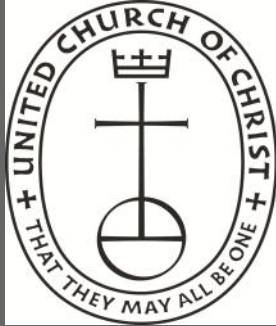


SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

October 2026



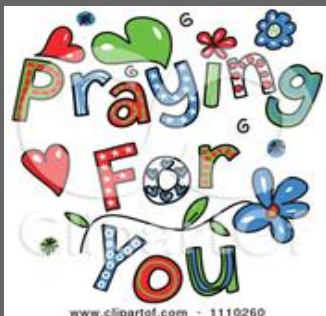
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OFFICE HOURS:
*Leave a message and/or an
email and someone will
promptly check back with you.*

*No matter what.
You are welcome here.*

**Worship
10 am**



A message based on Romans 5:8

What God Has Done for Us!

God has done more for us than we could ever measure. He has given us life, hope, and a future, even when we didn't deserve it. Through Jesus Christ, He showed us a love so deep that it changes everything about who we are and how we live. God's goodness isn't just something from the past—it's something we experience every single day.

*He **forgives** us when we fail. He **strengthens** us when we are weak. He **comforts** us when we are hurting. And He **guides** us when we don't know which way to go. His blessings are not always loud or dramatic; sometimes they come quietly, through peace in our hearts, through kindness from others, or through the simple gift of waking up to a new day.*

*One of the greatest things God has done is give us **salvation** through Jesus. Because of Christ, we are not defined by our mistakes but by God's grace. We are loved, chosen, and redeemed.*

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8

May we continue to remember His goodness, celebrate His love, and share His hope with everyone around us. Pray for our Church!



Annual Congregational Budget and
All Church Meeting
October 18, 2026

Please mark your calendar for a very important meeting on **October 18th** after the 10 am service when we will review the budget prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the church council. Please plan to attend. We need everyone's opinion. This is very important to our future moving forward. We need all members to attend.
Please plan to attend!

October 4.....

*Neighbors In
Need Offering*



Quarterly Statement:

Community Rewards for May1, 2026 - July 31, 2026

19 Households—Total Donations: \$35.55



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.

Council Highlights

Highlights from September 20th Council Meeting

- We have a bid from DeBuck's for Snow Removal.
- Annual Budget Meeting on October 18th after service.
- How to get Congregational response to both Help List and Pledges?
- Only 6 Pledges have been returned as of 09/20/2026 totaling roughly \$18,000. Last year we had 10 returned.
- Should we get Supply Pastors at \$250 fee (for possibility of only the sermon) plus milage of \$.725/mile, totaling almost as much as we were paying a part-time pastor? Or should we continue the format we used on 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 9:30 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.

Go to: firstuccrichmond.yolasite.com and find plenty of information about our church. We are active also on Facebook.



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:

Paper Goods
Laundry supplies
Dish Soap/Dishwasher tabs

Cleaning supplies
Hand Sanitizer/Hand soap

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

God Bless!

Michele,
Richmond Community
Food Pantry

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



You are invited to a home cooked meal!

FREE
*Community
Dinner*

Sunday October 18th
3 pm - 5 pm



Beef Stew
Bread
Dessert



35110 Division Rd Richmond
Dine In or Carry Out





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 18: Budget meeting after service.				1 Mich Conference Annual Meeting Welcome @ Peoples Church of Flint	2 Mich Conference First Congregational Church in Grand Blanc	3 Mich Conference First Congregational Church in Grand Blanc
4 Worship 10:00 am Communion Happy B-day to Anthony Zych	5	6	7 Happy Anniversary Vance & Pam Green	8	9	10 Euchre 6:30 pm
11 Worship 10:00 am Happy B-day to Kim McCardell Council Meeting	12	13	14 Happy B-day: Patty Kelly and Reagan Manska	15	16	17
18 Worship 10:00 am Annual Budget Meeting after Service	19 Happy B-day to Mark Davis	20	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 10:00 am	26	27 Happy B-day: Pat Fenton and Steve Furtaw	28	29	30	31

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for October

October 4 : Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19, Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

October 11: Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23,
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

October 18: Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99, Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13),
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

October 25: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

November 1: Revelation 7:9-17 and Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Servers Rotation Schedule—2026

October 4

Lay Reader.....Darlene Furtaw Communion/Coffee Hour

October 11

Lay Reader.....Mike Grzanka

October 18

Lay Reader.....Kim Schrote

October 25

Lay ReaderKim McCardell

November 1

Lay Reader.....Ron Schrote Communion/Coffee Hour

We need Volunteers for Alter Flowers for all weeks.

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

October 4: Anthony Zych
October 11: Kim McCardell
October 14: Patty Kelly and
Reagan Manska

October 19: Mark Davis
October 27: Pat Fenton
and Steve Furtaw

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

October 7: Vance and Pam Green



Weekly Prayer Discipline for October

October 4-10

Jacob Marlow

Lucia Marshall

Kim and Gia McCardell

October 11-17

George and Sue Millbrand

Lantz, Jennifer, Shane
and Logan Northam

Lisa O'Rourke

October 18-24

Rob, Wendy and Drew Reindel

Amy and Matthew Santo

Adam Schrote

October 25-31

Ron and Kim Schrote

Ryan, Niki, Blake
and Brady Schrote

Lynn Stackpoole



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>
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
Steve Furtaw	Council Member	586-855-3248	2028

You are invited to our monthly Euchre Night!
Saturday, October 10th at 6:30 pm. Stop by for some good laughter, meet new people, snacks and oh, I forgot, play cards!



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

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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.

2026 October

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