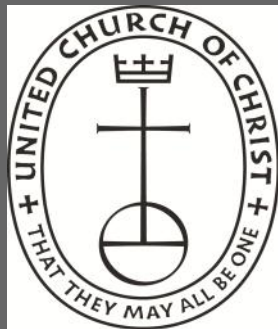


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RICHMOND, MICHIGAN
November 2025



FIRST UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor Katie Dailey

OFFICE: 586-727-3155

E-mail: firstunitedcc@outlook.com

Website:

www.firstuccrichmond.yolasite.com

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.*

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

In the parched deserts of postmodernity, a blessing can be like the discovery of a fresh well. It would be lovely if we could rediscover our power to bless one another. I believe each of us can bless. When a blessing is invoked, it changes the atmosphere. Some of the plenitude flows into our hearts from the invisible neighborhood of loving kindness. In the light and reverence of blessing, a person or situation becomes illuminated in a completely new way. In a dead wall a new window opens, in dense darkness a path starts to glimmer, and into a broken heart healing falls like morning dew. It is ironic that so often we continue to live like paupers though our inheritance of spirit is so vast. The quiet eternal that dwells in our souls is silent and subtle; in the activity of blessing it emerges to embrace and nurture us. Let us begin to learn how to bless one another. Whenever you give a blessing, a blessing returns to enfold you.

TO BLESS THE SPACE BETWEEN US -John O'Donohue

We begin November by remembering our 'saints,' those who came before us, who shared faith and energy, welcome and assistance. Our local church became because of dedicated individuals who wanted their families to thrive with a faith that could move mountains, a faith in God that would get them through all circumstances. Over the years and into the merge, and becoming the First United Church of Christ Richmond, wonderful individuals made us who we are. So many will be remembered on November 2, those who died this year and those who have been the pillars of our families' life and faith life. Only in community did this happen! My prayer is that we continue with the same perseverance of individuals tried and true and newcomers who are seekers who may not even know what they are looking for but they know something is missing in their life. May all find it here.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Katie & Jack



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.



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**



Happy Veterans Day! To all who have worn the uni-

form and served or are now serving our great nation, we salute you. Your strength, courage, and dedication to duty have kept us safe and protected our most cherished freedoms. Wishing you a day filled with the appreciation and recognition you so deeply deserve.

Our present veterans include the following:

**Samantha Conner
Jerry Dunsmore
Tim Fair
Steve Furtaw
Dave Hunger
Jacob Marlow
Nathan Reindel
Jim Weeks**



On Saturday, November 22, starting at 11 am, we will be getting the sanctuary ready for the birth of Jesus. We need all of you

and all of your creativity to make this happen. Hope to see your smiling faces!

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 iso-

lated neighbors 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 medical appointments and essential errands

- ◆ Simple chores, yard work and home repairs
- ◆ Help with housekeeping and meal preparation
- ◆ Friendly visits and supportive phone calls
- ◆ Respite breaks for full-time family caregivers
- ◆ Other support that can help a frail, older or disabled neighbor

For more information call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 586-757-5551 or visit www.ivcinfo.org.



Free Community
**Thanksgiving
Dinner**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
2- 5 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
35110 DIVISION, RICHMOND

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT



Once again, we will collect Christmas Gifts for K.I.D.S. Kids in Distress is a charity located in St. Clair that provides free clothing to underprivileged kids and displaced children in the surrounding area. The families in need with children ages infant through 18 years old are referred to this agency.

Please fill up a bag or shoe box with items for any age

group that you think would help them feel loved at this time of the year. No candy, religious items or food items. **Here are some items to include:**

gift cards for gas or food soap, shampoo wash cloths and towels blankets clothing hats & gloves hand-held games

Please don't wrap your gift (you can put the wrapping paper or tissue paper inside). The donation amount is between \$25 and \$30 per gift. We will collect them on the altar between Sunday, November 23 and Sunday, December 7.



