



ALTAR FLOWERS 2025

CONTACT: _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

TRIBUTE DATE: (S) _____

TRIBUTE MESSAGE: _____

**PLACE YOUR NAME ON YOUR PREFERRED SUNDAY (S)
FOR 2025 ALTAR FLOWER TRIBUTE
IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS,**

**THIS FORM WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU AS A REMINDER
(IN HONOR OF, BIRTHDAY, IN MEMORY OF, ETC.)**

should be submitted no later than 2 WEEKS PRIOR to your selected date

ALONG WITH PAYMENT OF \$30.00 per Sunday for 2 bouquets

that you may take home after worship service. Bring a receptacle to transport.

DESIGNATED Altar Flower envelopes #156 are available for payment submission

**SUBMIT TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OR PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE
2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR DESIGNATED DATE**



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ADORN
THE ALTAR WITH FLOWERS – FUMC WORSHIP COMMITTEE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue

Farmington, MI 48335



First United Methodist Church of Farmington

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2024

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME:		Pastor Anthony
HYMN:	Joy to the World #246	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Jill Burress
O God of wonder and mystery, tonight we give you thanks for the precious gift of Jesus. You have come to us, yet again, bringing the hope and light that we have longed for. The birth of Jesus fills us with excitement and expectation, knowing that he will grow to be our Lord and Savior. Tonight, we promise to follow him, wherever he leads us, that we may become his faithful disciples! Amen.		
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Song In the Air” Arr. Joel Raney	Vocal Choir
FIRST READING	The Prophecy of Christ’s Birth and Reign Isaiah 9: 2-6	Jill Burress
SECOND READING Luke 1:26-38	Jesus’ birth is announced	Jill Burress
CAROL	Away in a Manger #217	Yaroslav Daniels
THIRD LESSON Matthew 1:18-25	An Angel Appears to Joseph	Rev. Carolyn Wik
FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7	Jesus is born in Bethlehem	Rev. Carolyn Wik
CAROL	O Little Town of Bethlehem #230 (vs. 1 & 2)	Yaroslav Daniels
FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-14	Jesus’s Birth Is Announced To The Shepherds	Pastor Bea
SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20	The shepherds visit the baby Jesus	Pastor Bea
SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-5, 9-14	The Word became flesh	Pastor Anthony
MEDITATION	JESUS IS THE LIGHT	Pastor Anthony
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Jill Burress
The Christmas offering will be divided between the N.O.A.H. Project at Central UMC Detroit and the General Fund. Your continued financial and prayerful support is greatly appreciated.		

- FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY: Giving options will appear on your screen.
- FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON:
You may 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. Guests, please place your completed **CONNECTION CARD** in the collection plate.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

Jill Burress

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Yaroslav Daniels

SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94

Yaroslav Daniels

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Pastor Anthony

Tonight, we share the light of Christ with all in this place so that it might shine in the world through each of us because each of us is a Blessing from God, sent into the world to be a Blessing to Others.

(A Candle will be lit from the Christ Candle, and that candle will be used to light all our candles)

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night #239

Yaroslav Daniels

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, the Lord, at thy birth.

PLEASE RAISE YOUR CANDLES IN THE AIR!

Verse 4

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Pastor Anthony

SENDING FORTH:

You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

December 29, 2024

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
CAROL	It Came Upon A Midnight Clear #218	Yaroslav Daniels
CAROL	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #240	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison):		Dave Kennedy
O Lord, we have assembled in celebration of your Son and our Savior. Hear our collective praise, may it resound throughout heaven and be a sweet fragrance to you. Thank you for the ways you have helped us deepen our relationship with you. Continue to help us mature spiritually, that we may be a blessing to others. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.		
CAROL	Love Came Down at Christmas #242	Yaroslav Daniels
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Psalm 150 NRSV	Dave Kennedy
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
CAROL	The First Noel (vs. 1, 3 & 5) #245	Yaroslav Daniels
OFFERING INVITATION		Dave Kennedy
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.		
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING		Dave Kennedy
OFFERTORY MUSIC		
SUNG PRAISE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94	Yaroslav Daniels
JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Anthony
LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		Pastor Anthony
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.		
CAROL	O Come All Ye Faithful #234	Yaroslav Daniels
CAROL	Joy to the World #246	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!		



