



## SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon Series: Thankful Hearts & Generous Hands – Part

Message: A Thankful Heart

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:7-12 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

As we begin our 2024 Stewardship Campaign and this series of messages, I invite you to take a moment to recall and reflect upon the people you are thankful to have or have had in your life. What makes life worth living, through the struggles we often face, are the people we meet that impact our lives, for the better. At its best, the church is a community of people that create space for empowerment, healing, wholeness, acceptance, respect, and genuine compassion. Our charge, as people of faith, is to continue provide an avenue where multiple generations, cultures, and ethnicities can find a safe place to interact with the transformational love of God. Our stewardship campaign, therefore, is a call for us to commit our time, talent, and treasure toward that charge with thankful hearts and generous hands.

In our text, we find the Apostle Paul offering words of instruction to the church at Corinth about being thankful over begrudging and generous over miserly. Paul begins by reminding them that each of them must evaluate their own heart and base their stewardship on what is contained therein: “**7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver**” 2 Cor 9:7 NIV. Paul’s statement challenged the Corinthians to evaluate why they were giving the time, talent, treasure. What was their heart’s condition, temperament, attitude, and motivation for giving? Were they doing it reluctantly and begrudgingly? Were they doing it under compulsion, or a feeling of coercion? Were they doing it with ulterior motives and agendas? Were they doing it as a means of absolution for behaviors and conduct they knew were questionable? God loves those whose hearts are filled with cheer, joy, gratefulness, and thankfulness for they recognize the giving serves as an act of worship, a sign of spiritual maturity, and statement of faith. When we give from thankful hearts, we demonstrate our faithfulness and spiritual maturity, recognizing God as the source of all we have. When we give from thankful hearts, we confirm that we prioritize relationship with God over materialism

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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

**November 12, 2023**

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	"Spirit Song" #347	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Barb Walker
<b>Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.</b>		
(Hugh Cameron, Scotland, 20th Century)		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	2 Corinthians 9:7-12 NRSV	Barb Walker
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Celtic Laud" By: Pamela Martin & Craig Courtney	Esther & Mike Weddell Marion Ringe Jeffrey Beyer
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	"Blessed Assurance" #369	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	THANKFUL HEARTS & GENEROUS HANDS – PART 2	Pastor Anthony
OFFERING INVITATION		Barb Walker
<b>WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For those worshipping virtually:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address: <b>33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336</b></li><li>You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: <b>First United Methodist Church of Farmington</b></li></ol></li><li>For those worshipping in-person, the ushers will come forward to receive our tithes and offerings.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>As the ushers receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed Connection Card in the offering plate.</li></ol></li></ul>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING		Barb Walker
OFFERTORY MUSIC	Raise the Songs of Harvest By Lloyd Larson	Carillon Bell Choir
SUNG PRAISE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94	Yaroslav Daniels
JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Anthony

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Pastor Anthony

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" #454

Yaroslav Daniels

**SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!**



When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me. Matthew 25:40 CEB



**FUNDRAISING**  
**PAY IT FORWARD! PROJECTS**  
Monthly Church-wide projects!



**Samaritan Counseling Center**

of Southeastern Michigan  
is our choice for **NOVEMBER 2023**

We appreciate your generosity,  
please indicate **CCMM3050**  
on your checks and envelopes.



after worship  
Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Outreach Committee



Report on Fall 2023  
coming soon. Thank you  
for supporting this event!  
Joy & Doug Wilson  
[joywilson@hotmail.com](mailto:joywilson@hotmail.com)  
734-660-4915



**THANKFUL HEARTS  
& GENEROUS HANDS**  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

**2024  
STEWARDSHIP  
CAMPAIGN**

**Begins Sunday  
November 5, 2023**

Please take time to prayerfully consider  
your 2024 commitment to support the  
ministries of the church!



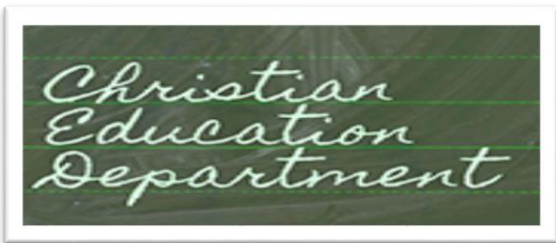
E-Pledge Card

**United  
Women  
in Faith**



**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Singing Christmas carols,  
hearing some carol history  
while enjoying Tea and  
light refreshments.



We would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's personnel. If your son or daughter is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We offer Sunday School for any students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades. Children are invited to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment during worship. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Pastor bea.



