

# SHARING THE WORD

## FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

#### March 2025



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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TUESDAYS  
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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.***

*People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within."*

—Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

### **We are the light of the world and we must let our light shine!**

Because of a mini trip to old Detroit Churches, the thought crossed my mind about the age of any place that anybody worships. In Richmond Michigan, the oldest structure, I believe, is the First United Methodist Church built in 1857; then RCT (Richmond Community Theater) built in 1887, a year earlier than what is now the First United Church of Christ. RCT was the Congregational Church. All the structures have beautiful stained-glass windows, and back in the 50's when the Congregational Church and Evangelical Reformed Church combined, they both gave up their former traditions to become First United Church of Christ. The now theatre was built in 1887 and the UCC in 1888. So, on any Sunday one can visit the First UCC at the intersection of S. Forest and Main as they worship at 10 am, and the other, well, take in one of the plays and you can check out that building. Richmond, Michigan was originally called Ridgeway, then Lenox and finally Richmond in 1838. The city was named after Richmond, New York. In New Baltimore, Michigan, the oldest structure is the First Congregational UCC.

Yes, we can pray in nature and on the golf course, but when it comes to the real need of prayer and support, folks like to have their place reserved as the place where they encounter the holy among other folks at prayer on a Sunday morning. Even though at present Sunday mornings are filled with other activities rather than worship, when push comes to shove, the other activities won't provide the spiritual and prayerful support. When 911 came, folks sought out the places of prayer.

Pastor KatieD+

**Note:** We have been accepted for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. How about letting us be your non-profit organization for the Kroger Rewards Program. If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the Kroger desk. Then, register on-line at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) or on the Kroger app under the rewards tab. When registering us as your non-profit organization, we get credit.



## 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. If we have your email address, the link to Facebook and You Tube can be forwarded to you.



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 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.



## Food Pantry Needs

Hello Everyone,  
Here is a list of items needed for the food pantry. Thank you for any help you can provide.

boxed potatoes  
Hamburger Helper  
macaroni and cheese  
peanut butter

jams/jellies of assorted varieties  
Spaghetti sauce/spaghetti  
noodles  
juice boxes

God Bless!

Michele  
Richmond Community  
Food Pantry



## Kroger Quarterly Statement for Nov. 1, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025

Households:	19
Total Donations:	\$49.01

## 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. [Learn more about our work at [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org).]

## Jimmy John's Faith Night



Calling all who need a family night out. On Friday, July 18, we are going to Jimmy

John's Field for a night of fellowship and baseball. The general consensus determined that the \$38 option was the best offer. It includes food, parking, a group picture, meet and greet with the mascot, and sitting in the patio area for the evening. The meal starts when the gates open and lasts for 90 minutes.

Please let the church office know at (586-727-3155) how many in your group will be coming—as of now we have 22 people. We need 50 people to use this option which gives the church \$10 for every ticket sold. Children under 3 are free.



Join us for Euchre Night on Saturday, March 8 at 6:30 pm. It's \$10 per person and if you would like to bring a snack to

share, please do. You wouldn't believe how hungry you get playing a rousing card game and laughing!



**Daylight Saving Time starts on March 9.**

**Move your clocks ahead one hour.**



# SUMMER OF 2025 FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

*The goal of this program is to help non-profit organizations raise funds and awareness, while providing an opportunity for your members and their families to enjoy a game at Jimmy John's Field as a group.*

## OPTION #1: ALL-INCLUSIVE PARTY PATIO FUNDRAISER

- All-you-can-eat picnic service that begins when ballpark gates open and lasts for 90 minutes
- Beverages available throughout the entire game
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on the scoreboard
- Meet and greet with team mascot
- Kids run the bases after every game
- Free parking

## ALL AMERICAN BBQ:

- Pre-game picnic service with premium hot dogs, slow roasted BBQ pulled chicken, fresh pasta salad, baked beans, sliced smoked sausage with peppers & onions, coleslaw, potato chips, and cookies
- Unlimited Pepsi products and water
- Game seating located in party patio area

## PRICING:

- \$38 per person (50 person minimum)
- **The USPBL will donate \$10 for every all-inclusive patio ticket sold by your organization**



**For more information on our Fundraising Program, call 248-601-2400 ext. 4  
or email [groups@uspbl.com](mailto:groups@uspbl.com).**





## Be the Light

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

OGHS offering will be collected on the 4th Sunday of Lent, March 30.




TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

On the menu: corned beef and  
cabbage, rolls, and dessert

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16 | 3-5 PM**  
**35110 DIVISION, RICHMOND,**  
**MI**

Dine in or Carry out!



# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for March*

- March 02 Transfiguration Sunday  
Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99 • 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 • Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)
- March 09 First Sunday in Lent  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13 • Luke 4:1-13
- March 16 Second Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27 • Philippians 3:17-4:1 • Luke 13:31-35 or  
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
- March 23 Third Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9
- March 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Joshua 5:9-12 • Psalm 32 • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## **Servers Rotation Schedule—2025**

### March 02

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw  
Prepare Communion....Donna Cockerill

### March 09

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

### March 16

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

### March 23

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

### March 30

Lay Reader.....TBD  
Altar Flowers.....Ray Trombley

### April 6

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw  
Prepare Communion....Donna Cockerill

## **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 March birthdays:



07 - Terry Hunger  
31 - Ray Trombley

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



19- Ron & Kim Schrote



### Offerings

February 23.....\$1,925.00  
February 16.....N/A  
February 09.....\$1,150.00  
February 02.....\$ 460.00

### Attendance

February 23.....17  
February 16.....N/A  
February 09.....15  
February 02.....17



## **Weekly Prayer Discipline for March**



### March 2 - 8

Lucia Marshall  
Kimberly McCardell  
George & Sue Millbrand

### March 9 - 15

Lantz, Jennifer, Shane & Logan Northam  
Lisa O'Rourke  
Yvonne Reindel

### March 16 - 22

Amy & Matthew Santo  
Adam & Michelle Schrote  
Ron & Kim Schrote

### March 23 - 29

Ryan, Niki, Blake & Brady Schrote  
Lynn Stackpoole  
Joyce Townsend



# 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

Steve Furtaw  
(586-855-3248)

### Buildings and Grounds

Jack Dailey  
(586-202-7358)

### Worship

Donna Cockerill  
(586-872-8417)

### Finance/Stewardship

Steve Furtaw  
(586-855-3248)

### Memorial

Veronica Chrostowski  
(586-615-8735)

### Vitality

Pat Fenton  
(586-248-1808)

### Personnel

Steve Furtaw  
Veronica Chrostowski  
Jack Dailey



## 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	2026
Donna Cockerill	Council Secretary	586-872-8417	2025
Veronica Chrostowski	Council Member	586-615-8735	2026
Pat Fenton	Vice President	586-248-1808	2025
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](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.

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>                     ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 at 12 NOON:                      Prayer service followed by distribution of ashes.                 </div>						1
2 Worship 10 am	3	4 <i>Paczki Pickup 6 - 9 am</i>	5 	6	7 <i>Happy B-day to Terry Hunger</i>	8 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am Euchre 6:30 pm</i>
9 Worship 10 am  Daylight Saving Time Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 10 am	17 	18	19 <i>Happy Wedding Anniversary to Ron &amp; Kim Schrote</i>	20	21	22
23 Worship 10 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 10 am  One Great Hour of Sharing offering	31 <i>Happy B-day to Ray Trombley</i>					





Return address requested

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