Poinsettias adorning the Altar have been given by:

Jim & Carolyn Aymer in loving honor of our granddaughter, Liliana (**Lily**) in loving memory of Ed & Caron Aymer, Charlie Curtiss, Earl & Irene Raycraft

Pastor Bea

in loving memory of John Plotka & Lois Nelson

Karen Brichford in loving honor of Meredy & Jake Roorda

Leon & Geri Doolin in loving honor of Our Family

Mary Beth, Dan, Peggy, Maureen, Patrick Latimer in loving memory of Dick & Susan Latimer

Connie Lynn in loving memory of Bob Lynn

Michelle & James Malkowski in loving memory of Dorothy Malkowski

Dan & Diane, Amy & Evan Portner

in loving memory of Jack & Betty Crane, Fred & Helen Portner, Daniel Petersen

Scott & Carol Riley in loving memory of our parents: Jim & Betty Kitson, Randy & Joyce Riley

Susan Sackett in loving memory of Gary Sackett, Erwin & Madeline Riley

Lyn & Gary in loving memory of Marilyn Shier

Judy Smith in loving memory of Irving, Grace, Gerald, Susan, Eric Smith

Jerry & Sharon Thomas in loving memory of Mark Thomas

Douglas Tonkovich in loving memory of Dorothy & Andy Tonkovich

Cathy Jackson & John Tuba in loving memory of Bob & Eve Butts – Ann & John Tuba

Michael & Esther Weddell in loving memory of Elaine Weddell,

Aurora Francis Allen, Lawrence W. Allen



2024 Alternate Giving to Noah at Central have been given by:

Karen Brichford

in loving memory of Mary Peterson, Don Peterson,

Dave Brichford Tom Brichford

Pat Fleming in loving honor of Family & Friends in loving memory of Family

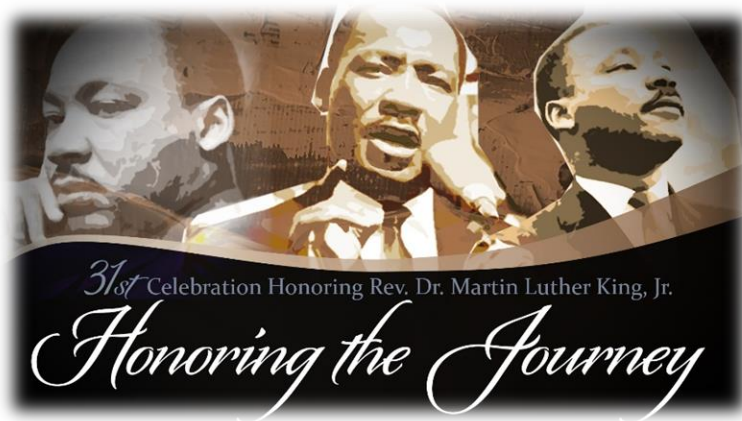
Janet Inman

Scott & Carol Riley in loving honor of our children Finnegan & Aidan

Patty Tschudi in loving memory of my parents John & Catherine Downing

Thank you so very much for your generous support.





The Greater Detroit District of the
United Methodist Church
presents, ***Honoring the Journey, the
31st Celebration Honoring Rev. Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr.*** Hosted by
Grosse Pointe UMC.

**You're invited to attend on Sunday,
January 12, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.
Reception and 3:30 p.m. Service**

In-person at:
Grosse Pointe UMC
211 Moross Rd.
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Parking Information:

A large private parking lot is on the church property, behind the church. There are many handicap spaces. Please enter in the rear sanctuary door. The reception will be in the Parlor. Ushers will guide you to the proper areas.

Livestreaming for online attendees will begin at 3:30 p.m.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@gpumc/streams>

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." He spoke of the urgency of making progress--despite turmoil, despite animosity, despite setbacks. To pay tribute to his legacy, and to continue to cultivate his dreams within our own lives, we invite you to gather at the 31st Celebration honoring Dr. King.

