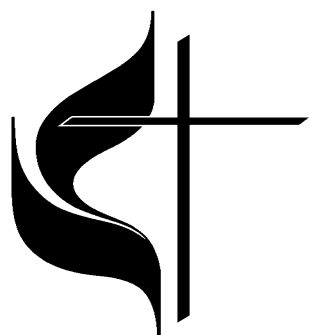


First United Methodist Church of Richmond

February, 2018



First United Methodist Church

Suzy Hutchison, Pastor
Office: 727-2622
Fax: 727-9810
Office Hours
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.

As Pastor Suzy tied up all the loose ends last week before heading out on vacation, time got away and her article for the February Newsletter had to be put on the back burner for this issue.

So to fill this space and to keep everyone informed of the communication that transpired at the last Leadership Board Meeting. Please take a few moments to look over the minutes from the meeting that are listed below.

The next Leadership Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

Leadership Team Minutes

January 11, 2018

Attendance: Suzy Hutchison, Laura Pobanz, Denise Robson, Christine Gutt, Jay Wofford, Sue Neiman, Jessica Johnson, Scott Light, James Allen, Susan Foster, Kathy Harley, David Hutchison

Devotion: What are your hopes for this congregation in five years? This year? Improved communication, more active Sunday School, more community outreach, more active membership, alternate funding sources. Discussions as a result of devotion: bulletin board with sick people's status (Susan Foster). Improved newsletter and improved prayer chain.

Nurture: How are we creating disciples?

February 11, 2018 – Celebrating Blue Water District – 2PM to 4PM at Lake Huron Retreat Center

Wild Game Night – January 24 at 5:30

Board Game Night – tabled until representative was present

Outreach: How are we transforming the world? – No report from the team

Discussion of possible food pantry on church grounds

Witness: How does the church look like the kingdom of God?

Prayer Team

Prayer Box

Trustees:

Floors at parsonage – David Hutchison will find date. James Allen will be responsible for trim. Volunteers will be recruited when date is selected

Lower level restrooms – Scott Light will facilitate getting the old tile stripped off women's restroom walls. Don Foster will replace.

Trim around A/C entrance in sanctuary – James Allen will replace

Garage door maintenance at parsonage – David Hutchison will replace the roller. Maintenance from Richmond Door

Patio stones at the rental – Jessica Johnson received permission to put in patio stones for a backyard patio at the rental property

New Projector – purchase of new projector was approved with \$1200 of memorial funds being used to finance project. David Hutchison will purchase and install

Side door of church – James Allen will replace in spring

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Peyton Harvey (granddaughter of Sharron Jusko-Dickenson)

Mrs. Kamprath

Frank Whiton

Thomas Birmingham

Tam Reddie

Family & Friends of

Chuck McDougall



On Going Concerns:

Margaret Gibson

Signe Jarvis

Hazel Hare

Elenore MacIvor

Lois Michelsen

Winnie Rickert

Irene Hooper

Pastor Brown Gaysue & our sister church in Liberia



Remember
Our
Military



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
March Newsletter is
Monday,
February 12th**

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

United Methodist Women News...



Dates to Remember:

February 14, 2018 @ 12:30~ Lunch @ Ken's Country Kitchen. Each person will order and pay for their meal. If you need a ride, please call the church or Susan (586)727-9686. Arranged by hostess Phylis Fuerstenau

March 14, 2018 ~ 12:30 p.m. Meeting at the church

United
Methodist
Women

It is our continued prayer to be welcoming to new faces and supportive to our existing fellowship. 'U' are the fellowship we treasure in 'U'MW! Please join us!

It's Time for Our

OLD-FASHIONED GERMAN DINNER

at

First United Methodist Church of Richmond



Tuesday, February 13, 2018
4:00—7:00pm

Adults—\$10 Children 5—12 -\$6

4 and under—Complimentary
Carry-outs Available

Call (586) 727-2622 for more information

(Needed: Food donations and workers!
Look for the sign-up sheets at church!)

Sending Our SYMPATHY

Our former member, Chuck McDougall, passed away on Friday, January 26. His family and friends were with him at the end.

A memorial service was held at Utica UM Church on Saturday Jan. 27.

Please keep his wife, Margaret, and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.



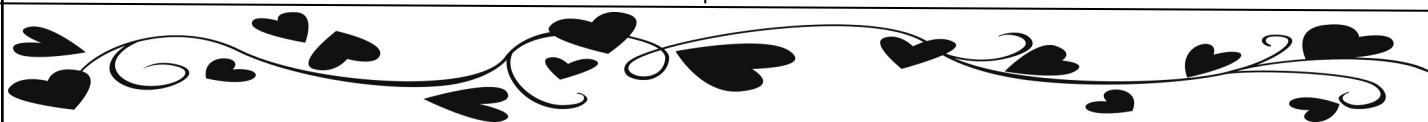
Need Prayer?

