

SHARING THE WORD

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RICHMOND, MICHIGAN

February 2026



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TUESDAYS

8:30 AM - 12 NOON

FRIDAYS

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.*



Stop-Rest-Connect...

Never say never! I am one of those who said that about 'binge' watching TV movies and/or series, and on our recent below zero temperatures and snow falling all day on a Sunday, I did just that! I stopped, I rested, and I connected.

Professor T is a British crime drama airing on PBS in the United States featuring Ben Miller as an eccentric Cambridge criminologist with OCD who assists police. The series features complex, often humorous, mystery cases.

Key Details About Professor T on PBS:

- Plot: Professor Jasper Tempest (Ben Miller) is a brilliant, obsessive-compulsive criminologist who assists the police with difficult cases, often clashing with others due to his rigid blunt nature.
- Cast: Alongside Ben Miller, the show features Emma Naomi, Barney White, and Frances de la Tour as the professor's eccentric mother. I find his mother a hoot.

The series is known for its blend of mystery and character-driven drama with many viewers praising performances and the "grey cells" required to follow the plot.

Obviously, this pastor has enough "gray cells" and enjoyed the day of bingeing even more than a recent spiritual retreat. Between parts of the series, I found myself thinking about Lent and what it means and doesn't mean to folks. It is just the same-old for some, and for others it is a time to fast, not necessarily from desserts or drinks, but fast and change maybe a habit you've developed that is not positive.

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Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18, and a simple prayer with distribution of Ashes will be at noon. On the Wednesday evenings of Lent beginning on February 25, I will offer sessions on Couple Communication and tie them in with what the Scripture has to say regarding how we interact. This decision to offer this came about because of *Professor T* and the rest of the cast and how they relate to one another and how avoidance can destroy a relationship. So goes!

The invite to participate for Ashes on Ash Wednesday and study on Wednesday evenings is for anyone. If you know of anyone who might be interested in "Couple Communication" please pass the word.

Easter is early this year, April 5. I pray that the season of Lent will be prayerful and a time open to learning something new OR changing something within that needs change. When Easter Sunday arrives, just maybe, some will feel as beautiful as the Easter flowers.

Pastor KatieD+

Church Council January Highlights

- > Thanked Donna Cockerill, Jack Dailey, & Pat Fenton for serving out their 3-year terms.
 - > Chose new officers: Kim Schrote (President); Christine Hensch (Vice-President); Mike Grzanka (Secretary); Veronica Chrostowski, Mike Grzanka and Kim Schrote (Personnel Committee)
 - > PayPal Donations changed the way we will be paid. Now, if you make a donation in January, it will appear on your statement as February.
 - > Council approved a maintenance contract with Superior for the Furnace/Boiler.
 - > There will be no Auction nor Yard Sale in 2026. We will need fundraisers to replace those in order to bring more money into our General Fund. Please contact a council member with any ideas you have.
 - > The lock was replaced on the back door so your old key will no longer work. If you need a key, please contact Helen (Tuesday & Friday mornings).
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Trinity Lutheran Church

FREE

Community Dinner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

3 - 5 PM

*Beef Stroganoff
Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Cheesecake*

35110 Division, Richmond
Dine In or Carry Out



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. Press Ctrl + 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**

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, homebound 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 us at 586-757-5551 for more information.

One more Christmas bonus "Thank you" from Bob, our piano player.

Dear Congregation,

Praying the Lord blesses your giving heart in abundant measure.

Thank you so much everyone!

Bob



Join us for Euchre Night on Saturday, February 14 at 6:30 pm. We have been blessed with more people from the community who come and enjoy the evenings. If you want to meet

new people, play Euchre and have an evening of laughter, come and join us! And, we always appreciate any snacks you would like to bring to share.



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.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for February

- February 01 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8 • Psalm 15 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • **Matthew 5:1-12**
- February 08 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12) • Psalm 112:1-9, (10) • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)
• **Matthew 5:13-20**
- February 15 Transfiguration
Exodus 24:12-18 • Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 • 2 Peter 1:16-21 • **Matthew 17:1-9**
- February 22 First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5:12-19 • **Matthew 4:1-11**

Servers Rotation Schedule—2026

February 1

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

February 8

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

February 15

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

February 22

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

March 1

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

March 8

Lay Reader.....Chris Hensch
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.

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



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| 01 - Kim Schrote | 15 - Andrea Larson |
| 07 - Jim Weeks | 17 - Sebastian Burkhart |
| 10 - Gia McCardell | 17 - Sue Millbrand |
| 11 - Veronica Chrostowski | 17 - Shane Northam |
| 12 - Pam Green | 27 - Ron Schrote |
| 13 - Sue Weinert | |

Offerings

January 25.....\$ 602.00
 January 18.....\$ 456.00
 January 11.....\$ 581.00
 January 04.....\$1,257.00

Attendance

January 25.....N/A
 January 18.....20
 January 11.....15
 January 04.....16



Attendance and Offering Report

Weekly Prayer Discipline for February

<p><u>February 1 - 7</u></p> <p>Don & Donna Cockerill Jack & Pastor Katie Dailey Mark & Vicky Davis</p>	<p><u>February 8 - 14</u></p> <p>Jerry & Lynn Dunsmore Karen Eltringham Tim & Hope Fair</p>
<p><u>February 15 - 21</u></p> <p>Pat Fenton Steve & Darlene Furtaw Kerri Green</p>	<p><u>February 22 - 28</u></p> <p>Pam & Vance Green Darrel Haws Christine & Tom Hebel</p>



A Bit of Humor...

You know you're at your 50th class reunion when the DJ plays "Staying Alive" and it's more of a goal than a song.

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
Veronica Chrostowski	Council Member	586-615-8735	2028
Chris Hensch	Vice President	586-457-9196	2026
Kim Schrote	Council President	586-925-8802	2026
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 will be updated.



Mission

Steve Furtaw
(586-855-3248)

Buildings and Grounds

Jack Dailey
(586-202-7358)

Worship

Donna Cockerill
(586-872-8417)

Finance/Stewardship

Steve Furtaw
(586-855-3248)

Memorial

Veronica Chrostowski
(586-615-8735)

Vitality

Pat Fenton
(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.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10 am Happy B-day to Kim Schrote	2	3	4	5	6	7 Happy B-day to Jim Weeks
8 Worship 10 am Council meets after service	9	10 Happy B-day to Gia McCardell	11 Happy B-day to Veronica Chrostowski	12 Happy B-day to Pam Green	13 Happy B-day to Sue Weinert	14 Quilt Guild 10 am Euchre 6:30 pm
15 Worship 10 am Happy B-day to Andrea Larson	16	17 Happy B-day: Sebastian Burkhart Sue Millbrand Shane Northam	18 Ash Wednesday 12 noon Short service w/ distribution of ashes	19	20	21
22 Worship 10 am	23	24	25	26	27 Happy B-day to Ron Schrote	28



Return address requested

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