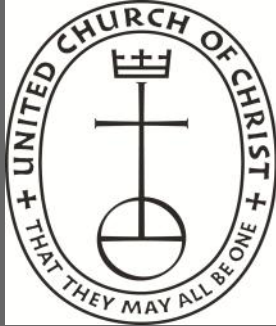


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

August 2025



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OFFICE HOURS:

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.*



My sister and I were conversing about birthday's of late because her kids are all past that AARP date when all of a sudden someone out there knows you have turned fifty. One thing led to another and I decided to research how birthday's got to be a day to celebrate. Seems it goes way back to 55 B.C.

When the Greeks adopted the Egyptian commemoration of birthdays, they added to it a custom borrowed from the Persian (today Iran), that of baking a sweet cake. The worshipers of the moon goddess, Artemis, celebrated her birthday with a giant candle-covered cake because candles were a symbol of moonlight.

In the thirteenth century, Germans began the tradition of Kinderfest in which a birthday cake and candles were used to greet a child upon awakening. And so the custom of blowing out the candles and making a wish also originated with this German Kinderfest. Uncovering traditions is fun.

Keep in mind that back in 3001 B.C. the only birthdays that were celebrated were those of Egyptian pharaohs followed by male nobility, but never of women except for the queen. The Romans in 44 B.C. made the birth dates of important statesmen into national holidays. And then things moved along until early Christianity did away with birthday celebrations and began to commemorate death days. The birth of Christ was proposed in 245 but was denounced as a "pagan" idea. But by the fourth century its presence as a holiday was restored for the customs of remembering birthdays. And, it wasn't until the twelfth century that the birthdays of men, women and children were all being recorded and celebrated.

Isn't it great that our worship reminder and newsletter mentions birthdays? Most who I know, pick out the kind of cake they want and the restaurant where they want to go for dinner to celebrate their day. One in our community was born on the birthday of both his parents. Imagine that! You and your spouse having the same birthday and then having your child born on that same day. Happy Birthday to our August Birthday folks.

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 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.



Greetings Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying these dog days of summer! Here is a list of our current needs:

- Hamburger helper
- Boxed potatoes
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Salad dressing

- Juice boxes
- Jell-o and boxed pudding
- Manwich

Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

God Bless!

Michele
Richmond Community
Food Pantry



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.

The Good Old Days Parade is September 7



This year we plan to collect for parking, sell walking tacos, pop and water. Please look on the back table for signup sheets to provide pop and water and for helping out on Sunday.

Many thanks to Michael Grzanka who will coordinate our efforts, the Northam family for taking care of the parking, and Veronica Chrostowski for

coordinating the walking tacos sales. If you feel that you would like to participate in this fundraiser, please contact a council member or call the church office at 586-727-3155.



Join us for Summer Euchre Night, August 9 at 6:30 pm. If you haven't joined in the fun yet, now is the time. We play cards,

graze in the kitchen and enjoy good laughter. Please consider joining us for a night of fun.



Saturday, August 16 starting at 11:00 am, we will be cleaning the church. We hope you can join in so the church will be ready for fall. If you have

favorite cleaning supplies, bring them along. We have some supplies at the church.

Have Car, Will Travel—Volunteer Drivers 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 IVC today at 586-757-5551 for more information.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FREE

COMMUNITY FAMILY DINNER

Sunday, August 17th
3-5 pm

ON THE MENU:

LASAGNA
GARLIC BREAD
SALAD
PIE

35110 DIVISION, RICHMOND
(586)727-7270

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!



Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for August

- August 03** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 11:1-11 • Psalm 107:1-9, 43 or Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 • Psalm 49:1-12 • Colossians 3:1-11 • **Luke 12:13-21**
- August 10** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 • Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 • Genesis 15:1-6 • Psalm 33:12-22 • Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 • Luke 12:32-40
- August 17** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 5:1-7 • Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 • Jeremiah 23:23-29 • Psalm 82 • Hebrews 11:29-12:2 • Luke 12:49-56
- August 24** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 1:4-10 • Psalm 71:1-6 or Isaiah 58:9b-14 • Psalm 103:1-8 • Hebrews 12:18-29 • **Luke 13:10-17**
- August 31** Jeremiah 2:4-13 • Psalm 81:1, 10-16 or Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 • Psalm 112 • Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Servers Rotation Schedule—2025

July 27

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

August 03

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

August 10

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
Altar Flowers.....Veronica Chrostowski

August 17

Lay Reader.....Kim McCardell
Altar Flowers.....Darlene Furtaw

August 24

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

August 31

Lay Reader.....Michael Grzanka
Altar Flowers.....**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 August birthdays:



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 03 - Lisa O'Rourke | 13 - Jack Dailey |
| 06 - Lucia Marshall | 13 - Rich Weinert |
| 09 - Josie Santo | 17 - Harrison Zoma |

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



- 18 - Steve & Darlene Furtaw



Offerings

July 27.....	\$3,652.00
July 20.....	\$ 755.00
July 13.....	\$1,580.00
July 06.....	\$ 475.00

Attendance

July 27.....	29
July 20.....	18
July 13.....	19
July 06.....	10



Attendance and Offering Report



Weekly Prayer Discipline for August

<p><u>August 3 - 9</u></p> <p>Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore</p> <p>Karen Eltringham</p> <p>Tim & Hope Fair</p>	<p><u>August 10 - 16</u></p> <p>Pat Fenton</p> <p>Steve & Darlene Furtaw</p> <p>Kerri Green</p>
<p><u>August 17 - 23</u></p> <p>Vance & Pam Green</p> <p>Mike Grzanka</p> <p>Darrel Haws</p>	<p><u>August 24 - 30</u></p> <p>Tom & Christine Hebel</p> <p>Christine Hensch</p> <p>Terri Houston</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

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 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.**

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.

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Happy B-day to Lisa O'Rourke</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i>	4	5	6 <i>Happy B-day to Lucia Marshall</i>	7	8	9 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am</i> <i>Eucre 6:30 pm</i> <i>Happy B-day to Josie Santo</i>
10 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	11	12	13 <i>Happy B-day: Jack Dailey Rich Weinert</i>	14	15	16 <i>Clean the church 11 am</i>
17 <i>Worship 10 am</i> <i>Council meets after service</i> <i>Happy B-day to Harrison Zoma</i>	18 <i>Happy Anniversary to Steve & Darlene Furtaw</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Worship 10 am</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Worship 10 am</i>						



Return address requested

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