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Calendar of Events



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

News & Notes for the week of March 12, 2023

Tuesday, March 14th

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ The Church
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Carillion Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15th

- 7:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #45

Thursday, March 16th

- 12:00 p.m. Live Weekly Devotion
- 6:00 p.m. Thursday's Together Meal & Family Activities
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 18th

- 11:00am Indian Dance Rehearsal

Sunday, March 19th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Study
- Pick up Offering Envelopes
- 2:00 pm Indian Dance Rehearsal

Pastor Anthony's NEW Office Hours:

- Tuesday 8am-9:30am
- Wednesday 6:30-8pm
- Thursday 11:30-1pm & 6:30-8pm

Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 10:00am to 2:30pm

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

If you have information to include in the weekly News & Notes, please email your information to Phyllis Anderson

(phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) no later than 11:00 a.m. Monday mornings.

Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than Monday's at 12:00pm.



March BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Claudette Howell, Owen Miska, Linda Peckham
- 2nd Jessie Ruane, 3rd Anne Scott, 5th Pat Shuffler
- 8th Michael Weddell, 9th Cappy Goltra
- 13th Denise Ruff, Truman Schroeder, 14th Ben Niemiec
- 15th Ella Hanson, 16th Scott Riley, 18th Angela Stevenson

- 20th Don Haase, Lucas Schultz 22nd Jodi Imus, John Welling 24th Sandra Welling
- 26th Doug Tonkovich, 28th Margaret Brainard, Maggie Clewley, Matthew Stevenson
- 31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell, John Sheppard

Happy ANNIVERSARY

- 9th Bob & Judy Rehn 13th John & Cindy Immonen
- 18th Don & Connie Haase, 24th John & Sandra Welling
- 30th Andrew & Emily Lamott 31st Dean & Dorothy Koppin



OVERCOMING HEALTH CHALLENGES:

Ruth Yuill recent surgery, Susan Sackett – 3/20 scheduled for surgery
Norma Hood, John Hopeck, Jane Hopper, Karma Huston, William Morrison

HOSPICE: Michael's mom, Elaine Weddell.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Betty Santer

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Anthony at: pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org
or via cell phone at: (313) 283-9919



SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon Series: The Seven Last Words of Christ

Message: Comfort from the Cross

John 19:26-27 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

He said to his mother, "woman, here is your son." 27 then he said to the disciple, "here is your mother" verse 26b-27a. As we have learned in our Thursday book study, each of the gospel writers offers us a different glimpse at the cross. While each of the synoptic (same) gospels (Matthew, Mark, & Luke) has Lift Jesus' humanity, compassion, and teaching. John focuses on Jesus' divinity, as the Son of God. John's gospel begins with these powerful words:

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. John 1:1-3 NRSV

Absent from John's opening is a recounting of the genealogy of Jesus, an opening narrative, or factual summation as in the synoptics. For John, front and center, is Jesus as the Christ, fully divine apart of the creation of the world. Therefore, John's account of the crucifixion of Jesus is absent the interaction with thieves and cry of dereliction (abandonment). John offers an image of Christ as fully in control, orchestrating the events necessary for redemption and reconciliation. Insert this poignant moment at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is offering his mother more than simply provision and cultural covering. He is offering his disciple more than a humble privilege. What Jesus is doing is offering compassion, care, and comfort. Jesus, while hanging on the cross, offer grief counseling for his mother and best friend. Jesus, in full control of the situation, takes a moment to bind two grieving souls together, that they might navigate life without him. He gives them the comfort they needed, not to be overwhelmed at his death nor paralyzed by the grief. In offering this gift of comfort from the cross, John highlights Jesus' ability to meet us in our valleys of darkness and despair. Jesus, the fully divine one, is moved with compassion to offer us the grace and comfort we need for all our life's adversities.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

