

# Happiness, Health, Wealth, Safety



“Humility & fear  
of the Lord bring  
wealth and  
honor and life.”  
Proverbs 22:4



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON**  
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Farmington, MI 48335



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

February 9, 2025

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	Stand By Me #512 - vss. 1, 3, & 5	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Edwin Arun
<b>Almighty and loving God, we have gathered to worship and praise your Holy name. Help us embrace the challenge of spiritual, numerical, and financial growth with honesty and transparency. Reignite within us a desire to serve joyfully, give generously, pray fervently and worship passionately. We want to be a fruitful, inspiring, and transformative community of faith. Remove all stumbling blocks that would hinder or distract us from accomplishing the mission and vision you have given to us. Bring to us the people who will have what we need to become what you envision us to be. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.</b>		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	2 Timothy 1:5-7 NIV & Philippians 4:4-7 NRSV	Edwin Arun
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Go Out With Joy” By: Hank Beebe	Vocal Choir
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #2154 TFWS	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	MAKING OUR REQUEST KNOWN – PART 2	Pastor Anthony
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Edwin Arun
<i>(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY:</b> Giving options will appear on your screen.</li><li>• <b>FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON:</b> 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.</li></ul>		
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Edwin Arun
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)		Pastor Anthony
<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



## SERMON SNIPPET:

Series: MAKING OUR REQUEST KNOWN  
Message: The Challenge of Growth  
Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

Today, we begin a series of sermons entitled: MAKING OUR REQUEST KNOWN. Each week we will focus on a one portion of the prayer we offer each first Sunday, it is our Vision Prayer. Today, we will focus on this portion: ***Help us embrace the challenge of spiritual, numerical, and financial***

### ***growth with honesty and transparency.***

Our sermonic theme: The Challenge of Growth

Have you ever heard of the acronym P.U.S.H. – Pray Until Something Happens? Prayer has the power to change our situations, it is the first tool in our spiritual toolboxes. Prayer is an essential part of every follower of Christ life. Through prayer we communicate with God, our joys, sorrow, needs, and weaknesses. Through prayer we hear how God will guide us along life's path. Through prayer, we are invited into stillness to hear and know that God is with us. Renowned theologian, Howard Thurman, states: *"In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, we can hear the whisper of the heart giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, and hope to despair<sup>1</sup>."* God offers us the gift of prayer as a mechanism to usher God's divine presence into our ordinary circumstances. Through prayer we yield our aspirations to God's purpose, demonstrating that God's will is our highest priority. God invites us to make our request known, that we might turn to God as the source for all we need.

As we mature as people of faith, we recognize that God is still good even while there are tragic crashes, violence, and angst. Paul writes to encourage the people who are dealing with the uncertainty of life and encourages them to turn toward God through prayer. As a community of faith, we face the challenge of how to grow our community, amidst strife within and societal shifts. While the formula for growing a church is simple, its implementation is challenging. Addressing the Challenge of Growth requires that we approach the task with honesty, integrity, dedication, and an openness to the hard work of change. Each first Sunday we turn to God in prayer, asking that God help us embrace the challenge of spiritual, numerical, and financial growth with honesty and transparency. Our Vision Prayer ask God to help us be honest about where we are, so that we can partner with God for transformation.

The challenge is great, but with God all things are possible. How are we addressing the challenge of growth for our community of faith? Each year we employ S.M.A.R.T. goals to help us take small steps toward communal transformation, built on our core values, vision, and mission statements. For 2025, our S.M.A.R.T. goals focus on three of our core values: Personal Spiritual Development, Invitational Evangelism, And Relevant Service. Our 2025 S.M.A.R.T. goals are:

- 1) To have 55 members take part in one of our corporate fast for Easter or New Years.**
- 2) To convene our second Family & Friends Sunday in September, hosting 30 guests in worship.**
- 3) To provide school supplies for two 3rd grade classes at Detroit Innovation Academy, for the 2025-2026 school year**