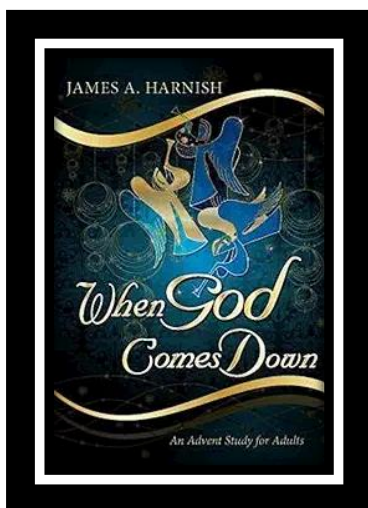
We are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants at this time. Please know that children of all ages are welcome in worship, especially when they are making "joyful noises to the Lord".

Our future plans include developing a "Family Center" where parents will have a comfortable space to experience our worship service via live stream in space that is hospitable for them.

**GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP** Guiding Force Families met recently, making plans for scheduling and programs for the coming year.

October 1, we began meeting at **11:30 a.m.** on various Sundays to build friendships, learn about our faith, offer service, and have some fun together.

The members and leaders of the Guiding Force Youth Group want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Joan Pence for donating our great pool table and Bruce Baker for coordinating the retrieval and installation. These supportive leaders also made significant repairs and improvements to our meeting rooms. contact Pastor bea at 248-320-5108 or [beasoots@gmail.com](mailto:beasoots@gmail.com).



### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Consider preparing your hearts for Christmas this season by participating in an Advent Study. There are several opportunities for a five-week study of *When God comes down* by James A. Harnish.

This study looks at various characters whose lives are part of the birth story: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, Jesus, and the Innkeeper. Through these characters Harnish helps us claim for ourselves the reality of God's presence with us. The book is approximately \$10 and is available from Amazon or contact the facilitator of the class you wish to attend.

Caroline Wik will offer a Sunday morning 11:30 am beginning November 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday morning 10:00 am beginning November 14<sup>th</sup>

The Tuesday Night Women's Bible study with Barbara Walker will do the study beginning November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.





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).

**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.

## 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/](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc](http://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!



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## News & Notes for the week of November 5, 2023

### Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Coffee Hour/Pasty Distribution
- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class TEMPLE BETH EL
- 2:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance
- 5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

### Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Caring Ministry

### Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study: Questions Jesus Asks
- 7:30 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 a.m. Indian Classical Dance

### Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 10:00am to 2:30pm

### Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

### Pastor Anthony's FALL Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm

### 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. on Monday mornings.

Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than 12:00 noon on Monday.

### 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

It is time to prepare to order 2024 Offering Envelopes. If you received envelopes and don't use them, or didn't receive them and need them, please notify [office@armingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@armingtonfumc.org)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!** Allow me to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all of you that gave a card, gift, or word of encouragement for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. All of your tokens of affection are truly humbling. More personal expressions of thanks will be sent out individually. Again, thank you.

*Rev. D. J. Allen*

### November Birthdays



### November Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Mckenzie Hanson, 5<sup>th</sup> Gerrie Schade, 7<sup>th</sup> Jerry Thomas  
8<sup>th</sup> Jane Hunter, 11<sup>th</sup> Sherry Carnell  
13<sup>th</sup> Connie Lawson, Marilyn Totten, Nancy Wlasuk  
16<sup>th</sup> Calvin Brunke, 17<sup>th</sup> Aliene Adams  
20<sup>th</sup> Lauren Wilson 24<sup>th</sup> Susan Sackett, 26<sup>th</sup> Diane Bridgeman  
27<sup>th</sup> Rick Shaul, 28<sup>th</sup> Denise Dunham

12<sup>th</sup> Jonathan & Andrea Schroeder, 19<sup>th</sup> Tom & Tina Horton  
22<sup>nd</sup> David & Peggy Wilke, 29<sup>th</sup> John & Leah Sheppard, Jr.



## CARING MINISTRY LIST

### OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Amelia Berry, Ken Berry, Gladys Bocker, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell,  
Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis, Cappy Goltra, Joan Haggard,  
Jane Hopper, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Bev Jackson, Peter Kalakailo,  
Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean & Dorothy Koppin,  
Suzanne Lanstra, Sue Latimer, Norma Mickey, William Morrison,  
Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw,  
Marilyn Totten, Sandy Welling, Don & Eleanor Wingard, Ruth Yuill

**CONDOLENCES:** Patricia Shuffler Home going service on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Dave Drake's mother, Kathryn Drake;  
Dean & Dorothy Koppin's son, Dale made his transition – Memorial Service 1:30 p.m. on  
Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ Thayer Rock.

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

**If you have prayer concerns, please contact** Pastor Anthony (313) 229-9919