



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

RICHMOND

First United Methodist Church Newsletter

BY: PASTOR SUNHWA

Stewardship Campaign 2024

Hello Richmond, I am your pastor, Sunhwa.

In November, many churches, including ours, begin their stewardship campaigns. This is a time when each of us has the opportunity to pledge our financial support to the church for the coming year.

As we reflect on God's faithfulness in our lives and in our church, I am reminded of Jacob's vow in Genesis 28:20-22:

"Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.'"

Just as Jacob sought God's protection and provision for his journey, many of us find ourselves in need of God's almighty hand in our lives—our needs, our relationships, and our work. As a church, we also rely on God's provision to carry out the work He has called us to do.

I am deeply grateful for the love and dedication of all our church family who participate in our ministry. Your generosity has been a true blessing, and we are reaching out for your continued support to help us meet the needs ahead.

Since I was a college freshman, I made the decision to tithe. It wasn't much—just a portion of what I earned from tutoring. But it was important to me to give not only from my income but also from my time and talents. This commitment shaped my heart and led me to serve and participate in the church's ministry.

We need your support now more than ever. There are several needs for our church building and the parsonage, including essential repairs and upgrades. It is time to address these to ensure a welcoming and safe space for all who come through our doors.

Your generosity allows us to continue proclaiming the name of Jesus and sharing God's love with our community. With your support, we can ensure that our church remains a place of worship, growth, and service for all.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to our church, and may God continue to bless you abundantly.



Important Dates

- 11/1-** Vision Team Meeting 10am
- 11/3-** Sunday Service 9:30am
All Saint's Day Service
- 11/4-** Praise Group 6pm
White Elephant drop off 11/4-11/6
- 11/6-** Busy Hands 9:30am
Set up for Bazaar
- 11/9-** Bazaar! 10am-2pm
- 11/10-** Sunday Service 9:30am
Potato Sunday
Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Sherry Parker-Lewis
- 11/11-** Veteran's Day
Praise Group 6pm
- 11/13-** UMW
- 11/15-** Vision Team Meeting 10am
- 11/17-** Sunday Service 9:30am
UMM meet at Ken's Kitchen 8am
- 11/18-** Praise Group 6pm
- 11/24-** Sunday Service 9:30am
Choir Practice 4pm
- 11/25-** Praise Group 6pm
- 11/28-** Thanksgiving
- 11/29-** Vision Meeting 10am

NOTES FROM YOUR LAY MEMBER



by Laura Pobanz

I've started a journey to read the Bible completely through and have found much help through the Life Application Study Bible (Zondervan) and Christian online sites I follow. In doing so I am learning many new things. Here is one of them.

Thanksgiving and Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles)

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving this month. When the Christian pilgrims fled persecution in England due to their Puritan views, they settled in the new world. After surviving the first year of hardships, they were trying to find a way to express their thanks for their survival and for the harvest. It is quite possible that they looked to the Bible (Leviticus 23:39) for an appropriate way of celebrating and based their holiday in part on Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Feast of Tabernacles is a week-long fall harvest festival commemorating the 40-year journey of the Israelites in the wilderness. Thanksgiving and Sukkot have a lot in common.

- Both take place in the fall.
- Both are about pilgrims! The early Christian immigrants of America were later known as pilgrims, much as the Jewish people used to make pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year for the holy holidays.
- Both began with people groups who were persecuted and had to flee.
- Both require harvesting and joyous gathering.
- Both are based on teachings in the Bible encouraging us to express gratitude. Sukkot is regarded as a model for Thanksgiving.
- Both celebrations are centered on expressing appreciation for a plentiful harvest.
- Both are centered on family and communal gatherings.
- Both feature an abundance of food and feasting!

Today, this holiday has evolved from a celebration of family and fellowship into a weekend of football and a spend-fest in search of the best Black Friday discounts. I wonder whether we have lost sight of the genuine spirit of Thanksgiving. Where will your thankfulness focus be this coming Thanksgiving Day? For me, I will concentrate on giving all my thanks for everything in this earthly life, to my Lord, Jesus Christ.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



By: Donna Quick

The clients of Macomb County Compassion Pregnancy Center were the guests of honor at the Annual Baby Shower held at FUMC by hostesses Jean Breederland and Kathy Harley. Gifts of infant clothing and necessities as well as 2 new infant/toddler car seats and cash donations were delivered to the center. The generosity of this church family was gratefully accepted. Thank you to all who contributed..."and give glory to your Father in heaven."

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***We know that
all things
work together
for good for
those who
love God,
who are
called
according to
His purpose!***

***Romans 8:28
NRSV***

The response to the ingathering project, 'Dress For Success' for the Cass Community School Children was heartwarming! Our ...Women in Faith elected to add to the collected amount and a check for \$350. was sent to the Cass Community Social Services! With thanksgiving to all, to God be the Glory!

