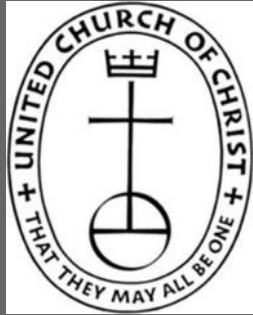


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

July/August 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.*



Our Mission is to continue the mission that Jesus began. The church and our identity as Christian is to carry on that mission. We live in that in-between time. We are to be doers of the word not only hearers. Our work as Christians is never over. Our welcome sign should read as the following:

We extend an invite to married, divorced, widowed, single, straight, gay, confused, well healed or downhearted, free or addicted. We welcome you if you are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. Sometimes we aren't so keen on it either.

If you became a member only because your grandparent wanted you to, it is okay. This pastor doesn't care if you are inked, pierced or neither. We offer a special prayer to those who need a prayer right now and those who have had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or even if you came here with an alternative motive. We welcome seekers, doubters, and all.

If someone knocks on our spiritual door, we will let them in. If another is lost, speaks a different language, looks different, believes different, we let them in. The real question in our church is; will you have my back? Invite others. We stand with and want conversation.

"Open, come on in!"

We try. We rise. We fail. We rise. We Misunderstand. We rise. We heal. We rise. All rise. We rise.

And yes, sometimes another's story isn't true and we've been taken advantage of, but, we know that is between them and God. We respond in good faith. Some claim homelessness and we assist. Have we been taken? Who cares!

We are part of the United Church of Christ; our Synod and the election of a new General Minister is happening at this time. Many educational opportunities are available through the MI Conference. Please pay attention to all that is offered via the MI Conference and Cleveland Headquarters. Coming up will be a workshop on "Part-Time is Enough". All of the gatherings that happen per ZOOM can be watched at a later time.

We, at present, are a very seasoned group and we struggle with health and energy issues. That is temporary! Have faith! This is the season we are in now, but, that will change. Believe!

—Pastor KatieD



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)



A Night of Summer Fun

If you haven't had an opportunity to come to one of our Euchre tournaments, please join us for our last summer night of Euchre on **July 15 at 6:30 pm**. We have had so much fun and laughter around the tables with new and old friends. The cost is \$10 per person and 25 cents for those pesky Euchres. If you would like to bring a snack for all to enjoy, please do. Can't wait to see you!



The Stewardship campaign for 2024 is underway, so, watch your mailbox for a letter along with a commitment card and Time and Talent sheet coming your way. Your financial pledge is essential for us to plan our operating budget for 2024.

This year's theme is, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*" which makes the connection between our experience of God

and our generosity towards others as disciples of Christ.

Please join others in our congregation by making a financial pledge for the coming year. And, please return your commitment card and Time and Talent sheet by **September 10**.

Our Annual Budget Meeting is October 8th right after the 10 am Service. Thank you.

Stewardship Committee



The following items are needed to put together one school kit and are due in church by **Sunday, August 20**:

- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 70-count bound notebooks
- 1 12"/30-centimeter ruler

- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 6 new, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 12" X 14" or 14" X 17" cloth bag



On **Sunday, September 10**, our church will again sell hot dogs on the grill, chips, pop, water, and our walking tacos. Come by and enjoy a grilled hot dog or a walking taco while you watch the Sunday parade which starts at 1:30 pm. As in years past, we will also park cars.

There will be a sign-up sheet for pop and water donations and for volunteers to help out on Sunday. (Please let the church office know how you plan to support this fundraiser).



We need a team of volunteers to set up communion and host our coffee hour on the first Sunday of each month. Presently we have one lovely volunteer, Donna, who would appreciate one or two people to share this task.

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.

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 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.



You gals are so wonderful!...not only baking all the cakes needed, but also bringing them here each day! You planned it all and made it happen. I am so very grateful. I didn't have to give even a thought to that part of MCREST. Thank you, Thank you is just not enough.

Blessings to all of you,
Linda and Rhosa

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for July

- July 02 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 22:1-14 • Psalm 13 • Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42
- July 09 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 • Psalm 45:10-17 • Romans 7:15-25a
• Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 25:19-34 • Psalm 119:105-112 • Romans 8:1-11
• Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10-19a • Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Romans 8:12-25
• Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 30 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 29:15-28 • Psalm 105:1-11, 45b • Romans 8:26-39
• Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Servers Rotation Schedule—2023

July 2

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote
Prepare Communion....**Need Volunteer**

July 23

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote
Altar Flowers.....Darrel Haws

July 9

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Altar Flowers.....Donna Cockerill

July 30

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

July 16

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

August 6

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw
Prepare Communion...**Need Volunteer**

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.

