



JULY NEWSLETTER 2025

RICHMOND

First United Methodist Church Newsletter

3-Year Anniversary!

Hello, Richmond First! I am your pastor, Sunhwa.

I am delighted to share that I have been appointed to serve at Richmond First and Washington UMC for another year! It has been such a blessing to serve here as your pastor at Richmond First, along with Washington.

Do you feel that we've been working together and building our church as one faith community?

Our Stewardship Campaign Committee has scheduled our Celebration Sunday for September 28, 2025. A stewardship campaign is a special time when we, as a church, come together to reflect on how we can support God's work through our time, our talents, and our financial gifts.

Let's begin by celebrating God's blessings!

We give because God blesses us first. Our generosity flows from God's goodness. Before our Celebration Sunday, I would love to hear what blessings you are thankful for.

I'll go first and share my own blessings as we prepare to celebrate.

Since I was appointed to Richmond First three years ago, I have experienced many blessings. I came here as a provisional elder, and now I have been ordained as a full elder in full connection in the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. As for my family, my husband was appointed to the Michigan State Liquor Commission two years ago, after recovering from a stroke. When we first came here, Jenna was a junior in high school; now, she is entering her sophomore year at the University of Michigan. Julia is now going into the 10th grade at the International Academy of Macomb.

I've also had the opportunity to gather with my family in Korea, California, Florida, and Illinois. Those times have been a blessing.

It has been such a joy to serve as your pastor. Working together, growing together, and building the church together always brings me hope and celebration. As we remain united, we continue moving forward—trusting in God's provision, vision, and mission for us.

How about you? What blessings would you like to celebrate with us?

Dear Church Family,

With hearts full of joy, we are thrilled to share the wonderful news that Pastor Sunhwa has been officially ordained into the United Methodist Church!

This sacred milestone marks her years of faithful service, theological study, spiritual formation, and unwavering commitment to God's call.

Pastor Sunhwa's journey to ordination has been a testimony of grace, perseverance, and deep faith. Her dedication to shepherding our congregation, preaching the Word, caring for the community, and living out Christ's love in action has inspired and uplifted us all. Through every sermon, prayer, and visit, she has faithfully answered the call to ministry.

The ordination ceremony, held on Acme, MI at 2025 Michigan UMC Annual Conference, was a powerful and moving celebration of her calling and her commitment to serve as an elder in the United Methodist Church. Surrounded by family, friends, colleagues, and clergy, Pastor Sunhwa was affirmed and anointed for lifelong ministry.

As a church family, we rejoice in this moment and look forward to the many ways God will continue to work through her leadership. May this new chapter bring renewed strength, wisdom, and joy as she continues to guide us with love, grace, and the Spirit's leading.

Please join us in congratulating Pastor Sunhwa and offering our prayers for her continued ministry. We are truly blessed to walk this journey of faith together.

With joy and thanksgiving

SPRC- Amy Foster, Larry Kondek, Vicki Lyszczyk, Amanda Ioco



Important Dates

- 7/6- Sunday Service 9:30am
Pastor on vacation 4-6****
- 7/7- Praise Group 1:30pm**
- 7/9- Busy Hands 10am-12pm
UMW Gathering 12:30pm**
- 7/13- Sunday Service 9:30am
Potato Sunday
Communion**
- 7/14- Praise Group 1:30pm**
- 7/16- Busy Hands 10am-12pm**
- 7/20- Sunday Service 9:30am**
- 7/22- Pastor Workshop 7/22-7/26****
- 7/23- Busy Hands 10am-12pm**
- 7/24- Stewardship Meeting**
- 7/27- Sunday Service 9:30am**
- 7/30- Busy Hands 10am-12pm**
- 7/28- Praise Group 1:30pm**

** Please contact Glenn Quick while Pastor is away
for any pastoral needs. (586) 212-2503

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



By: Donna Quick

..."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

Celebrating so many good things together...we're pretty good at that! Thanks to Jean Breederland for our 'Red, White and Blue' celebration dessert and decor. Leads us right into July, continuing in ours action of faith and love. It was a pleasure for us to meet Kristina, our new administrative secretary, and have Pastor Sunhwa share with us! We will participate in our Community Wide Yard Sale with a 'Rummage Sale' at FUMC on Saturday, July 26! A great opportunity to purge those eliminated items from Spring/Summer cleaning! Bring items (no clothing) to church beginning

July 23-25. All are invited to join in the fellowship of preparation and 'working' on Sale Day!

Hands are Busy @ 'Busy Hands' every Wednesday 10-12pm. Be a part of the fun and fellowship, have a cup of tea, maybe a treat and help towards the success of our Bazaar to support our missions!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

** WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 @ 12:30 our ANNUAL 'OUT TO LUNCH' @ GATHER & GROUNDS (next to Weeks Market)*

** SATURDAY, JULY 26, RUMMAGE SALE - FUMC*

** NO AUGUST MEETING ...ALWAYS 'BUSY HANDS' EVERY WEDNESDAY!*

***UNITED WOMEN
IN FAITH...***

May your Summer be blessed...

