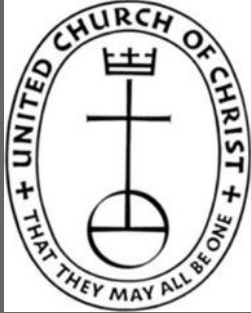


# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.*

**Beauty,  
Relationship,  
Action...**



My three go-to values when I'm low on hope or feeling stuck. I've been leaning heavily on the big three lately given the news coming out of Israel and Gaza. I always tell people that these three categories work for me; and others are welcome to borrow them or come up with their own list. (Laughter? Sleep? Moving one's body? The possibilities are endless, so long as one keeps it simple.) The late night monologues in the a.m. on YouTube make me laugh.

Here's how I've sought to embody beauty, relationship, and action lately. Sharing here in case it dislodges something stuck in you, but also for my own accounting and accountability.

## **Beauty**

Last week's pastors' gathering in New Baltimore continues to sustain me, especially the photos I've kept handy on my phone. Technology means we pastors can be in touch with people instantly and easily, in whatever way they prefer—phone calls, emails, and texts. In this era of hyper-connection, I've found myself missing the good old-fashioned handwritten note, so this week I pulled out my stationery basket and sent some "thinking of you, praying for you" notecards. Artisanal pastoral care! My penmanship isn't something to behold, I know!

Connecting is important. There was something holy about tuning in to the yearnings of people's hearts while everyday bustle took place around me. Life is so beautiful and so tenuous.

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## Action

As all-out war looms half-way around the world, it's a vital time to make connections and be present. If you have friends with ties to Israel or Palestine, have they heard from you? Should I make some kind of public statement as well? I've thought about this a lot, and have come back to wondering what of value I would add to the chatter.

I appreciated hearing Rabbi Mark Miller of Temple Beth El speak out. There's a facile version of taking a stand on social media that generates

righteous back patting but reduces complex issues to a simple yes or no. Taking simplistic stands can also lead to twisting words. Concern for Palestinians is portrayed as support for Hamas or hatred toward Israel or Jews in general. Anger about Hamas's deadly attacks on Israeli citizens — or any mention of antisemitism — is portrayed as denigrating the dignity of all Palestinian lives. This kind of thinking is deeply unserious and further fuels hostilities, warping nuanced positions into extremism and mistaking tweet-length expressions of outrage for brave action

in the face of atrocity. Knee-jerk social media posts are not what bothers me most, though. Instead, it's the idea that not posting is wrong somehow — that everyone needs to speak, all the time. It discourages shutting up and listening and letting the voices that matter the most be heard over the chatter. And where are you finding **beauty**, grounding in **relationship**, and taking **action** these days?

Keep on keeping on.

Pastor KatieD+



Once again, we want to share our Christmas blessings with Kids In Distress Services. KIDS is a charity located in St. Clair that provides free clothing to underprivileged and displaced children in the surrounding area. The families in need are referred to this agency. Children, ages infant through 18 years old, receive clothing, age-appropriate hygiene products, diapers, and baby wipes.

The Mission committee would like you to choose an age and fill a Christmas gift bag with items that you think a child of that age would like to receive. Here is a list of a few suggested items:

- ◆ books
- ◆ small handheld game
- ◆ hat and/or mittens
- ◆ underwear
- ◆ wallet and/or purse
- ◆ gift card

Total value of the gift bag should be between \$25 - \$30. You may also provide holiday wrapping paper.

Please no religious items, candy, or food.

The Christmas gift bags need to be brought to church on or before **Sunday, Dec. 10**. You can leave your gifts at the church on a Sunday at the 10 am service or drop them off when the church office is open on Tuesdays, 8:30 am until 12 noon, or Fridays, 8:30 am until 1 pm. This year more than any other year, KIDS needs our help. Please be generous.



## 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.



We hope to see you on Christmas Day when we host our Christmas Day dinner. This wonderful program began many years ago with Glen and Diane Porrett. Glen wanted to serve turkey, ham and all the other good side dishes. And this year, their daughters, Justine, Jennifer and their families, decided to do just that! They will manage the dinner and give us more information which we will pass on to you in the near future.

## Come and Get It...

The Good Old Days left us with an abundance of pop and water that can be picked up for a donation. Helen is here Tuesdays, 8:30 am until 12 noon and Fridays, 8:30 am until 1 pm. Pastor Katie is here on Wednesdays. You can also pick up these items before or after the 10 am service on Sunday. Thank you.



November 10 is Veterans Day—a day to remember all

our military veterans (present and past). We are grateful for your courage and willingness to protect our freedoms and keep our country and its people safe. Thank you, and God bless you and your families:

**Jerry Dunsmore**  
**Tim Fair**

**Steve Furtaw**  
**Dave Hunger**  
**Jacob Marlow**  
**Nathan Reindel**  
**Hank Schroeder III**  
**Price Smith**  
**Jim Weeks**



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## FREE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER!

30<sup>th</sup> year celebration – 1993 – 2023

ALL ARE WELCOME



Monday, December 25, 2023

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Turkey, Ham, Potatoes, Vegetables and  
all the fixings

If you need a ride to and from the dinner and are within  
a 5 mile radius, please call ahead to schedule your  
pickup.