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Through May, we had a budgeted deficit of \$8,930, but our actual deficit was \$1,868.
 - ◆ The church received a thank-you note from the Armada church for providing the cakes each day for MCREST.
 - ◆ Since the Saturday sales during Good Old Days have recently been minimal, it was decided to only do parking, hot dogs, pop, water, and walking taco sales on Sunday.
 - ◆ A request came in last month from a non-member to use the church for a graduation party. The council decided that requests to use the church from people who have no association with the church would not be considered due to liability issues.
 - ◆ As in the past, there will not be a council meeting in July.
 - ◆ The July newsletter will include July and August information, and there will not be a separate newsletter in August.
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Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for August

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| August 6 | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31 • Psalm 17:1-7, 15 • Isaiah 55:1-5 • Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 • Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 14:13-21 |
| August 13 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 • Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b • 1 Kings 19:9-18 • Psalm 85:8-13 • Romans 10:5-15 • Matthew 14:22-33 |
| August 20 | Twelveth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 45:1-15 • Psalm 133 • Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 • Psalm 67 • Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 • Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28 |
| August 27 | Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 1:8-2:10 • Psalm 124 • Isaiah 51:1-6 • Psalm 138 • Romans 12:1-8 • Matthew 16:13-20 |

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



05 - Robert Plucinski
 07 - Joselyn Manska
 10 - Tom Hebel
 17 - Brady Schrote

22 - Daniel Weeks III
 23 - Sandy Knoell
 30 - Justine Achatz

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



11 - Tim & Hope Fair



Offerings

Attendance

June 25.....\$1,185.00
 June 18.....\$N/A
 June 11.....\$1,183.00
 June 04.....\$1,655.00

June 25..... 17
 June 18..... 14
 June 11.....30
 June 04..... 17



Weekly Prayer Discipline for July

<p><u>July 2 - 8</u> Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore Karen Eltringham Kyle & Kevin Ensley</p>	<p><u>July 9 - 15</u> Doris Essenburg Tim & Hope Fair Pat Fenton</p>
<p><u>July 16 - 22</u> Steve & Darlene Furtaw Kerri Green Vance & Pam Green</p>	<p><u>July 23 - 29</u> Darrel Haws Tom & Christine Hebel Christine Hensch</p>



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



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| 04 - Sally McNinch | 13 - Rich Weinert |
| 06 - Lucia Marsahl | 17 - Harrison Zoma |
| 13 - Jack Dailey | |

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



- 11 - Steve and Darlene Furtaw



Weekly Prayer Discipline for August

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 30 - August 5</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Terri Verlinde</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matthew, Shannon & Elliot Vivona</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jackie Waszkiewicz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 6 - 12</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fred Weeks, Jr</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James Weeks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rich & Sue Weinert</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 13 - 19</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Justine, Paul & Alyson Achatz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jacob Marlow & Carissa Sugg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Veronica Chrostowski</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 20 - 26</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Don & Donna Cockerill</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jack & Rev. Katie Dailey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark & Vicky Davis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 27 - September 2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karen Eltringham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doris Essenburg</p>

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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.

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10 am	3	4	5 Happy B-day to Robert Plucinski	6	7 Happy B-day to Joseph Manka	8 Quilt Guild 10 am
9 Worship 10 am	10 Happy B-day to Tom Hebel	11 Happy Anniversary to Tim & Hope Fair	12	13	14	15  EUCHRE TOURNAMENT 6:30 pm
16 Worship 10 am	17 Happy B-day to Brady Schroe	18	19	20	21	22 Happy B-day to Daniel Weeks III
23 Happy B-day to Sandy Knapp Worship 10 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Happy B-day to Justine Achatz Worship 10 am	31					

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Happy B-day to Sally McNinch</i>	5
6 <i>Happy B-day to Lucia Marshall</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am</i>
13 <i>Happy B-day: Jack Dailey Rich Weinert</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i>	14	15	16  Council Meeting <i>7 pm</i>	17 <i>Happy B-day to Harrison Zema</i>	18 <i>Happy Anniversary Steve & Darlene Furtaw</i>	19
20 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	28	29	30	31		



Return address requested

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