BAZAAR TIME @ FUMC!! It's our biggest fundraiser to support our missions. We ask for the full support of our Church Family. Please sign up to help where you are able the week of, and day of Bazaar! Please, invite Family & Friends to support us on Bazaar day!

Dates to remember...

Nov. 3 Sunday~ Begin 'Bazaar Week' after service. Men needed to help 'Set-Up'!

White Elephant items may be brought in thru Wednesday. Space is limited, no clothing or large items. Clean is very helpful!

Nov. 6 Wednesday~ 'Set-up Day'... 'Busy Hands' & ALL HANDS!!! 10AM! LUNCH @ 12:30...Thank you Christine Rowley (offered to fix lunch)! An exciting day to see everything come together!

Nov. 9 SATURDAY~ BAZAAR 10-2pm Crafts ~ 'Busy Hands' and home crafters shine!

Nov. 10 SUNDAY~ 9:30 Worship Service ~Give Glory to our Father in heaven!



By: Susan Foster

!! ALMOST HERE!!

A big day for our church- The BAZAAR!! November 9 is finally here.

All the work that we have been doing is now on display: crafts, bake sale, jewelry, white elephant and soooo much more!!

Your help is much needed. Set up starts on Wednesday, Nov 6, at 9am until ??

We need lots of help on Bazaar Day- Saturday from 9:30 until 2pm when we all can collapse, take a deep breath, and rest!!

We can't do it without YOU! Please volunteer!! Please contact Donna 586-850-8783 or Kathy 586-727-5155 or Penny 586-727-7973 or Susan 586-419-6156 as to when you would be available to help.

!! White Elephant Items!!

White Elephant Items can be dropped off at the church starting Nov 4-6. Doors will be open from 10:30am-6pm



UPCOMING EVENTS



IT'S TIME FOR

FIRST UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL BAZAAR

WHITE ELEPHANT * CRAFTS * BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024
10AM-2PM
69495 MAIN STREET
RICHMOND



OUR LEADERSHIP IN STEWARDSHIP AND CHURCH FINANCE

DR. PARKER WILL LEAD AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION ENCOURAGING US TO EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MONEY AND ITS POWER IN OUR CULTURE. WE WILL CONSIDER WAYS TO FREE OURSELVES FROM THE POWER OF MONEY AND DISCOVER MONEY AS A TOOL TO ACCOMPLISH GOD'S PURPOSES IN THIS WORLD.



**Rev. Dr. Sherry
Parker-Lewis**
Speaker

SUNDAY

 10 NOV 2024

 AT 9:30AM
69495 MAIN STREET
RICHMOND, MI



FREE - FABULOUS - FAMILY FRIENDLY

Christmas Concert

JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL EVENT!
FEATURING THE CHURCHILL MAIN BAND
& SPECIAL GUESTS!

A captivating experience of Holiday music
Two Performances:

6.30PM
FRIDAY **13** DECEMBER

1.00PM
SATURDAY **14** DECEMBER

Where:
Richmond First United Methodist Church
69495 Main St, Richmond (Next to the Richmond Fire Hall)

Donations are appreciated and support the
Community Backpack Blessing Program.

HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!



Choir practice for Christmas Eve Service will begin on November 24th at 4pm. Christmas Eve Service and concert will be held at 7pm.

Hanging of the Greens will take place on November 29. Time TBD



Advent signup sheet is located in the back of the church. Advent starts December 1st.

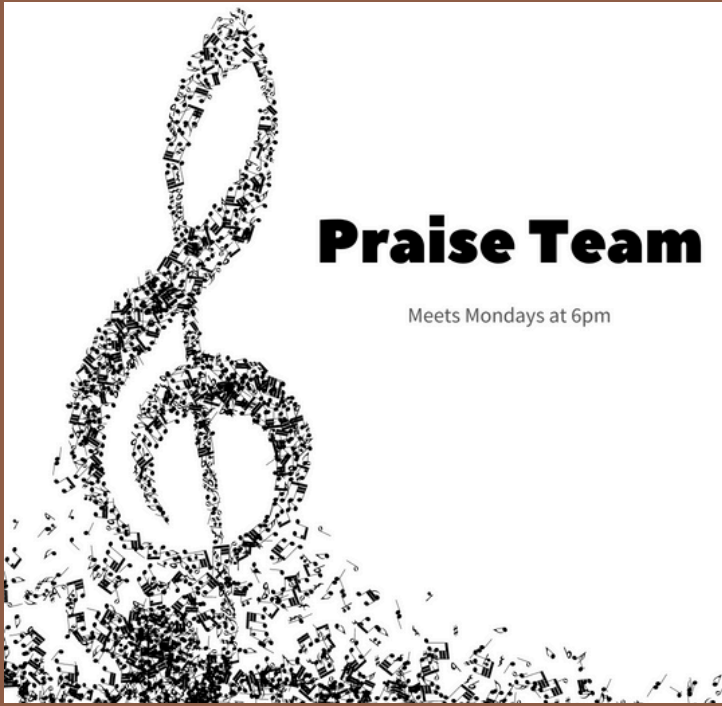


There is now a sign-up sheet for Sunday coffee hour. You can bring a treat for Sunday Service.

