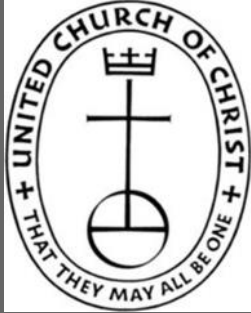


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

September 2023



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FRIDAYS
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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.*

You may have a young adult who would like assisting at Back Bay. The **Micah Day Center at Back Bay Mission** allows unhoused people to shower, do their laundry, use computers to apply for jobs and check their email, see a few friendly faces, and find shelter from the elements. They also operate programs that help people in danger of losing their housing to stay housed which can include repairing or upgrading their existing homes, help with utilities and food (from the food pantry or by applying for SNAP benefits).

Volunteers with building skills are particularly prized, but training is available on site, and less skilled work is always available. Working in the food pantry or in the Micah Day Center are other activities that volunteers can participate in depending on their interests.

Communal living is part of the mission trip experience with separate dorm rooms for men and women. (There are some individual rooms as well for a modest fee.)

Knowing that many like to vacation along with doing some mission activities, I'm just reminding you that this exists via UCC. Bigger local churches go as a group, but one or two can go and lend a hand as part of a vacation. We offer the same kind of experience in Richmond when Trinity Lutheran has the MCREST guests September 17–24.

Christian Nationalism (CN) is a movement that we all need to be aware of. CN merges American and Christian identities, distorting both the Christian faith and democracy. It relies on Christian imagery and language and implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian. It provides cover for white supremacy, is exclusionary, and may involve violence to get its message across. The CN movement was prevalent in the January 6 Insurrection and its influence is being felt in conservative legislation and book bans.

Christians Against Christian Nationalism is an organization established to work against the influence of CN. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) passed a **resolution** recently condemning Christian nationalism and urging members to speak out against it. Disciples of Christ are a smaller denomination and they are thinkers and writers like so many of the Jesuits that have a retreat location at 16 Mile/Big Beaver and Woodward. Personally, I like to go to Disciples of Christ events and read their printouts. Their perspective is a tad different and I appreciate other takes on topics/issues.

Pastor KatieD+

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Through July, we had a budgeted deficit of \$8,546, but our actual deficit was \$588 which was improved from June.
- ◆ The church received a thank-you note from the Richmond Food Pantry for a donation that came from the money we received from the Kroger Rewards Program.
- ◆ Our church will sell hot dogs, pop, water, walking tacos and spaces to park on the Sunday of Good Old Days. Signup sheets are in the back of the church for volunteers to provide pop and water and to sign up for jobs on that Sunday.
- ◆ The city of Richmond is offering churches in the city a slat to denote our church on a Richmond sign that is being placed in three locations within the city. We decided to include our church name, location and web site on the Richmond sign.
- ◆ The church received a quote for providing snow removal for this upcoming season. The quote also includes the removal of snow from the sidewalks which volunteers had done in previous years. Due to the increased cost of this service, the church will request a grant from the Bertha C. Dayton fund (a fund available to small churches within the Michigan conference) to cover the increase in snow removal costs.
- ◆ We decided that Christmas gifts to the church staff would be done the same as in previous years.

McRest at Trinity Sept 17th - 24th

We Need Your Help!

This year Trinity will host approximately 30 men for the McRest week. They will provide meals, shelter, transportation and fellowship. It is a busy week with lots of opportunities for volunteering.

To help volunteers sign up, McRest has set up a SignUpGenius volunteers list again. Please click link below (ctrl + click) and you will see a list of what help is needed on what day. Thank you for ANY and ALL assistance!

[Click here for McRest volunteer sign up](#)

If you need help signing up, please contact Dalynn at 586-291-4138.

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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://signupgenius.com)

Dear Congregation,
Thank you for your donation to the Richmond Community Food Pantry. Your check has been deposited. We appreciate your continued support to help those in our community.

God's Blessings,
Pat Bartosiewicz

FYI: Prior to taking the items over to the school, the backpacks were blessed and were so graciously received. So much generosity! Thank you!

Pastor KatieD+





By now you should have received your Stewardship packet; if not please leave a message for the church office. Please return your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Sheet on or before September 10. Please note that a Pledge Card is not carved in stone and can be

changed at any time during the year by contacting our Financial Secretary Jackie Waszkiewicz.

Our Annual Budget Meeting is October 8th right after the 10 am service.



Our Good Old Days Food Sale and Parking is Sunday, September 10. We will sell walking tacos, hot dogs, chips, soda and water. See the lists, which are included in this newsletter, for soda & water donations and a

worker sign-up sheet (2-hour increments). Please call the church office to sign up. The Master List will be on the table in the back of the church.

HOLIDAY Auction

Our Annual Holiday Gift Auction is Sunday, November 5th following the 10 am service. It will probably start at noon, so everyone has a chance to eat and browse the tables. We will again have it in the Sanctuary as it

is easier to get around to see and hear.

Every year this is such a fun event and a great fundraiser for the church. All are invited from the youngest to the oldest!

Please think of new items you would want to receive on Christmas morning!

Types of items sold are baked goods, handmade décor, handmade clothing items, blankets, toys, etc.

Please bring an item or two to be auctioned off and a finger food to share. Bring a friend along to start a new tradition!



We need a team of volunteers to set up communion and host our coffee hour on the first Sunday of each month. If you can lend a hand, please contact the church office at 586-727-3155. Thank you.



Kroger Quarterly Statement: May 1 - July 31

Households: 20

Total Donations: \$70.27

GOOD OLD DAYS - SUNDAY ONLY!

