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FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RICHMOND, MICHIGAN
November 2026

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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



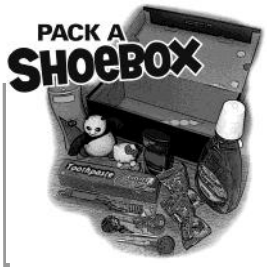
A message from the Church Council President:

November is just around the corner. Are we ready for colder weather and maybe even some of that white stuff on the ground?

However, November also brings Thanksgiving. Not just the turkey and all the yummy sides that sit on the table but a time to reflect on who and what we are most Thankful for. This year I'm thankful for all the people in our church. We have worked together to keep our services running, building clean and most of all for the LOVE we have for each other. At our meeting on October 18th , we again worked together to decide what the future of First United Church of Christ should look like. We decided to keep the doors open and revisit again in a January Annual Meeting. We will revisit our finances and how we are doing. Now we must continue to lift each other up as we work through the days ahead. When you are asked to help with a task, please say YES no matter how busy you are in your own life. We will need each and everyone of US to get the church pews filled again. Please continue to pray for our church and each other Daily, as God smiles down on us as His Children and wraps us in his loving arms.

With love,
Kim Schrote
Council President





CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES/BAGS

For the past several years we have been sending our shoe boxes/bags to K.I.D.S. in St. Clair. Again, this year we will be doing the same. A few reminders:

*Remember to not wrap your gift(s) just put the paper inside.
*No candy or religious items.
*Label the box or bag with boy or girl and age range.
Please bring your boxes/bags to Church by November 22.

Below are the other needs listed by K.I.D.S. manager:

Any Coats (Especially Boys 5T)
Boys and Girls Pants Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6
Towels
Underwear
Winter Socks
Diapers Size 4 or 5
Hygiene Items All Ages

Mission News



A Thank You note from Cheryl Burke

(Michigan Conference)

Thank you for your gift of $3000 in 2025. 90% of OCWM Basic Support remains in Michigan for our clergy and churches. This is how the wider church is able to support you and other churches in transition.



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

Council Highlights from October 11, 2026

 Council approved the 2027 Budget and will have Congregation vote on it at the Annual Meeting on October 18 th

 Constitution Article X – Bring to Congregational Meeting on the 18th

 Discussed the Endowment Fund to possibly change rules. To be discussed with Congregation at Meeting 10/18/26

 Elevator Quarterly Maintenance done on 10/06/26

 State Boiler Inspection scheduled for 10/28/26

 Snow Removal for 26-27 season with DeBuck's Landscaping approved

 Discussed Superior Heating Service Maintenance and will follow up on

 Discussion for Meeting on October 18, 2026

 Still having conversation about Supply Ministers



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 out church. We are active also on Facebook.



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



Hello Everyone,
November 2026
I hope you are enjoying your Fall months here despite the few cooler days we had. Here is the list of what the food pantry is in need of currently:

Boxes of Cereal
Oatmeal
Pancake mix
Mac and Cheese
Paper products
Canned Meats
Pasta/sauce
Canned fruit

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

God Bless!

Michele,
Richmond Community
Food Pantry

You're Invited to a

Thanksgiving CELEBRATION!

Let's come together to give thanks, share a meal, and enjoy the season.

FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 2-5 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

35110 DIVISION RD, RICHMOND

TRADITIONAL MEAL:

Turkey
Mashed potatoes with Gravy
Stuffing
Desserts



Everyone is welcome—family, friends, neighbors!

Dine In or Carry Out

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10 am All Saints Day Service	2	3	4	5	6	7 Happy B-day to Christine Hensch
8 Worship 10 am Church Council meets after service	9	10 Happy B-day to Karen Eltringham	11 	12	13 Happy B-day to Donna Cockerill	14 Euchre 6:30 pm Happy B-day to Mayella Manska
15 Worship 10 am	16	17	18	19	20 Happy Anniversary Jack & Katie Dailey Happy B-day to Suzie Manska	21
22 Worship 10 am Hanging of the Greens after service	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29 Worship 10 am 1st Sunday of Advent	30 Happy B-day to Katie Dailey				Daylight Saving Time ends November 1.	

Celebrate All Saints Day on November 1st.

What does All Saints' Day mean?

All Saints' Day celebrates the lives of people who faithfully followed God and now share in eternal life with Him. All Saints' Day is a day to remember and celebrate the holy men and women who have gone before us in faith, thank God for their example, and reflect on our own calling to live a holy life.



Hanging of the Greens

Join us on November 22 after service.

What is the Hanging of the Greens?

The Hanging of the Greens is a Christian church tradition that marks the beginning of the Advent and Christmas season by decorating the church with evergreens and other symbols of Christmas. It is a joyful service that helps prepare the church and the congregation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Sunday Services

Scripture Readings for November

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

November 8: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

November 15: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

November 22: Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

November 29: Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-191 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

First Sunday of Advent

Servers Rotation Schedule—2026

November 1..... Darlene Furtaw Communion/Coffee Hour

November 8..... Michael Grzanka

November 15.....Kim McCardell

November 22.....Kim Schrote

November 29.....Ron Schrote

We need Volunteers for Alter Flowers for all weeks.



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

Christine Hensch— 11-7

Karen Eltringham—11-10

Donna Cockerill—11-13

Mayella Manska—11-14

Suzanne Manska—11-20

Katie Dailey 11-30



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



Jack and Katie Dailey 11-20

Weekly Prayer Discipline for November 2026

<u>November 1-7</u>

Ray Trombly
Terri Verlinde
Matthew, Shannon, Elliot and Theodore Vivona

<u>November 8-15</u>

Jackie Waszkiewicz
James Weeks
Mark and Vicki Davis

<u>November 16-22</u>

Jerry and Lynn Dunsmore
Karen Eltringham
Tim and Hope Fair

<u>November 23 –29</u>

Pat Fenton
Steve and Darlene Furtaw
Kerri Green

Your Church Council

Listed below are your church council members. Please contact any one of them with any questions, comments or concerns.

Name	Position	Phone	Term Ends
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, November 14 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.

Teams and COMMITTEES

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.

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Return address requested

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