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



If you have a prayer request, please fill out the yellow prayer request form and place it in the office on Sunday so they can be added to the weekly email on Monday. The Sunday bulletin is printed on Thursday morning so any requests after will not be able to be added until Monday weekly email, unless it's an emergency prayer of course!



Veterans Day is Nov 11th. Salute to everyone who has made an immense sacrifice for the country. Your patriotism is an example for all of us. Thank you so much.
Happy Veterans Day!



OTHER

BACKPACK BLESSINGS



A big thank you to all who provided crackers this past month. This will add to the variety of food we give to the 13 families we currently serve. They often ask if there can be more variety in what we give. We have already been blessed with the donation of some turkeys for Thanksgiving so this month we are requesting cans of apple pie filling and refrigerated pie crusts to add to the thanksgiving basket we give out. The pie crusts can be put in the refrigerator downstairs.

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



KROGER

Last Quarter Total Donations Was \$51.55 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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 4: Emily Allen
Debbie Fejedelem
November 9: Peg Patchel
November 11: Ken Durda
November 12: Joan Dawe
November 13: Lizabeth Wisner
November 20: Douglas McMartin
November 21: Grace Allen
November 24: Alane Rowley
November 25: Brenna Kramer
November 27: Steve Peninger
Joe Dibley
November 28: David Denny



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 8:
Gary & Mary Michelsen

November 28:
Steve & Sherry Peninger





We Are Praying For You!

- Connie Yelenich, Tina Livingston's aunt, battling cancer
 - Elliot, 5 year old grandson of Susan Foster's co-worker, needs liver transplant
 - Ginny Foster, Susan Foster's sister-in-law, health concerns
 - Rick Pearsall, Patrick & Sandy McClellan's son-in-law, recovering from a bone marrow transplant
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- 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



All Saint's Day

This is a day to remember the whole company of Christians of every time and place! We celebrate the memory of our family members and friends who have passed into life eternal, especially those this past year. This is a day with not only a common meaning for the whole community of faith, but also special and distinctive meanings for each of us

Richard May January 3, 2024
~friend of Patrick and Sandy McClellan

Ann Hardy Sharp January 10, 2024
~friend of Patrick and Sandy McClellan

George Fealko February 17, 2024
~husband of Mary Fealko

John Vogt February 19, 2024
~brother of Donna Quick

Donald Gates March 20, 2024
~uncle of Debbie Rhein

Cheryl Cook-Emery March 29, 2024
~wife of James Cook

Carol Ann Rhiel April 12, 2024
~mother of Christine Gutt

Kathleen Markie April 28, 2024
~friend of Patrick and Sandy McClellan

Jean Waterloo April 30, 2024
~friend of Patrick and Sandy McClellan

Carole Evans May 26, 2024
~wife of Raymond Evans

Mary Rhein June 6, 2024
~sister of Jim & Debbie Rhein

LeAnne Turner June 14, 2024
~sister-in-law of Kerry Quick

Cornelia (Nini) Northrop June 25, 2024
~friend of Patrick and Sandy McClellan

Max Luenser July 7, 2024
~friend of Patrick and Sandy McClellan

David Oke September 21, 2024
~cousin of Dale Quick

Jamie Hooper October 24, 2024
~son of Jim Hooper, nephew of Penny Yelencich

OCTOBER FACTS & FIGURES



DATE	ATTENDANCE	GIVING TOTAL
October 6, 2024	34	\$5,802
October 13, 2024	29	\$1,100
October 20, 2024	46	\$530
October 27, 2024	38	\$1,535

September Giving Total: \$8,967
September Expenditures Total: \$11,189.50

CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2024

CHAIR OF COUNCIL: Glenn Quick (2025)

LAY LEADER: Laura Pobanz (2024)

SPRC MEMBERS: Delcourt Mark (Chair, 2024)
Lyszczyk, Vicki (2025)
Kondek, Larry (2025)
Foster Amy (2026)

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

TRUSTEES: Habel, Derek (Chair)
Light, Scott
Dickson, Jennifer

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Foster, Susan

NOMINATING: Pastor Sunhwa
Foster, Susan



First United Methodist Church

Sunhwa Hopgood, Pastor

Office: (586) 727-2622

Office Hours:

Monday 10:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday 10:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm

Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm

Friday CLOSED