



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

## News & Notes May 17, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

### Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Growth & Hospitality  
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00 p.m. Hand bell Rehearsal in the bell room  
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:00 p.m. Detroit Baptist Chin

### Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

2:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

### Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows  
11:30 a.m. Bible Study/New Members Class  
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday  
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Pastor Bea

Had surgery  
Tuesday – Thursday  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Pastor Brian

is in the office from 10:00 a.m. --3:00 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.  
Please text to confirm availability.  
And, available by phone 269-274-0029  
every day except Friday.

**YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD:** We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**



**ANNA COOK**  
**WILL SEE YOU IN THE FALL**



### Basement Burger Bar

Go after  
worship any  
Sunday and  
20% of profits  
come back to  
the church!



### CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday's of the month  
**JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 a.m. – 2:00  
p.m.

Bring a project to work on, a sandwich,  
and see what we are creating.



5<sup>th</sup> Leah Sheppard, 6<sup>th</sup> Joseph Duffy, 10<sup>th</sup> Connie Lynn  
10<sup>th</sup> Janet Inman, 12<sup>th</sup> Kate Aren, 14<sup>th</sup> Jim Glennie  
18<sup>th</sup> Samuel Carnell, 19<sup>th</sup> Patrick Imus, James Malkowski  
22<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Aymer, Henry Shymanski  
23<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Anttila, 24<sup>th</sup> Kirk Jaske, Tim King  
27<sup>th</sup> Heather Cude, Arun Edwin, Pattie Tschudi  
30<sup>th</sup> Nancy Imus

4<sup>th</sup> Ted & Heather Shymanski  
13<sup>th</sup> Claude & Yvonne Christensen  
19<sup>th</sup> Tim & Beverly King  
24<sup>th</sup> James & Carolyn Aymer  
25<sup>th</sup> Richard & Cindy Scholer

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10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

May 24, 2026

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN	<i>Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire</i>	UMH #603
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Adapted from Katherin Hawker</i>	Dave Kennedy
Leader:	Then I will pour out my spirit on all people, says the Lord God Almighty!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Send down the fire to renew all of creation!</b>	
Leader:	Your sons and your daughters, shall prophesy,	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Send down the rain of your love!</b>	
Leader:	Your old shall dream dreams and your young shall see visions	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Send down your Spirit, breathe life into your people!</b>	
Leader:	May the Spirit continue to pour out.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>And may we soak in it and be the people of God.</b>	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Amen.</b>	
OPENING PRAYER		Dave Kennedy
The Spirit of renewal is here! May we rejoice! May we dream! May we bathe in the hope that comes from a wild Spirit who brings resurrection out of death, revival out of apathy, and joy out of despair. The Spirit is still speaking. May we hear what the Spirit has to say to us today and may we go forth and follow wherever the Spirit may lead. Amen.		
MINISTRY OF DANCE	<i>Fire by CeCe Winans</i>	FUMC Dance Team
HYMN	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	UMH #64
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Jill Burress and Jodi Imus
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Acts 2:1-21	Dave Kennedy
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
SERMON	Dreaming New Dreams	Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Dave Kennedy
(WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. PLEASE, GIVE LIKE IT MATTERS, BECAUSE IT DOES.)		
•	Please place your Connect Cards in the offering plate along with any financial gifts you wish to give.	
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Dave Kennedy
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
*SUNG PRAISE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Steele
LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		Rev. Steele
<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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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>		
WAYS TO CONNECT		Rev. Steele
HYMN	<i>See How Great a Flame Aspires</i>	UMH #154
SENDING:	<b>You Have Permission to Dream Again.</b>	Rev. Steele
	<b>Let the Spirit speak to you and through you.</b>	
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels



Did You Know: The Michigan Annual Conference is this weekend? You can follow the conference updates at [www.facebook.com/MichiganUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MichiganUMC) and [2026.michiganumc.org](http://2026.michiganumc.org)

## PRAYERS

**General:** All conflicts globally and domestically, Connie L's grandson Andrew who is serving in Iraq and all those serving, Temple Israel in West Bloomfield and all our Jewish siblings.

