



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes August 23, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, August 23rd

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Church Office Hours

Wednesday, August 26th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Tuesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday, August 28th

7:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts

Wednesday 11 am – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Sunday, August 30th

9:00 a.m.

Rummage Sale Drop off

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Pastor Bea

Wednesday, September 2nd

5:00 p.m.

PIZZA & PLANNING

Tuesday – Thursday

Friday, September 4th

7:30 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, September 5th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Pastor Brian

Sunday, September 6th

10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

is in the office from 10:00 a.m. --3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8th

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday, September 9th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Please text to confirm availability.

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study

And, available by phone 269-274-0029

12 noon

Caring Committee

12 noon

Anna Cook Circle

7:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts

every day except Friday.

2026 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th 9 a.m. - 12 noon

DROP OFF

Saturday, August 29th 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Saturday, September TBD 9 a.m. – 12 noon



ANNA COOK

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 12 noon

Bring your sandwich.

UWIF, GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 3rd @ 10 a.m.

December 5th

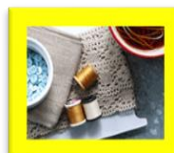


YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD: We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**



Basement Burger Bar

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



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

September 19th

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



2nd Yvonne Christensen, Tom Horton, Ana Palmer
5th Carolyn Danielson, 6th Susanna Arun, Beverly King
7th Beulah Arun, 8th Edwin Arun, 10th Lee Imus
13th Dan Latimer, 14th Heather Shymanski,
19th Melanie Stevenson, 20th Debbie Muncy
24th Janice Pohl, 25th Mary Sue Duffy, Loni Stevenson
26th Claude Christensen

3rd James & Karla Aren, 6th Larry & Loni Stevenson
16th Scott & Pamela Lodge, 19th David & Janice Pohl
24th Tom & Elaine Malafouris, 25th Sam & Sherry Carnell

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

August 23, 2026

PRELUDE

Karen Danke

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH #158

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paula Mullan

Leader: We come to worship the living God!

People: We are ready to experience the God of abundant life!

Leader: Come, let us sing songs of praise! Let us share prayers of hope! Let us hear Words of life!

People: Let us not just go through the motions, but receive the life of love and joy!

Leader: God has gathered us ordinary people together for extraordinary causes.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Paula Mullan

God of life, you have once again gathered us together and called us by name. May we not treat this as an ordinary experience. For you are the God who lifts us out of the ordinary and reminds us of your extraordinary presence. May your holy love breathe on us once more. Rain down, Holy Spirit! Rain down! Come, and let us experience the God who calls us together, lifts us from our doldrums and equips us to spread contagious joy, extravagant generosity and exuberant love today and all days. Amen.

HYMN

My Life is in You, Lord

TFWS #2032

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Strong in the Lord

Marion Ringe and Wesley Knust

By Linda Lee Johnson and Tom Fettke

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Brianne Steele

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Acts 2:42-47

Paula Mullan

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Restored: Filling Up the Gas Tank

Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Paula Mullan

(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

Paula Mullan

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Karen Danke

PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Pastor Bea

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

God Be with You till We Meet Again

UMH #673

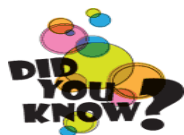
SENDING:

Take Sunday's fuel and use it to make a difference on Monday!

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

Karen Danke



Did you know Rev. Brian is doing a four-week Bible Study on the Book of Ezekiel starting this Saturday at 11:00 a.m.? Join him for a time of "Bibles and Brunch" to feast on Word and brunch goodies.

PRAYERS

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation, Kate and Zac who have moved to Phoenix for medical school.

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, the victims of wildfires, all our interfaith siblings, Paul & Donna

Health: Alexander (finger surgery), Kathy (heart issues), Ana, Ben and Allison, Louellen, Cameron, Olivia, Nikki, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell, Joan Pence

Cancer: Anna, Janice, Meredith (family of Connie L), Amy G (friend of Paula M),

Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz **Condolences:** The families of Ralph Curtiss (Carolyn 's cousin) who lost his father after a heart attack, 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.



