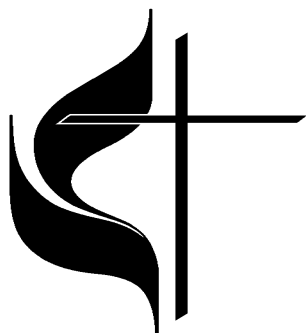


# First United Methodist Church of Richmond

May, 2018



## First United Methodist Church

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Monday - Thursday  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

*First United Methodist Church of Richmond will provide an environment in which people are invited and encouraged to learn, live and share in the teachings of Jesus Christ and celebrate in the worship of God.*



Friends -

Many changes are afoot in the United Methodist Church. Besides the change in leadership here at Richmond, the district that the congregation belongs to will be changing on July 1. We will go from being in the Blue Water District which encompassed the thumb south to Mt. Clemens, to being at the southern tip of the East Winds District which includes the eastern half of the thumb, and extends west past Flint. This will offer us opportunities to engage with rural, urban and suburban churches in powerful ministry.

May 30th is the beginning of the Michigan Area Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Laura Pobanz and I will be representing Richmond First UMC at the conference in Traverse City. This will be the final year that Michigan is divided between the Detroit Conference and the West Michigan Conference. But, both conferences will gather together in a unified mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, across the state of Michigan. We will have the opportunity to network with churches and ministries around the state. We will vote on church policy. And we will be inspired by worship and speakers and trainings. If you are interested in knowing more about this conference, go to [michiganumc.org](http://michiganumc.org) website and click on "Engage with Ministry and Mission" Annual Conference for the details. Or talk to Laura or me when we get back!

Lastly, there is possible change coming in the denomination. In February there will be a special general conference (the worldwide church gathers) that will specifically address the way the church treats people who are gay and lesbian. Since January of 2017, the Commission on a Way Forward has met faithfully to draft a report that will assist the bishops of the United Methodist Church in making a good decision. The presentation of their report will take place at a Bishop's gathering April 29 - May 4.

The church is and has always been a dynamic living organism. Change is a sure sign of life! It is never easy, but as long as it is life-giving, it is worth it. Please be in prayer for all who are impacted by these changes. Pray for Pastor Tom and Family. Pray for the Commission on a Way Forward. Pray for the Council of Bishops. Pray for the United Methodist Churches in Michigan. Pray for all the people we want to serve.

Blessings, Pastor Suzy



Peyton Harvey (granddaughter of  
Sharron Jusko)  
Bobbie King  
Betty Belhoner  
Nancy Kain



Family & Friends of  
Mildred, Jean Breederland's sister  
Elenore MacIvor

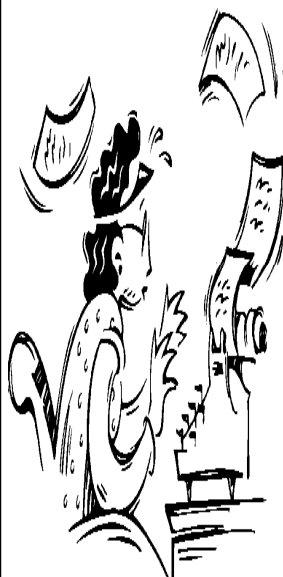
### On Going Concerns:

Margaret Gibson  
Lois Michelson  
Signe Jarvis  
Winnie Rickert  
Hazel Hare  
Pastor Brown Gaysue  
& our sister church in  
Liberia



### **Serving in the Military:**

*James Skoryanc (Rudolph)*  
*Bryan Oke (stateside; Quick)*  
*Christopher Elam (Germany; Fuerstenau)*  
*Paige M. Hoag*  
*Thomas Blake (Stateside; Rowley)*  
*Collin Keller (Germany; Hutchison)*  
*Kelly Walkowski*  
*John Johnston (Patchel)*  
*Jack Monroe (McClellan)*  
*Jamie Brooks (Walkowski)*  
*Nick Miller (stateside)*  
*David Patchel*  
*William Stoffel, Jr (Gibbs)*  
*Kyle Darmanin (Evans)*



