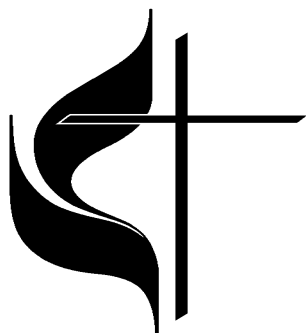


First United Methodist Church of Richmond

July / August, 2017



First United Methodist Church

Suzy Hutchison, Pastor
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Summer Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday
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,
Summer is racing past us. It kicked off with Annual Conference, and will culminate with our Good Old Days celebration. I am enjoying the summer worship series: Road Signs of Faith. It is fun to share stories from my family's road trip, and to hear stories about the ways you have experienced God in your spiritual journeys.

Sometimes we get so caught up on getting to the destination. We fail to appreciate the journey. My hope for this series is that we learn to appreciate all the little moments along the way. I hope that we discover that some of the best moments in life are in the process, not in the product. I hope that we come to know that we meet Jesus on the road, not merely at the destination.

I came to serve at Richmond First United Methodist on July 1, 2014. We have been on a journey together for three years now. I don't know where or when the journey will end, but I know that each step of the journey has been challenging and rewarding. I expect nothing less out of this 4th year of ministry together. Let us dream a big dream together.

I hope this fourth year will see more people engaging in classes and Bible study groups. I hope we will see more people active in worship; singing, leading, reading, ushering, counting, preaching and any other way. I hope we will see more people welcoming each other and guests through coffee hours, greeters, or shepherds. I hope we will see more people get involved in leadership, leading a stewardship team, a new worship team, a class, a mission or a ministry.

My hope for this fourth year of ministry here is to see growth. I'd like to see growth in the number of visitors who attend our worship services. I'd like to see growth in the number of people we serve in the community. I'd like to see growth in the depth of prayer, biblical literacy, mission and community. I'd like to see growth in how this congregation is a blessing to the community of Richmond and a part of the kingdom of God.

Blessings, *Pastor Suzy*



Peyton Harvey (granddaughter
of Sharron Jusko)
Jan Roland
Sharon Jenkins
Carole Evans
Cheryl Cook-Emery
Friends and Family of
Maria Kontoudis on the
passing of her father



On Going Concerns:

Lisa Lauson
Helen Hill
Winnie Rickert
Lois Michelson
Signe Jarvis
Elenore MacIvor
Pastor Brown
Gaysue & our sister
church in Liberia



Serving in the Military:

James Skoryanc (Rudolph)
Steven Pankiewicz (Gutt)
Bryan Oke (stateside; Quick)
Christopher Elam (Germany; Fuer-
stenau)
Paige M. Hoag
Thomas Blake (Stateside; Rowley)
Collin Keller (Turkey; Hutchison)
Kelly Walkowski (Marine Boot Camp)
John Johnston (Patchel)
Jack Monroe (McClellan)
Jamie Brooks (Walkowski)
Nick Miller (stateside)
David Patchel
William Stoffel, Jr (Gibbs)
Kyle Darmanin (Evans)



Please help us
update this
page by calling
the church
office during
the month of
July with any
changes or
corrections!
All information
for the
September
newsletter is
due
by August
15th!!

From the Editor

INKJET CARTRIDGES!

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them at Staples and get up to \$40.00 per
month towards the purchase of our office
supplies! Please deposit any ink cartridg-
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entrance doors. Thank you!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS.....

---"*I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.*" Acts 10:34 NRSV

Beautiful fellowship as we gathered for the last meeting until September! Thanks to hostess Christine Rowley, we celebrated with a delicious rhubarb-strawberry cake topped with ice cream---Ummmm, Good! Pat Gibbs gave a synopsis of the book "*Hidden Figures*" by Margot Lee Shetterly. She made an excellent choice of using Acts 10:1-34, Paul's message of the conversion of Cornelius, to convey God's command to show *no partiality*.

We will again support the "Dress For Success" uniforms for Cass Community School Children. Watch the September newsletter for more details! Come participate in the Community Yard Sale July 28 & 29. We have an accumulation of items, and perhaps you'd like to set up your own table "yard sale"!

Dates to Remember....

July 12, at 12:30 p.m.....Our Annual 'Out to Lunch' at Ken's Country Kitchen. All women invited! Beth Fruin is our hostess.