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



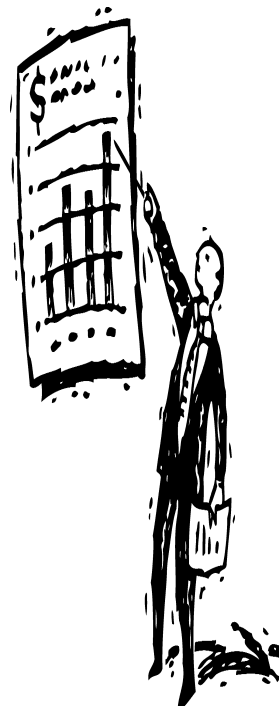
The UMC denomination is preparing for a special "called" General Conference on the issue of human sexuality. The Commission on the Way Forward is the organization seeking to shed light on how the UMC can and should respond. If you are interested in knowing more about what is going on, follow this link to their web page.

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>



Facts and Figures as of

Saturday, December 31, 2017 Givings: \$1,100.00	10:00 am ~ 45
Sunday, January 7, 2018 Weekly Givings: \$3,834.00	10:00am~ 78
Sunday, January 14, 2018 Weekly Givings: \$1,883.80	10:00am~ 67
Sunday, January 21, 2018 Weekly Givings: \$2,767.00	10:00am~ 68
Sunday, January 28, 2018 Weekly Givings: \$2,544.00	10:00 a.m.~ 66





BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

Birthdays in February

2nd~ Kerry Quick
4th ~ Carly Walkowski
5th ~ Helen Hill
6th ~ Penny Yelencich
9th ~ Mary Ellen Shepherd-Logan,
Debbie Desero
10th ~ Keith Pobanz
11th ~ Mary Kaliszewski
Joe Dickenson
14th ~ Randy Parks
19th ~ Kristina Livingston
21st ~ Heather Yelencich
23rd ~ Virginia Foster
27th ~ David Foster
28th ~ Esther Gates

If you have a birthday or anniversary in February, but are not on this list, please contact the church office to update your personal information.

Anniversary
Wishes



February Anniversaries

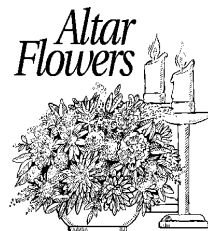
February 16, 1970
Dan & Peg Carroll

February 25, 1989
Keith & Laura Pobanz

The Flower Chart for 2018
Is up and ready for you to
sign in your names for the
Sunday you would like to
provide flowers. Our
arrangements will be \$17.50
for 2018. They are provided

by 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 2018 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 first months of 2018. It shows the dates that are available. Call the church office (727-2622) if you would like to reserve a Sunday.



February, 2018

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March, 2018

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April, 2018

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Finance:

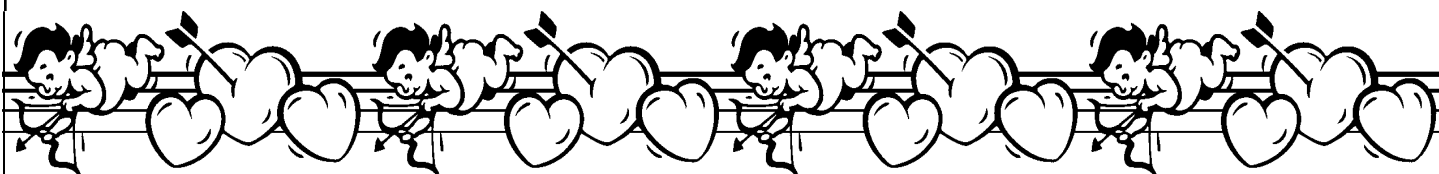
Financial Policies: Sue Niemann w/Christine Gutt will commit to writing the existing policies
Audit – Sue Niemann will pursue getting 2017 audit done.
Pledges – 2018 pledges are up \$15,420 from 2017
Budget cuts based on decreased giving in 2017 – Will assess if this is necessary after first quarter of 2018

Vision Setting:

Goals for 2018 – to lead a vision setting process
Grant applications – Laura Pobanz and Denise Robson will pursue
Scenario Building – April 12, 2018
Asset Mapping – June 7, 2018

Next Meeting: (schedule for whole year?)

April 19
June 14
August 30
October 4 (tentative for charge conference paperwork)
November 29



**ATTENTION ALL SINGERS,
MUSICIANS & WILLING SPIRITS!**

The hills are alive with the sound of music and it is time to again fill our church with the sound of music. So we are calling all singers, musicians and willing spirits to help bring music back. **Choir will be starting again on Thursday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.** If Thursdays are bad for you, please let Susan Foster know because we may change to the day to accommodate members.

The goal is to have special music at least 3 Sundays a month. If you have ideas on how to make this happen, please share with Pastor Suzy or Susan Foster.

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!



Wednesday, February 14th



**Service here at FUMC on
Wednesday, February 14,
at 7:00 p.m.**

Outreach & Mission News

Our Six Special Sunday Offerings for 2018

Six times per year the opportunity to spread Jesus message is ours. These Special Sundays can prepare students to become leaders for the church and world; the poor and victimized can be empowered to live fuller lives through self-improvement programs; and injustice in the world can be challenged through advocacy efforts. The six Special Sundays and dates are listed below:

OMCOR Sunday	March 11, 2018
Native American Sunday	April 15, 2018
Peace with Justice	May 27, 2018
World Communion Day	October 7, 2018
United Methodist Day	November 25, 2018

Pat Gibbs



From the Visitation Committee:

Below is the current 2018 visitation list for our church family. If you are aware of anyone missing from this list, please contact Dianne or Sandy, details below.

