

Pastor Brian
Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday is offering two contrasting visions for the world. Pilate offering a vision rooted in dominating others. Jesus offering a vision in having solidarity with others. One parade sees people as objects to be ruled. The other sees people as image bearers to come alongside to build a new kingdom.

Today and frankly every day we have to ask ourselves, "Whose parade are we going to show up for?" Do we show up at the parade of convenience? The parade that aligns with the power of the day? Or do we show up at the parade for the person who lays down his life for His enemies? Today we need the imagination of a Kingdom provides an alternative to what we see around us. We need the creativity of a man who dared to ride a donkey and not the facade of power that we see on the war horse. For true power comes in the willingness to surrender it and not lord it over others. Will we stand above others on a horse to prove our power or are we willing to get low on a donkey so that we can see our neighbors face to face?

Friends, right now those outside the walls of our church aren't looking for people on a power trip shouting directions down on them. They're looking for people to sit around a table with them. And Palm Sunday invites us to be those type of people. That is our Miracle Man. That is who we open the gates for. That is the name of all Majesty.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI 48335

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

7:00 P.M. Good Friday Worship Service

April 3, 2026

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN	Were You There (Verses 1-3)	UMH #288
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Jon Pohl
Leader: We draw the sword to claim high places for ourselves		
People: We scourge, mock and beat you, Jesus.		
Leader: We prepare a cross for you.		
People: We hang you on it.		
Leader: We pierce your side with a spear		
People: We willfully break the fellowship you prayed to be one.		
Leader: We make scapegoats of people we deem other.		
People: We create or refuse to end malnutrition, contamination of water, poverty, sickness, inhospitality and unjust imprisonment.		
Leader: Jesus, keep us near the cross today.		
People: That we may be drawn back to you,		
ALL: And be healed. Amen.		
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	Lamb of God By Twila Paris	Wesley Knust
SCRIPTURE LESSON #1:	John 18:1-18 (CEB)	Rev. Monica William
LITANY OF CONFESSION		Rev. Elizabeth Hurd
Leader: Lord we have denied you, each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.		
People: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.		
Leader: Lord we have betrayed you, each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.		
People: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.		
Leader: Lord we have mocked you, each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.		
People: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.		
Leader: Lord we are lost and have strayed. Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.		
People: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.		
All: God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. In this season of repentance we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE LESSON #2:	John 18:19-40 (CEB)	Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood
HYMN	O Sacred Head Now Wounded	UMH #286
SCRIPTURE READING #3	John 19:1-16 (CEB)	Rev. Bea Fraser-Soots
HYMN	<i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i> (Verses 1-3)	UMH #294
SCRIPTURE READING #4	John 19:17-42	Rev. Steele
SERMON	Good Friday Happens	Rev. Paul Hahm
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Rev. Hurd
HYMN	<i>Were You There</i> (Verses 4-5)	UMH #288
SENDING FORTH:		Rev. Steele
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service

April 5th, 2026

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Verses 1-4)	UMH #302
CALL TO WORSHIP		Geri Doolin
Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!		
People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!		
Leader: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!		
People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!		
Leader: God has transformed a dead end into a new start!		
People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!		
Leader: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!		
People: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!		
OPENING PRAYER		Geri Doolin
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Give us the abundant joy of resurrection today. May we join Christ in His resurrection and walk out of our own graves and into lives of joy, justice and curiosity. May we discover the hope of resurrection that can lead us to a life beyond our wildest dreams and showcase a love that our neighbors can discover the abundant life found in Jesus. Amen		
ANTHEM	Name of All Majesty By Timothy Dudley-Smith and Joel Raney	Chancel Choir
HYMN	Up from the Grave He Arose	UMH #322
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT		Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Luke 24:1-9	Geri Doolin
Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God		
People: Thanks be to God		
SERMON	A Resurrection of Abundance	Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Geri Doolin
(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)		
• Please 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.		
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Geri Doolin
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
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.		
COMMUNION	See Insert	Revs. Steele and Fraser-Soots
WAYS TO CONNECT		Rev. Steele
HYMN	He Lives	UMH #310
SENDING FORTH: Go and Live as Resurrected filled with God's Abundance		Rev. Steele
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels

