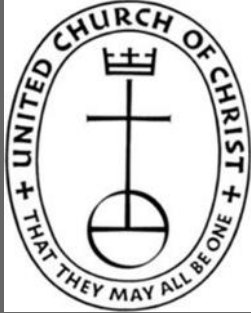


# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

October 2023



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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.*

THANK YOU.

In 1946, a man named Truett Cathy, while running a small diner in Hapeville Georgia called the Dwarf Inn where he served the



workers from the local Ford Motor Plant, discovered that a pressure cooker can cook a piece of chicken just as fast as a hamburger, and *Chick-fil-A* was born. Today *Chick-fil-A* has grown into one of the largest fast-food restaurants in the country and operates 2,813 restaurants over 47 states. Truett Cathy was a deeply religious man. He **refused to open on Sundays**. I'm a fan.

Years ago, somebody told me that if you order a *Chick-fil-A* sandwich with extra pickles, you will always get a hot one because health laws will not allow them to add pickles to a sandwich that has already been prepared. That seems to make sense. Besides, I like pickles. I've always really liked their coleslaw at *Chick-fil-A*. It's very finely cubed. For some reason they took it off the menu. That does not make me happy, but I'm sure they have their reasons.

Recently, I went into *Chick-fil-A* to order my *Chick-fil-A* sandwich with extra pickles, and they asked my name. It's what they do. So, I said, "My name is Katie Dailey," and right behind me a woman standing in line said, "I thought that was you. I watch you every Sunday." That was nice. And for that I am grateful. Thank you.

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](http://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)



## Budget Meeting

Join us for our annual budget meeting on October 8 right after the worship service.



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.

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## Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Through August, we had a budgeted deficit of \$10,917, but our actual deficit was \$2,578.
  - ◆ The church received a notification that we will be receiving \$2,000 from the Bertha C. Dayton grant to cover the increased snow removal costs due to price increases and including the clearing of the sidewalks.
  - ◆ Feedback from the initial budget planning meeting of the Finance committee was shared with the council. Council provided feedback that a line item for an online ministry assistant should be included in the budget. Compensation increases should also be considered based upon input from the personnel committee.
  - ◆ The tree in the yard next to the church has been removed. It had a branch that had fallen into the church's property. The council recommended sending a letter of thanks to the neighbor for keeping the church informed on the progress of the tree removal, for cleaning up much of the broken branches prior to the tree's removal, and for having the tree removed.
  - ◆ We will have our annual congregational meeting to review and approve the church's budget for 2024 following the October 8<sup>th</sup> service.
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### HOLIDAY Auction

Our Annual Holiday Gift Auction is Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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!



Bring your pets to our parking lot on Sunday, October 1 for Blessing of the pets.

## 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.

## USE YOUR PRACTICAL SKILLS TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

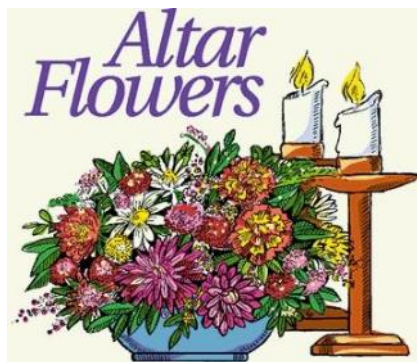


Volunteers are greatly needed to help frail, older and disabled adults in our community with: **MINOR HOME REPAIRS INDOOR / OUTDOOR CHORES & BASIC HOUSEKEEPING**

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.



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 photograph of a brown paper lunch bag, a red apple, and a yellow pencil on a dark surface. The text "Lunch 'n' Learn" is written in orange cursive on a black background to the right of the bag.

Join us every Wednesday at 12 noon for Laughter, Lunch, and Learning with Pastor Katie.

A black and white cartoon illustration. A man in a suit and glasses stands at a podium with a microphone, looking surprised. A man in a cap and work clothes stands next to him, holding a pizza box and talking to him.

"I realize we've run into the lunch hour, and I'm sorry. Now, who's the wise guy who ordered pizza?"

# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for October*

- October 01      Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 • Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
• Psalm 25:1-9 • Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32
- October 08      Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 • Psalm 19 • Isaiah 5:1-7 • Psalm 80:7-15  
• Philippians 3:4b-14 • Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15      Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 32:1-14 • Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 • Isaiah 25:1-9 • Psalm 23  
• Philippians 4:1-9 • Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22      Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 33:12-23 • Psalm 99 • Isaiah 45:1-7 • Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)  
• 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 • Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29      Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 • Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 • Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
• Psalm 1 • 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 • **Matthew 22:34-46**

## **Servers Rotation Schedule—2023**

### October 1

Lay Reader.....Need Volunteer  
Prepare Communion....Need Volunteer

### October 8

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

### October 15

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

### October 22

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote  
Altar Flowers.....Kimberly McCardell

### October 29

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

### November 5

Lay Reader.....Need Volunteer  
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](mailto:firstunitedcc@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 October birthdays:



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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 10 - Carissa Sugg       | 27 - Pat Fenton      |
| 11 - Kimberly McCardell | 27 - Steve Furtaw    |
| 14 - Patty Kelly        | 28 - Price Smith     |
| 14 - Reagan Manska      | 31 - Henry Schroeder |
| 19 - Mark Davis         |                      |

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



- 07 - Vance & Pam Green  
 11 - Rich & Sue Weinert



**Offerings**

**Attendance**

- September 24...\$1,400.00  
 September 17...\$1,335.00  
 September 10....at Trinity  
 September 03...\$2,350.27

- September 24.....18  
 September 17.....29  
 September 10....at Trinity  
 September 03.....13



**Weekly Prayer Discipline for October**

<p><u>October 1 - 7</u>                  Carol Kulman                  Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Reagan                  &amp; Mayella Manska                  Doug &amp; Suzie Manska</p>	<p><u>October 8 - 14</u>                  Lucia Marshall                  Kimberly McCardell                  George &amp; Sue Millbrand</p>
<p><u>October 15 - 21</u>                  Lantz &amp; Jennifer Northam                  Yvonne Reindel                  Amy, Adam &amp; Mathew Santo</p>	<p><u>October 22 - 28</u>                  Henry Schroeder III                  Adam &amp; Michelle Schrote                  Ron &amp; Kim Schrote</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](mailto: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.

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 <i>Pet Blessing at noon</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Happy Anniversary to Vance &amp; Pam Green</i>	
8 <i>Worship 10 am</i> <i>Annual Budget Meeting after service</i>	9	10 <i>Happy B-day to Carissa Sugg</i>	11 <i>Happy B-day to Kimberly McCardell</i> <i>Happy Anniversary to Rich &amp; Sue Weinert</i>	12	13	14 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am</i> <i>Happy B-day: Patty Kelly</i> <i>Reagan Manska</i>	
15 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	16	17	18  <b>Council Meeting</b> 7 pm	19 <i>Happy B-day to Mark Davis</i>	20	21	
22 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Happy B-day: Pat Fenton</i> <i>Steve Furtaw</i>	28 <i>Annual Michigan Conference meeting</i> <i>Happy B-day to Price Smith</i>	
29 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	30	31 <i>Happy B-day to Henry Schroeder</i>	<p><b>Please join us for Laughter, Lunch, Learning every Wednesday at 12 noon.</b></p>				



Return address requested

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