

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 11am-3:00pm**

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Growth & Hospitality  
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Hand bell Rehearsal in the bell room  
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

2:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. **Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows**  
11:30 a.m. Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church



**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**

**PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:** Brian is available in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-3:00. He is also available by phone at 269-274-0029 every day except Friday.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** July 12<sup>th</sup> August 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> August 23<sup>rd</sup> are **open to honor your loved one.**  
@ \$30.00 office@farmingtonfumc.org



5<sup>th</sup> Leah Sheppard, 6<sup>th</sup> Joseph Duffy, 10<sup>th</sup> Connie Lynn  
10<sup>th</sup> Janet Inman, 12<sup>th</sup> Kate Aren, 14<sup>th</sup> Jim Glennie  
18<sup>th</sup> Samuel Carnell, 19<sup>th</sup> Patrick Imus, James Malkowski  
22<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Aymer, Henry Shymanski  
23<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Anttila, 24<sup>th</sup> Kirk Jaske, Tim King  
27<sup>th</sup> Heather Cude, Arun Edwin, Pattie Tschudi  
30<sup>th</sup> Nancy Imus

4<sup>th</sup> Ted & Heather Shymanski  
13<sup>th</sup> Claude & Yvonne Christensen  
19<sup>th</sup> Tim & Beverly King  
24<sup>th</sup> James & Carolyn Aymer  
25<sup>th</sup> Richard & Cindy Scholer



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**OUR MISSION**

To welcome and connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Brian Steele

INTROIT *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Chancel Choir

HYMN *Here I am to Worship* See Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP Geri Doolin

Leader: The glory of God cannot be contained!

**People: He has ascended!**

Leader: The living Christ transcends time and space.

**People: He has ascended!**

Leader: The presence of God is spreading like glitter.

**People: He has ascended!**

Leader: Thanks be to God for a God whose presence goes beyond our fingertips..

**ALL: Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER Geri Doolin

Christ Jesus, you have left your fingerprints on all of creation. There is no place we can go where you are not present. You reign next to God Almighty in the heaven of heavens and holy of holies. You see all and are in all. Today we lift our eyes toward heaven to remember that you have a perspective we cannot see. As we worship, may our trust in you grow knowing that you who began a good work in us, will bring it to completion. Amen.

ANTHEM *All Hail the Power* Chancel Choir  
Arr. by Mark Hayes

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* UMH #103

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Brianne Steele

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1:1-11 Geri Doolin

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON Jesus has Left the Building Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION Geri Doolin  
(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 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.**

WAYS TO CONNECT Rev. Steele

HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH #154

SENDING: **God's Presence is in Everyone and Everything** Rev. Steele  
**Get Curious About Where God is Already Working.**

BENEDICTION *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Yaroslav Daniels

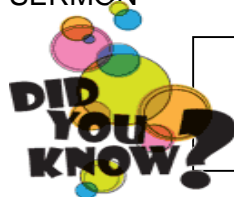
### PRAYERS

**General:** All conflicts globally and domestically, Connie L's grandson Andrew who is serving in Iraq and all those serving, Temple Israel in West Bloomfield and all our Jewish siblings

**Gratitude:** Kind spouses, growing children and families.

**Health:** Julian, Cameron, Lily W, Olivia, Tom Benjamin, Erica Palmer, Nikki, Kali Imus, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell

**Cancer:** Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dakota and her parents Leslie and Kevin, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz, Linda P  
The families of 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.



Did you know: You can still ask questions about the Simplified and Accountable Structure before our Town Hall on June 7th. Call/Text Brian at 269-274-0029 or e-mail [besteele@gmail.com](mailto:besteele@gmail.com)

# Simplified and Accountable Structure (SAS) FYI

**What SAS Is:** SAS is a structure that is being adopted by many United Methodist Churches that helps bring clarity and expedite the decision making process of a local church while releasing people for the ministry that they are most passionate about.

## **WHAT SAS DOES:**

- Consolidates the three administrative arms of the church (Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Finance, Trustees) to form one leadership board of 6-9 people chosen by the Nominations Committee.
- Keeps decisions from bouncing from committee to committee and instead allows one team to make a prayerful, efficient decision that is then communicated to the congregation.
- Allows more people to serve in ministry instead of sitting in meetings.

## **WHY WE'RE EXPLORING IT:**

We are exploring SAS so that we can create a church structure that maximizes ministry impact and minimizes bureaucracy while improving and increasing communication to the congregation and community.

## **THE SAS PROCESS:**

What we have done thus far:

- Church-Wide Training and Information Session
- Receive District Superintendent Approval to Explore SAS
- Administrative Council Votes to Explore SAS
- Appoint an Exploratory Team that will work with conference coach to help discern whether SAS will be helpful for our church.

## **Our Next Steps:**

- Receive feedback and questions from the congregation and our ministry teams regarding SAS
- Hold a Church Town Hall to answer questions on June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Based on congregational feedback, leadership discernment, and the Exploratory Team's recommendation report, the Administrative Council votes whether to request the adoption of SAS. If a favorable vote results, the pastor and Council chair submit a letter to the DS seeking approval to move to SAS
- Distribute motion and information about special church conference at least 30 days before vote.

## Here I Am to Worship

**1** Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

So, Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me

**2** King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven  
above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for  
love's sake became poor.

So, Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,  
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**Bridge:** I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin  
upon that cross, I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross  
And, I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross  
No, I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.