

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes November 15, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, November 15th	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Children's SSchool
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour/Bible Study
		GF Youth Group: Bowling at Perfect Game
	12:00 p.m.	Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal
	12:30 p.m.	Aymer Family Celebration
	5:00 p.m.	Chin Church
Tuesday, November 17th	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, November 18th	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Growth & Hospitality
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Thursday, November 19th	11:00 a.m.	Christian Educ.
	6:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 Chancel Choir
Friday, November 20th	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church
	7:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle @ Carolyn Wiks
Saturday, November 21st	9:30 a.m.	Crafter's Gathering
	12:00 p.m.	Leadership Board Training

Church Office Hours
Tuesday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 10:30 am – 4:30 p.m.

Pastor Bea

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.

Lydia Circle Friday, November 20th @ 7 p.m. @ Wik's

Women's Circles

UWIF Women's Tea
Saturday, December 5th @ 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, January 13, 2027 @ 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 3rd SATURDAY'S
November 21st & December 19th 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



3rd Mckenzie Hanson
11th Sherry Carnell
11th Christopher Guddeck
13th Connie Lawson
16th Calvin Brunke
24th Susan Sackett
28th Denise Dunham

29th John & Leah Sheppard, Jr.

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November 22, 2026

PRELUDE — Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME — Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN — *All Who Hunger* — TFWS #2126
OPENING PRAYER — Susan Cook

Lord Jesus, you reign over the whole cosmos not with worldly power, but with a shepherd's care and servant's heart. As we gather on this Christ the King Sunday, open our eyes, ears and hearts to hear your voice and turn our hearts toward the needs of our neighbors and the world. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may live with justice, compassion, and peace until your Kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Susan Cook

Leader: Christ will reign…
People: When the hungry are fed.
Leader: Christ will reign…
People: When the thirsty have clean water.
Leader: Christ will reign…
People: When strangers are welcomed and friendship is built.
Leader: Christ will reign…
People: When the sick are cared for.
Leader: May it be so.
ALL: Amen.

Ministry of Dance — *That's My King* By Cece Winans — FUMC Dance Team

HYMN — *Crown Him with Many Crowns* — UMH #327
CHILDREN'S MOMENT — Marianne Boschma
SCRIPTURE LESSON: — Matthew 25:31-40 — Susan Cook
Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God
SERMON — Christ the King Sunday: A King of the Least — Rev. Steele

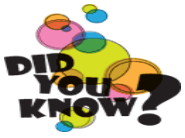
OFFERTORY INVITATION — Susan Cook
(WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. PLEASE, GIVE LIKE IT MATTERS, BECAUSE IT DOES.)

- Please place your Connect Cards in the offering plate along with any financial gifts you wish to give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Susan Cook
OFFERTORY MUSIC — Yaroslav Daniels
*SUNG PRAISE — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* — UMH #94
COMMUNITY PRAYER — Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots
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 — *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* — UMH #694
SENDING — **Go follow the King who serves the least of these.** — Rev. Steele
POSTLUDE — Yaroslav Daniels



signs up are now open for this year's Giving Tree! Sign up online by going to our website www.farmingtonfumc.org and scrolling to the bottom of the home page.



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.

"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 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/@farmingtonfumc1829/videos
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/videos.
- Website: 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, December 7th @ 6:30 p.m.

Lighthouse PAY IT FORWARD NOVEMBER 2026



Global Ministries $93.50 - UMCOR $93.50
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: Norma Hood Family, 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 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."



15th In loving memory of Aliene Adams – Gary Adams
22nd Thanksgiving Presentation
29th Paula Mullan
6th Honoring the birth of the Weddell's new granddaughter
13th In loving memory of Irving, Grace, Jerry, Susan, Eric Smith Judith Smith
20th Poinsettias
29th Doolin
Our 2027 Altar flower calendar is posted in the East Narthex for you to sign up for your special dedication. Both arrangements are yours to take home following the service. The cost is $30.

PRAYER

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation, all those who are expecting a child
General: All conflicts globally and domestically, the victims of wildfires, all our interfaith siblings, the ministry of the Chin Church, Alison & Family (friend of Steeles)
Health: Robert Weddell, Amy Buri-Warner, Mason and Allison, Dave Rodibaugh, Kim Warner, Jim Dignan (heart attack and stroke), Pastor Bea, Leon Doolin, Nancy Lucas and family. Kathy (heart issues), Louellen, Tony Tulgetske, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell, Pat Dygert
Cancer: David M, Anna, Janice, Meredith (family of Connie L) Amy G (friend of Paula M), Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dawn McCourt, David Shultz
Loss: The families of David Hurley (friend of the Aymers), Norma Hood, James Lanstra, Dan Imus, Charles Sheer, Marjorie Bennett, Ralph Curtiss, Tulgetske, Ruth Yuill, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, and everyone amidst their grief.
Rev. Brian Steele FFUMC – November 15, 2026



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Folks, God can do exceedingly more than we could ever imagine. I really believe that. We all have gifts and purposes that can make a difference for eternity. Sometimes in ways that are obvious and sometimes in ways that we'll never see. But for God to do that, we have to make room for God in our lives. We can read today's Scripture and be reminded of another verse that we love to quote: "Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." And, yes, we can do anything--if Christ gives us the strength to do that thing. Because sometimes the thing that Christ has given us strength to do isn't the thing that we would have chosen for ourselves. And sometimes the thing we want to do, Christ hasn't given us the strength to do it.

Today's Scripture is part of a story of an individual who God wants to do exceedingly more in his life than he could ever imagine. A rich young ruler comes to Jesus and is genuinely seeking eternal life. He is hungry for God. He wants God to do a powerful work in his life. But in order for God to do that, he has to make room for God. He has to be willing to give something up. And this rich young ruler wasn't willing to do that. He wanted Jesus to be what some people call a friend with benefits. That person who you can "have some fun with" but it doesn't really cost you anything.

Unfortunately, friends, that's not how Jesus works. Jesus has this annoying tendency of knowing exactly what we are unwilling to give up, and asking us for that. And, no, giving up a Lions game unfortunately does not count.

I absolutely believe that Jesus can do amazing things through us in the world. But to receive the new, we have to release the old. The issue with transformation isn't God's inability to do it, it's our issue when we hold onto things that no longer serve us.

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