

RICHMOND

First United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Easter is here! Spring has sprung! The grass is changing from the dreariness of browns to the grandeur of green. The days are getting a bit longer and the wind is softening its cold sting. And as we witness in the Gospels, the hold that death thought it had has been overcome and in the words of Carmen by, "the Champion." Jesus is risen indeed! We are Easter people, meaning we live life with the assurance that Christ overcame sin and death by virtue of the cross. Jesus died and rose again from the grave. The tomb is empty because his body is not there. So now we pivot to make a move in a new direction.

That new direction is, "to show and share what love can do," as the old hymn states (#383, UM Hymnal). May we together, empowered by the Holy Spirit, make a move to show and share grace in new ways as this new season of life beckons us to. May we be a people eager to tell the story of the life-changing encounter we have had with the Savior. Each of us has a part to play in reaching out to others with the grace of God.

One way we can do this is by keeping up on our Bible readings. If you have fallen behind, that is ok. Find today's reading and start there. Soak in God's word and let the words sink into your heart and soul. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, we have some new ones here at the church free to take home. We also have some new books to take home and read that may help provide some encouragement to you in your walk with the LORD.

As the flowers begin to spring forth, the trees blossom, and the birds sing their songs of love; may we be reminded of the new life offered because God loved the world so much. And as the flowers and trees and birds freely share their gift, may we too share the gift of life eternal with others.

Be a Blessing, Pastor Tom



Holy Week

THURSDAY | APRIL 1
7PM RICHMOND FIRSTUMC

FRIDAY | APRIL 2
12PM BEEBE ST PARK
7PM RICHMOND FIRSTUMC

SUNDAY | APRIL 4
6:30AM BEEBE ST PARK
8AM RICHMOND FIRSTUMC
10AM RICHMOND FIRSTUMC



**Sunday Service is
moving to
9:30 AM starting
April 11, 2021**

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

April 5: Church Closed, All Church emails will come from
RichmondFirstUMC@outlook.com

April 5-8: Pastor Tom is on vacation. Please call or email the office if you need anything. Jennifer will be in everyday besides Monday and she will check emails from home.

April 10: Walter Gates memorial. Everyone is invited.

April 29: Leadership Board Meeting 7PM. Anyone can attend.

- Pastor Tom will announce later this month when he will hold membership classes. Please look for those dates in the weekly email later this month.
- If you have any changes that need to be made (email, address, phone number etc.) you can make those changes on our website,
www.richmond1stumc.org, under the member tab or you can call the office.



In Memory of Walter Gates

Memorial
Service
April 10, 2021
at 10 AM



- **Alexander Smigill**, diagnosed with Leukemia
- **Aaron Bliss**, Eddie Calomeni's nephew, hospitalized
- **Caryl Pagels**, hospitalized
- **Heather Yelencich**, recovering from surgery
- **Penny Yelencich**, recovering from a fall
- **Winnie Rickert**, health concerns

- 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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 6:	Dan Carroll
April 9:	Kristen Patchel
April 12:	Susan Foster
April 13:	Max Dawe
April 16:	Christopher DeVos
April 20:	Linda Kondek
April 21:	George Fealko
	Brenda Pruccoli
April 26:	Emily Light
April 30:	Mary Fealko



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 4, 1975
JIM & DEBBIE RHEIN

April 12, 2019
MIKE & KATIE ROWLEY



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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*Finally, be
strong in the
Lord and in
the strength of
his power.*

*Ephesians 6:10
NRSV*

BY DONNA QUICK, PRESIDENT

Mark your calendars, Ladies, **Wednesday, April 14, 12:30 PM**, we will meet!!! This will be a casual, sharing gathering! We will just enjoy each others conversation, 'Pandemic' stories, quarantine survival coping tools and precious company! We'll put on a pot of tea/coffee, and be in an attitude of gratefulness! By the power of His strength we remain strong!

The hope is that we can bring back 'Busy Hands' in May!

Looking forward to seeing 'U' in April at our 'U'MW reunion...new faces would be an added joy!

MARCH

FACTS & FIGURES



Date	Attendance	Giving Total
March 7, 2021	In- Person: 29	\$2,300
March 14, 2021	In-Person: 25	\$2,412
March 22, 2021	In-Person: 32	\$1,620
March 28, 2021	In- Person: 31	\$ 3,429.99

MARCH GIVING TOTAL: \$9,761.99
MARCH EXPENDITURES TOTAL: \$10,774.62



FOOD BANKS



BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Meet Up and Eat Up:

Richmond Community Schools

Anyone with children ages 18 and under living in the district can call and order food. Call and order on Monday and then pickup on Tuesday between 1:30 PM-2:30 PM 586-727-3565

Gleaners:

Location & Time:

Trinity Lutheran Church
35110 Division Road
Richmond, MI 48062

Wednesday, April 14
1:30 PM-2:30PM

APRIL READINGS

April 1	Judges 13-15, Luke 6:27-49	April 16	1 Samuel 30-31, Luke 13:23-35
April 2	Judges 16-18, Luke 7:1-30	April 17	2 Samuel 1-2, Luke 14:1-24
April 3	Judges 19-21, Luke 7:31-50	April 18	2 Samuel 3-5, Luke 14:25-35
April 4	Ruth 1-4, Luke 8:1-25	April 19	2 Samuel 6-8, Luke 15:1-10
April 5	1 Samuel 1-3, Luke 8:26-56	April 20	2 Samuel 9-11, Luke 15:11-32
April 6	1 Samuel 4-6, Luke 9:1-17	April 21	2 Samuel 12-13, Luke 16
April 7	1 Samuel 7-9, Luke 9:18-36	April 22	2 Samuel 14-15, Luke 17:1-19
April 8	1 Samuel 10-12, Luke 9:37-62	April 23	2 Samuel 16-18, Luke 17:20-37
April 9	1 Samuel 13-14, Luke 10:1-24	April 24	2 Samuel 19-20, Luke 18:1-23
April 10	1 Samuel 15-16, Luke 10:25-42	April 25	2 Samuel 21-22, Luke 18:24-43
April 11	1 Samuel 17-18, Luke 11:1-28	April 26	2 Samuel 23-24, Luke 19:1-27
April 12	1 Samuel 19-21, Luke 11:29-54	April 27	1 Kings 1-2, Luke 19:28-48
April 13	1 Samuel 22-24, Luke 12:1-31	April 28	1 Kings 3-5, Luke 20:1-26
April 14	1 Samuel 25-26, Luke 12:32-59	April 29	1 Kings 6-7, Luke 20:27-47
April 15	1 Samuel 27-29, Luke 13:1-22	April 30	1 Kings 8-9, Luke 21:1-19



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Office Hours:
Monday 10AM-2PM
Tuesday 10AM-12:30PM
Wednesday 10AM-2PM
Thursday 10AM-2PM
Friday 10AM-12:30PM