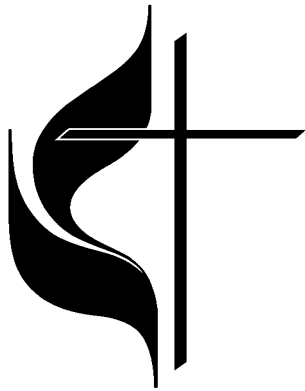


# First United Methodist Church of Richmond

March, 2018



## First United Methodist Church

Suzy Hutchison, Pastor  
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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.*

Friends -

The Spirit of God has been moving within Richmond First United Methodist Church. We have been blessed with new members, baptisms and new faces in worship. Our prayer ministry continues to reach out into the community. Our missions continue to serve people in Richmond and beyond. We feel the presence of God in all these places of growth.

Church growth involves both breadth and depth. As a means to deepen our faith, we will be launching NEXTSTEPS PATHWAY. This will be a means to become better acquainted with the Richmond First United Methodist Church, with the universal church, and with the work of God in the world. The Christian walk leads us to seek lives that reflect the grace of God. But we can only do that if we know and experience that grace. So, together we will begin exploring the Way of Christ.

In John 14:6, Jesus says: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know<sup>ed</sup> my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

I look forward to journeying with you into a deeper knowing of God. And I pray that others will come to know God through the work of this church and each of us.

Blessings,  
Pastor Suzy



## Discipleship Path Coming to RFUMC

Join us on the NEXTSTEPS PATHWAY, a discipleship discovery program starting **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. NEXTSTEPS begins with **Class 101**: Learn about the vision of our church, core beliefs, how the church works, and church family introductions. This is an opportunity for us to get to know you and for you to know us.

**Class 201**: Starts April 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 29<sup>th</sup>. **201** is for everyone looking to begin or continue their spiritual journey with Christ and what it means to have a relationship with God. It lasts three weeks and the topics include: Who is Jesus Christ, what is the Bible all about, prayer, and belonging to a church family. This class is low key and user friendly! No pop-quizzes, lol.

**Class 301**: Is **May 6<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

Peyton Harvey (granddaughter of Sharron Jusko)  
 Tam Reddie  
 Micki Kitchen  
 Carrie Zatorski  
 Betty Belhoner

**Family & Friends of:**

Katelynn Becker  
 Wayne Covert



**On Going Concerns:**

Margaret Gibson  
 Lois Michelsen  
 Signe Jarvis  
 Hazel Hare  
 Winifred Rickert  
 Elenore MacIvor  
 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 (Germany; 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  
*April*  
 Newsletter is  
 Monday,  
March 13th**

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



**Be sure to  
 change your  
 clocks before  
 you go to bed  
 on Saturday,  
 March 10th!**

**Address Changes**

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**Dorothy Mabley**  
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**Joe & Sharon Dickenson**  
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# United Methodist Women News...

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**March 14, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.~ UMW meeting**

**April 11, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.~ UMW Meeting**

**Remember "U" make UMW!**

All women in our church are welcome and needed to attend our meetings.  
Come and bring a friend!



**United  
Methodist  
Women**

## **UMCOR DAY ~ MARCH 11, 2018**



When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Please help UMCOR responders meet disaster needs. A small offering in the Special Sunday envelope on MARCH 11, 2018 is the way we here locally can make a difference.

Submitted by, Pat Gibbs

## **SCENARIO BUILDING**

Thursday, April 12 ~ 2 sessions at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Come and explore the future of Richmond First United Methodist Church!

**Imagine the possibilities!!**

We will work together to imagine a variety of future visions for this congregation.

**Join us!**

## **BUSY HANDS!**



We will be back to work on  
Wednesday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. til Noon



## **BLUE WATER UNITED METHODIST FREE STORE**

Located at:  
3482 Lapeer Rd Port Huron, Michigan 48060

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Thursday 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

**Come & volunteer!**



### **2017 Food Pantry Distribution Totals**

January—28 adults, 9 children, 1 teen  
February—21 adults, 16 children, 1 teen  
March—20 adults, 10 children, 2 teens  
April—22 adults, 12 children, 4 teens  
May—17 adults, 6 children, 2 teens  
June—23 adults, 14 children, 0 teens  
July—19 adults, 13 children, 2 teens  
August—14 adults, 4 children, 1 teen  
September—30 adults, 18 children, 1 teen  
October—22 adults, 19 children, 1 teen  
November—19 adults, 18 children, 1 teen  
December—23 adults, 8 children, 6 teens



2017 TOTALS—258 adults, 147 children, and 22 teens

### **2017 Good Samaritan Fund**

5 evictions from GSF, 2 DTE Energy shutoffs, 2 SEMCO shutoffs, and one car repair.



