

# SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

May 2026



FIRST UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.*



Home? What is it? It is something we associate with mother. It is the family fortress that shuts out the world. It is where the weak and weary spirit finds strength. It is the one place in this wide world where hearts are there for each other. It is the only place where the commoner can be a king or a queen or a prince or princess. We call it *Home, Sweet Home*.

*There are three words that blend,  
and on the heart are graven.  
A precious, soothing balm they lend,  
They're "Mother," "Home," and "Heaven."*

*A man's work is from sun to sun,  
But a mother's work is never done.*

*Earth's finest school — mother was instructor there!  
Oh! the learning that came from her old rocking chair!*  
—Anonymous

Forsake not the law of thy mother.  
—Proverbs 6:20

*The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.*  
—Henry Ward Beecher 1813-1887

*All that I am or hope to be,  
I owe to my angel mother.*  
—Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865

Mother's Day, the day we show our mums the amount of love and appreciation we wished we'd bestowed upon them decades ago growing up, lands with us this year on May 10. Being a mother is one of the most rewarding roles a woman can play. But it's not without its challenges.

**Beyoncé** says, having a daughter gave her purpose.

*"Having a daughter just gives you purpose and all of the things that my self-esteem was associated with, it's all completely different."*

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**Marcia Cross** likes to use humour.

"I use humor instead of getting into that whole yes and no thing all the time. It's about just getting them to laugh rather than getting in power struggles."

**Sarah Jessica Parker** refuses to have a live-in nanny.

"We don't have any live-in help. We're pretty hands-on parents. That's something that's important to both of us, and we don't shirk it because what's the point in having a family if you're not going to really participate in it?"

**Kate Middleton** says, she'd provide therapy for her children if needs be.

"Like most parents today, William and I would not hesitate to seek help for our children if they needed it. We hope to encourage George and Charlotte to speak about their feelings and to give them the tools and sensitivity to be supportive peers to their friends as they get older."

**Angelina Jolie** says, her children take care of her.

"I'm very affectionate with my kids, but I don't know if I take care of them or they take care of me. I feel like Mad [Maddox] and I have grown up together, and he kind of taught me how to raise him." The former Queen's opinion of motherhood—"The best job."

**Kate Winslet** stays in a healthy shape for her children.

"I view my physical self as an instrument that I have to keep going because I'm a mother, and I have to be as healthy as I can for those three people who need me—more than I need for myself to be in a — nude scene."

**Victoria Beckham** says, motherhood is her greatest achievement.

Motherhood is an achievement. Enjoy your day. **Happy Mother's Day** to all who fill the role.

*Pastor KatieD+*



## Calling All Bakers

We received a call from Armada UCC asking if we could bake cakes for MCREST May 10 - 16. They are feeding women and children this year. It would be two cakes per day, delivered between 1 - 2 pm to their church. If it works for you, please call Kim at 586-925-8802 or call the church office.

Thank you.



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.

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## Church Council Highlights for April 12, 2026

- ▷ Elevator maintenance done, and all was good.
  - ▷ Still looking at our Building insurance.
  - ▷ Asking you to continue to think of fundraising ideas.
  - ▷ We need a new furnace and air conditioning for the basement due to a crack in the heat exchanger. So, at this time we have no heat in the basement. We have a service contract with Superior and they have sent estimates ranging from \$11,710—\$13,200.
  - ▷ We approved \$20,000 to be taken from our investments account to cover bills and the furnace.
  - ▷ Next council meeting will be May 10 at 9 am.
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If you haven't had a chance to drop in for an evening of fun, meeting new people and enjoying snacks in the kitchen, come to our next Euchre Night which is May 9 starting at 6:30 pm.

Even if you don't know how to play or just need a refresher, you'll easily fit right in. This is a good fundraiser for our church, so please consider joining us.



Hello Members and Friends of First UCC,

We need volunteers to help mow and trim the lawn at First UCC for the upcoming 2026 grass-cutting season. You may mow anytime during the week except on Sundays.

Press Ctrl and Click on the link below to review the available slots. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom after you select your dates and click on the "Submit" button to complete your signup.

Thank you.

# BLANKET SUNDAY, MAY 10

## CWS BLANKETS

*Wrapped in God's Love. Called to Share.*

"These blankets will help keep my children warm through the coldest nights. I see God's love in the kindness of those who gave."