Please call (586) 727-3155



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## Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Through September, we had a budgeted deficit of \$10,062, but our actual deficit was \$1,950 which is an improvement from the August deficit.
  - ◆ The church has received additional pledges since the budget was approved by the church council. Our 2024 total budgeted loss is now \$10,610, which is less than the 2023 budgeted loss of \$12,545.
  - ◆ There are two openings for council members for 2024 which will be voted on during the congregational meeting in January of 2024. If you would be interested in serving on our council, please let Ron Schrote or a council member know.
  - ◆ Donations made from the church website or Facebook page are now processed through the church's PayPal Giving Fund.
  - ◆ A problem was addressed that was causing intermittent ignition issues with the gas burner of the boiler.
  - ◆ A couple of issues were noted with water pipes that have a small leak. We need to call a plumber to address the issues.
  - ◆ It appears that the elevator state license is past due as well as the quarterly maintenance on the elevator.
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### **HOLIDAY** *Auction*

It's almost here! Sunday, November 5th is coming up quick, so mark your calendars! We will begin the bidding at noon. Between 11

o'clock and noon there will be a finger food luncheon and time to browse the items for auction. So please plan on attending this year, it's always a day of fun and laughter to start your holiday season. And, it's the best day to start your Christmas shopping for family and friends

and maybe even get a little something for yourself. Feel free to bring a dish to share, and an item or two that you would like to receive for a Christmas gift. Also, don't forget to bring a friend so you can start a new tradition.

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**First United Church  
of Christ**





The first of November is All Saints' Day. During our worship service on **Sunday, November 5**, we will remember those who have gone to God.

The following is a list of those who have passed away in the last two years. If there is someone we have missed or someone you would like added, please contact Pastor Katie or Helen in the church office as soon as possible.

**Diane Porrett**  
**Adam Markie**  
**Nieves Nehring**

**Barbara Speed**  
**Glen Porrett**  
**Joseph Burkhart**  
**Lillian Rybarczyk**  
**William Wagner**  
**Russell Nehring**  
**Paulette Trombley**  
**Sally McNinch**



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 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.



# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for November*

- November 5**     **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
Joshua 3:7-17 • Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 • Micah 3:5-12 • Psalm 43  
• 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 • **Matthew 23:1-12**
- November 12**     **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25 • Psalm 78:1-7 • Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16  
• Psalm 70 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • **Matthew 25:14-30**
- November 19**     **Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Judges 4:1-7 • Psalm 123 • Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 • 90:1-8, (9-11), 12  
• 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • **Matthew 25:14-30**
- November 26**     **Reign of Christ**  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 • Psalm 100 or • Psalm 95:1-7 • Ephesians  
1:15-23 • **Matthew 25:31-46**

## **Servers Rotation Schedule—2023**

### **October 29**

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

### **November 5**

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

### **November 12**

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

### **November 19**

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

### **November 26**

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

### **December 2**

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 [firstunitedccc@outlook.com](mailto: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 November birthdays:



07 - Christine Hensch	14 - Mayella Manska
10 - Karen Eltringham	20 - Suzanne Manska
13 - Donna Cockerill	30 - Pastor Katie Dailey

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



01 - Adam & Michelle Schrote  
11 - Rich & Sue Weinert



### Offerings

October 22.....\$ TBD  
October 15.....\$ 508.00  
October 08.....\$2,633.17  
October 01.....\$ 695.00

### Attendance

October 22.....20  
October 15.....18  
October 08.....19  
October 01.....22

### **NOVEMBER 5**



## **Weekly Prayer Discipline for November**



#### October 29 - November 4

Ryan, Niki, Blake & Brady Schrote

Joyce Townsend

Lucille Trombley

#### November 5 - 11

Ray Trombley

Terri Verlinde

Matthew, Shannon & Elliot Vivona



#### November 12 - 18

Jackie Waszkiewicz

Fred Weeks Jr.

James Weeks

#### November 19 - 25

Rich & Sue Weinert

Justine, Paul & Alyson Achatz

Jacob Marlow & Carissa Sugg

#### November 26 - December 2

Veronica Chrostowski

Don & Donna Cockerill

Jack & Pastor Katie Dailey



# 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?

Pastor Katie is available before worship on Sundays from 9 - 10 am and then again after worship from 11 am - 1 pm. She is also in on Wednesdays from 10 am until 2 pm. You may call and schedule an appointment or simply drop in. **Call her at 586-202-8644 or email her at [daileystory@gmail.com](mailto:daileystory@gmail.com).**

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.

# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  ALL SAINTS DAY Happy Anniversary to Adam & Michelle Schrote	2	3	4
5 All Saints Day Worship 10 am w/Auction following the worship service	6	7 Happy B-day to Christine Hensch	8	9	10 Happy B-day to Karen Eltringham	11 Quilt Guild 10 am
12 Worship 10 am	13 Happy B-day to Donna Cockarill	14 Happy B-day to Mayella Maska	15  Council Meeting 7 pm	16	17	18
19 Worship 10 am	20 Happy B-day to Suzanne Maska Happy Anniversary to Jack & Pastor Katie	21	22	23 THANKS Giving Day 	24	25
26 Worship 10 am	27	28	29	30 Happy B-day to Pastor Katie		



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