July 28, 9:00-6:00 p.m. & 29th 9:00—2:00 p.m.....'Rummage & Relic Sale'

NO AUGUST MEETING---BUT, BUSY HANDS EVERY WEDNESDAY 10-NOON

In His Service,
Donna Quick, President

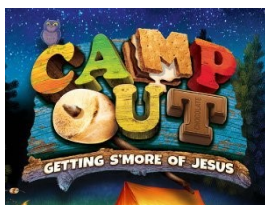
Community Worship Service and Hot Dog Lunch!

September 10 - Good Old Days worship at Trinity ELCA followed by free lunch in our church parking lot. We'll be providing hot dogs, chips, water bottles, etc... Give of your time. Get to know the people of the community who are not currently in church homes. welcome them to Richmond First UMC and show them the love of Christ! Can you roast hot dogs? Serve food? Chat with our neighbors? Are you willing to keep the building cooled so that people can find refuge from the heat, and a bathroom to use? Are you willing to donate food? Maybe even bake some brownies?

Vacation Bible School 2017!

Tuesday, August 8 -Thursday, August 10
Starting with Dinner at 5:30 and
program from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Camp Out: Getting S'more Jesus
will take place at Trinity ELCA. Come and help make Jesus real for the next generation! Contact Marilyn Frank at Trinity Lutheran, to volunteer.



Pastor Suzy will be away in the month of August. She and David will be on vacation **August 2-6** and then she will be away at school **August 7-17**. Other pastors in the area will be covering for her responsibilities. If you need something please contact the church office.

Join us!

A Study on the Book of Jonah - This two part class will take place at **7PM at the church on September 11 and September 25**. We'll have fun exploring this book together. RSVP to pastorsuzyumc@gmail.com

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd~ Gail McMaken
4th ~ David Hutchison
6th~ Sue Nieman,
Janice Rowley,
Ione Dawe
9th~ Mark Rix
10th~ Tom Hebel
12th~ Rachael Nieman,
Becky Nieman
16th~ Kathleen Patchel
21st ~ Garrett Haberer
22nd~Walter Gates
23rd~ Shelby McCormick
25th~ Tom Rix
26th~ Ashlyn Kramer
30th~ Kirsten Peninger



If you or your 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!

Anniversaries in July

July 2, 1954

George & Mary Fealko

July 30, 1983

Steve & Charlotte Pierzynski

July 20, 1973

Don & Marsha Jakubowski

July 20, 2001

Andy & Tammi Rosick

July 31, 2004

Robert & Cheryl Rowley



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st~ Sandy McClellan,
Mike Rix,
Benjamin Light
3rd~ Marsha Jakubowski
6th~ Jeana Wofford
7th~ Debbie Rhein
9th~ Tammi Rosick
11th~ Debbie Fuerstenau,
Alexandra Light
12th ~ Kylie Kramer
13th~ Debbie Merecki
17th~ Suzy Hutchison
18th~ Vern Patterson
19th~ Sherry Peninger
20th~ Terry Patchel
21st~ Larry Wofford,
Katie Merecki
23rd~ Tina Rudolph,
Theodore Rowley
28th~ Robert J. Rowley, Jr.
31st~ Jennifer Merecki



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Anniversaries in August

August 4

Ray and Carole Evans

August 16

Ed & Anita Calomeni

August 28, 1965

Dale & Donna Quick

August 22, 2015

Derek Habel & Amy Foster



Facts and Figures as of

Sunday, May 28, 2017 10:00 am ~ 56
Weekly Donations Total: \$ 1,973.00

Sunday, June 4, 2017 10:00 am ~ 58
Weekly Donations Total: \$ 4,233.00

Sunday, June 11, 2017 10:00 am ~ 63
Weekly Donations Total: \$ 1,388.00

Sunday, June 18, 2017 10:00 am ~ 79
Weekly Donations Total: \$ 1,670.00

Sunday, June 25, 2017 10:00 a.m. ~ 50
Weekly Donations Total: \$ 2,168.80



Immigration Visitation Meeting

In conjunction with Trinity Lutheran and First UCC church, we will be finding ways to reach out to those immigrants detained in Port Huron. On July 18 at 3PM, Reverend Paul Perez, a UMC Deacon will come to Trinity ELCA on Division Street, to talk about immigration policy and faith. Come and hear how we can love the stranger and foreigner.



The next meeting for the Away Team is July 22. We meet in Capac. If you are interested in hearing about what we are learning, talk to a member of the team: Doris Shirley, Denise Robson, Dan Carroll, Tristan Grose, Emily Allen, or come to the Home Team meeting July 31 at 7PM in the church.

August VCI meeting is August 19 for Away Team, and August 21 at 7PM in the church for the Home Team. All are welcome at the home team meetings!

Church Grounds Yardwork Sign-ups!

