

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

September 2025



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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.*



With Labor Day, and of course, Good Old Days, we know we are into the fall season whether the calendar says so or not. Back in time, Labor Day meant the day we put away everything for the summer; if you recall, wearing white arrived with Memorial Day and went away with Labor Day. Seems the lawn chairs arrived and were also put away on Labor Day.

One theory about wearing white was that it was cooler in the time before air conditioning; white reflects the sun instead of absorbing it. Another theory is that the end of summer meant a return to the city and work life as many people used to take the month of August to visit the seashore. Returning to the city life (often dirty) meant that white clothing wasn't practical.

The idea of "summering" was more for the wealthy who could leave the city in the days of no AC to escape to the seashore or mountains. Michigan folks do the up north thing and cross the Mighty Mack for some time to just hang out, maybe visit the old copper mines, take in the parks and mighty peaks of the pines against the blue sky. The "Mighty Mack" is the longest suspension bridge. Be proud of our state!

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So, wearing white was for those who could afford to stay clean and travel. Today there aren't such rules about white clothing. We have AC, we have lighter fabrics, and clothing has become more casual and comfortable versus the more formal suits and work clothes of the past.

Still, some of us naturally change our color themes as autumn begins, just as the flowers and trees do. Personally, I love the fall mums as well as the autumn foliage. And, I love the cider mills and make it a point to stop often at the cider mill off County Line Road. Usually on one of the early fall Sundays, a pickup of donuts and fresh cider happens before arriving in Richmond so that hospitality after worship will be seasonal. Fall lets go of the old to prepare for the new.

Labor Day parades still happen, and they began way back in 1894 when President Grover Cleveland made the first Monday in September a legal holiday. I've been made aware that at 16 Mile and Rochester Road there will be a 3 o'clock happening on Labor day.

We in Richmond follow that weekend with our own Good Old Days Festival, and this year Rich and Sue Weinert will be the parade Marshalls.

Because we are on the Parade route, our worship on September 7 is at Trinity Lutheran at 10 am. It will be Katie B's last Good Old Day's worship. Sunwha and I will celebrate with her. It is wonderful when the three communities of faith celebrate together. Things are changing and so are we.

*Pastor KatieD+*

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## **Neighbors in Need...Special Mission Offering...October 5**



Gifts to Neighbors in Need support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. Please give.

# 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, Sept. 13 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.



It's time for some fellowship and breaking bread together. All are welcome to join us Sunday, September 14, when we will hold our worship service in the

backyard at 10 am followed by a potluck picnic. Please bring your lawn chairs and a dish to pass. See you soon!



**Our Annual Holiday Gift Auction is on November 16th, starting after the 10am service.** On the church calendar, it said "Infinite Possibilities." What a great way to think about the Christmas gifts you could take home. We will start the bidding at noon after our finger food luncheon. Please think of a new item or two or even

three that you would like to donate.

Bring in your items starting the week of November 9th or even on November 16th. If you would like to bring a dish to share, it would be greatly appreciated. All are welcome for an afternoon of fun and fundraising.

## 2025 GRAND MARSHALS RICH & SUE WEINERT

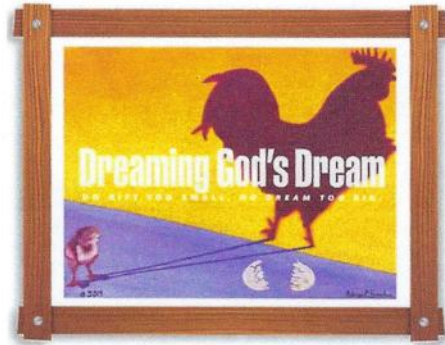


The Grand Marshals of the 2025 Good Old Days Festival are Rich and Sue Weinert. Rich and Sue are longtime Richmond residents; Rich was born in Richmond and Sue in Holly, Michigan. Both are from small towns with small town values. They met through work friends and were married in 1980. Their two daughters attended Richmond Community Schools and they now have 5 wonderful grandchildren, ages 6 and under.

Rich worked in advertising for 42 years and was part of the team that created the Chevy Truck “Like A Rock” campaign. He retired in 2015 and turned his focus to local volunteerism. He has been on the Board of the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society, and he is also a member of the City of Richmond’s Planning Commission and TIFA Board. He was honored to receive Richmond’s 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award and the 2024 Alexander Macomb Historical Award from the Macomb County Heritage Alliance.

Sue received her Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism from Michigan State University and began working as an editor at TV Guide. After their first child was born, Sue stayed home to raise both girls, but her love of sewing drew her to work part-time at a local quilt store in New Baltimore. In 1994, she embarked on a dream to own her own quilt store, Richmond’s “Sew Together”, where she continues to do the work she loves. Sue formed a local quilt guild in Richmond, is a founding member of the Anchor Bay Quilters, and has supported the American Cancer Society, the Richmond High School band, the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society, the Lois Wagner Memorial Library, and many other local causes dear to her.

