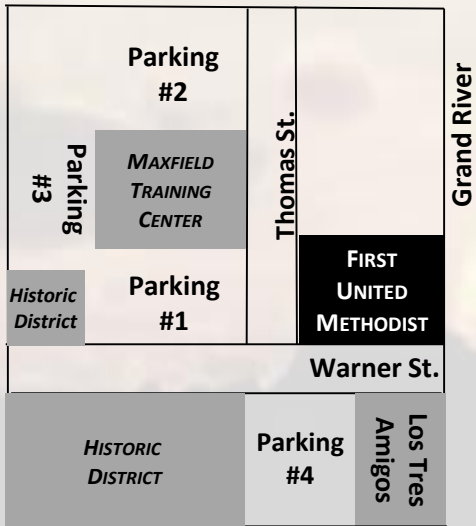


**Who is responsible for printing the program?**

The church is responsible for printing the funeral program for services on-site. For funeral or memorial services off-site, the family is responsible for printing the program. The funeral home can assist you in printing your program or with selecting a quality printing company.

***For Your Convenience***

It is our prayer that we can be a blessing to you and your family. Therefore, we have provided the following map to aid you, your extended family and friends in locating parking around First United Methodist Church of Farmington. If you have any questions feel free to contact the church office at (248) 474-6573.



*Funeral Preparation Guide*

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1 [NIV]*



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# *A Word of Comfort*

The first few moments after the loss of a loved one are tough. The finality of death catches many of us unaware and sometimes unprepared. It is our prayer that this guide will help empower you and your family in preparing the funeral arrangements for your loved one.

We have designed this *FUNERAL PREPARATION GUIDE* to answer many of the basic questions families have when planning a funeral service for their loved ones. Within this guide you will find information about the services First United Methodist Church of Farmington provides for funerals, along with the contact numbers for reputable local funeral homes.

I leave you with these words recorded in the book of Romans 8:35, 37-39:

*“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?.....No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any power, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Peace Be Upon You,  
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## **Who do I call to make funeral or memorial service arrangements?**

Call the church office and make contact with the Administrator, Phyllis Anderson, who will contact the pastor and check the church calendar for availability. The pastor, Phyllis and additional staff will schedule a meeting with your family to discuss arrangements for the funeral.

## **Who can have their funeral or memorial service at First United Methodist Church?**

We are a community of faith, here to serve the needs of our membership and our community. Members and their immediate families take priority when scheduling funeral services. However, the community at large are welcome to have their funeral/memorial services at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. Our church is an alcohol and tobacco free facility. Smoking and the consumption of alcohol within the facilities is strictly prohibited.

## **Is there a fee for using the church?**

Funeral/Memorial services for members and their immediate family are free of charge. However, the family is responsible for the organist's fee.

Non-Members will be assessed the following fees for hosting their funeral/memorial service:

Organist Fee	\$200.00
Building Usage Fee	*\$100.00
Custodial Fee	*\$75.00

*\*Fees are due 48hours prior to the date of the funeral/memorial service.*

The Church does not accept personal checks for payment. We accept cash, certified checks and money orders for payment. You may use a personal check for payment of the Organist.

## **Does the church recommend a funeral home?**

No, the church does not have a preferred or recommended funeral home. The following are reputable local funeral homes:

*Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home  
(248) 474-5200*

*Thayer-Rock Funeral Home  
(248) 474-4131*

## **Will the church provide a luncheon for our family and friends?**

Yes, the church provides a luncheon for the family and friends of our members. Non-members may have a luncheon catered in our social hall for up to 75 people, without incurring additional fees. Caterers must be licensed, bonded and insured; taking full legal responsibility for all food prepared and served during the luncheon.

## **Will the church provide an organist?**

The church will secure the services of an organist. However, the family is responsible for paying the organist fee.

## **Can someone other than the pastor give the eulogy or officiate the service?**

The pastor, as shepherd and leader of First United Methodist Church of Farmington, is responsible for officiating and giving the eulogy for all funeral services. However, special consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis.

You are free to include outside clergy in the funeral service reading prayers, offering a musical selection, or reading scripture.