Deadline for the  
**June**  
Newsletter is

**Monday**  
**May 14th**

Promptness with your  
article is greatly  
appreciated.  
Thank you.  
*Jennifer*

**From the Editor**



**Thursday, May 3rd**

  
**MEMORIAL**  
**+DAY+**  
**MAY 28, 2018**



## United Methodist Women News...

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve other, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4: 10 (NIV)**

United  
Methodist  
Women

'Busy Hands' is going strong! The more 'Hands' the better!!! We need 'U' as we share this precious time of God working in and thru us. Bring your imagination and energy, skill is individual and there is always something for every level!

**Remember: May 9 @ 12:30 p.m. UMW Meeting**  
**\*Every Wednesday 10:00—Noon ~ "Busy Hands"!**  
**WE NEED 'U' in our 'U'MW fellowship!**

### Discipleship Path

**Class 201:** May 6th continues with our **201** Class it is for everyone looking to begin or continue their spiritual journey with Christ and what it means to have a relationship with God. This class is low key and user friendly! No pop-quizzes, lol.

**Class 301:** Is **May 13<sup>th</sup>** Discovering your gifts. Get connected and plugged in here at RFUMC.

Next fall we will kick off our deeper discipleship classes that will be eight week studies about all aspects of the Christian faith and deepening our relationship with Christ. Jesus said simply, "Come and follow me", let's do it!

All classes are here at RFUMC Sunday 11:15-12:15

### Sound Board Tech Needed

We are in need of someone to replace David Hutchison as the Sunday morning sound board tech. They would need to sit and train with David for the next few weeks. If you are interested, please contact David Hutchison or the church office. Thank you!

### Polish Dinner Workers

**Dinner and Clean-up Workers on Wednesday, May 2nd are still needed!** Monetary donations can be placed in the offering basket or mailed to the church office and labeled Polish Dinner. Thank you for sharing your time and your generosity in the support of our Polish Dinner!



### Peace with Justice Special Sunday

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Just contemplate for a moment the injustices you have heard or read about regarding children and women.

Even though our congregation is not large even a small amount of giving on Sunday May 27, can effect change in a broken world. Your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

Submitted by,  
Patricia Gibbs



## Facts and Figures as of

**Sunday, March 25, 2018** 10:00 a.m. ~ 85  
Weekly Givings Total: \$1,656.00

**Sunday, April 1, 2018, Easter** 10:00am~ 135  
Weekly Givings Total: \$3,318.80

**Sunday, April 8, 2018** 10:00 a.m. ~ 65  
Weekly Givings Total: \$3,221.00

**Sunday, April 15, 2018** 10:00 am~ 35  
Weekly Givings Total: \$1,450.00

**Sunday, April 22, 2018** 10:00 a.m. ~ 82  
Weekly Givings Total: \$2,947.50



Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 13th!**

### Congregational Meeting

A meeting will be held after church service on **Sunday, May 6**, with Leadership Council to discuss the Parsonage Preparation and Pastor Transition. All are welcome to attend.

## BUSY HANDS!

BUSY HANDS ARE BACK!!

Join us on any Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. till Noon in the church basement—no skill required—just a willing spirit and a friendly smile. We will find a job for you!!



We Need!

IDEAS!! IDEAS!! IDEAS!!!



### Need Prayer?

A member of the Prayer Team will be available 20 minutes before the start of service and after service for anyone who would like one-on-one prayer.

### INKJET CARTRIDGES!

Don't throw them away! We can recycle them at Staples and get up to \$40.00 per month towards the purchase of our office supplies! Please deposit any ink cartridges you have in the box located by the side entrance doors. Thank you!

