

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

January 2026



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CHURCH OF CHRIST
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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.*



Welcome 2026

Let's Pray for World Peace

Great God, who has told us "Vengeance is mine," save us from ourselves, save us from the vengeance in our hearts and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt, to punish as we have been punished, to terrorize as we have been terrorized.

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear, to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves. We ask for the vision to be builders of the human community rather than destroyers. We ask for the humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other people.

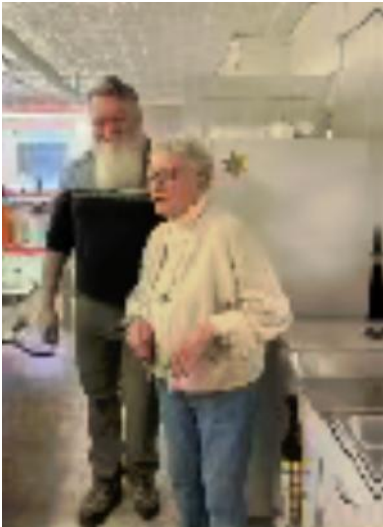
We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world to come more from the failures of our own making. We ask for the heart to care for all the people of Afghanistan and Iraq, of Palestine and Israel as well as for ourselves.

Give us the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might, to resist the temptations of power, to refuse to attack the attackable, to understand that vengeance begets violence, and to bring peace-NOT WAR- wherever we go.

For you, O God, have been merciful to us. For you, O God, have been patient with us. For you, O God, have been gracious to us. And so may we be merciful and patient and gracious and trusting with these other whom you also love. And we say, Amen.

Scroll down or turn the page for pictures of blessings from 2025.

Our 2025 Photos of Blessings





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**

Thank you VOLUNTEERS!

The Christmas Dinner was a huge success! We served 80+ guests and delivered carry-out meals to Richmond EMS and Richmond Police Department for a total of 150 meals served!

We cannot adequately express our gratitude for this Christmas miracle. Thank you to Kim and Ron Schrote for their guidance and help throughout the whole process and for donating cookies. Terry Hunger for her beautiful table decorations, lemonade container and a ton of cookies. Dylan Allor from Trinity Lutheran Church for his expertise in the kitchen and for literally cooking EVERYTHING for 100 people and bringing along the Outreach committee

volunteers from Trinity, especially his mom Dawn and Dylan's girlfriend!!! Pat Fenton and Mike for coming early on Christmas Day. Sandy and Terry who come every year and help in the kitchen. Lantz, Shane, Paul and Alyson were a big help! Darlene for the two Yule Logs for dessert and a ham. Our other helpers were Kim, Stacey, Theresa and husband (from Trinity), Tom (mayor of New Baltimore), Jeannie and friends from her work and Kevin. Also, thank you to the businesses in the area for donating or offering a discount on food items: Ken's Country Kitchen, Will L. Lee first grade classes for making Christmas cards, Pankiewicz Cider Mill, Tim Hortons, The Celiac Shack, Richmond Dinette and Sleep shop, Tom Semaan for the gift cards, 1st UCC parishioners for the desserts that just show up and of course the members

of the 1st UCC Church Council. Thank you to Pastor Katie and Jack for helping clean up and having faith in us to pull off the dinner. Thank you to the Macomb Daily for the excellent articles before and after the dinner. The many that just showed up to volunteer to serve food from word of mouth. Thank you to our families who were a big help! Thank you to all for your thoughts, prayers and donations to help make this a success! There are so many more to thank and we apologize if we forgot someone, just know you are appreciated. It really was a Christmas Miracle!!

With our love and gratitude,

Justine Achtaz and Jennifer Northam



It's Euchre Night on Saturday, January 10 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.



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 January

- January 04 **Second Sunday after Christmas**
Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12 • Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 • Ephesians 1:3-14 • John 1:(1-9), 10-18
- January 11 **Baptism of Christ**
Isaiah 42:1-9 • Psalm 29 • Acts 10:34-43 • Matthew 3:13-17
- January 18 **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**
Isaiah 49:1-7 • Psalm 40:1-11 • 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 • John 1:29-42
- January 25 **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**
Isaiah 9:1-4 • Psalm 27:1, 4-9 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23

Servers Rotation Schedule—2026

December 28

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

January 4

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

January 11

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

January 18

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

January 25

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

February 1

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 January birthdays:



15 - Vicky Davis
15 - Terri Verlindi

17 - Kaleb Manska
25 - Tim Fair

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



21 - Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore



Offerings

December 24.....\$ 600.00
December 21.....\$1,695.00
December 14.....\$ 638.00
December 07.....\$1,542.00

Attendance

December 24.....35
December 21.....22
December 14.....21
December 07.....20



Attendance and Offering Report

Weekly Prayer Discipline for January

December 28 - January 3

Wendy Reindel
Amy Santo & Matthew
Adam & Michelle Schrote

January 4 - 10

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



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January 11 - 17

Ray Trombley
Terri Verlindi
Matt, Shannon & Elliot Vivona

January 18 - 24

Jackie Waszkiewicz
Jim Weeks
Rich & Sue Weinert

January 24 - 31

Justine Achatz & Paul, Alyson,
Jacob & Carissa
Veronica Chrostowski
Don & Donna Cockerill

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.

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.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship 10 am	5	6	7	8	9	10 Quile Guild 10 am Euchre 6:30 pm
11 Worship 10 am	12	13	14	15 Happy B-day: Vicky Davis Terri Verlinde	16	17 Happy B-day to Kaleb Manska
18 Worship 10 am Congregational meeting after service	19	20	21 Happy Anniversary Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore	22	23	24
25 Worship 10 am Happy B-day to Tim Fair	26	27	28	29	30	31



Return address requested

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