**Gratitude:** Kind spouses, growing children and families.

**Health:** Ben and Allison, Louellen, Julian, Cameron, Lily W, Olivia, Nikki, Kali Imus, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell

**Cancer:** Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dakota and her parents Leslie and Kevin, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz,

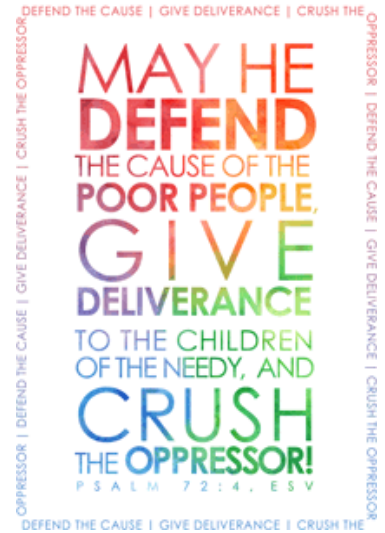
**Condolences** to the families of Denise Ruff, David O'Shea (Cathy Kwasky's brother) Ethel Shapiro, Ruth Yuill, Dean Koppin, Beth Ellis, Judith Young Mayo, Peter Kalakailo, Bob Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.



MEETING ON Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.



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choice for MAY 2026  
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### CARING MINISTRY LIST STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

**CONDOLENCES** Denise Ruff, Ruth Yuill, Bev Ellis,  
Dean Koppin's Memorial Service, Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m.

Bernie Shaw's, Maggie Clewley, Pat Dygert, Claudette Howell,  
John Hopeck, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Cathy Kwasky,  
Scott Lodge, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott,  
Darrell Simmons, Bill & Suzanne White, Sandy Welling

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. "Please notify our office via call or email: [office@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or pastor of any requests by Monday to be included in the bulletin and by Thursday for verbal announcements. Names will be removed after 60 days unless otherwise requested."



- 10<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday to the best husband ever, Joseph!  
Mary Sue Duffy
- 17<sup>th</sup> In celebration of Tom & Bev King's 47<sup>TH</sup> wedding anniversary
- 24<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of all our awesome Veterans and my father,  
John Downing, US Navy.  
In loving honor of my grandson, Kane Tschudi serving overseas  
in US Navy Patti Tschudi
- 31<sup>st</sup> In celebration of Aidan's graduation from Michigan State  
University with a B.S. in Horticulture - Riley Family
- 7<sup>th</sup> In honor of Meredy & Jake's wedding anniversary Karen Brichford
- 14<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of Geri's mom, Sheila Sims
- 21<sup>st</sup> In loving memory of Pat Fleming's parents 80<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary
- 28<sup>th</sup> Niemic
- 5<sup>th</sup> Judy Hanson
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Open for your loving tribute!**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Brian & Brianne Steel
- 26<sup>th</sup> Connie Lynn
- Open for your loving tribute!** July 12<sup>th</sup> August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>



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 Brian at (269) 274-0029.

**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 LIVESTREAM OUR WORSHIP SERVICE”

You can view our worship services live each Sunday morning, even if you don't have a Facebook page/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/@farmingtonfumc1829/videos](https://www.youtube.com/@farmingtonfumc1829/videos)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/videos](https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/videos).
- Website: [www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live](http://www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live)

## YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Thank you for continued prayerful and financial support of the church. If you would like to make a gift to the church, please use one of the following methods:

1) Drop-off or Mail-in your gift to:

First United Methodist Church of Farmington - 33112 Grand River Ave  
Farmington, MI 48336

2) Use PayPal, and select: First United Methodist Church of Farmington

3) Scan the QR code and follow the prompts.



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Pastor Brian  
Sunday, May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday. Jesus came. Jesus built a movement. People thought the movement collapsed with His death. Then He rises and His followers could not be more excited. The movement is growing. And then He decides it's time for Him to work from home.

Awkward timing. Why did Jesus decide to ascend? Why would Jesus leave His disciples at the peak of their movement?

Jesus' disciples were human. They were attached. They were acting in a very understandable and human way. Jesus was also human. Fully human. He was also fully divine. And the divine part of Him had a bigger story to tell than what was just going on in front of Him.

Jesus being fully human was what was needed to understand the love of God. Jesus being fully human was needed for us to see what it meant for holy living and sacrificial love to combine in perfect unity. And Jesus being fully human also limited Him in a particular time and particular space. And if more people were going to discover the love of Jesus, they needed a God who could transcend time and space.

The ascension is about the movement of Jesus going from a local rebellion of love to a global and even universal transformation of the world.

That's why He ascended. The disciples couldn't stay glued to Jesus' side and still live into His mission in the world. Jesus came to do something bigger than that.

The hope that Jesus came to bring wasn't meant to stay in a local community. His fingerprints were meant to be on all of creation. So a God was needed who could be present in all of creation. We needed the God who took on flesh. But for that hope to spread we needed a God who could not be contained by flesh. Enter in the Holy Spirit. For the hope, love and mercy of Jesus to be brought to new places, we needed a presence who was not limited by any specific place.

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