



## Vacation Bible School Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God Save the date: August 9-13, 2026

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They will discover what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON**  
33112 Grand River Avenue  
Farmington, MI 48335



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m.

February 22, 2026

PRELUDE

Yaroslav Daniels

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Steele

CHORAL INTROIT

*Come and See*

Chancel Choir

HYMN

*Here I Am to Worship* (See Insert)

Yaroslav Daniels

CALL TO WORSHIP

Estelle Kalakailo

Leader: We come, seeking to understand a mystery.

**People: A love so deep it chose the cross.**

Leader: We come, not with all the answers,

**People: But with open hearts and willing spirits.**

Leader: In the shadow of suffering, we look for grace.

**People: In the face of Christ, we see God's mercy revealed.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who turns pain into purpose,

**People: And death into life everlasting.**

**ALL: Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Estelle Kalakailo

ANTHEM

*What Trees Were in Gethsemane?*

by Charles A. Brandon and Mary E. Caldwell

Chancel Choir

HYMN

*What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH #292

Yaroslav Daniels

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT

Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Estelle Kalakailo

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Why Did Jesus Have to Die: More Than a Transaction

Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Estelle Kalakailo

(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)

- Please place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Estelle Kalakailo

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Yaroslav Daniels

\*SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Steele

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Rev. Steele

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WAYS TO CONNECT

HYMN	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH #269 (Verses 1-3)	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH:	<b>You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!</b>	Rev. Steele
BENEDICTION	God Be with You Till We Meet Again	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels



**2026** Offering Envelopes are out on the table.  
**2025** Giving Statements have been sent out via email, if you have one.

Did you know: Our finance team and pastor are currently working on a budget and strategic plan for 2026. The budget has everything from office supplies to new doors and our pastor's strategic plan will forecast what we have coming up inside and outside our walls. We hope to have these ready to share by the end of the month. Stay tuned!

Did you know: We had a great training about the Simplified and Accountable Structure last Saturday. Our Administrative Council has voted to develop an exploratory team to discern whether this would be a helpful structure for our church. Are you interested in serving on this team? Let Brian know!

## Virtual Rummage Sale Update for 2025

Sales for 2025 totaled 1,701.81. This is down significantly from prior years because I have not had as much time to list items for sale. The economy may also be a factor. As of January, 2026 eBay sales since 2020 (when I started selling items on eBay for the church) sales total \$18,358.03 with 719 items sold.

Below is a list of the most interesting items sold in 2025. Were any of them yours?

Kate Spade Owl Watch \$65	Faux Turquoise Squash Blossom Necklace \$22
LeCreuset 4 qt brown Dutch oven \$66	Vtg women's brown suede vest with long fringe \$29
Vtg men's Frye Leather loafer shoes \$56	Olive green Army tool canvas bag \$66
5 Blue & White Currier & Ives drinking glasses \$36	
Lg Fragonard Blue Oval Courting Couple porcelain platter \$33	
Women's green leather Ferragamo pumps \$68	
Nike Air Jordan Martin the Martian High-top shoes \$35	

No monies were expended from eBay sales in 2025. However, I am currently in discussion with the Trustees about funding some landscaping work in the courtyard.

Joy Wilson



***MEETING ON Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 P.M.***

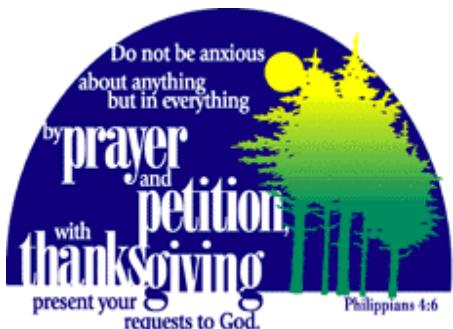


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## Noah Central grateful for the \$352 October contribution.



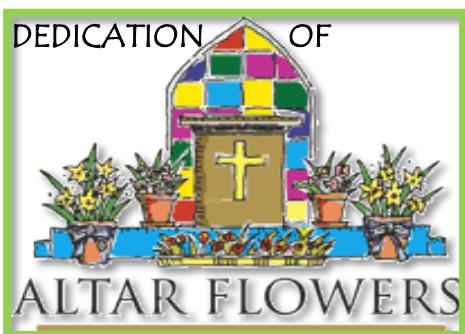
# **CARING MINISTRY LIST**

## **STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH**

### **HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:**

Claudette Howell, Maggie Clewley, Pat Dyert, John Hopeck,  
Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean Koppin, Cathy Kwasky,  
Scott Lodge, Denise Rogers, Denise Ruff, Oliver Schultz,  
Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, *Darrell Simmons*, Bill & Suzanne White,  
Sandy Welling, Ruth Yuill

The Caring Ministry keeps those who are shut in, hospitalized or sick and unable to attend church connected to the church through visits, cards, and phone calls. "Please notify our office via call or email: [office@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or pastor of any requests by Monday to be included in the bulletin and by Thursday for verbal announcements. Names will be removed after 60 days unless otherwise requested."



