

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RICHMOND, MICHIGAN
JULY 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.***



Dear Ones,

Over the last years, it has been my great joy to lead this wonderful congregation as Pastor and to serve alongside you as we discerned our way forward together. This time with you has been so beautiful and rewarding and I will treasure the memories of this season of my life always. However, as I mentioned at Church Council after much prayer and thoughtful consideration, I have decided to step down as Pastor at the end of August.

There will be an ALL CHURCH MEETING on August 16 to collaborate and prepare for First UCC's next steps. I am deeply grateful for all our wonderful lay leaders (every one of you!). Please continue to hold this Leadership/ Church Council in prayer as the future unfolds and please know that I will continue to pray for *you* and whatever unfolds. I thank you all for the love, tireless support, and grace you have shown me and Jack.

The peace of Christ be with you all,
Reverend Katie Dailey

My last Sunday will be the last Sunday of August. For those who have been in person of late, I hope you have loved the Genesis stories from Abraham to Joseph and the application to life. Again, from the bottom of my heart, and on behalf of Jack; Thank you. For your trust, your partnership, your love, and the privilege of serving among you. You will remain in our prayers and in our hearts.

With deep gratitude,

KatieD+

All-Church Meeting...

Please mark your calendar for a very important meeting on August 16th after the 10 am service when we will discuss where we go next as a church. Bills are higher than the income and our building is requiring more TLC due to age. Please plan to attend. We need everyone's opinion.

Dear Members and Friends,

Pastor Katie's announcement of retiring has led me to make a decision for my future as well. I've been thinking of retiring for the past two years, and now is a good time for me as well as for the future of this church and its congregation to make some real changes. I would like to let you know that my last day will be the last Friday in August.

When I first started working here as your church secretary, I didn't think I would stay so long (16 ½ years), but Pastor Katie and the active members in this congregation have made me happy and grateful that I could fill this position and get to know some really wonderful people.

Thank you for your kindness, help and support throughout these years, and please know that I will do what I can to help make this transition process as smooth as possible. I hope and pray for the best possible outcome when all is said and done, and I wish you all the best for the future.

Helen

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, home-bound and isolated 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
- ◆ And other support that can help a frail, older or disabled neighbor

Call 586-757-5551. (Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org).

Church Council Highlights from June, 2026

- ▷ Terri Verlinde is going through our Building Insurance with a fine-tooth comb to see if she can find an insurance that will save us money vs. Church Mutual.
 - ▷ Rich Weinert gave an update on the furnace. We are awaiting an estimate for just the furnace as the AC Unit is still good since it's not used as much. He also presented an estimate from Puwal's Plumbing Solutions for the Women's Bathroom drainage issue. The estimate is \$2,075.00.
 - ▷ Stewardship Letters will be sent out in August.
 - ▷ We will have no Church Services on July 5th and September 6th due to holidays. Communion will be served the next week we are in person.
 - ▷ Paper Quarterly Statements will be sent out the end of June and December. Emailing statements isn't an option due to our computer finance program.
 - ▷ Detailed discussion on how to go forward as a church. Our income is getting smaller and our output larger. Having an All-Church Meeting on August 16th after service.
 - ▷ Our next Council meeting will be August 9.
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You are invited to our monthly Euchre Night on Saturday, July 11 at 6:30 pm. We are welcoming more friends from the surrounding communities each month. Last month we welcomed 21 people.

Think about coming for a fun evening of laughter, cards and snacks. Even if you have never played or it's been a while, 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.



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 July

- July 05** **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 • Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
• Zechariah 9:9-12 • Psalm 145:8-14 • Romans 7:15-25a • **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**
- July 12** **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 25:19-34 • Psalm 119:105-112 • Isaiah 55:10-13 • Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13
• Romans 8:1-11 • **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**
- July 19** **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 28:10-19a • Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or
Isaiah 44:6-8 • Psalm 86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25 • **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**
- July 26** **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 29:15-28 • Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12
• Psalm 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

Servers Rotation Schedule—2026

June 28

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

July 5

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

July 12

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

July 19

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

July 26

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

August 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 or leave a phone message at the church office: 586-727-3155. Thank you.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SUNDAY JULY 19TH
3PM-5PM

*SLOPPY JOES
CHEESEY POTATOES
CUCUMBER SALAD
PIE & ICE CREAM*

Dine In or Carry Out

35110 Division Road
Richmond

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



07 - Joselyn Manska	22 - Daniel Weeks III
10 - Tom Hebel	26 - Raelynn Zych
17 - Brady Schrote	29 - Lydia Grzanka
22 - Brynn Dunsmore	30 - Justine Achatz

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



05 - Don & Donna Cockerill
11 - Tim & Hope Fair



Offerings

June 21.....\$ 305.00
June 14.....\$1,165.00
June 07.....\$1,176.00
May 31.....\$ 660.00

Attendance

June 21.....12
June 14.....18
June 07.....17
May 31.....30



Attendance and Offering Report

Weekly Prayer Discipline for July



<u>July 5 - 11</u> Lynn Stackpoole Ray Trombley Terri Verlinde	<u>July 12 - 18</u> Matt, Shannon, Elliot & Theodore Vivona Jackie Waszkiewicz James Weeks
<u>July 19 - 25</u> Rich & Sue Weinert Justine, Paul & Alyson Achatz Veronica Chrostowski	<u>July 26 - August 1</u> Don & Donna Cockerill Jack & Pastor Katie Dailey Mark & Vicky Davis

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:

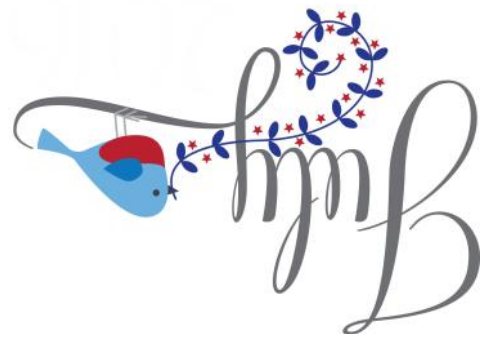
We are traveling life's road: created by God, guided by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and grounded in scripture. We strive to be individuals on a spiritual journey and a community sharing God's love with all.

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.

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 No Worship Service Happy Anniversary Don & Donna Cockerill	6	7 Happy B-day to Joselyn Manska	8	9	10 Happy B-day to Tom Hebel	11 Quilt Guild 10 am Euchre 6:30 pm Happy Anniversary Tim & Hope Fair
12 Worship w/ communion 10 am No Council Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 Happy B-day to Brady Schrote	18
19 Worship 10 am	20	21	22 Happy B-day: Brynn Dunsmore Daniel Weeks III	23	24	25
26 Worship 10 am Flowers from Darrel Haws imo Sharlene Happy B-day to Raelyn Zych	27	28	29 Happy B-day to Lydia Grzanka	30 Happy B-day to Justine Achatz	31	



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