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



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MEETING ON Monday, September 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.

PAY IT FORWARD
Choice for August 2026



Alternatives
For Girls



CARING MINISTRY LIST

CONDOLENCES Denise Ruff, Ruth Yuill, Bev Ellis, Dean Koppin

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."



Your recent giving
Statement only indicates 2nd
QUARTER & your 2025
giving is in the system, and
does not print out.

2nd Open for your loving tribute

9th In loving honor of the wonderful people of First FUMC - Ann St. John

16th In loving memory of Sally & Jake White's heavenly anniversary
Paula Mullan

23rd In loving honor of my son Patrick's birthday and all church
members with August birthdays and anniversaries and in loving
memory of my father, John Downing. **Patty Tschudi**

30th Susan Cook

6th In loving memory of Dave Brichford Karen Brichford

13th In loving honor of the FFUMC family Ann St. John

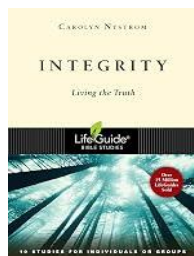
20th Carol Riley

27th Janice Pohl

4th In loving honor of my 3 children, 8 grandchildren &
2 great grandchildren – Connie Lynn

December 6th is open for your loving tribute! @ \$30.00

office@farmingtonfumc.org



The Women's Tuesday night Bible study will be reading Integrity: Living the truth. (LifeGuide Bible Studies) by [Carolyn](#) Nystrom, starting Tuesday September 8, 2026, at 7:00. This ten-session course invites us to find contentment in who are and how we follow God as we grow to be people of real integrity. Through Bible verses we will explore the importance of truth. Please contact Barb Walker to obtain a book for \$10.



Rev. Brian Steele
FFUMC – August 23, 2026

Friends, as your pastor--as your appointed shepherd-- my hope for every last one of us, including myself, is that we develop a greater love for the Bible. And part of that is to have an intellectual curiosity about Scripture. I want you to be informed. And part of that is emotional. I want you to be comforted in times of need. But I don't want your use of Scripture to stay solely in either of those camps.

I want it to seep into all of who you are. To dwell in your soul where heart and mind intersect. To be in your gut. Let Scripture place you in God's story for your life. To let it form you into a new creation.

Now, we don't worship the Bible. We worship Jesus. The Bible doesn't save us. Christ does. But the Bible is our best resource on knowing how to follow Christ. The Bible is not the end all be all of all knowledge. It gives us everything we need for Salvation and even more, but it doesn't have all scientific, psychological or historical knowledge. We need other resources to grow and learn. But we can't be formed spiritually and develop as God's people without our Owner's Manual.

Church, I want to be direct right now. In recent years, there have been some claims by individuals that the United Methodist Church no longer holds the Bible as authoritative. That because we changed our policies in some areas, we must no longer be keeping Scripture primary. I'm not here to change the minds of people who make those claims. But I am here to say that nobody has a monopoly on the Bible. Nobody can claim these stories or their understanding of these stories as their sole property. These stories are for you. They are for everybody. That doesn't mean every one of us will understand them exactly the same. Frankly, in most cases, I tend to believe we've all got it right and wrong, and that includes the United Methodist Church. But friends, my hope, the cry of my heart, is for the church collective to give up the need to be right about every facet of Scripture and instead use it to form us into the people of God. Being right does not mean we don't seek truth. It means we don't worship our understanding of the truth. It means any one of our personal understandings is just that--personal. And that our goal needs to be formation instead of being "right." We have a big enough God to give us grace when our truth misses the mark.

What if--WHAT IF-- we stopped using the Bible as a tool to win culture wars and point out other people's sins and used it more as the story that forms us as people. There is a time and place for debating Scripture. But if that's all it has become for us, then we have lost the point.

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