March 19, 2023

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	Leaning On the Everlasting Arms #133	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Maggie Clewley
God of hope and unending love, we humbly come into this Holy place seeking to commune with you once more. We open the doors of our hearts, so that your word might nourish and strengthen our souls. Let the power of the Holy Spirit rain down upon us, equipping us to offer hope to a hurting world. We are your servants, use us for your divine purpose, so the world may come to know you. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Matthew 27:45-47 NRSV	Maggie Clewley
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Bea
MUSICAL SELECTION	Peace In the Valley by Thomas A. Dorsey	Caeley Hempsworth
SERMON:	SEVEN LAST WORDS – PART 4 Hurting, But Hope Filled	Pastor Anthony
OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Maggie Clewley
We appreciate your prayerful and financial support of this community of faith.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For those worshipping in-person, place your offering in one of our offering boxes before you leave.• For those worshipping virtually:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address: 33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 483362. You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: First United Methodist Church of Farmington3. You may text your offering, by texting: fumcgive to 44321 and follow the prompts.		
JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Anthony
LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		Pastor Anthony
Our Father, who is in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
HYMN	Be Thou My Vision #451	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!		
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels



TNT (THURSDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER)

“Thursdays Nights Together,” is an opportunity for EVERYONE to share meals together with others from our community of faith. Our dinners feature meals “carried in” from local restaurants. We look forward to seeing you as we gather at 6 p.m. on each of the remaining Thursdays in March – the 16, 23, and 30.

EVERYONE is invited to share in these special gatherings, share a meal, and participate in community-building studies and activities. Choir members are invited to join us and share in these events before choir rehearsal.

If you are looking forward to sharing in this special time, please e-mail Pastor bea at pastorbea@farmingtonfumc.org, by NOON on the WEDNESDAY before the dinner, so that we be able to order enough food from the local restaurant we are using for that evening.

We had a lot of fun at TNT again. It was wonderful to hear the beautiful sound of many conversations while participants were talking and laughing with others at their tables, as they created paper chains about taking intentional actions to mark the season of Lent.

If you are interested in joining us for dinner, but have concerns about food sensitivities, please feel free to bring whatever food best serves your health.

We want to send a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Leo’s Coney Island at Farmington Road and Twelve Mile for donating the Greek Salad we enjoyed with our Coney Dogs last week.

About 30 of us had a fun time sharing pizza and paczkis on **SHROVE TUESDAY**. We celebrated the last day before Lent began and made Mardi Gras masks to help mark that celebration even more fun.

thank you

An Attitude of Gratitude – Many thanks to Busch Market for donating the Paczki’s and to Cottage Inn Pizza for allowing us to purchase the pizzas at a discount.

Global Ministries World Hunger & Poverty \$1,000.00



MCHS Family of Services thanks the First UMC for the generous donations of \$500.00 and \$1,000.00

If you have an **ANNOUNCEMENT** you'd like to give or information to be included in the order of worship, they must be submitted to Pastor Anthony **NO LATER THAN MONDAY'S AT 12:00PM.**



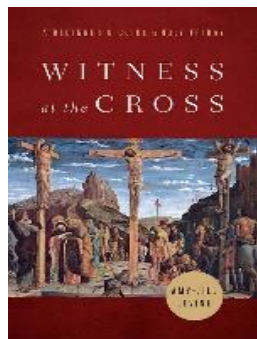
Please welcome our new Parish Visitor, Connie Haase. The Parish Visitor keeps those who are shut in, hospitalized or sick and unable to attend church connected to the church through visits, cards, and phone calls. To contact the Parish Visitor please email: office@ [farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.

OUTREACH FUNDRAISING PROJECTS PAY IT FORWARD!

We're back! Monthly Church-wide projects!
LIVINGSTON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
is our choice for the month of March 2023

We appreciate your generosity, please indicate
LIVINGSTON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
on your checks and envelopes.

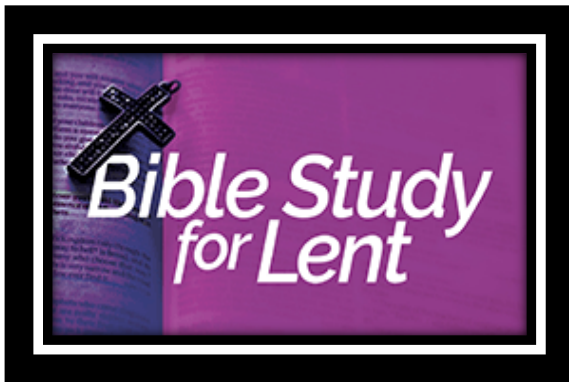




LENTEN BOOK STUDY You are invited to join a Lenten Book Study which will consider *Witness at the Cross* by Amy Jill Levine. Rev. Carolyn Wik will be leading the study on Tuesday mornings and Sundays following worship. Pastor Anthony will lead the study after dinner at **Thursday Evenings Together**.

