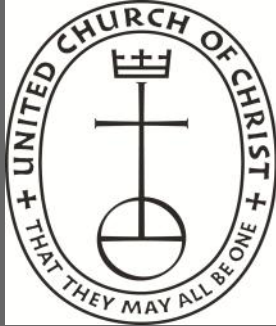


# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

October 2025



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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.*

## Church Angels per Church Council President

The church council meets once monthly to discuss and review matters that directly affect our church here in Richmond. We hear from our treasurer and financial secretary regarding budget and other money issues; the Pastor speaks to liturgical matters including church services past and present as well as Christian services updates relating to our membership; our grounds reps provide updates on the MANY building and property needs and improvements underway or planned on church grounds.

As I reflect on these updates over the past many months, I see what is so obvious here at UCC Richmond...this church community is so fortunate to have a membership that consistently steps up when something needs to be done and "just gets it done!" Here at First UCC we have OUR Church Angels who serve our church and the community at large by the following on-going programs: sending birthday and anniversary cards to church members and notes to Shut-Ins....The annual Paczki Sale on Fat Tuesday....great treats before Lent....baked goods for the homeless (MCREST) in conjunction with the church in Armada....The Yard Sale and November Auction...some make space at home so others can find something they need....The Christmas Day Dinner prepared and served by those Christmas Angels....The Good Old Days Parade Team serving walking tacos, hot dogs and providing parking....monthly Euchre Night that reaches out to the Richmond community with fun and relaxation.

Every few months a group of Church Angels gather to go through the church interior and give it a thorough housecleaning upstairs and down—well I guess it is a church-cleaning. Everything gets wiped down or vacuumed: floors, pews, sills, windows, elements of the church sanctuary, the office, and downstairs including the kitchen, dining area and bathrooms.

We have had need for special angels to handle cleanup after sporadic flooding in the basement. The church made a special investment this year to correct this problem so we pray there will no longer be need for those angels.

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We look around and see how our grounds are maintained with volunteers (our Church Angels) who take a turn mowing and maintaining the grass and yard areas; and our Memorial Garden is planted with a lovely variation of flowers. Our Angels keep the flower bed moist and free of crazy weed life. The rose bushes get trimmed to help keep the roses bright and healthy. Fresh seasonal flowers are set out front of the church throughout the year by another Angel.

Then, have you noticed the outside windows? The Pastor relates that she arrived one Monday morning and there was another Church Angel scrapping the old peeling paint, or what was left of it, and continued all week giving those windows a coat of much needed fresh paint. The following week he was joined by another couple of Angels who proceeded to measure and cut aluminum strips to attach to the base of each window. This project was never discussed by the council, it was just that the Angel and a couple members alerted them to the need, and they acted. THANK YOU, ANGELS OF FIRST UCC RICHMOND!!!

Steve Furtaw, Church Council President

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## Help a Neighbor in Need with Fall Chores



Many older and disabled adults in our community find themselves faced with a variety of basic chores, yardwork and minor repairs. For those who are frail or handicapped, have no

family nearby, and are living on very low incomes, these tasks, which most of us handle routinely, are overwhelming and impossible to manage.

If you can rake leaves, put up storm windows, fix a leaky faucet or handle any other routine chores or minor home repairs, we need to hear from you. Even if you have just a few hours to spare, you can help a desperate neigh-

bor remain in their own home a little longer. Work is arranged entirely around your schedule and near your home or office. Your gift of time will make a real difference in someone's life!

**For more information call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 586-757-5551 or visit [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org).**



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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.



## Our Good Old Days Walking Taco Crew



Join us for our next Euchre Night, October 11 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.



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.



# 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.



## Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar can be an expression of celebration or a solemn remembrance of deceased family members or friends.

If you would like to provide altar flowers on a specific Sunday during the new year, you can now sign up on line and receive a reminder to order your flowers as your date draws near. Press Ctrl + Click on the link below to see available dates. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom after you select your date/dates and click on the "Submit" button to complete your signup. You can also

use the signup sheet displayed on the back table in the narthex if you prefer not to use the online link.