You will hear more about our S.M.A.R.T. Goals in the coming weeks. Lord, we pray that you will continue to help us embrace the challenge of growth with honesty, dedication, and transparency, that you might be glorified when your vision comes to pass. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.azquotes.com/author/14651-Howard\\_Thurman](https://www.azquotes.com/author/14651-Howard_Thurman)

DEFEND THE CAUSE | GIVE DELIVERANCE | CRUSH THE OPPRESSOR

**MAY HE  
DEFEND  
THE CAUSE OF THE  
POOR PEOPLE,  
GIVE  
DELIVERANCE  
TO THE CHILDREN  
OF THE NEEDY, AND  
CRUSH  
THE OPPRESSOR!**

PSALM 72:4, ESV

DEFEND THE CAUSE | GIVE DELIVERANCE | CRUSH THE OPPRESSOR

Meeting on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 p.m.



is our **PAY IT FORWARD** choice for **FEBRUARY 2025**  
We appreciate your generosity and ask you to please indicate **CCMM3005** on your check/envelope.



Noah at Central \$165.00 + \$220  
Holton Community Center  
Global Ministries \$398.00  
Lighthouse \$190.00  
Samaritan Counseling Center \$355.00

**CARING MINISTRY LIST  
STRENGTH & WISDOM IN  
HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:**

**Condolences to the families of Karma Huston & Marianne Keach**  
Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Bob Cook, Maggie Clewley,  
Janis Creswell, Bev Ellis, John Hopeck, Bonnie Kennedy,  
Paul King, 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

DEDICATION OF



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> in honor of the late Agueda Tolentino-Salta and thanksgiving for our granny, Enorio Macaspac's, birthday - Tolentino Family

**February 9<sup>th</sup> in loving memory of Denise Ruff's father, Harold Jones, Sr.**

February 16<sup>th</sup> in honor of the late William Tolentino, Sr and thanksgiving birthdays for Danton and Eiffel Tolentino

February 23<sup>rd</sup> In loving honor of my husband Peter's birthday Estelle Kalakailo

**2025 Calendar is posted for sign ups**



**to take over the RUMMAGE SALE**

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. 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)  
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.



are available to Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades throughout the school year



The Confirmation Class thanks you for your support of the **"Super Bowl Subs"** Kingdom Assignment Project. Enjoy your Super Bowl Sunday!



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 worship service via live stream in a space that is hospitable for them.

**Nursery**



Hands with Detroit at Cass Community Social Services in on Saturday, May 3! This incredible day of mission and service is a chance to make a meaningful impact in the city of Detroit. Gather your youth groups, family, and friends and mark your calendars now! Registration will open soon—don't miss this opportunity to serve, connect, and change lives together. Let's put our faith into action and make a difference!



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 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/](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc](http://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 February 2, 2025

### Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 p.m. Outreach

### Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

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

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

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

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

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

5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Emmanuel Baptist Church

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

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School.  
(Coffee Hour after worship)  
11:30 a.m. Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. **Guiding Force**  
12:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance  
All Church Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

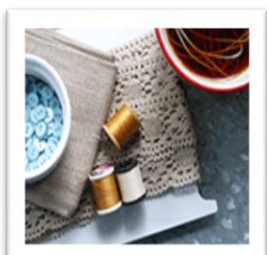
Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### 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](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.



### CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

CHANGED to

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday's of the month  
in February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>,  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Susan Cook, Coordinator



### ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday's of the month  
**February 12, 2025 12 noon**  
March 12, 2025

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE  
DESSERT: NANCY IMUS

(Contributions to Nancy's dessert fund welcomed.)  
UWIF collecting yarn to make blankets for premature babies at Mott's Children's Hospital.  
Left over will be made into hats & mittens  
@ First Step home in Livonia



- 3 Bob Cook
- 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
- 28 Ed Eidt

### Wedding Anniversary

11 Ken & Amy Berry