



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336  
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## News & Notes for the week of April 23, 2023

### Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

- Phyllis will not be in today
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ The Church
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Carillion Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #45
- 7:00 p.m. Disciples Bible Study – Pastor Bea

### Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00 p.m. Weekly Devotion Livestreamed on Facebook
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 a.m. Everybody vs Stigma
- 11:00 a.m. Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal

### Pastor Anthony's NEW Office Hours:

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.
- 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](mailto: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.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Denise Gress, 4<sup>th</sup> Ray Barry, Pat Fleming, 5<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Koppin
- 6<sup>th</sup> James Miska, 7<sup>th</sup> Ryan Berry, 12<sup>th</sup> Evan Portner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tom Hanson, Debbie Harbison, 15<sup>th</sup> Dan Gertiser, Susan Latimer
- 19<sup>th</sup> Elijah Greene, 20<sup>th</sup> Geri Doolin, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marion Ringe
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lois Holmes, Aidan Riley, Jon Schroeder
- 26<sup>th</sup> Diane Kreimes, Joy Baum, 28<sup>th</sup> Harvey Kahl, Jr., Elaine Malafouris
- 29<sup>th</sup> Lucas England, Janine Shymanski, 30<sup>th</sup> Mark Keach



- 10<sup>th</sup> Rick & Margie Shaul
- 17<sup>th</sup> James & Marilyn Totten TX
- 30<sup>th</sup> Doug & Debbie Harbison



## SERMON SNIPPET:

Message: Inner Strength!  
Ephesians 3:14-17 NRSV  
Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

It is said that when an individual is able to overcome or accomplish a goal, despite the continued pressure and persecution of others, that they have “inner strength.” Inner strength is hard to quantify, because it cannot be scientifically measured with duplicable results for all people in similar situations. What we can say about inner strength is based on our personal observation of a person’s behavior. When we think of people that exhibit inner strength, what generally comes to mind is a challenging, confusing, and frustrating circumstance.

In our text, we find the Apostle Paul offering a prayer for the believers of Ephesus to gain inner strength from God. Ephesus is the 4th largest city in the Roman Empire and the capital of the Asian province. It is also one of the major centers for promoting the worship of the Roman Emperor as a God. Paul prays for the Ephesian believers to receive and increase their inner strength, given their unique struggles. Paul knows that the way the Ephesians can endure and overcome the pressures of a corrupt society, is by remembering Christ “dwell in their hearts v.17a.” Through Christ they can develop and fortify the inner strength they will need to live in reverent devotion to God. The same is true for us. When we forget, just how far God has brought us from, it is easy for us to fall into the same traps and temptations the Ephesians fell into. It is easy to equate our activity in the church with authentically serving God. Falling into the trap of believing that all we need to do is keep doing what we are doing, and God will be satisfied. The trap that tells us new people and new ideas are a problem. God expects us to continue to make progress and operate with an inner conviction/commitment/strength to get better.



## *Classical Bells*

**Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 7 p.m.**

St. Matthew’s

United Methodist Church

30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia

Free-will offering will benefit the Redford

Brightmoor Initiative

Dedicated to the memory of Barbara Erickson, a  
founding member of Classical Bells

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# First United Methodist Church of Farmington

10:00am Sunday Service

April 30, 2023

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #64	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER		Paula Mullan
<b>God, who knows all about our strengths and our weaknesses, we have assembled in this place to praise and worship your wonderful name. Free our hearts, our hands and our mouths, that we may offer you jubilant expressions of our love. Dwell with us, once more, that we may feel your loving embrace and draw courage to face tomorrow. Equip us, oh God, to share our faith with boldness and compassion. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.</b>		
MUSICAL SELECTION	Psalm 139 By: Allen Pote	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Psalm 25:1-5 NRSV	Paula Mullan
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Blessed Assurance By: Fanny Crosby & Phoebe Knapp	Edwin Arun Stacey Bowen
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	Lead Me, Guide Me #2214 TFWS (Sing Twice)	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON:	LEAD ME, LORD!	Pastor Anthony
OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Paula Mullan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For those worshipping in-person, place your offering in one of our offering boxes before you leave.</li><li>• For those worshipping virtually:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address: <b>33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336</b></li><li>2. You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: <b>First United Methodist Church of Farmington</b></li><li>3. You may text your offering, by texting: <b>fumcgive</b> to <b>44321</b> and follow the prompts.</li></ol></li></ul>		
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
JOYS, CONCERNS AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:		Pastor Anthony
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		Pastor Anthony
<b>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.</b>		
HYMN	Lift High the Cross #159	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH: <b>You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!</b>		
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels

Connie Haase, is our new Parish Visitor and she and 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 the Parish Visitor please email: office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.



