

First United Methodist Church of Richmond

October, 2017



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 -

I am writing today, three days before our annual Church Conference. The Church Conference is an opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed, and to dream of the year that is to come. In preparation for church conference, I and the leadership team have been busily assembling all kinds of data. We have looked at the state of our facilities. We have reviewed our staff. We have examined our finances. And we have examined our attendance in worship, classes and on mission teams. But most importantly, we have examined the ways that we have grown in breadth and depth in our discipleship, and the ways that we have reached out into the community in an effort to transform the world in a way that reflects the Gospel Kingdom.

As you have witnessed on Sunday morning, the news isn't all good. We are worshipping fewer people on any given Sunday. This is a multi-layered challenge. People are simply coming to church less often, though they still consider this their church home. Other people have dropped out of church altogether. Either way, the church's mission hasn't changed: we are seeking to make disciples. Therefore, we need to make the Sunday morning experience vital enough to compete against the other things that compete with us on Sunday and we need to find other avenues of making disciples.

In November, I will be holding a number of trainings. One of which is for a worship team. No worship team exists at this time. But, it is critical to develop one, if we are going to improve the quality of our worship experience. I will be looking for people who are interested in creating visual displays as part of worship. People who know Christian music, or musicians will be a great asset on this team. If you have experience in education, you can bring some experience with multi-sensory learning to our brainstorming. I would love to have people who are interested in helping create a new worship service, something low key, like a house church. I would love to have people join who have experience worshipping at other places. The more minds we can gather, the more diversity of ideas, the richer worship will become.

If this interests you, if you have ideas about worship, or if you're willing to educate yourself on the topic, come on November 10, at 7PM to a meeting at the church and let's explore how we can use worship as a vehicle to making disciples.

Blessings - Pastor Suzy



ALL SAINTS DAY

Will be held on
Sunday, November 5, 2017
At the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
With a Coffee Hour following the service.
If you have someone you would like recognized in the memorial service, please turn their names in to the church office or Kathy Harley.



All Saints' Day

On Going Concerns:

Lois Michelson
Margaret Gibson
Hazel Hare
Signe Jarvis (Peg Patchel's sister-in-law)
Winnie Rickert
Helen Hill
Irene Hooper
Betty Jean Green
Our Troops all over the world
Pastor Brown Gaysue and 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 (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)



From the Editor

**Deadline for the
November
Newsletter is
**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 16th**
**Promptness
with your
articles is greatly
appreciated!
Thank you!****

October worship will take us through the decades. We will see video of the time and sing hymns from the era. Bring pictures of yourself from the decade (if applicable) or bring a classic snack from the era to share after worship. Let's enjoy this exploration of the second half of 20th century of our society and our faith.

October 1 - 1950s

October 8 - 1960s

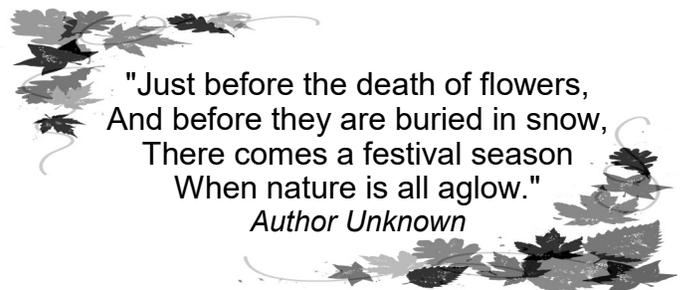
October 15 - 1970s

October 22 - 1980s

BWD Meeting

Saturday, November 4th at Lapeer FUMC
1310 N Main St,
Lapeer, MI 48446

If you would like to attend, please contact
Pastor Suzy at your earliest convenience.



"Just before the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow."