8<sup>th</sup> In loving honor of the Aiyesimoju family  
14<sup>th</sup>

**March 1<sup>st</sup> Judy Smith**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup> Connie Haase**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup> Tanner Tulgetske**



## **Basement Burger Bar**

Go after  
worship any  
Sunday and  
20% of profits  
come back to  
the church!





The following committees are looking for additional members:  
**Methodist Men, Finance, Outreach, Trustees, The Streaming Team, and Website Team.**



If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Pastor Brian at (269) 274-0029.

**Our teller team** could use your help. Looking for 3 or 4 more volunteers that are willing to help count the offering after Sunday service. It takes about 30-60 minutes to complete depending on the Sunday. We schedule 2 tellers per Sunday. Commitment would be for no more than 2 Sundays a month depending on the scheduling. There may be a month that you may not be required to count. Scheduling is flexible.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LITURGIST?

Liturgists are responsible for leading the opening prayer, reading the scripture lesson, leading the offering prayer, and reading the explanation of offering options. If you are interested in joining the liturgist team, please contact Jill Burress at [jillb69@aol.com](mailto:jillb69@aol.com).

## “HOW TO LIVESTREAM OUR WORSHIP SERVICE”

You can view our worship services live each Sunday morning, even if you don't have a Facebook page/account. Here is how to connect:

1. Go to: [www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch](http://www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch) or
2. Access the church's Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/)
3. Once on the church's Facebook page, select the video marked **Live** in red.
4. You can now view the livestream of our worship service.



## DID YOU MISS THE WORSHIP SERVICE?

You can view all previous worship services and sermons on our YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, or Website:

- Youtube: [www.youtube.com/@farmingtonfumc1829/videos](http://www.youtube.com/@farmingtonfumc1829/videos)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/videos](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/videos).
- Website: [www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live](http://www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live)

## YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Thank you for continued prayerful and financial support of the church. If you would like to make a gift to the church, please use one of the following methods:

### 1) Drop-off or Mail-in your gift to:

First United Methodist Church of Farmington - 33112 Grand River Ave  
Farmington, MI 48336

### 2) Use PayPal, and select: First United Methodist Church of Farmington



GIVE TODAY



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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

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## News & Notes February 15, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m.** **Fat Tuesday Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 p.m.** **Ash Wednesday Service @ Franklin Community UMC**
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal in the bell room
- 7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 p.m. **Detroit Baptist Chin**
- 7:00 p.m. **Lydia Circle – Place TBD**

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. **Craft Gathering**

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows
- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m.** **Perkins Family House Warming**
- 12 noon Classical Indian Dance
- 5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

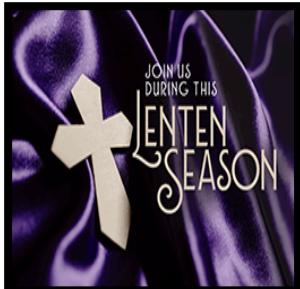


### ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

**March 11, 2026 @ 12 noon**

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE

### LYDIA CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP Friday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>



- Fat Tuesday Dinner 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**
- Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> @ Franklin Community UMC
- Thursday Nights Together**
- Lenten Bible Study
- Dinner 5:30 p.m. Study 6:30 p.m
- February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>



**FELLOWSHIP**  
**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**5 p.m. – 8 p.m.**



### Church Office Hours

I'm working from home on  
Mondays and Fridays  
Tuesday - Thursday  
11:00 am to 3:30 pm

### Pastor Bea

Tuesday-Thursday  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Pastor Brian

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-3  
Please call/text 269-274-0029 to make  
certain I am available.  
Rest & RefreshME happens on Fridays!

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

Announcements/information to be  
shared in the order of worship/weekly  
News & Notes, please email your  
information to Phyllis Anderson  
([phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org)) no later  
than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

### CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

**February 21, 2026**

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring a project to work on  
and a sandwich and see what  
we are creating.

Susan Cook, Coordinator



7 Jill Burress, 8 James Totten,  
11 Gary Shier, 13 Phyllis Paske  
15 Mike Mohr, 18 Carol Riley,  
20 James Paske, 21 Bernie Shaw  
23 Carolyn Wik, 28 Ed Eidt

11 Ken & Amy Berry