### **Current Food Pantry needs are:**

Assorted jams/jellies	granola bars
canned tomatoes	saltine crackers
(sauce, stewed, diced, etc.)	canned fruit
Jello/pudding	instant oatmeal
after school snacks for children	

We appreciate your help with our needs.  
God Bless-Michele, The Richmond Community Food Pantry

## Birthdays for March

**3rd** ~ Donald Jakubowski  
           Janeane Avery  
**8th** ~ Glenda Rix  
**9th** ~ Tim Rix  
           Marjorie Monahan  
**10th** ~ Brian Card  
**11th** ~ Jon Walkowski  
**14th** ~ Clara Patchel  
**15th** ~ Raymond Gutt  
**21st** ~ Olivia Wofford  
           Nichole Denny  
**23rd** ~ Madeline Hutchison  
**28th** ~ Kurt Nieman  
**30th** ~ Kathy Harley

This  
Month's  
Birthdays



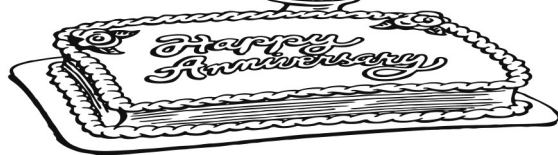
If you or a family member have a birthday or anniversary this month, but are not on this list, please contact the church office so we can update our information. Thank you!

## March Anniversaries

March 2, 1985  
 Terry & Clara Patchel

March 28, 2016  
 Joe & Sharron Dickenson

Anniversaries  
to  
Celebrate



## 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!** These flowers are paid for by members of our congregation with specific dedications listed in the bulletin and furnished by **Crimson and Clover Florist**. 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.

### March, 2018

4 \_\_\_\_\_

11 \_\_\_ Gates \_\_\_

18 \_\_\_\_\_

25 \_\_\_\_\_

### April, 2018

1 \_\_\_ Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

15 \_\_\_\_\_

22 \_\_\_\_\_

29\_\_\_ Wisswell \_\_\_\_\_

### May, 2018

6 \_\_\_\_\_

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

20 \_\_\_\_\_

27 \_\_\_\_\_

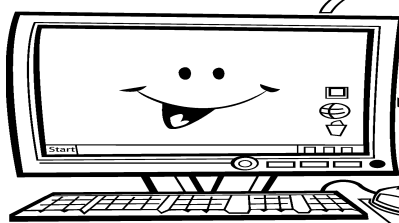
### June, 2018

3 \_\_\_\_\_

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

17 \_\_\_\_\_

24 \_\_\_\_\_



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**richmond1stumc.org**

## Facts and Figures as of

**Sunday, January 28, 2018** 10:00am ~ 66  
Weekly Givings Total: \$2,544.00

**Sunday, February 4, 2018** 10:00am ~ 48  
Weekly Givings Total: \$2,878.00

**Sunday, February 11, 2018** 10:00am ~ 51  
Weekly Givings Total: \$ N/A

**Sunday, February 18, 2018** 10:00am ~ 67  
Weekly Givings Total: \$1,769.00

**Sunday, February 25, 2018** 10:00 a.m. ~ 82  
Weekly Givings Total: \$1,420.00



Sunday Mornings  
at 9:15 a.m.  
in the sanctuary



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.

### It's Easter Lily Time!

Order forms for Easter Lilies will be  
in the bulletins starting this month.

The price per plant is \$9.00. If you  
would like to order a Lily  
please fill out an order  
form and drop it in the  
offering with your  
payment or call the church  
office. Thank You!,  
Jennifer



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 cou-  
pons. We are looking for people willing to liaison to  
community groups and clubs for fund-  
raising and awareness raising. We are  
looking for people who would be will-  
ing to work from home writing grants,  
making phone calls, etc... Contact Ja-  
neane Avery at 586-727-4388 to  
volunteer to help!

BACKPACK BLESSINGS



**Alexander Smigill**

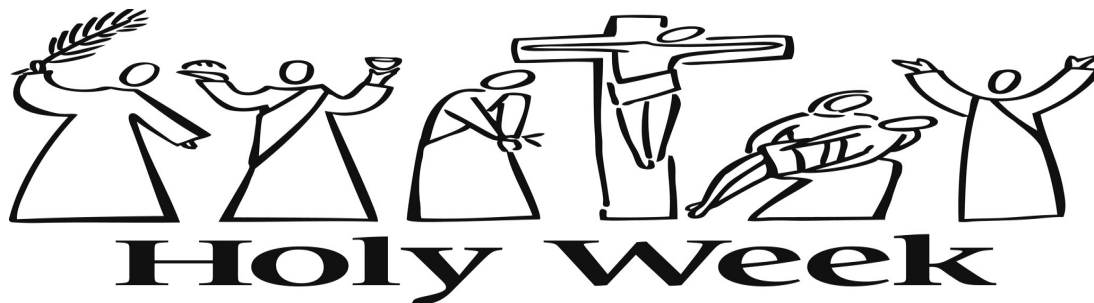
was Baptized on  
February 25, 2018

Proud Parents are  
Tim & Erica Smigill

**The Polish Dinner is  
being planned for  
Wednesday, May 2nd!**



**Watch for more  
information  
in the next newsletter  
and in the weekly  
announcement sheet!**



**Maunday Thursday Service**  
at First UCC on March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Service**  
at Trinity Lutheran on March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Service**  
Sunday, April 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us for an **Easter Breakfast**  
in the basement of the church beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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**Be a Blessing to our Sick & Shut-Ins!**

Send a card or stop in for a visit!

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