Author Unknown



**United
Methodist
Women**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS...

“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” Proverbs 10: 24-25 (NSRV)

We were truly blessed to have Judy Schaefer from Trinity Lutheran Church share how the ‘Kids Against Hunger’ program works. This is a huge volunteer program of packaging food that this community has the opportunity to share in. Pat Gibbs will be sharing with our church family how we can be involved. Our UMW sent a check for \$500.00 with Judy for the cause; our mission in action and why we work so hard at keeping funds in our treasury! You may be interested to know, we earned \$1,260.00 at our Community ‘Yard’ Sale effort!

“Dress for Success”, Blue Water District’s ‘Ingathering Project for 2017’ is an opportunity for sharing that the whole congregation can participate in. Our UMW budgets to buy shirts and pants. More of these would certainly be appreciated, but you may want to especially consider socks (blue or black), and underwear! Please bring your donations to the back of the sanctuary by Sun., Oct. 8th. They will go with us to the Annual District Meeting on Sat., Oct. 14th.

Our October meeting features our Annual Compassion Pregnancy Shower. This is an opportunity, again, for the whole congregation to participate in. Kathy Harley will be accepting cash donations to purchase new car seats, through the end of October.

Special Dates to Remember...

**October 11, Wed., 12:30 p.m. ~ Regular UMW Meeting...
ANNUAL COMPASSION PREGNANCY SHOWER
See 'U' there!**

**October 14, Sat., 9:00 a.m. ~ Blue Water District UMW 2017 Meeting in Sandusky
United Methodist Church**

November 11, Sat. 10:00—3:00 p.m. ~ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10-NOON 'BUSY HANDS', JOIN US!

Many 'finishing touches' to accomplish!

We need 'U' in our 'U'MW opportunity to serve and fellowship!

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent from one another!

In His service, Donna Quick, President



BUSY HANDS



BUSY! BUSY!! BUSY!!! That is what we are on Wednesday mornings—the Bazaar is fast approaching and we have much to do to make it a success.

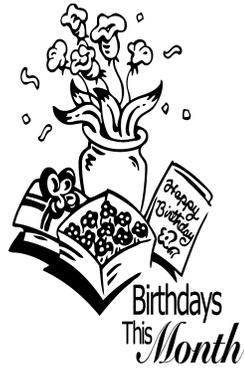
Many hands make it much easier, so you are needed to HELP!!

Come when you can on Wednesdays from 10 till noon.

There are always smiling faces, good friends, loads of projects (something for all skill sets), and most of the time—good treats!

October Birthdays

- 2nd~ Leslie Pilibosian
- 4th~ Lois Michelsen
Jennifer Merecki
- 6th~ Patrick McClellan
- 11th~ Emily Card,
Michael Denny
- 12th~ Beth Fruin
- 14th~ Denise Walkowski
- 16th~ Charles Allen
- 17th~ Sharron Jusko
- 19th~ Alexandra Wofford
- 25th~ Madeline Card
- 26th~ Derick Seidel
Charles Dawe
- 30th~ Nicholas Pilibosian



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 October

- October 10th
Al & Denise Robson

- October 11, 1986
Ralph & Kristina Livingston

- October 20, 1979
Doug & Mary Logan

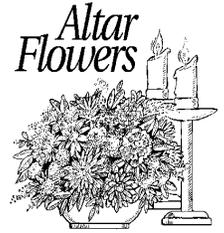
- October 23, 1999
Glenn & Kerry Quick

- October 29, 1994
Steve & Jennifer Haberer



The Flower Chart for 2016

still has dates available! The cost for an arrangement is \$17.50 for 2016! 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 2016 church year. **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 2016. It shows the dates that are available. Call the church office (727-2622) if you would like to reserve a Sunday.

October, 2017

November, 2017

1 _____

5 _____

6 _____

12 _____

15 Willer _____

19 _____

22 _____

26 _____

29 Wisswell _____

December, 2017

3 _____

10 _____

17 _____

24 Poinsettias _____



Sunday, Nov. 5th!



