



## **SERMON SNIPPET:**

Sermon: GOAL DRIVEN

Scripture: Philippians 3:10-14 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

What goals have you set for this week, month, and year? At the beginning of every year, we set goals/resolutions that we want to accomplish by the end of the year. We want to improve our relationships with our spouses. We want to be promoted on our jobs. We want to increase our savings/start

saving diligently. We want to exercise more. Goals help us harness our creative energy and direct it toward a specific outcome.

As followers of Christ, we have a goal the supersedes all our personal plans and objectives. Point #1 – What is the goal? To become more like Jesus each day, by learning all we can about Jesus and then aligning our lives to Jesus' example.

In our text we find the Apostle Paul writing to the church at Philippi to encourage them and offer sound instruction. Earlier Paul has commended the Philippian Church for their continued support of his evangelistic mission and for their zeal in sharing/living the gospel. In our text, Paul offers them a sound perspective, partly to refute the claims of Gnostics who stated that they have attained the goal of being fully known by Christ. Paul's humility helps the Philippians keep their focus on pursuing the goal versus becoming distracted by the false teachings of those who claim they've obtained the goal.

Paul urges us to pursue fully knowing Christ and to be fully known by Christ. Point #2 – Striving to learn all we can about Christ and for Christ to learn everything about us takes time and intentionality. When we strive to live like Jesus, it moves us to put aside prioritizing our personal preferences to align with God's purpose. Point #3 – The journey for learning about Jesus is a lifelong process that requires an ongoing desire to become like Christ. Likewise, my brothers and sisters, we must continue to learn and continue to strive to learn more about Christ so that our lives will better reflect Christ.

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33112 GRAND RIVER AVENUE  
FARMINGTON, MI 48336**



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

February 11, 2024

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	Stand By Me #512 - vss. 1, 3, & 5	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		
<b>God of hope and unending love, we humbly come into this Holy place seeking to commune with you once more. We open our hearts, so that your word will nourish and strengthen our souls. Let the power of your 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. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.</b>		
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV		
Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God		
<b>People: Thanks be to God</b>		
MUSICAL SELECTION	Come Ye Blessed from the Holy City	Jordan Rivenburgh
By: Alfred Gaul		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #2154 TFWS	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	I DESERVE MORE!	Pastor Anthony
OFFERING INVITATION		
<b>WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.</b>		
• For those worshipping virtually:		
1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address: <b>33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336</b>		
2. You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: <b>First United Methodist Church of Farmington</b>		
• For those worshipping in-person:		
1. The ushers will come forward to receive our tithes and offerings. As the ushers receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed Connection Card in the offering plate.		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
SUNG PRAISE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94	Yaroslav Daniels
JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Anthony
LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		
<b>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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.</b>		
HYMN	Lift Every Voice and Sing #519	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH:	<b>You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!</b>	Pastor Anthony
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels

**RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE:** The next rummage sale **drop-off day will be Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon.** Please donate items that are gently used, free from spots, stains, holes or pet hair. We do not accept baby car/booster seats, furniture, Televisions or bed pillows.

2023 eBay sales hit a new high at \$4,333.84. There were about 150 transactions and thankfully, only one return. \$1,500 was allocated to the trustees for the repair of the kitchen exhaust fan and \$200 was given to Guiding Force Youth Group. We are working with the trustees to provide at least some partial funding for other projects/repairs.

**Items of interest that were sold in 2023 were:**

Gold filled pocket watch chain \$35  
Vtg JJ Jonette Pegasus Brooch Pin \$26  
Vtg Sterling Silver Tongass Totem Earrings \$46  
Carnival glass bowl dragon/lotus pattern \$23  
Antique framed crewel country farm scene \$100  
Vtg LeCreuset flame color fish dish \$80  
Vtg Nelson Dairy Glass Milk Bottle \$14  
Antique railroad lantern with blue Fresnel lens \$128  
Royal Cruise Lines white cotton bathrobe \$49  
Royal Winton Old Cottage Chintz Bowl \$35  
2 vtg cactus paintings on Howlite Mineral Slabs \$55  
Pewter triple candelabra \$37  
Craig Zweifel art glass ornament \$45  
2 Antique Maund framed Paul Victorius Botanical Prints \$85



The **2024 fall rummage sale has been set for Friday and Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.** This will happen **IF** we get enough donations to hold a sale. Mark your calendars for helping with setup day which will start Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour.

Joy & Doug Wilson, [joywilson@hotmail.com](mailto:joywilson@hotmail.com), 734-660-4915



When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me. Matthew 25:40 CEB



**MCHS Family of services grateful for your 2023 \$720.00 contribution**



**Meeting Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

**Cass Community Social Services**



is our choice for **FEBRUARY 2024**

We appreciate your generosity,  
please indicate CCMM3005 on your checks and envelopes

**CARING MINISTRY LIST**

**OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:**

Gladys Bocker, Pat Bradley, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell  
Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis, Joan Haggard, Jane Hopper  
John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Bev Jackson, Peter Kalakailo  
Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean & Dorothy Koppin  
Suzanne Lanstra, Sue Latimer, Norma Mickey, William Morrison  
Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, Marilyn Totten  
Sandy Welling, Don Wingard, Ruth Yuill



**CONDOLENCES to the families of .....**

Eleanor Wingard

Cappy Goltra Memorial March 9<sup>th</sup> on what would have been her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Marilyn Shier (mother of Gary Shier).