—A CWS Blanket recipient, The Nehemiah Mission, Cleveland, OH

**Your gift today helps keep someone warm tonight.**

Because of generous donors like you, families near and far have found comfort when they needed it most—like a single mother who received four CWS Blankets to keep her children warm.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbors—especially in their time of need. A simple blanket becomes a holy offering: warmth on a cold night, peace after disaster, and a reminder that no one is forgotten by God.

**Why Your Gift Matters:** When disaster strikes, or a cold night sets in, your gift means everything.

**\$10** Provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need.

**\$25** Provides a CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit, offering warmth and essential supplies.

**\$60** Family Bundle! Provides blankets and hygiene kits for an entire family, ensuring that they have what they need during challenging times.





# 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. Right 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**

**TRINITY'S  
TACO  
FIESTA**

**SUNDAY MAY 17TH  
3PM - 5PM**

**TACOS  
BEANS  
RICE  
&  
TRES LECHE CAKE**

**DINE IN  
OR  
CARRY  
OUT**



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
35110 DIVISION  
RICHMOND**

# Sunday Services

## *Scripture Readings for May*

- May 03    **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14
- May 10    **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21
- May 17    **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1-11
- May 24    **Pentecost Sunday**  
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
- May 31    **Trinity Sunday**  
Genesis 1:1-2; 4a • Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

## **Servers Rotation Schedule—2026**

### **May 3**

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

### **May 10**

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

### **May 17**

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

### **May 24**

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

### **May 31**

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

### **June 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 [firstunitedccc@outlook.com](mailto:firstunitedccc@outlook.com) or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155. Thank you.

## 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
Mike Grzanka	Council Secretary	586-817-4180	2026
Kim Schrote	Council President	586-925-8802	2026
Chris Hensch	Vice President	586-457-9196	2026
Veronica Chrostowski	Council Member	586-615-8735	2028
Jack Dailey	Council Member	586-202-7358	N/A
Steve Furtaw	Council Member	586-855-3248	2028

### 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.

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



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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 09 - Logan Northam | 25 - Matthew Vivona |
| 13 - Jacob Marlow  | 26 - Paul Achatz    |
| 19 - Ryan Schrote  | 30 - Alyson Achatz  |
| 22 - Vance Green   |                     |

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



- 19 - Ron & Kim Schrote



**Offerings**

April 19.....	\$1,261.00
April 12.....	\$ 550.00
April 05.....	\$ 885.00
March 29.....	\$ 931.00

**Attendance**

April 19.....	18
April 12.....	13
April 05.....	20
March 29.....	20



Attendance and Offering Report

**Weekly Prayer Discipline for May**



<p><u>May 3 - 9</u></p> <p>Don &amp; Donna Cockerill</p> <p>Jack &amp; Pastor Katie Dailey</p> <p>Mark &amp; Vicky Davis</p>	<p><u>May 10 - 16</u></p> <p>Jerry &amp; Lynn Dunsmore</p> <p>Karen Eltringham</p> <p>Tim &amp; Hope Fair</p>
<p><u>May 17 - 23</u></p> <p>Pat Fenton</p> <p>Steve &amp; Darlene Furtaw</p> <p>Kerri Green</p>	<p><u>May 24 - 30</u></p> <p>Vance &amp; Pam Green</p> <p>Darrel Haws</p> <p>Tom &amp; Christine Hebel</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:



### Mission

Kim Schrote  
(586-925-8802)

### Buildings and Grounds

Michael Grzanka  
(586-817-4180)

### Worship

Christine Hensch  
(586-457-9196)

### Finance/Stewardship

Kim Schrote  
(586-925-8802)

### Memorial

Veronica Chrostowski  
(586-615-8735)

### Vitality

Michael Grzanka  
(586-248-1808)

### Personnel

Veronica C. (586-615-8735)  
Michael Grzanka (586-817-4180)  
Kim Schrote (586-925-8802)



## 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.

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Blanket Sunday Offering: May 10</b> </div>					1	2
3 Worship 10 am	4	5	6	7	8	9 Quilt Guild 10 am Euchre 6:30 pm Happy B-day to Logan Northam
10 Worship 10 am Church Council meets after service	11	12	13 Happy B-day to Jacob Marlow	14	15	16
17 Worship 10 am	18 Happy Anniversary to George & Sue Millbrand	19 Happy B-day to Ryan Schrote	20	21	22 Happy B-day to Vance Green	23
24 Worship 10 am	25 Happy B-day to Matthew Vívona	26 Happy B-day to Paul Achatz	27	28	29	30 Happy B-day to Alyson Achatz
31 Worship 10 am						



Return address requested

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