Thanks to all the past and future contributors—your flowers make a beautiful addition to our church.

[Members and Friends: Altar Flowers 2026](#)



## Food Pantry Needs

Greetings Everyone,

Here is an updated list of our current needs for the food pantry:

- Hamburger Helper
- Boxed potatoes
- Juice boxes
- Jell-O
- Manwich
- Canned fruit

- Spaghetti sauce
- Green beans
- Canned tomatoes (diced, stewed, sauce, etc.)

Thank you for any help you can provide.

God Bless!

Michele  
Richmond Community  
Food Pantry

**First United Church  
of Christ**

# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for October*

- October 05      **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Lamentations 1:1-6, • Psalm 137 or Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 • Psalm 37:1-9  
• 2 Timothy 1:1-14 • Luke 17:5-10
- October 12      **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 • Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c • Psalm 111  
• 2 Timothy 2:8-15 • Luke 17:11-19
- October 19      **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 31:27-34 • Psalm 119:97-104 or Genesis 32:22-31 • Psalm 121  
• 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 • Luke 18:1-8
- October 26      **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Joel 2:23-32 • Psalm 65 or Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
• Psalm 84:1-7 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

## **Servers Rotation Schedule—2025**

### **September 28**

Lay Reader.....Mike Grzanka  
Altar Flowers.....Darlene Furtaw

### **October 5**

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

### **October 12**

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch  
Altar Flowers.....Kimberly McCardell

### **October 19**

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

### **October 26**

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

### **November 2**

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



*dine in or carry out!*

SUNDAY | 19 | OCTOBER

3-5 pm

On the menu:

hot dogs

baked potato bar

dessert

chili

coleslaw

35110 DIVISION, RICHMOND

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



- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 04 - Anthony Zych       | 14 - Reagon Manska |
| 10 - Carissa Sugg       | 19 - Mark Davis    |
| 11 - Kimberly McCardell | 27 - Pat Fenton    |
| 14 - Patty Kelly        | 27 - Steve Furtaw  |

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



- 07 - Vance & Pam Green  
 11 - Rich & Sue Weinert



### Offerings

- September 21.....\$TBD  
 September 14.....\$1,654.00  
 September 07.....\$ 715.00  
 August 31.....\$ 115.00

### Attendance

- September 21....20  
 September 14....24  
 September 07....Trinity  
 August 31.....10



Attendance and Offering Report

## Weekly Prayer Discipline for October

September 28 - October 4

- Adam & Michelle Schrote  
 Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Robert & Wendy Reindel

October 5 - 11

- Lisa O'Rourke  
 Amy Santo & Matthew  
 Adam & Michelle



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October 12 - 18

- Ron & Kim Schrote  
 Ryan, Niki, Blake & Brady Schrote  
 Lynn Stackpoole

October 19 - 25

- Joyce Townsend  
 Lucille Trombley  
 Ray Trombley

October 26 - November 1

- Terri Verlindi  
 Matt, Shannon & Elliot Vivona  
 Jackie Waszkiewicz

# 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		

# 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.**

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.

# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>October 19: Budget meeting after service followed by church council meeting.</b>			1	2	3 <i>Mich Conference Annual Meeting: October 3 - 4 in Southfield</i>	4 <i>Happy B-day to Anthony Zych</i>
5  <i>Neighbors in Need offering Worship 10 am</i>	6	7  <i>Happy Anniversary Vance &amp; Pam Green</i>	8	9	10  <i>Happy B-day to Carissa Sugg</i>	11 <i>Quilt Guild 10 am Euchre 6:30 pm Happy B-day to Kim McCardell Happy Anniversary Rich &amp; Sue Weinert</i>
12 <i>Altar Flowers: Kim McCardell Worship 10 am</i>	13	14  <i>Happy B-day: Patty Kelly Reagan Majnska</i>	15	16	17	18
19  <i>Happy B-day to Mark Davis Worship 10 am</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26  <i>Worship 10 am</i>	27  <i>Happy B-day: Pat Fenton Steve Furtaw</i>	28	29	30	31	



Return address requested

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