Facts and Figures as of

Sunday, August 27, 2017 10:00 a.m. ~ 69
Weekly Givings ~ \$1,693.00

Sunday, September 3, 2017 10:00am ~ 55
Weekly Givings ~ \$4,054.00

Sunday, September 10, 2016 9:30am ~ Good Old Days Service

Sunday, September 17, 2016 10:00 am ~ 80
Weekly Givings ~ \$3,711.00

Sunday, September 24, 2016 10:00am ~ 64
Weekly Givings ~ \$2,146.80



The last meeting of the VCI Away Team will be on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00—2:00 p.m.

October 7 is HANDS FOR DETROIT

Mark your calendars to participate in this great day of world changing ministry! United Methodists from around the state will gather to work in mission in an east side neighborhood of Detroit. We will be taking a team to work and build relationships with the our brothers and sisters from around the state. Contact Jessie Johnson for more information.



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 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!

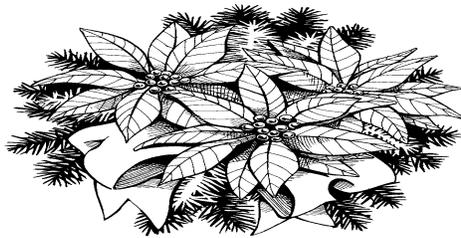
BACKPACK BLESSINGS





**The First United Methodist Women
Invite You to Their**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR & LUNCHEON**



**Bake Sale & White Elephant Sale
Saturday, November 11, 2017
10:00am ~ 3:00pm**

**Luncheon Served 11:00am ~ 1:30pm
Adults \$6 / Children \$3 / under 5 are FREE**

No Admission fee!



You're Invited to a Baby Shower!



For: Compassion Pregnancy Center
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.
Place: First United Methodist Church
Given by: Richmond UMW
Hostesses: Kathy Harley & Peg Patchel

This is an opportunity for the whole congregation, as well as our UMW, to participate by giving donations toward the purchase of a car seat(s) or you may donate any of the items listed below. The items/donations may be dropped off at the church throughout the month of October!

Gift Suggestions: New Baby clothing ~ sleepers, onesies, sizes 0-3 months. Baby Wash, Shampoo, Baby Wipes, Diapers ~ any size ~ Always Needed!

Book Study

This month our book study will be on
The Book of Esther!

We will meet on Monday, Oct. 16th
at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to attend
this class, please RSVP with
Pastor Suzy at your earliest convenience!



Kids Against Hunger®

FEEDING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

On Saturday, November 18, 2017
From 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, First UCC and FUMC are working on this project together this year and the goal of raising \$3,000 to pack at least 10,000 meal packets for KCAH is within reach! We are still looking for donations and volunteers to help raise the rest of the \$3000.00 and to pack 10,000 meals
To donate or volunteer contact
Pat Gibbs at 586-212-8022

Ingathering Project for 2017 “Dress for Success”

Uniforms for Cass Community School Children
Each year Cass Community School has
50-100 new homeless children/youth joining the shelter and every student needs two uniforms.

All sizes are needed on a recurring basis.

The UMW are collecting donations for the project and are asking that the congregation also help them with these donations.

The items that are needed are:

Blue or black socks for a girl or boy

Underwear for a girl or boy

Black pants for a girl or boy

Polo type shirt for a girl or boy

Please drop these items off at the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, October 8th.

Thank you for your generosity!!!



Would you like to receive our Weekly E-mails and Newsletter?

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or e-mail fumc@methodist.comcastbiz.net the church office and we will get you added to the list!



OUTREACH & MISSION NEWS

Kids Coalition Against Hunger KCAH

The goal of raising \$3,000 to pack at least 10,000 meal packets for KCAH is within reach. To date secured funding has been a grant, a United Methodist Women donation, and miscellaneous local donations. With just a \$1,000 needed our community churches will host sticky bun sales and special collections during Sunday services. Our UMC special collection will be Sunday October 1st. The shelf stable food is delivered locally and to 14 other countries.