2026 Lilies adorning the Altar have been presented by:

Bruce, Kim, & Emma Baker in loving honor of John & Marilyn Baker, Cecilia Dib
in loving memory of Joseph Dib

Carolyn Danielson in loving memory of my kind & nurturing parents:

Stanley & Lillian Danielson

The Duffy Family in loving memory of Peter Kalakailo, Marianne Keach,
and our Beloved Tom Cammock

Pastor Bea in loving honor of First UMC of Farmington

Pat & Jodi Imus in loving memory of Leroy Imus & Alyce Hopeck

The Jacobi's in loving honor of Peach

Connie Lynn in loving memory of my husband, Bob Lynn

Paula Mullan in loving honor of my family: Amanda, Austin & Eli

Dan & Diane, Amy & Evan Portner in loving memory of

Jack & Betty Crane, Fred & Helen Portner, Daniel Peterson

Scott & Carol Riley in loving honor of Finnegan & Aidan Riley

in loving memory of our parents: Jim & Betty Kitson, Randy & Joyce Riley

Marion Ringe in loving memory of **Gladys & Norman Ringe**

Bob Rodibaugh in loving memory of **Jeri Lou Rodibaugh**

Sandy & Steve Roth in loving honor: David, Haley and Julie Carter, Jared, Lisa, Landon and Maddison Roth, Trevor, Becca and Charlie Roth, Becky Roth, Zoe and Elliot Carter, Matthew Carter, Jon and Sharon Carter, Stephanie and Matthew Horne, Ashley, Rori, Abbi and Axel Beaubien, Mike, Brooke and Charlotte Roth, Krissy, Trevor, Marguerite and Leyla Mullins, Adam Roth, Jim and Kathy Horne, Kristie and Jon Fischer, Rohn and Marcia Roth, and Ric and Joyce Roth.

Susan Sackett in loving memory of **Gary Sackett, Erwin & Madeline Riley**

Judy Smith in loving memory of **Irving, Grace, Susan, Eric, Jerry Smith**

Ann St. John in loving honor of our church family

Patty Tschudi in loving honor of my grandson: Kane Tschudi – US navy

in loving memory of my parents John & Catherine Downing

Cathy Jackson & John Tuba & family in loving honor of Ann & Don

in loving memory of Bob, Eve, Tanya, Sarah, John Sr.

Michael & Esther Allen Weddell in loving honor of our children

in loving memory of Elaine Weddell, Aurora Frances & Larry Allen

Jan Wilson in loving memory of Carl Wilson

2026 Alternative Giving: United Methodist Ministry Shares

Jim & Carolyn Aymer in loving honor of Shelly Chappell &

our granddaughter Liliana Meadow

in loving memory of Dave & Margaret Trombley

Jill Burress & Gregg Walter in loving honor of Bill Johnson

in loving memory of our parents Marge Johnson, Gail & Betty Walter

Susan Cook in loving memory of Bob & Jeremy Cook

Pat & Jodi Imus in loving honor of our youth

Susan Lanstra in loving memory of Pat Shuffler

Paula Mullan in loving memory of my Sally & Jake White, Greg, Lanny & Gramma

Bob Rodibaugh in loving memory of **Jeri Lou Rodibaugh**

Sandy & Steve Roth in memory-David and Della Horne, Dick, Kris and Andrew Roth, Joe and Marge Carter, Larry and Marge LaVictoire, Dave and Marion LaVictoire, Patty Jackson, James Paull, James Meloche, Janet Piper, Ralph and Sally Mattmueller, Tom and Lou Stewart, Ed and Flo Hoffman, Ellen and Wilfrid LaVictoire, Arnold and Davina Meitz, Dominique Roth, Helene and Mike Tinn, Ron and Rusty Krist, Gen and James Gehringer, Martha and Larry Amprim, Dave and Margaret Trombley, Henry, Selma and Herbert Rich, Julius and Marion Schulman, Al and Bertha Swerdlow, Abraham and Margaret Alpert, John and Marion Horne, and Paul Koenig.



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Thank you!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2026
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

It's that time of year again -- the CROP Walk is coming -- and as usual, Farmington First will host the Walk. The Walk will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026. There will be two options for the Walk: a one mile course and a 3.5 mile course. Check in and t-shirt distribution will start at 12:30. Team pictures at 1:00. At 1:15 we will enter the Sanctuary for our kick-off meeting and then cross Grand River promptly at 1:30 to begin.