It's that time of year and we are looking for people to volunteer to cut the grass on a weekly basis and there are also other projects on the grounds that can be taken care of. If you would like to volunteer, please find the sign-up sheets for specific jobs that need to be done at the back of the sanctuary. Please help us to keep our church grounds looking beautiful this summer!



Mission & Outreach News!!!

Meatless Wednesday for Backpack Blessings

Can you give up meat for one day? If so, can you donate what you would spend on meat that day to our Blessings in a Backpack project? Just take those dollars from each meatless Wednesday during the month of July, put a check or cash in an envelope marked Blessings in the offering collection on the last Sunday in July. Of course mail-in is great too! Your meatless Wednesday will make it possible to purchase meat products used for the backpacks in bulk.

A huge thank you to those who sorted food at the Macomb Food Program Warehouse!!!!

Submitted by,
Patricia Gibbs

New Worship Service - We are interested in developing a team to look at the possibility of starting a new worship service. It would be structured in the Ancient-Future model. It will embrace some of the ancient traditions in new ways. It may or may not take place in the building. It may or may not take place on Sunday morning. We need a team of people who are willing to read a few books, learn a little about the growing models of church, have a few meetings, and explore all the possibilities. Are you interested in going on this adventure? Come September 5 at 7PM to the parsonage/ Pastor Suzy's house: 35675 Pound Rd. Let's see what we can dare to dream!

Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m. at the church. This meeting is open to everyone, and required for those elected. If you are interested in attending and participating in leading the church into the future, just come!

New Member Class

September 13 at 7PM at the parsonage home of Pastor Suzy and family: 35675 Pound Rd.
RSVP to

Pastorsuzyumc@gmail.com



The Flower Chart for 2017 still has dates available! The cost for an arrangement is \$17.50, through Maniaci's Richmond Flower Shop. 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 2017 church year. **Please make sure your flower payments are in the office before your scheduled Sunday.**

You may bring your payment to the office, mail it, 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 2017. It shows the dates that are available. Call the church office (727-2622) if you would like to reserve a Sunday.



July, 2017

2 _____
9 _____
16 __ Walkowski ____
23 __ Wisswell ____
30 _____

August, 2017

6 _____
13 _____
20 _____
27 __ Wisswell ____

September, 2017

3 __ Fruin ____
10 _ Richmond Good Old Days
17 _____
24 _____

Finance 411

Where does the church's money go?

The budget is constructed and composed by a team led by the leadership board. They analyze the expenses in the previous year and try to predict upcoming expenses. The budget is brought to the church's annual conference, where it is approved by all voting members. Because of the nature of a church, it is impossible to accurately predict exactly how much money each line item requires. Therefore, the budget is an evolving document. There will always be accounts that are over, and other accounts that are under. We have not, in recent years, gone over our total budget.

The weekly offering is our largest source of income. Other sources of income include rent, a small trust that was bequeathed to us, and grants. Most income is for the general fund. That means it is used to support those items delineated in our budget. Other income is restricted. This means it is given for a specific purpose. We can only use that money for the stated purpose. Examples of this are donations and grants to our backpack ministry.

The largest portion of our budgeted expenses are spent on supporting the staff of the church. This includes wages, taxes, pension, continuing education and pastoral travel.

Our facilities are the second most costly category in the budget. We celebrate that we have no debt for any of our facilities. Expenses include maintenance, insurance, and property taxes. This year we are or have replaced the flooring in the parsonage, fixed plumbing in the kitchen and renovated the lower level bathrooms.

The third largest portion of our budget goes to denominational obligations. Contributions to our denomination pay for Bishop and District Superintendents, as well as other support staff. They pay for the connectional structures that allow us to effectively and efficiently respond to crises and concerns in the world. They support retired and disabled clergy and staff.

Other moneys in our budget are used for the ministries and operations of the church. They pay for postage, paper, copier, computers. They pay for The Upper Room, representatives to Annual Conference, advertising, Sunday School curriculum, music and contributions to our local food bank.

Every dollar that is faithfully given to this church is considered a gift. It is gratefully received and carefully spent to glorify God. If you are interested in being a part of the team that determines the 2018 budget, or would like to serve on a stewardship team that communicates the goals and needs to the congregation, please contact Pastor Suzy.

Richmond's 2nd Annual Rummage and Relic Event!

Friday, July 28, 9 am—5pm
& Saturday, July 29, 9 am —2pm

Our FUMC UMW will have tables set up and available for members to sell their own items in the church basement! Please watch the table at the back of the sanctuary for sign-up availability!



***Everyone have a
Happy & Safe
4TH OF JULY!***