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. To contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor please email: office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.

**If you have prayer concerns, please contact** Pastor Anthony (313) 229-9919



The 2024 flower calendar is posted on the wall in the East Narthex. Whether you worship in person or from home you may sign up for altar flowers as availability is indicated below to [Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) and Please submit your dedication details by 11 a.m. on Mondays to the same 2 weeks prior to your selected date (s) along with your payment of \$30.00 for the two bouquets, which you may take home following the service.

Altars Flowers Presented by  
February 11<sup>th</sup> Diane Miller  
February 18<sup>th</sup> Susan Lanstra  
February 25<sup>th</sup> Tolentino Family

**Availability:** March 3, April 7, 14, 21, 28, June 16, 23, 30, July 14, August 4, 25, December 8, 15



CED would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's college students and military personnel.

If your loved one is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades are invited to go to Sunday School.



At this time, we are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants. 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 space that is hospitable for them.

### GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP MISSION WORK TRIP

We have resumed our regular meetings at 11:30 a.m. on the following schedule:

- February 4 – "What Makes a Hero?"
- February 18 and 25 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for School Break
- March 3 – "What Makes A Hero?"
- March 17 – "What Makes A Hero?"
- March 24 and 31 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for Spring Break
- April 7 – Centennial Celebration
- April 21 – "What Makes A Hero?"



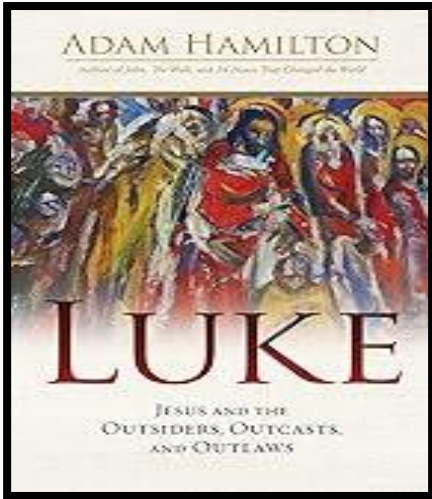
- (Saturday) April 27 – Hands With Detroit
- May 5 – "What Makes a Hero?"
- May 12 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for Mothers' Day
- May 19 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 26 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for Memorial Day
- June 2 – "What Makes a Hero?"
- June 9 – Mission Trip Preparation
- June 16 -- No Guiding Force Youth Group for Fathers' Day
- June 23 -- 29, Motown Mission Work Camp Week



Also, plans for a summer **MISSION WORK TRIP** are underway. We are also looking forward to this time of service and community building. Motown Mission has offered the opportunity for us to serve the last week of June 23 through 29



If you are interested in having your 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade student(s) involved in our adventures, please contact Pastor bea at 248-320-5108 or [beasoots@gmail.com](mailto:beasoots@gmail.com).



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 2024

One option for a Lenten Bible Study this year is Luke: Jesus, The outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws. by Adam Hamilton. The class will be offered three times per week:

- Sundays at 11:30 am starting February 18<sup>th</sup>,
- Tuesday mornings starting February 20 at 10am
- Tuesday nights at 7pm. Women's Bible study starts Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

The class will run for 6 weeks.

The study explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. It focuses on how Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Each lesson will include a DVD segment featuring the author.

### Joint Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 14, 2024, 6:00 PM – 7:10 PM

Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W Eleven Mile Rd,  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336, USA

Join us, along with the people of Nardin Park UMC, Orchard UMC, and West Bloomfield UMC as we begin the 2024 Lenten Journey.



*Shrove Tuesday*

*February 13th 6:00pm*

*Paczki and Pizza Supper*

*Please join us for this, the first  
of our Lenten suppers*

*Thursdays Together Dinners for Lent*  
**Lenten**  
**MEALS**

*Join Us! Dinner @ 6pm each Thursday Feb 22 thru March 28  
After dinner: discussion Adam Hamilton's "Luke" for the adults  
& games for the kids  
rsvp: [pastorbea@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:pastorbea@farmingtonfumc.org)*



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Sunday, April 7, 2024

Bishop David Bard will be our preacher  
as we celebrate the centennial of our historic building.  
More details will follow as we make plans for  
ways to mark this historic moment.





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](mailto:pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org).

**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 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](http://www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch) or
2. Access the church's Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/](https://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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc](https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc)
- Website: [www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live](http://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!



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## News & Notes for the week of February 4, 2024

### Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting

### Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m. Indian Classical Dance



### ANNA CIRCLE

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon

### NARCAN "DRUG OVERDOSE TRAINING"

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.



### QUILTER'S GATHERING

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m.



**2024 are out on the  
Narthex table.**

3 Bob Cook, 6 Adam Weigand  
7 Jill Burress, 8 James Totten  
11 Gary Shier, 13 Phyllis Paske  
14 Peter Kalakailo  
15 Mike Mohr, 18 Carol Riley  
20 James Paske  
21 Bernie Shaw, 23 Carolyn Wik  
24 Catherine McCarthy  
25 Gladys Bocker, 28 Ed Eidt  
  
11 Ken & Amy Berry Wedding Anniversary

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

If you have information to include in the 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.

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