### United Methodist Annual Conference

This years meeting is being held in Traverse City, Michigan on

May 31st through June 3rd

Visit the UMC website for more information at [michiganumc.org](http://michiganumc.org)



I would like to thank the ladies who remembered me in so many ways this past cold winter season. Your kind notes, cards and other tokens of thoughtfulness overwhelm me. It changed a bleak day into sunshine! A big "Shout Out" for the ladies of the 1st U.M.C.

Thank You!!

*Doris Fuerstenau*

## May Birthdays



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 2nd~** Amy Foster  
 Lily Yelencich  
**5th~** Kim Grose  
**7th~** Doris Fuerstenau,  
 Jeffery Michelsen  
**8th~** Donna Quick  
**11th~** Christine Rowley-Hebel  
 Mary Ann Rowley  
 Helga Wisswell  
**14th~** Bonnie Puls  
**16th~** Jackson Rix  
 James Allen  
**17th~** Scott Light  
**18th~** Lindi Denny  
**19th~** Margaret Gibson  
 Marie Pobanz  
**21st~** Noel Grose  
**30th~** Doug Logan

If you or a family member have a birthday or anniversary this month, but are not on this list, please contact the church office so we can update our information. Thank you!

## Backpack Blessings Program

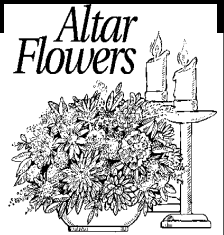
Each week, Richmond First United Methodist provides food for families in the local school district who are experiencing food insecurity for a variety of reasons. We have a faithful team of volunteers who stuff the backpacks, deliver the food, organize the inventory and shop. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE TEAM. We are looking for people willing to cut coupons. We are looking for people willing to liaison to community groups and clubs for fundraising and awareness raising. We are looking for people who would be willing to work from home writing grants, making phone calls, etc... Contact Janeane Avery at 586-727-4388 to volunteer to help!

BACKPACK BLESSINGS



## The Flower Chart for 2018

still has dates available! The cost for an arrangement is \$17.50. These flowers are paid for by members of our congregation with specific dedications listed in the bulletin. This is a wonderful way to provide flowers as a memorial or to honor someone, or celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during the 2018 church year, **and of course you are welcome to take them home to enjoy or share with someone after the Service.**



Please make sure your flower payments are in the office before your scheduled Sunday. You may bring your payment to the office or put it in the offering in an envelope marked "altar flowers". Thanks, *Jennifer*

Below is a copy of the Altar Flower Calendar for the next few months of 2018. It shows the dates that are available. Call the church office (727-2622) if you would like to reserve a Sunday.

### May, 2018

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13 Fruin \_\_\_\_\_

20 \_\_\_\_\_

27 \_\_\_\_\_

### June, 2018

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10 Fruin \_\_\_\_\_

17 \_\_\_\_\_

24 \_\_\_\_\_

### July, 2018

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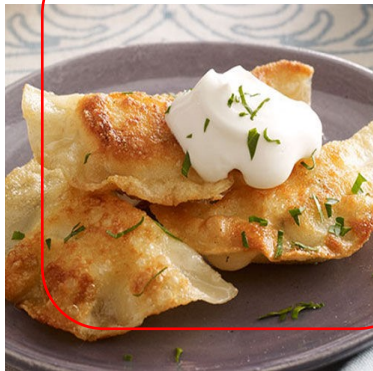
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22 \_\_\_\_\_

29 \_\_\_\_\_

# AUTHENTIC POLISH DINNER



**Wed., May 2nd 2018**

**5:00—7:30 p.m.**

**Adults: \$12.00**

**Children 6-12: \$6.00**

**Children 5 & under: Free**

**Carry-outs: \$13.00**

## MENU

Golobka (Stuffed Cabbage), Fresh Handmade Kielbasa,  
Handmade Pierogis, Dill Pickle Soup, Mashed Potatoes,  
Gravy, Green Beans, Cucumbers in Sour Cream, Rye Bread,  
Relish Tray, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk

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