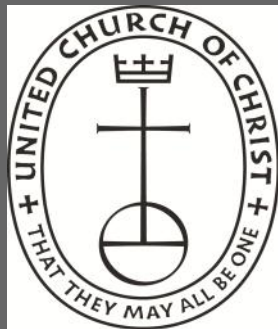


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RICHMOND, MICHIGAN
JUNE 2026



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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.*



June for Joy. No Mountains in the Way

Years ago a book of photographs appeared entitled *No Mountains in the Way*. It is/was a book all about Kansas and pictured the beautiful flat lands where one can see for miles with no mountains to block the view. Areas are rung in beauty for those who look. Just look at our beautiful Michigan. That same beauty is true of our daily lives—that is if we can keep the view free.

Every time we make mountains out of molehills, we block the view of all the beautiful things in our lives and homes. Molehill mountains have that magical power to blind us as they stand in the way. Take any one of your average molehills: the neighbors annoying pet, a visit by a not-so-favored relative, kids bringing dirt on the floor, loud music, and maybe something as simple as my friend didn't remember a birthday. Molehills come in ten thousand shapes and colors, and with a little attention and nurturing, one can become a Pike's Peak in no time at all. AI and Plastic for this writer!

Whenever that happens to us, we lose our view of what is wonderful in life. Because it bothers us that the person next to us in church sings flat, we lose an opportunity for communion with the Beloved. Distress at mud on the rug or an overlooked hug can drain the day of happiness and paint our world a dishwater gray.

Molehills are unnatural mountains since they are filled with the hot air of irritability. As soon as we see one "on the rise," we should puncture it with a laugh, a prayer or just plain good common sense. While mutual consideration for needs and preferences is important in living together, i.e. one who plays their music or the TV too loudly. Just remember the most important things in life are invisible. The name of that book could make a really good tombstone marker: "Here lies a person who lived with no mountains in the way."

Are you one of those who goes by a church and reads what their sign reads? Once in a while take a gander and see if the sign resonates with you.

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Messages I have appreciated include: "A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it isn't open."
"Those who deny liberty to others deserve it not for themselves."
"It's much easier to become a father than to be one."

Each Father's Day I reflect and give thanks not only for my Dad but also for the Father of my kids. No perfection in either! You have heard it said that many are attracted to someone like a parent and so it is. Both in my life could give a hundred percent to someone in their presence; both would give you their last dollar if you needed it; both could make me laugh; both could tell a long and drawn out story.

A father is called by many titles: "Father" "Pa," "Pop," "PaPa," with the accent on the first syllable, or if he is a reformer in society — "PaPa" with the accent on the last syllable; and if a genuine pal to his children—"Daddy." No matter, celebrate all Dad's this month and give thanks.



**Strengthen
the Church**



Our Mission for the Month of June:

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our Conference and National Ministries as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new

programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided between your Conference and the National Ministries. Learn more at www.ucc.org/stc

Use Your Practical Skills to Help Neighbors in Need



Volunteers are greatly needed to help frail, older and disabled adults in our community with the following:

**MINOR HOME REPAIRS
INDOOR/OUTDOOR
CHORES
BASIC HOUSEKEEPING**

For a frail older adult or a person with disabilities, simple tasks like dusting and vacuuming, changing light bulbs or raking leaves can be impossible. Many minor home repairs are often well beyond their abilities, and far too expensive for them to purchase professionally.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program helps our older and disabled neighbors with such tasks so they can remain safe and independent in their own homes. If you can help weekly, monthly or even just a couple times a year, please call us today. The time you give will make a real difference in someone's life. **Call 586-757-5551. (Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org).**

Church Council Highlights for May, 2026

- ▷ We will call Comcast as our bill has gone up exponentially.
 - ▷ Building and Grounds are working on the furnace and air conditioning replacement.
 - ▷ Building insurance is still being investigated.
 - ▷ While Chris Hensch is recuperating, she has named Jack to be her proxy.
 - ▷ We are still looking for fundraising ideas for this year.
 - ▷ Next council meeting is June 14 after service.
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You are invited to our monthly Euchre Night on Saturday, June 13 at 6:30 pm. We are welcoming more friends from the surrounding communities each month. Think about coming for a fun evening of

laughter, cards and snacks. Even if you have never played or it's been a while, we hope to see you soon!!



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.

[First United Church of Christ, Richmond, Michigan: 2026 UCC Lawn Care Volunteer Sign Up](#)



A big Thank You!!! to Donna, Terri, Pam, Pat, Veronica and Lynn for baking cakes for Armada UCC. Sorry for the inconvenience some of you experienced.



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. Right Click on the link below and open the hyperlink 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

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for June

- June 07** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 12:1-9 • Psalm 33:1-12 • Hosea 5:15-6:6 • Psalm 50:7-15 • Romans 4:13-25
• Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 14** **Third Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 18:1-15; (21:1-7) • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • Exodus 19:2-8a • Psalm 100
• Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
- June 21** **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 21:8-21 • Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 • Jeremiah 20:7-13 • Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15),
16-18 • Romans 6:1b-11 • **Matthew 10:24-39**
- June 28** **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 22:1-14 • Psalm 13 • Jeremiah 28:5-9 • Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
• Romans 6:12-23 • **Matthew 10:40-42**

Servers Rotation Schedule—2026

May 31

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

June 7

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

June 14

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

June 21

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

June 28

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

July 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 firstunitedccc@outlook.com or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155. Thank you.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Free Community Dinner



SUN 21 JUNE

3PM - 5PM



**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Watermelon & Dessert**



Dine In or Carry Out

**35110 Division Road
Richmond**

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



- 12 - Blake Schrote
- 27 - Kerri Green
- 27 - Doug R. Manska

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



- 01 - Doug & Suzie Manska
- 09 - Dave & Terry Hunger
- 15 - Ryan & Niki Schrote
- 30 - Mark & Vicky Davis



Offerings

May 24.....	\$ 250.00
May 17.....	\$ 235.00
May 10.....	\$1,409.00
May 03.....	\$ 540.00

Attendance

May 24.....	10
May 17.....	14
May 10.....	21
May 03.....	15



Attendance and Offering Report

Weekly Prayer Discipline for June

May 31 - June 6

Christine Hensch
 Terri Houston
 Dave & Terry Hunger

June 7 - 13

Carol Kulman
 Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Reagan
 & Mayella Manska
 Doug & Suzie Manska



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June 14 - 20

Jacob Marlow
 Lucia Marshall
 Kimberly McCardell

June 21 - 27

Lantz, Jennifer, Shane & Logan
 Northam
 Wendy Reindel
 Amy Santo & Matthew

June 28 - July 4

Adam Schrote
 Ron & Kim Schrote
 Ryan, Niki, Blake & Brady
 Schrote

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.**

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:



Mission

Kim Schrote
(586-925-8802)

Buildings and Grounds

Michael Grzanka
(586-817-4180)

Worship

Donna Cockerill
(586-872-8417)

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 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.

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Anniversary Doug & Suzie Manska	2	3	4	5	6
⁷ Worship 10 am	8	9 Happy Anniversary Dave & Terry Hunger	10	11	12 Happy B-day to Blake Schrote	13 Quilt Guild 10 am Euchre 6:30 pm
14 Worship 10 am Council meets after service	15 Happy Anniversary Ryan & Niki Schrote	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 10 am	22	23	24	25	26	27 Happy B-day: Kerri Green Doug R. Manska
28 Worship 10 am	29	30 Happy Anniversary Mark & Vicky Davis	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p><i>June Offering: Strengthen the Church</i></p> </div>			



Return address requested

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