Also, if you are interested in being a part of the visitation committee, we welcome you. We visit those who can no longer attend church. They appreciate the visit, and we enjoy the Richmond memories they share. Join us and bring any new ideas you may have to share!

If you are interested, please contact:

Dianne Gibson 586-727-7755
Sandy McClellan 586-727-3919

Our current 2018 visitation list:

Margaret Gibson (Village of East Harbor)
Eleanor McIvor (Medilodge)
Betty Green (Home)
Irene Hooper (Home)
Lois Michelson (Belle Meade Wellness & Foster Care)
Doris Fuerstenau (Home)

Those who have requested limited visitations:
Winnie Rickert
Hazel Hare



Visitation Committee

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM MINUTES

Communication falls under the Congregational Care Team. We met last week and the following questions and concerns were discussed and reviewed with Pastor Suzy. Acting on the initiative to improve communication, here are the answers we have to those questions.

In response to:

Weekly updates during worship on hospitalizations, deaths, etc.

*Often the church does not know the information, or this is confidential information, and it is the person or family involved that requests that their information be kept confidential. The church should always err on the side of keeping a confidence. However, if you have an update on someone and have **THEIR APPROVAL** to share this information, please let Jennifer know before Wednesday so it can go in the bulletin.*

Share minutes from Leadership Board

Yes, minutes will now be taken and published following Leadership Board meetings. The next meeting is to be held in April. Leadership Board meetings are open to everyone. Come and participate!

Suggest new initiatives be presented at Leadership Board before being implemented

In an effort to be more agile and responsive, it is only necessary if budget or building are going to be affected. If you have a good idea that is within the mission of the church (To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world), try it out. This is a new movement within United Methodism to help churches become more vital.

Frequent coffee hours with name tags

*Name tags are an option, only if they are filled out each Sunday so anyone **new** will not be singled out for not having a "member" nametag. If we want more frequent coffee hours, we need to volunteer to do them. Choose a week and ask the office to put it on the church calendar. At end of service, ask Pastor Suzy to announce coffee hour and to encourage everyone to take this opportunity to talk to someone they don't know.*

Keep notices and announcements in bulletin and in newsletter until they are finished, especially NEW items

This should be happening now. We will monitor and try to do a better job on this.

Please Note: This will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary for those who are new to our church and those who do not have email.

If you are not receiving weekly e-mails from the church, but would like weekly updates, please contact the church office with your e-mail address.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Robson, Congregational Care Team



Congregational Care

MI UMC Conference Merger

The Detroit Annual conference and the West Michigan Conference of the UMC will be merging and becoming the Michigan Conference, effective January 2019. In anticipation of this change, the annual conferences have elected to move from 12 districts to 9 on July 1, 2018. This means all current districts will be dissolving, including our own, the Blue Water District. We will be participating in a celebration of the Blue Water District on February 11 from 2-4 PM at the Lake Huron Retreat Center.

Under the new configuration, our congregation will be part of District 6. District 6 will include the eastern half of the thumb down to about St. Clair. It then runs west to Byron. And the boundary goes north to Chesaning. For a detailed list of churches visit the MichiganUMC.org website. Our District Superintendent will be Reverend John Hice. I look forward to meeting him soon. It's an exciting time to be a Christian and a United Methodist as we participate in the unfolding of the church of the future.

BLUE WATER DISTRICT CELEBRATION

February 11, 2018 from 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Lake Huron Retreat Center

8794 Lakeshore Rd Burtchville, MI 48059

Phone: (810) 327-6272

Food Pantry Needs

Assorted Jams and Jellies

Jello/pudding

Saltine crackers

Canned tomatoes (sauce, stewed, etc.)

Pancake syrup

Campbell's or Progresso Soup

Chef Boyardee canned pasta



National MFSA to locate in Detroit

Methodist Federation for Social Action follows its values to a new location in Michigan.

January 29, 2018 — Darlene DiDomineck, Interim Executive Director for the Methodist Federation for Social Action, announced today that MFSA will move its national office from Washington DC to Detroit during the summer of 2018. Central United Methodist Church will be the new home base of operations for the progressive advocacy network.

The change comes out of an 18-month strategic planning process that framed key questions for the future: *How do we dismantle white supremacy in our organization, the church, and our communities?* and *How can our white dominant organization become antiracist in a holistic way, with our leadership, our finances, our partners, our administrative structure, and our organizing model?*

“We felt a strong call to model—with our national Office and staffing—the values that are emerging from these questions,” DiDomineck said. “Those values include a recommitment to local church and community-led grassroots organizing. Like the kind of creative and collaborative organizing that is being done in Detroit and at Central UMC.”

Other factors cited for the relocation were Central UMC’s connections with various justice-seeking communities and its location in an area of great diversity. “This move decentralizes MFSA’s advocacy efforts out of DC and models the importance of grassroots activism at the local, state and national level,” DiDomineck added.