Through a service of song, prayer, litany, and reflection, we will use our voices to honor the journey. We will present awards and scholarships to individuals within our congregations who are pivotal examples of his legacy and who use their lives as a platform to speak. This year we will also unveil a new award, The Beloved Community Grant. This celebration is always a beautiful way to recenter our hearts and intentions. It is uplifting, poignant, and powerful. We sincerely hope to see you there, either in person or via the livestream! *Faithfully, your
31st Celebration Committee honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Each year the Greater Detroit District awards high school seniors and college students scholarships in memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 2025 scholarships were funded in part by a grant from the District, and in part by individual donations. You can help to fund the 2026 scholarships by clicking the donate button below.



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
Meeting on Monday, January 6th @ 7 p.m.

OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL
is our **PAY IT FORWARD**
choice for December **2024**



Noah at Central \$165.00
Holton Community Center
Global Ministries \$398.00
Lighthouse \$190.00

We appreciate your generosity and ask you to please indicate Oakland Jail/Pay It Forward on your check/envelope.

CARING MINISTRY LIST

OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Carolyn Aymer, Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Bob Cook, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Bev Ellis, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Keith Miller, Denise Rogers, Sandy Welling



HEALING AT HOME: Pat Dyert, Jane Hopper, Dean Koppin, Peter Kalakailo, Bob & Judy Rehn, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, *Darrell Simmons*, Bill & Suzanne White, 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. Contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor 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) 283-9919



DEDICATIONS

1st In loving honor of Igwe grandchildren:
Noella, Macie, Brooke, Jo Jo,
Savannah, Alani
29th In Loving Memory of Geri Doolin's
Father, Len Sims



SALE UPDATE

Another person or team is needed to take over the RUMMAGE SALE event. We would be happy to offer guidance to anyone who wants to know more. Stockpiling donations in the rummage room as they come in is one of the tasks involved and the sale itself is fairly well streamlined. Items currently at our home will continue to be sold on eBay as time permits. Joy will give an accounting of 2024 eBay sales after the end of the year.

At this time, we have not heard of anyone else stepping forward to run another in-person sale. Until that happens, please **DO NOT** leave any rummage in the basement storage area. Choose another worthy organization to donate your items to.

Joy & Doug Wilson



GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP (GFYG)

The Greater Detroit District is reviving the annual "U" Night Event. Youth from the entire district are being invited to Eastern Michigan University gym for an "Overnight Lock In" to play games and get acquainted with each other. This evening is planned from 9 p.m. on **Friday, January 10 through 6 a.m. on Saturday, January 11**. There will be much more information about this event as the date approaches, but please put iron your calendars now, so that we can go together for a fun-filled night of friendship and fun.

SERVICE WEEK AT CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

The Guiding Force Youth Group will be serving at Cass Community Social Services **July 14 through 18, 2025**. We will be traveling to Cass each day and returning to our homes for the evening.

We are inviting anyone from the congregation who is interested in serving with us is invited to come along. You will be welcome to join for as many days as it's convenient for you.

This will not only be an opportunity not only for you to serve God's people, but also to get better acquainted with the youth of our church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is available to Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades throughout the school year



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.



We pray that you experience Safe, Healthy, Wealthy, Happy Holidays!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: December 25th – January 3rd



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

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!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

News & Notes thru January 5, 2024



Thursday, January 2nd

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 4th

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, January 5th

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Coffee Hour

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance

5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Monday, January 6th

7:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry

Tuesday, January 7th

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Wednesday, January 8th

10:00 a.m. Caring Ministries

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 9th

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 11th

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

December Birthdays:

23rd Marianna Barrons

27th Amy Berry

28th Barbara Walker

30th Linda McDoniel

December Anniversaries:

26th Jerry & Sharon Thomas

29th Bob & Debbie Muncey

Church Office Hours:

Monday- Friday

10:00am to 2:30pm

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

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

Pastor Anthony's Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm

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. 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.



2nd Dave Drake,

3rd Megan Gesse,

5th Cathy Jackson

8th Ayanna Hood

10th Bob Rehn

11th Emma Baker,

14th Glenn Morrison,

15th Ann St. John,

17th Denise Rogers,

18th Dave Kennedy

23rd Julia Hanson,

24th Sue Weigand

25th Sandy Roth,

31st Ginda Gruse

Anniversary

5th Harrison & Carrie Igwe

CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

4th Friday's of the month Beginning in January 2025 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share.

Susan Cook, Coordinator

