

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RICHMOND, MICHIGAN
September 2026



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.*



So long, farewell!

Upon arrival to the Richmond local church, I have always felt a genuine welcome and appreciation. I stay with the Common Lectionary for the Scriptures because I was asked to keep worship 'Bible Based' and apply it to life today. Sometimes the application to life today challenged but that is what Scripture is supposed to do. It is a double-edged sword. Scripture will comfort sometimes and challenge at other times.

I recall being Pulpit Supply and on my way to Richmond when I received a call from Rich Weinert letting me know that one of the beloved of the church had died just after midnight and to expect all to be somber. The 'heads up' was greatly appreciated. The 'fourth angel' had passed.

At Church Council early on I delightfully remember the excitement of Sue as she would talk about her daughter expecting a first baby. The excitement was catchy. For some of us it brought back the feelings we had felt when a first grandchild was expected.

Shannon and Matt's rehearsal and wedding were fun and wonderful and the only wedding in my time at the local church. There are so many special times rolling around in my memory; there were the many times Glen and I would sit on opposite pews in the front of the sanctuary and chat. Suspenders will always make me think of Glen. Diane, well she was the first to climb the stairs up to the bell tower and officially welcome me.

The honor was mine to preside over funerals for long-standing members and then there were the funerals during Covid including Sharlene's. So many participated in a drive-by visitation for Sharlene at the funeral home so that the family could see how many wished they could be present.

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Every first Sunday of the month gave opportunity to share Communion with the gathered and that Table Fellowship is so special. Communion to shut-ins and/or those in Sr. Facilities always made time to really get acquainted and hear so many stories, funny ones and tender ones.

Baptisms have families re-connecting with the local church and every Baptism is special. On the weekend of the shutdown for Covid, Elliot was baptized, and afterwards we had no contact except by YouTube and sometimes by Zoom. No member of our local church died because of Covid. Baptisms for Elliot, Danny, Bryn, Raelyn, James, Lydia, Anthony, Samantha, Teddy, and Gia's just on August 23, were all special. Only Gia did a splashing of water onto the Pastor making sure I remembered my own baptism many years ago.

Because I have decided to officially retire from pastoring you need to know if I have made you 'think,' then I am happy. However, if I have offended anyone in the last years, I am sorry. It was never my intention to offend. A Committee on Ministry person will officially release me from being your pastor at worship on August 30.

All in all, it's been a wonderful time in my life and I thank all of you; especially those who serve on council and those who do first, second, third, fourth, or fifth Sunday lay reading and Donna who has been preparing Communion every first Sunday of the month. Helen was diligent in getting the snail mail and weekly Grind out to our homebound and those in Sr. Residences. Eagle-Eye Kim assisted each week with the worship text checking for typos that I missed, Ron has posted the worship, prayers, cartoons of the readings, Christian ed, the Readings and Grind on the website, and Jen has kept fb up with information. Building and Grounds and those on rotation for the grass-cutting have been super, and seasonally the whole church-cleaning has actually been fun. Working and playing together [i.e. Euchre every second Saturday] makes for good praying together. It has been an honor being your pastor. Thank you and God Bless.

Rev. Katie Dailey



Quarterly Statement:

Community Rewards for May 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026

19 Households—Total Donations: \$35.55

No in-person service at First UCC on September 6 & 13.

**Community Worship Service on Good Old Days Sunday
(September 13) at Trinity Lutheran, 10 am.**

Church Council Highlights from August 9, 2026

- Approved for Lennox Furnace only at the cost of \$6,370 and are awaiting an install date.
- In the Ladies bathroom we had a Camera Inspection and Snaking for a blockage at the cost of \$475. They did find some broken plastic in the line which will need to be removed.
- Stewardship letters to go out the week of August 17.
- Still looking into the Building Insurance.
- If you have any fundraising ideas please pass them along to a council member.
- Veronica and Michael will be co-chairing the Good Old Days food sales.
- Next council meeting is September 20.

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 & vacuuming, changing light bulbs or raking leaves can be impossible. Many minor home repairs are often 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 us at 586-757-5551, or visit www.ivcinfo.org to learn more.



Hello Members and Friends of First UCC,

We need volunteers to help mow and trim the lawn at First UCC for the 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.

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



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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying your summer months here despite the few smoky days we had. Here is the list of what the food pantry is in need of currently:

Manwich
Juice boxes
Hamburger Helper

Snack Pack pudding cups
cake mix/frosting
assorted jams/jellies

Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to provide.

God Bless!

Michele,
Richmond Community
Food Pantry



Trinity Lutheran Church

Free
Community Dinner

September 20th, 2026

3pm-5pm

Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Bean Cassarole
Rolls & Butter
Sheet Pies

35110 Division Road, Richmond
Dine In or Carry Out



Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for September

September 06	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 12:1-14 • Psalm 149 • Ezekiel 33:7-11 • Psalm 119:33-40 • Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20
September 13	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 14:19-31 • Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 • Genesis 50:15-21 • Psalm 103:(1-7, 8-13) • Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35
September 20	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 16:2-15 • Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 • Jonah 3:10-4:11 • Psalm 145:1-8 • Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16
September 27	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 • Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 • Psalm 25:1-9 • Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32

Servers Rotation Schedule—2026

August 30

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

September 20

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

September 06

Lay Reader.....No in-person service
Altar Flowers.....N/A

September 27

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

September 13

Lay Reader.....Community service
10 am at Trinity Lutheran
Altar Flowers.....Good Old Days

October 4

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw
Altar Flowers.....N/A

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 firstunit-edcc@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 September birthdays:



05 - Adam Schrote
17 - Amy Santo
26 - Darlene Furtaw

26 - Aubrey Hopp
30 - Elliot Vivona

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



15 - Matt & Shannon Vivona



Offerings

August 23.....\$ 931.00
August 16.....\$1,170.00
August 09.....\$ 985.00
August 02.....\$ 595.00

Attendance

August 23.....32
August 16.....34
August 09.....30
August 02.....16



Attendance and Offering Report

Weekly Prayer Discipline for September



September 6 - 12

Pat Fenton
Steve & Darlene Furtaw
Kerri Green

September 13 - 19

Vance & Pam Green
Mike Grzanka
Darrel Haws

September 20 - 26

Tom & Christine Hebel
Chris Hensch
Terri Houston

September 27 - October 3

Dave & Terry Hunger
Carol Kulman
Doug, Joselyn, Kaleb, Regan & Mayella Manska

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.

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Happy B-day to Adam Schrote
6 No in-person Worship Service	7 	8	9	10	11	12
13 Community Good Old Days Worship @ Trinity Lutheran 10 am	14	15 Happy Anniversary Matt & Shannon Vivona	16	17 Happy B-day to Amy Santo	18	19
20 Worship 10 am	21	22	23	24	25	26 Happy B-day to Darlene Furtaw
27 Worship 10 am	28	29	30 Happy B-day to Elliot Vivona			



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