



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes July 26, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595



Sunday, July 26th

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 30th

6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 31st

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Sunday, August 2nd

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Fun @ First

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

2026 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th 9 a.m. – 12 noon

DROP OFF

Saturday, August 29th 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Saturday, September TBD 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 11 am – 4:30 p.m.

Pastor Bea

Tuesday – Thursday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastor Brian

is in the office from 10:00 a.m. --3:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please text to confirm availability.

And, available by phone 269-274-0029

every day except Friday.

ANNA COOK

WILL SEE YOU IN THE FALL



YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD: We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**





Basement Burger Bar

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



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

AUGUST 15th 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Susan Cook, Coordinator



3rd Andrea Schroeder,

4th Ken Berry, Emerson Phillips, Reece Phillips

4th Finnegan Riley, 5th Megan Mohr, 9th Sam Carnell

14th Judith Smith, 14th Pamela Clancy, Pamela Lodge

15th Phyllis Anderson, 16th Benjamin Hanson, 17th Joy Wilson

18th Oliver Steele, 31st Kaylin Montgomery

1st Michael & Cathy Kwasky, 7th Mark & Marianna Barrons

31st Patrick & Jodi Imus

1 Carol Crabb, 4 Susan Cook, 6 Larry Stevenson, Ajay Vohra, Ray Wright

7 Celeste Berry, 9 Judy Rehn, 13 Amy Portner 14 Cathy Kwasky

15 Amelia Berry Scott Lodge, 18 Bill Johnston, 21 Sharon Scott, 22 Pat Dygert

25 David Durbin, Bob Muncey, 26 Cindy Scholer, 28 Amy Mohr

3rd Brenda & Mark LaBerge, 9 Cathy Jackson & John Tuba

10 Christina & Aaron Brunke, 16 Dave & Bonnie Kennedy, 21 Mike & Amy Mohr

24 Greg & Ginda Gruse, 26 Charles & Cindy Palmer

28 Michael & Esther Weddell



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

August 2, 2026

PRELUDE

Yaroslav Daniels

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN

Come Away with Me

TFWS #2202

CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Katherine Hawker

Jill Burress

Leader: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

People: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Leader: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

People: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

Leader: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

People: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

OPENING PRAYER

Written by Jeff Shrowder

Jill Burress

Creating God, we praise you for your word which called the universe into being; and for your spirit which breathed life into your human creation, made in your image. We praise you that in your love you seek to embrace us in our brokenness; that while your only Son was handed over to death, you raised him to life, a new creation by which you recreate each of us as we believe in hope, and accept in faith. Source of life, Word of life, Breath of life, we worship you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Simple Gifts and This Little Light of Mine

Double Play-Flute and Tuba

Traditional Shaker Hymn and Arr by R. Hioki

HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH #152

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Steele

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Genesis 1:24-31, 2 Peter 3:1-7

Jill Burress

Liturgist:

The word of God for the people of God

People:

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Bible Contradictions? What do we do with the earth?

Rev. Steele

COMMUNION

Rev. Steele and Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Jill Burress

(WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. PLEASE, GIVE LIKE IT MATTERS, BECAUSE IT DOES.)

Please place your Connect Cards in the offering plate along with any financial gifts you wish to give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jill Burress

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Yaroslav Daniels

*SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Pastor Bea

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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

Rev. Steele

HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS #2173

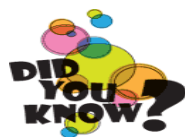
SENDING:

Go and join in God's work of renewing creation!

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

Yaroslav Daniels



Did you know...we're having Parents Night Out as part of Fun at First this Thursday. Invite any parents of any children to be dropped off from 6-7:30 to go out and enjoy some time with your spouse.

PRAYERS

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, all our interfaith siblings, Paul & Donna, the victims of wildfires

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation

Health: Ben and Allison, Louellen, Cameron, Lily W, Olivia, Nikki, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell

Cancer: Meredith (family of Connie L), Amy G (friend of Paula M), Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dakota and her parents Leslie and Kevin, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz

Condolences: The families of Denise Ruff, David O'Shea (Cathy Kwasky's brother) Ethel Shapiro, Ruth Yuill, Dean Koppin, Beth Ellis, Judith Young Mayo, Peter Kalakailo, Bob Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.





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.

“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 or
2. Access the church's Facebook page at: 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
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/videos.
- Website: 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

- 3) Scan the QR code and follow the prompts.



GIVE TODAY



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc



MEETING ON Monday, September 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.

PAY IT FORWARD
Choice for August 2026



Alternatives
For Girls



CARING MINISTRY LIST STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

CONDOLENCES Denise Ruff, Ruth Yuill, Bev Ellis, Dean Koppin

Bernie Shaw, Maggie Clewley, Pat Dygert, Claudette Howell,
John Hopeck, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Cathy Kwasky,
Scott Lodge, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott,
Darrell Simmons, Bill & Suzanne White, Sandy Welling

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 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."



5th In loving memory of Stan Hanson – Judy Hanson

12th **Open for your loving tribute!**

19th in loving honor of Oliver's birthday the Steele Family

26th **In loving honor of Bob & Connie Lynn Anniversary**

2nd **Open for your loving tribute**

9th **Open for your loving tribute**

16th Paula Mullan

23rd **Open for your loving tribute**

30th Susan Cook

6th Karen Brichford

13th **Open for your loving tribute**

20th Carol Riley

27th Janice Pohl

Open for your loving tribute! @ \$30.00 office@farmingtonfumc.org

August 2nd August 9th August 23rd September 13th October 4th December 6th

Your recent giving Statement only indicates 2nd QUARTER & your 2025 giving is in the system, and does not print out.

Rev. Brian Steele
FFUMC – July 26, 2026

When I think of honoring your mother and father, I not only think of my mom--Hi mom love you!--but I think of the people God has placed in my life as a pastor. The very first funeral I ever officiated was for a woman named Lois. I had only met Lois once, maybe twice before she passed. Lois lived in a facility and she didn't have any family to honor her. She just sat there day in and day out alone and could not communicate. The only person who was still visiting her was another member of our church. When I visited her, I was at a loss of what to say because she just had a blank stare as she looked at me and all she could say was the name of our church member. There weren't clear instructions for how to handle this at pastor school. These type of moments have taught me one of the ways we are failing as a society. That this human being, this image bearer of God, a person that had a sacred worth beyond any words, just sat here with such little human interaction. When I did the graveside service for Lois, it was me, my church member, another couple from church and a funeral director. Four people to honor a life.

When the ancient Israelites heard this word about honoring their mother and father, they're being reminded to care for people like Lois. They're hearing a message of how as people age, they no longer have the capacity to care for themselves. And yet they are still of sacred worth.

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