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August 18, 2025

Dear Members and Friends,

Our 2025 Stewardship Program has begun. This year the United Church of Christ theme is "Dreaming God's Dream - No gift too small. No dream too big." The Song, Dream God's Dream written by Bryan Sircho was written for a youth retreat in 1971. His words and visions are still the same some 50 years later. Artist Adrian Sanchez created the Process of Life which is the picture we will be using throughout our program.

Biblical stories are being used this year by the national UCC as examples of small gifts. We want to share these with you as you consider your pledge for 2026. In The feeding of the 5,000, Jesus blessed the baskets of fish and bread and after all had eaten, there were still baskets full of leftovers. A small gift from a small boy. The Good Samaritan who took a beaten man to an Inn, but also, the innkeeper who took care of the man until the Good Samaritan came back. A small gift to heal another.

Here are the important dates to remember for this year's program:  
Commitment Cards are due back to the church by Sunday, September 7th.  
Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 19th after service.


Enclosed please find a Commitment Card, Time and Talent sheet and UCC's Pledge as a percent of your monthly income sheet. If you need more, please call the church office at 586-727-3155.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge to your church for 2026. Your pledge is not set in stone. You can change it at any time by contacting the financial secretary.

Yours in Christ,

Stewardship Committee  
Finance Committee

<p>For <b>CHURCH RECORDS</b>      Envelope # _____  <small>(for office use)</small></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month beginning _____</p> <p>for an annual total of \$ _____  <small>(date and year)</small></p> <p>I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the church officer.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p>For <b>CHURCH RECORDS</b></p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>With others in my congregation,  I commit myself to give in proportion to  what I have for the ministries of the  church and the proclamation of the  good news of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>I plan to give \$ _____ beginning _____  <small>(date and year)</small></p> <p>Each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month</p> <p>Annual Total \$ _____</p>
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**Dreaming God's Dream**  
NO GIFT TOO SMALL. NO DREAM TOO BIG.

**CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT  
OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME**

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
16,000	1,333	27	40	53	67	133
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	62	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.





# 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.



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



**Community Rewards: May 1 - July 31**

**20 Households — Total Donations: \$36.21**

# Dreaming God's Dream

## 2026 TIME AND TALENTS SIGN UP SHEET

### First United Church Of Christ, Richmond, Michigan

Please check the box of the Time and Talent that you are willing to do for your church:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE-RELATED DUTIES</b>		<b>OUTREACH</b>
	<b>Write the Prayers of the people</b> – write and possibly present the prayers of the people.		<b>Prayer Chain Member</b> – offer prayers for others who are in need
	<b>Greeter/Coffee Hour Host</b> - greet people as they arrive and provide refreshments after service.		<b>Elderly / Shut-In Visitation</b> – make calls on members who can't leave home
	<b>Usher</b> - pass out bulletins, light candles, collect offering and other needs during the service.		<b>MCREST Volunteer</b> – support the needs of churches hosting MCREST
	<b>Special Music Talent</b> - shared in worship or at other special events		<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>
	<b>Lay Reader/Liturgist</b> - read the call to worship and scriptures during church service		<b>Other Studies:</b>
	<b>Communion Setup &amp; Cleanup</b> - provide bread, prepare communion trays before service and clean up		<b>EVENTS COORDINATOR</b>
	<b>Communion Server</b> - help serve communion during worship		- Contact person/manage – Weddings Ceremonies - Contact person/manage – Funerals * Fee paid to volunteer.
	<b>Altar Flowers Donor</b> - provide flowers for the altar for service. (In Memory Of..., In Honor Of..., etc.)		<b>Fundraising</b> – help create and/or execute fundraising events
	<b>Livestream Support</b> - provide coverage for livestream during service		<b>MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERING</b>
	<b>Website Support</b> - provide coverage for the church website		<b>Lawn Care</b> Sign up to help mow the lawn once a week.
	<b>LEADERSHIP</b>		<b>Flower Garden Care:</b> Milkweed beds for Monarch Butterflies to gather.
	<b>Church Council</b> - provide leadership for all areas of church life. A 1-year elected position.		<b>Church Cleaning</b> – be a volunteer for church cleaning
	<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</b>		<b>PERSONAL GIFTS OR TALENTS YOU WANT TO SHARE:</b>
	<b>Worship Committee</b> - provide tools/ideas/help oversee the programs of music and worship		For Example: provide a short talk, share a hobby, a project, help with existing church activities, etc.
	<b>Mission Committee</b> - discuss and encourage the mission outreach of the church		
	<b>Memorial Committee</b> - oversee memorial money and policies for its use		
	<b>Stewardship Committee</b> - develop and oversee annual Stewardship campaign for church support		
	<b>Finance Committee</b> - review budget / church finances through the year. Present next year's budget		
	<b>Vitality Committee</b> - develop and implement ideas for church growth		
	<b>Building and Grounds Committee</b> - provide upkeep of building and grounds		

# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for September*

- September 07     **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 18:1-11 • Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 or Deuteronomy 30:15-20 • Psalm 1  
• Philemon 1:1-21 • Luke 14:25-33
- September 14     **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 • Psalm 14 or Exodus 32:7-14 • Psalm 51:1-10  
• 1 Timothy 1:12-17 • Luke 15:1-10
- September 21     **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 • Psalm 79:1-9 or Amos 8:4-7 • Psalm 113  
• 1 Timothy 2:1-7 • Luke 16:1-13
- September 28     **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 • Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 or Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
• 1 Timothy 6:6-19 • Luke 16:19-31 • Psalm 146

## **Servers Rotation Schedule—2025**

### August 31

Lay Reader.....Michael Grzanka  
Altar Flowers.....**Need Volunteer**

### September 7

Good Old Days

### September 14

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch  
Altar Flowers.....Ray Trombley

### September 21

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

### September 28

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

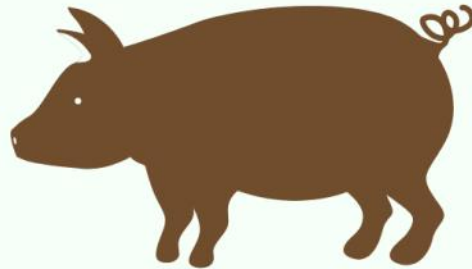
### October 5

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw  
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](mailto:firstunitedcc@outlook.com) or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155. Thank you.

Trinity Lutheran Church



COMMUNITY FAMILY DINNER

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# PIG ROAST

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Pasta Salad  
Corn on the Cob  
Baked Beans  
Ice Cream



*Bounce House!!*

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

3-5 PM

35110 DIVISION, RICHMOND

We wish a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members and friends who are celebrating their September birthdays:



- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 05 - Adam Schrote     | 26 - Darlene Furtaw |
| 13 - Lucille Trombley | 26 - Aubrey Hopp    |
| 17 - Amy Santo        | 30 - Elliot Vivona  |

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



15 - Matt & Shannon Vivona



### Offerings

August 24.....\$ 757.00  
 August 17.....\$1,015.00  
 August 10.....\$ 405.00  
 August 03.....\$1,135.00

### Attendance

August 24.....17  
 August 17.....16  
 August 10.....12  
 August 03.....17



Attendance and Offering Report



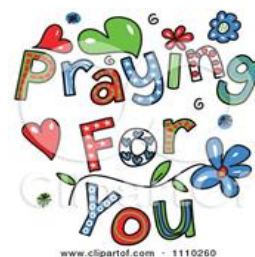
## Weekly Prayer Discipline for September

August 31 - September 6

Dave & Terry Hunger  
 Patty Kelly  
 Carol Kulman

September 7 - 13

Andrea Larson  
 Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Reagan  
 & Mayella Manska  
 Doug & Suzie Manska



September 14 - 20

Lucia Marshall  
 Kimberly McCardell  
 George & Sue Millbrand

September 21 - 27

Lantz, Jennifer, Shane & Logan  
 Northam  
 Lisa O'Rourke  
 Amy & Matthew Santo

September 28 - October 4

Adam & Micielle  
 Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Robert & Wendy Reindel

# 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.

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p>  <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	2	3	4	<p>5</p> <p><i>Happy B-day to Adam Schrote</i></p>	6
<p>7 <i>Good Old Days</i> <i>Commitment cards due</i> <i>Worship 10 am at Trinity Lutheran</i></p>	8	9	10	11	12	<p>13 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am</i> <i> Euchre 6:30 pm</i> <i>Happy B-day to Lucille Trombley</i></p>
<p>14 <i>Altar flowers from Ray IMO his anniversary</i> <i>Outdoor worship and picnic</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Happy Anniversary to Matt &amp; Shannon Vivona</i></p>	16	<p>17 <i>Happy B-day to Amy Santo</i></p>	18	19	20
<p>21 <i>Church Council meets after service</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i></p>	22	23	24	25	<p>26 <i>Happy B-day: Darlene Furtaw Aubrey Hopp</i></p>	27
<p>28 <i>Altar flowers from Darlene Furtaw</i> <i>Worship 10 am</i></p>	29	<p>30 <i>Happy B-day to Elliot Vivona</i></p>				



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