PARKING LOT ATTENDENT

11 AM - 12:00 PM _____

12:00 - 1:00 PM _____

CASHIER

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM _____

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM _____

WALKING TACOS

12:00 - 2:00PM _____

2:00 - 4:00PM _____

HOT DOG GRILLER AND WRAPPER

12:00 - 2:00PM _____ & _____

2:00 - 4:00PM _____ & _____

SODA PERSON

12:00 - 2:00PM _____

2:00 - 4:00PM _____

RUNNER

12:00 - 2:00PM _____

2:00 - 4:00PM _____

CLEAN-UP CREW

3:00 - DONE _____

Good Old Days Beverages

4 - 12 pks. Reg. Coke

4 - 12 pks. Diet Coke

2 - 12 pks. Pepsi

2 - 12 pks. Diet Pepsi

2 - 12 pks. Sprite

3 - 24 pks. Water

Neighbors in Need Special Offering Sunday, October 1



Artist: Alexis

Age: 15

Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

Behold!

*"God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31*

Thank you for supporting **Neighbors in Need!**

Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 1, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Neighbors in Need envelopes are available in the back of the church. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through our national Justice and Local Church Ministries office, <https://tinyurl.com/2bfytatb>, you can find resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Behold! With your assistance, we together can help our **Neighbors in Need**.

Please give generously.

Have Car, Will Travel?

Volunteer drivers urgently needed!

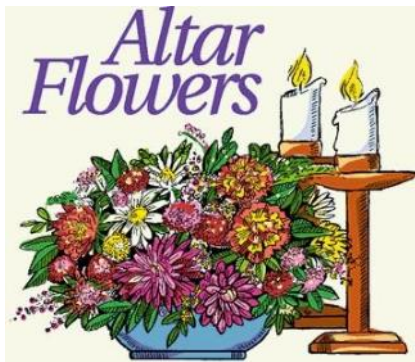


The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs drivers who can provide rides for our

older and disabled neighbors so that they can get to doctor appointments and essential errands. Just a couple hours of your time can make a huge difference in someone's life. You pick your own area and your own times. Drive as often or as little as you like in the comfort of your own car.

Even one more ride a year might get someone to an appointment that could save their life! **Daytime drivers especially needed!**

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

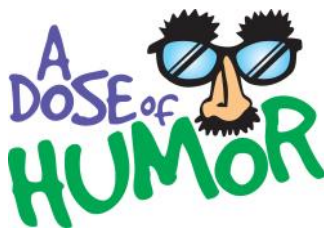


The Flower Calendar is displayed on an easel in the narthex for those who

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.



The efficiency expert ends his lecture with a warning: Don't try these techniques at home."

"Why not?" asks someone from the audience.

"I watched my wife's routine at breakfast for years," the expert explains. "She made lots of trips between the fridge, stove, table and cabinets, often carrying a single item at a time."

"One day I told her, 'You're wasting too much time. Why don't you try carrying several things at once?'"

"Did it save time?" the guy in the audience asks.

"Actually, yes," replies the expert. "It used to take her 20 minutes to make breakfast. Now I do it in ten."

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for September

- September 3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 3:1-15 • Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b • Jeremiah 15:15-21
• Psalm 26:1-8 • Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28
- September 10 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 12:1-14 • Psalm 149 • Ezekiel 33:7-11 • Psalm 119:33-40
• Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:5-20
- September 17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 14:19-31 • Psalm 114 • Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
• Genesis 50:15-21 • Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 • Romans 14:10-12
• Matthew 18:21-35
- September 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-15 • Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 • Jonah 3:10-4:11 • Psalm 145:1-8
• Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

Servers Rotation Schedule—2023

September 3

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Prepare Communion....**Need Volunteer**

September 24

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

September 10

Good Old Days

October 1

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

September 17

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

October 8

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
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 firstunitedccc@outlook.com or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155. Thank you.

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



September
BIRTHDAYS

05 - Adam Schrote
13 - Lucille Trombley
17 - Amy Santo

26 - Darlene Furtaw
29 - Yvonne Reindel
30 - Elliot Vivona

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



September
ANNIVERSARIES

15 - Matthew & Shannon Vivona



Offerings

Attendance

August 27.....\$ 410.00
August 20.....\$ 705.00
August 13.....\$1,530.00
August 06.....\$ 780.00

August 27.....13
August 20.....18
August 13.....17
August 06.....11



Weekly Prayer Discipline for September

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| <p><u>September 3 - 9</u> Tom & Hope Fair Pat Fenton Steve & Darlene Furtaw</p> | <p><u>September 10 - 16</u> Kerri Green Vance & Pam Green Darrel Haws</p> |
| <p><u>September 17 - 23</u> Tom & Christine Hebel Christine Hensch Terri Houston</p> | <p><u>September 24 - 30</u> Dave & Terry Hunger Patty Kelly Sandy Knoell</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.

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.

September 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 <i>Pastor Katie away</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i> | 4  | 5 <i>Happy B-day to Adam Schrote</i> | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 <i>Good Old Days</i> | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Happy B-day to Lucille Trombley</i> | 14 | 15 <i>Happy Anniversary Matthew & Shamon Vivona</i> | 16 |
| 17 <i>Happy B-day to Amy Sant</i> <i>Worship 10 am w/Baptism</i> | 18 | 19 | 20  | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 <i>Worship 10 am</i> | 25 | 26 <i>Happy B-day to Darlene Furtaw</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 <i>Happy B-day to Yvonne Reindel</i> | 30 <i>Richmond Cemetery Walk</i> <i>Happy B-day to Elliot Vivona</i> |

September 

Return address requested

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