## CARING MINISTRY LIST

### OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Gladys Blocker, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis Cappy Goltra, Joan Haggard, Jane Hopper, Ayanna Hood, Norma Hood, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Peter Kalakailo, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean & Dorothy Koppin, Sue Latimer, Madeline Leeson, Connie Lynn, Dorothy Marcinkiewicz, Catherine McCarthy, William Morrison, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, Pat Shuffler, Margo Veu Casovic, Don & Eleanor Wingard, Ruth Yuill



**HOSPICE:** Michael's mom, Elaine Weddell

**CONDOLENCES** to the families of Betty Santer, memorial Service was April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Phyllis Zugrovich

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

Please save the date for the next United Women in Faith  
General meeting on **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10am.

We will meet in the sanctuary and hope to have a speaker from the DIA.



United  
Women  
in Faith

(This is a date change if you marked something on your calendar previously.)



### TNT (Thursday Nights Together)

TNT "Thursdays Nights Together," has been a huge success. Members of our congregation and guests from previous Community Dinners, adults and children, gathered to share a meal, create a craft, play games, as well as study *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine.

We want to send a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Cottage Inn Pizza in downtown Farmington, Leo's Coney Island at 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Rao gari Vindu Indian Cuisine, and Joe Butch Cheese Steaks for discounting the meals for this special time together. We are making plans for similar fun-filled evenings in the future.



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. We also need someone who would be will to take over the teller scheduling and oversee the teller team. I would like to pass on that responsibility. Please contact Debbie Miller if you are interested. [damill243@yahoo.com](mailto:damill243@yahoo.com) or 248-444-6429.



## GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP

The Guiding Force Youth Group will be meeting at a new regular time, 1 p.m., on Sundays in April.

We are looking forward to some “fun-time” gatherings this Spring.



**GRADUATION SUNDAY** will be May 21. We are looking forward to celebrating these wonderful young people as they move on to the step in their lives.

Discipleship:  
Becoming More Like  
**CHRIST**  
EPHESIANS 2:10

## “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](mailto: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.

## OUTREACH FUNDRAISING PROJECTS PAY IT FORWARD!

Monthly Church-wide projects!  
**BALDWIN CENTER** is our choice for the month of April 2023

We appreciate your generosity,  
please indicate **BALDWIN CENTER**  
on your checks and envelopes.



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## EVERYBODY VS. STIGMA

Saturday, April 29, 2023 • 11:30am to 12:30pm

Join The Outreach Committee For This Seminar On The Importance Of Mental Health Care And Suicide Awareness.

Our Guest Speaker:  
**Mr. Kevin Fischer,**  
Executive Director of NAMI Michigan  
(National Alliance on Mental Illness).



## RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE:



Money was recently allocated from the Rummage Sale Account from eBay sales. \$1,764.57 was put toward the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator for the church kitchen (additional funds were provided by the Outreach Committee pasty sale). Our existing refrigerator compressor failed early in the Pandemic and was no longer working. Thanks to Jim Aymer and Jerry Thomas for doing the shopping, arranging for removal of the old fridge and delivery of the new one. An additional \$500 was allocated to repair the kitchen oven vent fan.

Since I started selling the "good stuff" on eBay in 2020, I've sold 363 items totaling some \$8,300. Prior allocations have been put toward the ceiling repair, church mortgage, website redesign, and HVAC replacement.

The most Interesting items sold in 2022 were:

- A Limoges Rose Muscle Vase for \$125.00
- Vintage German Army Coveralls for \$44.00
- A Red Wings Sergei Federov Starter Jacket for \$70.00
- A Batman Action Figure in original package for \$27.00
- A Joker Action Figure in original package for \$27.00
- A 1968 Detroit Fire Department Thrill Team Jacket for \$102.50

There were 2 people who contacted me about the Fire Department Jacket. They both had connections to the DFD. The winning bidder lives in Novi and is currently involved with the DFD Clown team. It's nice when I am able to reunite an item with someone who really appreciates it.

I have not yet set the fall rummage sale date but hope to soon. We still need more donations and they can be left outside the basement rummage room anytime. Please do not donate TV's, baby seats/strollers or bed pillows. Some of you have texted/emailed me directly to ask about specific donations and I do appreciate that.

Thanks everyone for your donations! Joy Wilson 734-660-4915 joywilson@hotmail.com

### 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 FU"
- 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 your 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!*





FUMC Christian Education extends an invitation for Children in preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade to attend **2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**\$15.00 per child or \$25.00 per family  
REGISTER BY: MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023**

Registration forms will be placed on the website or send inquiry of interest to: [office@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org)

**First United Methodist Church of Farmington  
Christian Education**

**33112 Grand River Avenue**

**248-474-6573 [www.farmingtonfumc.org](http://www.farmingtonfumc.org)**

**We invite you to join us for our  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Services**

**THE 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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are planning lessons about "Community forgives Zaccheus" and more opportunities for Children's Choir to sing and prepare for sharing their music with all of us.

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](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto: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](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!

## 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>.