The preferred method of donating is online giving. To donate online click on this link [2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Farmington MI FUMC](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/farmington-mi-fumc) and then click on the "Donation" box. If you do not want to make an online donation, make your checks payable to "CWS/CROP" and drop off in the office for John Sheppard. DO NOT make checks payable to the church. NO CASH will be accepted.

If you want to participate in the Walk, click on this link [2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Farmington MI FUMC](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/farmington-mi-fumc) scroll down and click on the "Join The Team" box. It is very important that you register online if you want to participate because that also includes the waiver.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/farmington-mi-fumc>

If you have any questions, please contact John Sheppard. See you at the Walk!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rainforest Falls:

Exploring the Nature of God

COMING THIS SUMMER: August 10-13, 2026

K-5TH GRADE

MULTIPLE CHURCH VBS

HOSTED BY: NARDIN PARK UMCHURCH

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the

nature of God. They will discover what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.



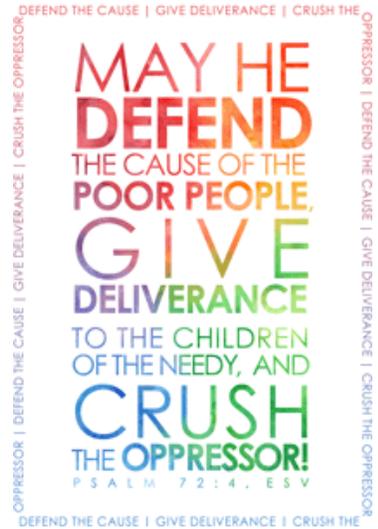
MEETING ON Monday, April 13th @ 6:30 P.M.

BALDWIN CENTER
Feed, Clothe, Educate, Empower

PAY IT FORWARD
choice for APRIL 2026
CCMM3036



God's Country
Community Ministries
thank you for your
recent generous cash
donation.



CARING MINISTRY LIST
STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH
HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

CONDOLENCES Dean Koppin made his transition on
March 20th – Memorial to be planned.

Bernie Shaw broke her hip

Maggie Clewley, Pat Dygert, Claudette Howell, John Hopeck,
Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Cathy Kwasky, Scott Lodge,
Denise Rogers, Denise Ruff, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott,

Darrell Simmons, Bill & Suzanne White, Sandy Welling, 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. "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."



Basement Burger Bar

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



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.



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News & Notes March 29, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Tuesday, March 31st

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 1st

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 2nd

6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal in the bell room

7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. **Maunder Thursday @ Nardin Park**

Friday, April 3rd

7:00 pm. **Good Friday Service @ FFUMC**

5:00 p.m. **Detroit Baptist Chin**

Saturday, April 4th

2:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

Sunday, April 5th

10:00 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY/SS Coffee Hour follows

11:30 a.m. Bible Study

12 noon Classical Indian Dance

5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pastor Bea

Tuesday-Thursday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastor Brian

is in the office from 10-3:00

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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**



ALTAR FLOWERS: 28th Celebrating one year since we eloped and said, "I DO", at this very altar. Tanner & Susanna Tulgetske



ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

April 8, 2026 @ 12 noon

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE

LYDIA CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP Friday, April 17th

CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

April 18th 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Susan Cook, Coordinator



United Women in Faith

Sat. April 25th
@ 10 a.m.

MEETING

John Dresden, president of the Farmington Area Good Fellows will speak on the great work of this organization.

ALL (including men) ARE WELCOME!

31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell, John Sheppard

29th Tanner & Susanna Tulgetske

4th James Aren, Ray Barry Pat Fleming

7th Ryan Berry, 11th Noelle Montgomery

12th Evan Portner, 14th Tom Hanson

15th Dan Gertiser, 19th Elijah Greene

20th Geri Doolin, 23rd Marion Ringe

24th Lois Holmes, Aidan Riley

26th Diane Kreimes, Joy Baum

28th Elaine Malafouris, 29th Janine Shymanski

30th Mark Keach

17th James & Marilyn Totten TX

