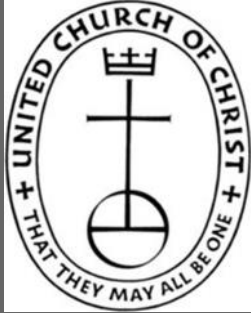


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

February 2024



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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.*

Dear Ones,

My word for the year is courage. I believe that courage is a practice and the more I practice, the more courageous I can become. This practice isn't about skydiving or a bucket list of sorts, although that sounds fun. Instead, it is about learning, living, leading, and loving courageously.

I recently read an interview by Brene Brown and Viola Davis about Courage and Power from Pain. Brene Brown stated, "Viola's story exemplifies the power of courage in the face of pain, vulnerability in the face of fear, and how living and loving close up leads to true belonging." Her words changed things for me.

I relate to Brown's response as each conversation with a member/participant changes me. Courage shows up here every day as our community journeys together...the courage to start over, to commit to learn something new, to allow yourself to be loved and love yourself, the courage to keep trying even when you feel like you're failing, and the courage to foster belonging.

Brown's writings also lead me to discover that the root of the word courage, "cour," means heart. And Glennon Doyle, a writer and social activist, writes that courage also contains the word rage, where heartbreak can be turned into action.

To practice courage, it is necessary to be vulnerable and brave. I am finding that in this courageous journey we find the beautiful places – in our hearts, in our community, and in nature.

I hope you'll consider setting an intention for the year, and if you want to join me for a little courageous living, I'm up for it! How can we support you as much as you have continued to support us? We are grateful for your continued support of our mission, programs, and justice enterprise operations. Your gift of time as volunteers, your financial support, and your belief in this community helps to light the way for those still searching/seeking for a way home.

With hope, gratitude, and more courage every day,

Rev. Katie Dailey, always in process

Church Council Highlights

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

- ◆ Council officers for 2024 were elected as follows:
 - President – Steve Furtaw
 - Vice President – Pat Fenton
 - Secretary – Shannon Vivona
 - Personnel Committee – Steve Furtaw, Shannon Vivona, Veronica Chrostowski
 - ◆ Through the end of the year, we had a budgeted deficit of \$12,545, but our actual YTD deficit was \$943. Giving was up in December causing the deficit to decrease.
 - ◆ We received a “thank you” for the donations we made to the Richmond Community Food Pantry that came from the money we received from the Kroger rewards program.
 - ◆ We also received a “thank you” for the donation we made to the Good Samaritan Fund.
 - ◆ Due to not having enough time to plan for the paczki sales, we decided that we would not sell them this year.
 - ◆ It was agreed to donate the old potato masher to Dylan Allor (the chef who helped with the Christmas dinner). It had wiring issues, and Dylan’s dad may be able to rewire it.
 - ◆ Our 2024 council meetings will be held after service on the third Sunday of each month.
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Think About It...

- ▷ If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- ▷ Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- ▷ The word, “swims” upside-down is still “swims.”
- ▷ One-hundred years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.
- ▷ Which letter is silent in the word “Scent,” is it the S or the C ?
- ▷ Why is the letter W, in English called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V ?



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.



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.



Due to a parishioner allergy:
First UCC is now a pineapple-free zone. Please refrain from lotions, gums, fruit juices, perfumes, air fresheners and any other scent or flavoring with pineapple in it. Thank you.

Thank you from the Richmond Community Food Pantry and Good Samaritan Fund

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your donation to the Richmond Community Food Pantry. Your check #15888 for \$127.79 has been deposited. Your continued support of these two community funds is deeply appreciated.

Happy New Year and God's Blessings,

Pat Bartosiewicz



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.

Reach Out in Faith



Thousands of older and disabled adults in our community struggle daily to get by. For these individuals a little extra help can make it possible for them to remain safe and independent in their own homes.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program matches volunteers with frail, homebound and isolated neigh-

bors who need assistance. 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 how you would like to serve. You can be matched with the same person for regular visits or just be on a list for occasional rides and chores. Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- > Transportation for appointments and essential errands;
- > Simple chores, yard work or home repairs;

- > Help with housekeeping or meal preparation;
- > Friendly visits or supportive phone calls;
- > Respite breaks for full-time family caregivers;
- > And other support that can help a frail, older or disabled neighbor.

