



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

## News & Notes October 18, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m.

Worship/Children's SSchool

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour/Bible Study

12 noon

Annual CC @ Newburg UMC 36500 Ann Arbor Trail

12:00 p.m.

Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00 a.m.

Caring Ministry

7:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 p.m.

Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 Chancel Choir

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

5:00 p.m.

Portner Wedding rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Portner Wedding

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

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### Prayers for Pastor Bea's healing.

### 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.



### UWIF, GENERAL MEETING

#### Women's Tea

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.

will include a women's tea.

Invite your daughters, granddaughters,  
mothers, grandmothers....

See Carolyn Wik to reserve your spot to ensure seating for all.

### ANNA COOK

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 @ 12 noon

Bring your sandwich.



Your contributions of time, service, prayers  
and donations is greatly appreciated to make  
the 2026 effort a success. Paula Mullan



### CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY'S

November 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Kickstart your weekend with creativity! Join us every 3rd Saturday morning  
to work on your chosen craft or to learn new crafting skills  
and meet fellow makers. No experience needed. Coffee and tea provided."

Susan Cook, Coordinator



### Basement Burger Bar

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

### OCTOBER



1<sup>st</sup> Darin Gesse, 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Mullan, 6<sup>th</sup> Lucille Brunke, Catherine Lamott  
7<sup>th</sup> Karla Aren, Cindy Palmer, 9<sup>th</sup> Austin Greene, 11<sup>th</sup> Esther Weddell  
12<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Kennedy, Michael Pierce, 16<sup>th</sup> Brenda LaBerge  
22<sup>nd</sup> Paul Aren, 23<sup>rd</sup> Brenda Smith, 24<sup>th</sup> Patricia Morrison  
25<sup>th</sup> Richard Scholer, 26<sup>th</sup> Grant Imus, 27<sup>th</sup> Paula Mullan  
28<sup>th</sup> Jim Aymer, 28<sup>th</sup> Kim Jaske, 29<sup>th</sup> Aaron Brunke  
30<sup>th</sup> Erin Gertiser, Abbey Mohr  
2<sup>nd</sup> Doug & Joy Wilson, 7<sup>th</sup> Darin & Sharon Gesse  
11<sup>th</sup> Arun & Beulah Edwin, 18<sup>th</sup> Sandy & Steve Roth

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

October 25, 2026

PRELUDE

Yaroslav Daniels

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

TFWS #2128

OPENING PRAYER

Barbara Walker

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God of grace, you have heard the cries of every generation, your people who live just long enough to realize that we don't live for very long. May the gift of our mortality inspire our shared progress toward collective liberation in this world and deep faith in your salvation and the promise of a land in which all people are forever free. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis

By St. Francis of Assissi and Helen Litz

HYMN

*I Surrender All*

UMH #354

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Julia Hanson

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Deuteronomy 34:1-9

Barbara Walker

Liturgist:

The word of God for the people of God

People:

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON

In God's Economy: Blessed to be a Blessing

Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Barbara Walker

(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

Barbara Walker

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Yaroslav Daniels

\*SUNG PRAISE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Steele

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

**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.**

WAYS TO CONNECT

Rev. Steele

HYMN

*Take My Life, and Let it Be*

UMH #399

SENDING

**The Promised Land is still ahead of us. Let's continue the journey!**

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

Yaroslav Daniels



Did you know our church made more than \$5,000.00 at last week's rummage sale! Thank you to all who volunteered!



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.



GIVE TODAY



**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc**



MEETING ON Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.



PAY IT FORWARD  
October 2026  
Memo# CMM3012



Alternatives for Girls thanks you for your generous support of \$341.00  
God's Country Community Ministries expresses heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation.



## CARING MINISTRY LIST

**CONDOLENCES:** Dan Imus Family

### STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Bernie Shaw, 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."



- 4<sup>th</sup> In loving honor of my 3 children, 8 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren  
Connie Lynn
- 11<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of Hooley Fiewig, Tanner & Susanna Tulgetski
- 18<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of my husband Gary L. Sackett  
and my parents Erwin & Madeline Riley – Susan Sackett
- 25<sup>th</sup> In Celebration of the wedding of  
Amy Portner & Christopher Desjarlais Diane Portner
- 1<sup>st</sup> In loving honor of Liliana's 2<sup>nd</sup> November 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday,  
Love Grandma & Grandpa Aymer
- 8<sup>th</sup> In loving honor of FF United Women In Faith
- 15<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of Aliene Adams – Gary Adams
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Presentation
- 29<sup>th</sup> Paula Mullan
- 6<sup>th</sup> Honoring the birth of the Weddell's new granddaughter
- 13<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of Irving, Grace, Jerry, Susan, Eric Smith Judith Smith
- 20<sup>th</sup> Poinsettias
- 29<sup>th</sup> Doolin

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar will be posted soon \$30.00



**Rev. Brian Steele FFUMC – October 18, 2026**

Friends, we have a tremendous opportunity here at our church. We are in a liminal space. You know you're not in the same place as you were pre-pandemic. You're not in the same place as you were three years ago. But we don't yet fully know what's ahead.

We have an opportunity to trust that God will provide. For us to move forward with faith--individually with what we give and collectively with the decisions we make--to believe that God will still provide for us. It's risky. Even a little scary at times. It's also a tremendous opportunity.

The antidote to scarcity--the path toward receiving God's abundance--is trust. To trust that if we share what we have and move forward in faith, the result will be that God shows up. And that is hard.

What we see in this Exodus story is that it's not just about God providing, it's also about us trusting. It's a story that reminds us that the spiritual life is not always going to be easy. Because it requires us to relinquish control. When you're in the liminal space, you are not in control. And you're asked to trust.

The generous life requires trust. Because here's what can happen when we trust, it gives space for God to get creative. Manna--the food in the wilderness--could not have been predicted by anybody. It was absurd what God did. But as they say, look at God.

I've said this before and I am going to say it again. Perhaps the biggest issue in the church today is believing that God--the Holy Spirit--is no longer present in the life of the church and that we have to do this on our own. We have to trust that the Holy Spirit of God is still here. That doesn't mean we just sit on the sidelines and wait for God. The Israelites were still moving throughout the wilderness. This is a call to move--take the risk--and expect God to show up.

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