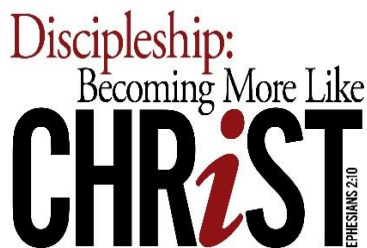
We will be ordering books, so if you are interested in participating in one of these opportunities, please send an email to Rev. Wik or Pastor Anthony to let us know that you will be joining in this study.

LENTEN 2023 TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study will start a 5 Lenten week study on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm for one hour. We will be using 5 stand-alone Lenten studies, which focus on the Wilderness, Fasting, Solitude, Temptation and Preparation.

Let Barbara Walker, walkerbarbar@yahoo.com, know if you are interested. She will provide the free pdf study lessons. The Tuesday Night Bible Study offers an excellent opportunity for women to enjoy fellowship, support, and Bible study. At this time the study is being offered in a hybrid manner both in person and via Zoom. Please consider joining us.



"FAST TRACK" 12 WEEK DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., led by Pastor bea began on January 18, for. We will begin with the Old Testament Study. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact Pastor bea so that we can order books. Her email is beasoots@gmail.com or call 248-320-5108. If you call and she doesn't answer, please leave a message and she will call you back as soon as possible.

VIRTUAL RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE:



Some of the rummage sale "good stuff" donations are listed on eBay and I've sold over \$1,000 so far with more items to be listed. Below are the steps to follow for viewing the eBay items for sale that benefits First UMChurch. On your web browser-go to eBay.com at the top right of your screen you will see a blue search box you want the ADVANCED search to the right of the blue box **click on it** that will bring up the "advanced search" page scroll down until you see the "Sellers" heading check the "Only show items from" box to the right of the "include" box you will enter our church's user ID which is "firstchurchseller" without the quote marks then click the blue search box at the bottom of the page That should bring up all the items currently for sale on the church eBay site (currently over 100 items are listed for sale).

If you happen to see something you want to purchase, contact me and

I'll remove the listing. You can pay for it directly into the rummage sale account and save the shipping cost. Thank you for all of your wonderful cast-offs!

THE NEXT RUMMAGE SALE DROP-OFF DAY WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25 FROM 9:00 AM TO NOON. YOU CAN PULL UP YOUR CAR UNDER THE PORTICO AND WE WILL UNLOAD YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS. NO BABY BOOSTER/CAR SEATS, TELEVISIONS OR FURNITURE ACCEPTED. CLOTHING SHOULD BE FREE FROM STAINS, HOLES AND PET HAIR. THANK YOU!

Joy & Doug Wilson joywilson@hotmail.com 734-660-4915



Quilting & Potluck

on Friday, March 17th
at 9:00 am @ Wesley Hall



United
Women
in Faith

Lydia Circle at Barb's @ 7 p.m.



GREAT NEWS!!

The 2023 Farmington Area CROP Walk is returning to Farmington First!! The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 1:00PM and the walk will kick off at 1:30PM.

TO WALK

- 1) On your computer, go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/teams>
- 2) Click on "Join or Start A Team"
- 3) Scroll down the page to "Find An Existing Team To Join" and type in "Farmington MI FUMC"
- 4) Join the team!!

TO DONATE

- 1) On your computer, go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/teams>
- 2) Click on "Make A Donation"
- 3) Scroll down the page to "Is this in support of a particular participant in the CROP Hunger Walk?" and type in the name of a walker.
- 4) Make a Donation

OR

Write a check (no cash accepted) to "CWS/CROP" and drop off in the office or give it to John Sheppard!