We also need volunteers who can provide support in our office, assist with special events, or serve on our various committees. Call us at 586-757-5551 for more information.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Shannon, Pam, Jack, Chris, Donna, Ron, Kim and Pat who came to the church last Saturday morning to help clean. You are a blessing and very much appreciated.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for February

- February 04 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31 • Psalm 147:1-11,20c • 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
• Mark 1:29-39
- February 11 Transfiguration
2 Kings 2:1-12 • Psalm 50:1-6 • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 • Mark 9:2-9
- February 18 First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17 • Psalm 25:1-10 • 1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:9-15
- February 25 Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 • Psalm 22:23-31 • Romans 4:13-25 • Mark 8:31-38
or Mark 9:2-9

Servers Rotation Schedule—2024

February 4

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

February 11

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

February 18

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

February 25

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

March 3

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

March 10

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 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 February birthdays:



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| 01 - Kim Schrote | 17 - Sebastian Burkhart |
| 07 - James Weeks | 17 - Sue Millbrand |
| 10 - Gia McCardell | 17 - Shane Northam |
| 11 - Veronica Chrostowski | 21 - Adam Santo |
| 12 - Pam Green | 21 - Ryan DeGain |
| 13 - Sue Weinert | 27 - Ron Schrote |

Offerings

January 28.....\$ 505.00
 January 21.....\$1,105.00
 January 14.....\$ 161.00
 January 07.....\$1,790.00

Attendance

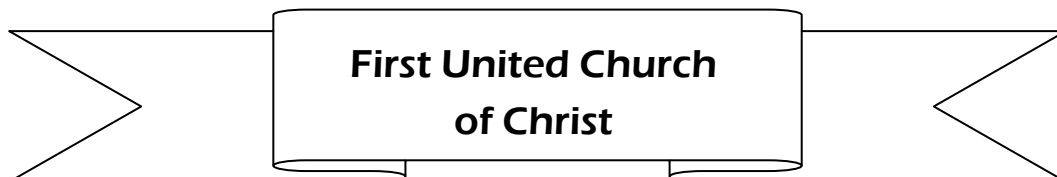
January 28.....16
 January 21.....27
 January 14.....10
 January 07.....20



Weekly Prayer Discipline for February



<p><u>February 4 - 10</u> Ron & Kim Schrote Ryan, Niki, Blake & Brady Schrote Joyce Townsend</p>	<p><u>February 11 - 17</u> Lucille Trombley Ray Trombley Terri Verlinde</p>
<p><u>February 18 - 24</u> Matt, Shannon & Elliot Vivona Jackie Waszkiewicz Fred Weeks Jr.</p>	<p><u>February 25 - March 2</u> James Weeks Tarah Weeks Rich & Sue Weinert</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

Steve Furtaw (586-855-3248)

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	2026
Donna Cockerill	Council Member	586-872-8417	2025
Veronica Chrostowski	Council Member	586-615-8735	2026
Pat Fenton	Vice President	586-248-1808	2024
Shannon Vivona	Council Secretary	586-372-1147	2024
Steve Furtaw	Council President	586-855-3248	2026
Jack Dailey	Council Member	586-202-7358	2025
Kim Schrote	Financial Secretary	586-925-8802	2026

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.**

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.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy B-day to Kim Schrote	2	3
4 Worship 10 am	5	6	7 Happy B-day to Jim Weeks	8	9	10 Quilt Guild 10 am Happy B-day to Gia McCardell
11 Happy B-day to Veronica Chrostowski Worship 10 am	12 Happy B-day to Pam Green	13 Happy B-day to Sue Weinert	14 	15	16	17 Euchre 6:30 pm Happy B-day: Sebastian Burkhart Shane Northam Sue Millbrand
18 Worship 10 am Church Council meets after service	19	20	21 Happy B-day: Adam Santo Ryan DeGain	22	23	24
25 Worship 10 am	26	27 Happy B-day to Ron Schrote	28	29		



Return address requested

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