individual cups and have hospitality after worship on Communion Sunday through the summer. Donna has opted to prepare the elements for communion in June.

You can let Helen know of your intent to set up for Communion on the Tuesday prior to the first Sunday of the month or immediately, if you know when you are available to participate in that task. Instructions are in the kitchen on the bottom left cabinet as you enter. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

Now, let us lift up our Hearts to God. God does not ask much of us, just a thought from time to time, a little love, sometimes asking for grace, sometimes offering up your suffering, and other times thanking God for the blessings given. We can make our hearts an oratory wherever we are to just talk and listen to God. We are all capable of conversation with God. Let us live and die with God. Sufferings will always be gentle and agreeable when we are with God, and without God the biggest pleasures could be bitter agony. May God be thanked by all.

June—Although it has been celebrated for more than 50 years, President Bill Clinton officially declared June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month in 2000. President Barack Obama expanded the observance in 2011 to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.

Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. June is a month of celebrations: the above, the Baptism of Brynn Dunsmore on the 11th, Father's Day on the 18th, and then the longest day of the year on June 21. On the 24th we gather for a fun Euchre night.

Please remember also all our young men who lost their lives in the Normandy invasion June 6, 1944. For those who remember Rev. Henry Brinker, his memorial will be on June 24 at First Congregational Church in New Baltimore where he pastored over 10 years.

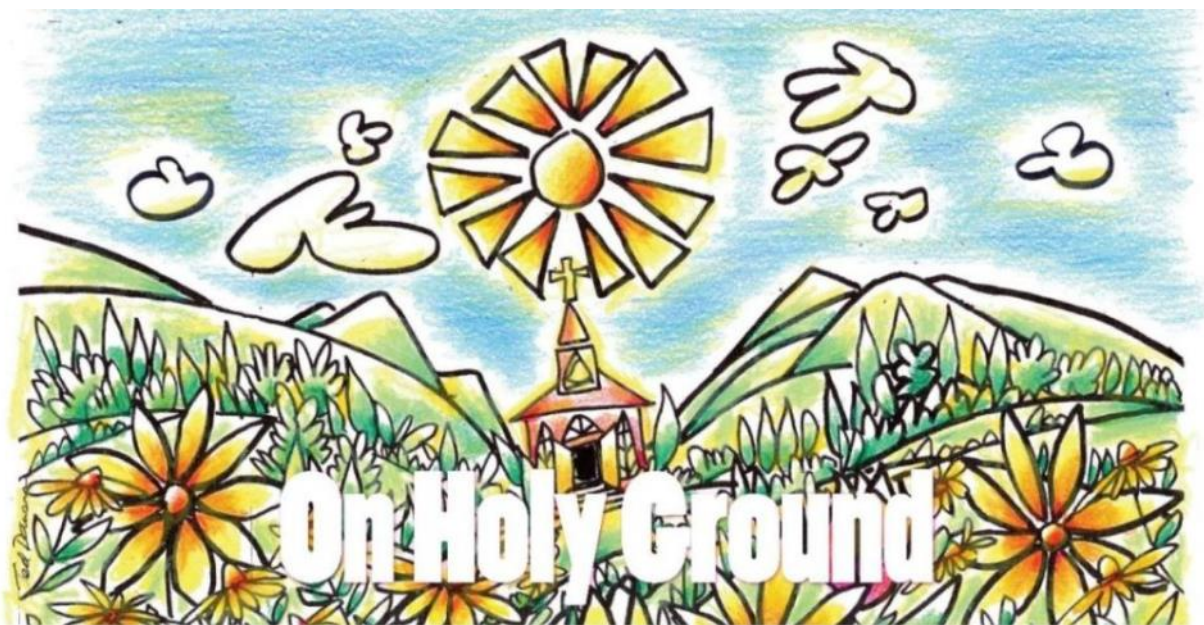
Congrats to grads and Happy Summer to all! Pastor KatieD+

"Forgetting good done is not good—forgetting at once what is not good—good." —The Kural and Living Fully

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Through April, we had a budgeted deficit of \$6,983, but our actual deficit was \$509 which is an improvement from the March deficit.
- ◆ Beginning in June, on the first Sunday of each month, we will have a coffee hour in the basement after the service. A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the church for signing up for each month to host.
- ◆ It was decided that we will go back to having communion, as we did pre-pandemic, with the individual cups of juice and pieces of bread.
- ◆ Special offering envelopes will be available for the Strengthen the Church offering to be collected June 4.



Thank you for your prayerful consideration of a gift to sustain this work of our churches. Thank you for helping create the kind of sacred spaces where holy ground transforms despair into hope, fear into self-confidence, anger

into compassion, judgment into hospitality, and disdain into love.

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the work of our conference and the national United Church of Christ to become a

multi-racial/multi-cultural church, accessible to all. The offering funds leadership development, youth and young adult ministries, and new and renewing congregations.



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)



SUMMER NIGHTS, FUN NIGHTS

There will be two Euchre nights this summer. The first one is June 24th and the second is July 15th both starting at 6:30 pm. We had so much fun around the tables in our previous nights, so we had to continue for a couple more months! We will then take a break until fall. It's \$10 per person, 25 cents for a Euchre; and if you want to bring a snack for all to enjoy, please do.