IF YOU WANT A T-SHIRT

Send you t-shirt size to John Sheppard by April 7, 2023.

Thanks for all of your support during the COVID time. Hopefully, we are getting back to normal!



Daytime **FITNESS** classes are forming here at the church. These one hour classes are designed for people over 50 and will be led by a certified group fitness instructor and consist of low impact exercises (including some line dancing) as well as strengthening, toning and stretching.

There is a fee to cover expenses related to music, equipment and insurance.

For more information, please contact Susan Cook at 248-832-3683 or suzcook33115@gmail.com.

Education Committee would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's college students and military personnel. If your son or daughter is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.



An invitation for all ages
to join our community
Easter Egg hunt and decorating event
Saturday, April 8th
(the day before Easter)
11a.m – 12:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Farmington
Christian Education
33112 Grand River Avenue
248-474-6573
www.farmingtonfumc.org

**You are welcome to join us in our
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Services**

Please plan to join us and invite your friends and family to come along for a time of fun and creativity.



We are very excited about our successful in-person Sunday School. We are inviting anyone who feels called to share God's love through this ministry to sign-up to teach or assist in a class for one Sunday. Please contact Pastor bea at beasoots@gmail.com or 248-320-5108. If you call, please leave a message, and Pastor bea will return your call as soon as possible.

We are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants at this time. Please know that children of all ages are welcome in worship, especially when they are making "joyful noises to the Lord".

Our future plans include developing a "Family Center" where parents will have a comfortable space to experience our worship service via live stream in a hospitable space.



GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP

Using supplies that our congregation has donated and some that were donated before the pandemic, the Guiding Force Youth Group has compiled **18 hygiene kits** that will be given to a Mobile Charity that shares them with people who are in need of those supplies.



Volunteer Opportunities



The following committees are looking for additional members: **Finance, Outreach, Trustees, Methodist Men, The Streaming Team, and Website Team.** If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Pastor Anthony at: pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org.

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 VIEW THE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

You can view our 10:00 a.m. Livestream of our worship service, on the church website or our Facebook page, even if you do not have a Facebook 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/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc
- Website: www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Thank you for your continued and steady financial support. The finance team has worked diligently to provide multiple methods for us to continue financially supporting the church:

- A) You can Drop-off or Mail-In a check to:
First United Methodist Church - 33112 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336.
- B) You can use the "Bill Pay" option through your online banking website.
- C) You can give using "PayPal" and choose: First United Methodist Church of Farmington.
- D) You can text to give, by texting: **fumcgive** to **44321** and follow the prompts.



GIVE TODAY



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc

In an effort to attract more attention towards our church, we have created an Instagram account. Here you will find content featuring updates, events, devotionals, and more! Give us a follow, tell your friends, tell your family, and enjoy scrolling!

FACEMASK/FACE COVERINGS ARE OPTIONAL

Facemask/Face Coverings are optional. You have the option to wear or not to wear a facemask/face covering while in the church. The Covid Response Team will continue to review covid numbers for Oakland County. To review the Covid number reported by the Michigan Health Departments for Oakland County, go to the following link:

<https://www.mistartmap.info/cdc-indicators?area=county%3Aoakland>.





2023 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

The Worship Committee will again decorate the sanctuary with Lilies for Easter. **Orders, with payment, are due no later than Sunday, April 2nd by 11:30am.** Alternative Giving will support the Methodist Children's Home Society. Completed order forms, with payment, can be placed in an offering box before or after worship. **Lilies are \$10.00 each.**

If you will be mailing-in your order form, mail it to the church: 33112 Grand River Avenue – Farmington, MI 48336. Order forms **must arrive to the church office (with payment), no later than Saturday, April 1st.** If you are writing a check, make it payable to: First United Methodist Church, memo to read: Easter Lily.
Lilies may be taken home following the Easter Sunday Service on April 9th.

Easter Lilies

Please order _____ flowers @ \$10.00 each Total \$ _____

From: _____

In Loving Honor of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Methodist Children's Home Society

Outreach Ministry donation \$ _____ From: _____

In Loving Honor of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____