***REMAIN IN ME,
AND I WILL
REMAIN IN YOU.
A BRANCH
CANNOT
PRODUCE FRUIT
ALONE BUT
MUST REMAIN
IN THE VINE.
John 1:4***

BUSY HANDS



By: Susan Foster

The Busy Hands group could use your HELP!!

We need people to HELP with projects, to HELP with hand sewing, to HELP with painting, to HELP with cleaning, to HELP with all things and then some.

Any Wednesday from 10 till noon, you will find us in the basement working, enjoying each other's company and having some delicious treats.

PLEASE feel free to join us anytime!!

We need stuffing, undone projects, miscellaneous craft supplies, pillow forms that you don't need anymore.

There is a collection box in the back of the church.
Thank You!





New yellow connect cards have been printed. One side for prayer requests and the other side to update birthdays, addresses, anniversaries, etc. You can place them on the tithing plate or in the office.

If you would like to donate altar flowers there is a sign up sheet hanging in the back of the church by the picture frame.



There is now a sign-up sheet for Sunday coffee hour. You can bring a treat for Sunday Service.



***THE NEXT
STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE MEETING
IS JULY 31ST AT
7:00PM***



By Darlene Kelly, Stewardship Committee Member

Celebration Sunday is coming! Mark your calendars for this special Sunday, September 28th, 2025. Our church provides a lot of opportunity for support and encouragement to us, our families and community. This will be a time for all of us to look inside ourselves and see what we can do to help our church grow and set some goals for giving in the coming year. The Stewardship Committee has begun planning this event which will include a guest speaker, delicious coffee hour and fellowship. More information will be coming in the next couple of months, so stay tuned!!

During Sunday Service on June 29th, we expressed our Gratitude to Jen Dickson (left) for her service to our church as our church custodian and administrator for the last 5 years.

We also welcomed Kristina Ravenscroft (middle) as our new church Administrator, Cec Solden (right) as our new Custodian.

May God Bless them all in their new chapters!!

SPRC- Amy Foster, Larry Kondek, Vicki Lyszczyk, Amanda Ioco



Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2025



Julia Jung Hopgood
Grace Elizabeth Allen
Ashlyn Claire Kramer
Hailey Rose Ioco

OTHER



A big thank you to all who provided condiments this past month. This month we will be collecting s'more fixings (Graham Crackers, Marshmallows, and Hershey Bars)

If you would like to volunteer with or donate to this great community wide outreach, please contact Laura Pobanz at (586) 727-2656.

Last Quarter Total Donations Were \$64.06 Enter Richmond First United Methodist Church in the search button or our non-profit number AB956. Please let friends and family know so that they can register us as their non-profit organization also.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 6th Sue Nieman, Janice Rowley, Ione Dawe,
Christine Gutt
July 10th Al Gutt
July 13th David Brown
July 14 Hailey Ioco
July 24 Jenna Hopgood
July 25th Tom Rix
July 26th Ashlyn Kramer
Jessica Johnson
July 28 Peggy Durda



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 20, 2001 John & Melissa
Rowley
Andy & Tammi Rosick
July 25, 2021 Dave & Shannon
Brown
July 30, 1983 Steve & Charlotte
Pierzynski





We Are Praying For You!

- The Walleman family, the Kramer girl's aunt and uncle's, sister-in-law, and her full-term unborn baby, who both passed away Saturday unexpectedly. Prayers for her husband, 2yr old daughter, their families, and friends..
- Jessie Melton, Jennifer Dickson's daughter, car accident experiencing headaches
- Don Rhein, Jim Rhein's brother, passed away, prayers for his wife Helga and the Rhein Family
- Joey, Peggy and Dan Carroll's grandson, Rachel Collins's son, Autism and serious health concerns
- Mark McKiernan, friend of the Quick Family, Intense treatments for brain tumor
- Those families with loved ones that have passed recently
- Local and national leaders
- Medical and health professionals
- Service men and women
- The students, teachers, and staff of the schools
- Those seeking employment, housing, and everyday needs
- The social unrest in our country

JUNE

FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GIVING TOTAL
6/1/2025	35	4773.99
6/8/2025	68	2607.06
6/15/2025	38	1091.92
6/22/2025	31	925.00

June Giving Total: \$9,397.97

June Expenditures Total: \$3,396.42

CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2025

CHAIR OF COUNCIL: Glenn Quick (2025)

LAY LEADER: Laura Pobanz (conference only)

SPRC MEMBERS: Foster Amy (Chair, 2026)
Lyszczyk, Vicki (2025)
Kondek, Larry (2025)
Ioco, Amanda

FINANCE TEAM: Livingston Tina (Chair)
Gutt, Christine (Treasurer)
Nieman, Sue (Financial Secretary)

TRUSTEES: Habel, Derek (Chair)
Light, Scott

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Foster, Susan

NOMINATING: Pastor Sunhwa
Foster, Susan



First United Methodist Church
Sunhwa Hopgood, Pastor
Office: (586) 727-2622

Kristina Ravenscroft, Administrator
Mondays available by email 10am-12
Wednesday:
Friday:
Watch weekly emails for updates