It's Euchre Night on Saturday, November 8 at 6:30 pm. We have been blessed with more people from the community who come and enjoy the evenings. If you want to meet new people, play

Euchre and have an evening of laughter, come and join us! And, we always appreciate any snacks you would like to bring to share.



Join us for our Annual Holiday Gift Auction on Sunday, November 16 after the 10 am service. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or neighbors that need service hours, this is the day for them. We give four hours of service as a runner and we need you — all our runners are growing up too fast.

Please begin to bring in your items on November 9. There will be a table set up in front of the sanctuary. Please donate a new item or two. If you would like to bring a finger food to share, please do, as you will need stamina to win your bid.



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.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for November

- November 02 **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 • Psalm 119:137-144 or Isaiah 1:10-18 • Psalm 32:1-7
• 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 • **Luke 19:1-10**
- November 09 **Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**
Haggai 1:15b-2:9 • Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 or Job 19:23-27a
• Psalm 17:1-9 • **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17** • Luke 20:27-38
- November 16 **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**
Isaiah 65:17-25 • Isaiah 12 or Malachi 4:1-2a • Psalm 98 • 2 Thessalonians
3:6-13 • **Luke 21:5-19**
- November 23 **Reign of Christ**
Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Luke 1:68-79 or • Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Psalm 46 • Colossians
1:11-20 • **Luke 23:33-43**
- November 30 **First Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122 • Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 3:1-12

Servers Rotation Schedule—2025

November 2

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

November 9

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

November 16

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

November 23

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

November 30

Lay Reader.....Mike Grzanka
Altar Flowers.....Jennifer & Lantz

December 7

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 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 November birthdays:



NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

07 - Christine Hensch
10 - Karen Eltringham
13 - Donna Cockerill

14 - Mayella Manska
20 - Suzie Manska
30 - Pastor Katie

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



NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Adam & Michelle Schrote
20 - Jack & Pastor Katie



Offerings

October 26.....\$ 395.00
October 19.....\$ 530.00
October 12.....\$ 959.00
October 05.....\$2,275.00

Attendance

October 26.....11
October 19.....16
October 12.....16
October 05.....14



Attendance and Offering Report

Weekly Prayer Discipline for November

November 2 - 8

Don & Donna Cockerill
Jack & Pastor Katie
Mark & Vicky Davis

November 9 -15

Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore
Karen Eltringham
Tim & Hope Fair



www.clipartof.com - 1110260

November 16 - 22

Pat Fenton
Steve & Darlene Furtaw
Kerri Green

November 23 - 29

Vance & Pam Green
Mike Grzanka
Darrell Haws

November 30 - December 6

Tom & Christine Hebel
Chris Hensch
Terri Houston

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.

November 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Daylight Saving Time ends November 2. | | | | | | 1 Happy Anniversary Adam & Michelle Schrote |
| 2 Worship 10 am All Saints Day Service | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Happy B-day to Christine Hensch | 8 Quilt Guild 10am Euchre 6:30 pm |
| 9 Worship 10 am | 10 Happy B-day to Karen Eltringham | 11  | 12 | 13 Happy B-day to Donna Cockerill | 14 Happy B-day to Mayella Manska | 15 |
| 16 Worship 10 am Annual Auction after service | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Happy Anniversary Jack & Pastor Katie Dailey Happy B-day to Suzie Manska | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Worship 10 am Church Council meets after service | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27  | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Worship 10 am Jennifer & Lantz Northam provide altar flowers Happy B-day to Pastor Katie | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>Funeral for Lucille Trombley</u> Friday, November 7: Visitation from 3 - 8pm at Rewalt-Peshek Funeral Home in Richmond. Saturday, November 8: Visitation, 10 am followed by funeral at 11 am.</p> </div> | | | | |



Return address requested

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
68651 SOUTH FOREST
RICHMOND, MI 48062

No Matter Who You Are
Or Where You Are On Life's Journey...
You Are Welcome Here!

First United Church of Christ • Pastor Katie Dailey • daileystory@gmail.com

cell: 586-202-8644 • office: 586-727-3155 • email: firstunitedcc@outlook.com