A Fun Saturday Morning Doing God's Work

This assembly line process to pack Kids Against Hunger dry food product is well organized and needs an hour or so of your time on Saturday November 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. To volunteer go to www.tlrichmond.org. Just click on the link and follow the easy steps to volunteer.

If you need help contact Pat Gibbs at 586-212-8022 and I will get you signed on for the time you specify. See the flyer at the back of the church.

Submitted by,
Patricia Gibbs

MACKINAC BRIDGE : A 50 Year Chronicle 1957-2007

WHEN: Oct. 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Richmond Community Center
36164 Festival Drive Richmond, MI

WHAT: "101 Things That Happened On
The Mackinac Bridge" DONATION: \$10.00

Sips and Sweets will be available

Hear the stories of the Big Mac from renowned author , broadcaster, radio and television personality, Mike Fornes. He will be sharing with us the many sad, funny, and tragic events that took place on the bridge. Learn about lives lost and lives that began on the bridge—yes, there have been three babies born up there! Hear the history of one of Michigan's greatest icons from the man who has been passionate about it for over 26 years and has written two books about his favorite subject.

Don't delay...mark your calendar... Oct. 4 at 7:00 P.M.

Author and Presenter
Mike Fornes

Richmond First United Methodist Church continues to evolve and grow as a worshipping body. We are striving to reimagine what worship can look like, going into the future. The church choir has been struggling to grow and sustain itself. Therefore, for this season, they will be taking a sabbatical. We are hoping to find other types of "special music" to enrich the worship experience. Please prayerfully consider what resources you can offer. Can you sing? Do you play a musical instrument? Do you know people that you would like to invite into worship with their musical gifts? Talk to Randy, or Pastor Suzy if you have ideas.

After many years of service to this congregation, Mark Konwinski will be pursuing other opportunities. We wish him great success.



Team Development:

Pastor Suzy will be conducting a series of meetings to help develop ministry teams. If you are interested in helping bring vitality to any of these ministries, and are willing to give your time, talents and treasures, please come and learn about our vision for the future.

November 8 - 7PM - Hospitality Team - Making our church welcoming to all people.

November 9 - 7PM - Spiritual Formation Team - Taking people from first time visitors to fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ through study, community and discipleship.

November 10 - 7PM - Worship Team - Finding ways to bring vitality through multi-sensory worship

November 12 - 1PM - Facilities Team - Making our church, parsonage and rental property vital tools in ministry.

November 15 - 7PM - Memorial Team - Preparing for the church that will be our legacy

November 16 - 7PM - Outreach Team - Making our church a vital force for change in the community outside our doors.

November 17 - 7PM - Congregational Care Team - Living in a supportive and praying community with each other.



October 20-21 - Grand Rapids Michigan

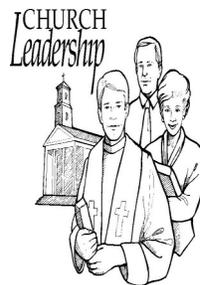
This annual workshop equips churches to reach more people! Pastor Suzy would like to take a team of 3-5 people to experience the powerful worship at Cornerstone Church (UMC) and the life changing teaching of Olu Brown from Impact Church of Atlanta, GA. Impact is one of the fastest growing churches in America. While we cannot do exactly what they do and get the same results, we certainly have a lot we could learn, adapt and integrate here! Hotel expenses will be paid for, you'll just need to provide your own meals. E-mail Pastorsuzyumc@gmail if you are interested in coming. We will leave Friday morning and return Saturday night.



Word of God, for the people of God!

On October 15, we will gift our students with a children's Bible during the Children's Message time of the worship service.

Any child who is in third grade or older, and hasn't yet received a Bible from the church, please RSVP to the church office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!



A Leadership Board meeting

is scheduled for
Tuesday, Oct., 17th
At 7:00 p.m.

If you are on the board and unable to attend, please contact the church office. All are welcome to attend this meeting.



Color Me!
Bring to Sunday School and we will hang it on our board!