Food Donations Needed!

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) is in need of food donations for our small emergency food pantry! IVC has always depended on the donations of our generous churches and individuals to keep our food pantry at our Roseville office stocked. Every week, volunteer drivers deliver bags of this food to some of our homebound seniors and disabled adults. We are currently in need of non-perishable food items as our inventory is low! Examples of items needed are listed below, but any and all donations are welcome!

If you are interested in donating food to IVC, please let us know by calling our office at 586-757-5551! You are welcome to drop off your donation at our office Monday-Friday 9am-4pm (please let us know in advance when you will be coming), or we are able to come pick it up if you are unable to come to our office! Thank you in advance for your consideration!

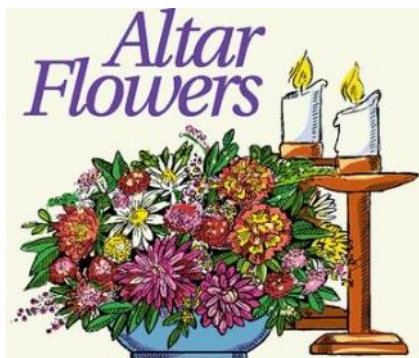
Pantry Donation Ideas:

Canned soup
Ramen
Macaroni & cheese
Canned vegetables

Canned fruit or fruit cups
Jell-O & pudding cups
Rice, pasta & instant potatoes
Canned pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
Canned tuna, chicken, meat
Canned beans (kidney, pinto, etc.)
Crackers
Peanut butter & jelly
Cereal
Any other non-perishable food

Thank you,

Stacey Conte,
Outreach Coordinator
586-757-5551



The Flower Calendar is displayed on an easel in the narthex for those who

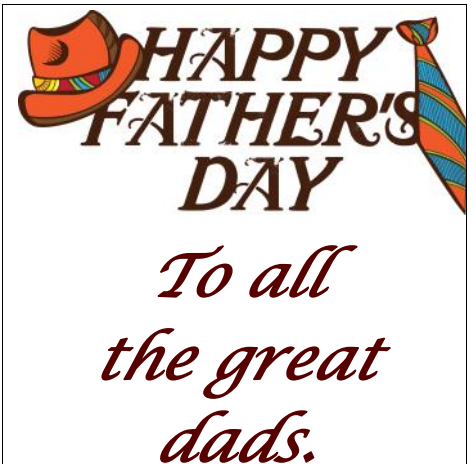
would like to donate altar flowers on a specific Sunday during the new year. Pick a postcard that corresponds to the day you would like to provide flowers, address it to yourself, add a dedication if you want to, and submit the card to the church office. **Please do not keep the card.** As your date 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.



Kroger Quarterly Statement
February 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023
Households: 21 Total Donations: \$74.50



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



- 06 - Doris Essenburg
- 12 - Blake Schrote
- 27 - Kerri Green
- 27 - Doug Manska

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



- 01 - Doug & Suzanne Manska
- 09 - Dave & Terry Hunger
- 15 - Ryan & Niki Schrote
- 30 - Mark & Vicky Davis



Offerings

Attendance

May 21.....\$1,859.00
 May 14.....\$2,071.00
 May 07.....\$1,105.00
 April 30.....\$1,549.00

May 21.....24
 May 14.....21
 May 07.....21
 April 30.....17



Weekly Prayer Discipline for June

<p><u>June 4 - 10</u> Terri Verlinde Matt, Shannon & Elliot Vivona Jackie Waszkiewicz</p>	<p><u>June 11 - 17</u> Fred Weeks, Jr. James Weeks Rich & Sue Weinert</p>
<p><u>June 18 - 24</u> Justine, Paul & Alyson Achatz Jacob Marlow & Carissa Sugg Veronica Chrostowski</p>	<p><u>June 25 - July 1</u> Don & Donna Cockerill Jack Dailey & Pastor Katie Mark & Vicky Davis</p>



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.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for June

- June 04 First Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 1:1-2:4a • Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20
- June 11 Second Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 12:1-9 • Psalm 33:1-12 • Hosea 5:15-6:6 • Psalm 50:7-15 • Romans 4:13-25 • Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 18 Third Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • Exodus 19:2-8a • Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
- June 25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 21:8-21 • Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 • Jeremiah 20:7-13 • Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 • Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39

Servers Rotation Schedule—2023

May 28

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

June 18

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

June 4

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

June 25

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote
Altar Flowers.....Veronica Chrostowski

June 11

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

July 2

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw
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.

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.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Happy Anniversary Doug & Suzie Manska</i>	2	3
4 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	5 <i>Finance committee meeting 7 pm</i>	6 <i>Happy B-day to Doris Essenburg</i>	7	8	9 <i>Happy Anniversary Dave & Terry Hunger</i>	10 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am</i>
11 <i>Worship 10 am w/Baptism (Dunsmore)</i>	12 <i>Happy B-day to Blake Schrote</i>	13	14	15 <i>Happy Anniversary Ryan & Niki Schrowe</i>	16	17
18 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	19	20	21  Council Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24  EUCHRE TOURNAMENT 6:30 pm
25 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	26	27 <i>Happy B-day: Kerri Green Doug Manska</i>	28	29	30 <i>Happy Anniversary Mark & Vicky Davis</i>	



Return address requested

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