



SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon: CONSEQUENCES AND REPERCUSSIONS

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-13 NRSV

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

One of the most important lessons parents should teach/can teach their children is that every choice they make has consequences and repercussions. I can clearly remember my mother impressing this lesson upon my brother and I at several points. As people of faith, we must pay attention the weight of our decisions and actions, for they do not simply reflect upon us, but upon God as well. If we truly desire to grow spiritually, we must weigh the consequences and repercussions of all we do and say.

In our scripture, we find an example of people who did not thoroughly weigh the consequences and repercussions of their actions. Abram and Sarai have left their homeland following the mysterious leading of God. Through all the covenant making and blessings God establishes with Abram, he still laments that he does not have a biological heir. God promises Abram, that his descendants will be as numerous as the grains of sand. Yet, Abram and Sarai cannot comprehend how God can fulfill this promise, given their circumstances. Because Abram and Sarai only saw their limitations, they could not imagine how God could do what they could not. Which leads them to come up with a plan to “help” God accomplish the goal of providing Abram with an heir. Note: anytime we think we are “helping” God, all we are doing is creating unnecessary delays and drama.

Abram and Sarai only saw their desired goal of getting an heir, that they overlooked the consequences and repercussions of having two heirs. They never thought God could bless Sarai to conceive and birth a child. Now they are faced with drama in their household as Hagar and Sarai’s relationship becomes more strained. Now they are faced with a horrible decision, all because they had not fully weighed the consequences and repercussions of their decisions.

Abram and Sarai got distracted and discouraged by how God could not fulfill the promise, thinking God was moving too slowly and that time was slipping away. Had they weighed the consequences and repercussions of their actions, they may have found the patience to wait on God. May we all strive to make decisions whose consequences and repercussions bring God glory.

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10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

April 28, 2024

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #64	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Susan Cook
God, who knows all about our strengths and our weaknesses, we have assembled in this place to praise and worship your wonderful name. Free our hearts, our hands and our mouths, that we may offer you jubilant expressions of our love. Dwell with us, once more, that we may feel your loving embrace and draw courage to face tomorrow. Equip us, oh God, to share our faith with boldness and compassion. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	John 11:1-6, 20-23, 32-34; 43-44 NRSV	Susan Cook
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
MUSICAL SELECTION	Shout to the Lord By Darlene Zschech Arr. Mark Hayes	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	I Love to Tell the Story #156	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	IT'S NOT OVER!	Pastor Anthony
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Susan Cook
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.		
• For those worshipping virtually:		
1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address: 33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336		
2. You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: First United Methodist Church of Farmington		
• For those worshipping in-person:		
1. The ushers will come forward to receive our tithes and offerings. 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.		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING		Susan Cook
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
*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	Lift High the Cross #159	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH	You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!	Pastor Anthony
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels



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

Meeting on Monday, MAY 6th @ 7 p.m.

is our **PAY IT FORWARD** choice for
APRIL 2024

We appreciate your generosity and ask you to please indicate **BALDWIN CENTER** on your check/envelope.



Global Ministries UMCOR \$70.00 3/2024

CARING MINISTRY LIST

OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Gladys Bocker, Pat Bradley, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis, 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 Wingard, 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. Contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor 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

Altars Flowers Dedications

April 7th in thanksgiving for Carolyn Wik her warmth of spirit and faithfulness in service.

14th To the Glory of God - Susanna Arun & Tanner Tulgetske

21st Patty Tschudi in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary

of our Sanctuary

28th In loving memory of Jim & Betty Kitson and

Randy & Joyce Riley by Carol & Scott Riley.

June 30, Aug. 4, Dec. 8 are the ONLY 3 Sundays available for 2024 Altar Flowers

If you have email, you have been sent a reminder of your date and each has an altar flower form and envelope on the narthex table to submit your payment and your tribute message.



PLEASE SUBMIT your dedication details and \$30.00 payment for the two bouquets, which you may take home following the service to Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org by 11 a.m. Mondays 2 weeks prior to your selected date (s).



CED would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's college students and military personnel. If your loved one is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades are invited to go to Sunday School.



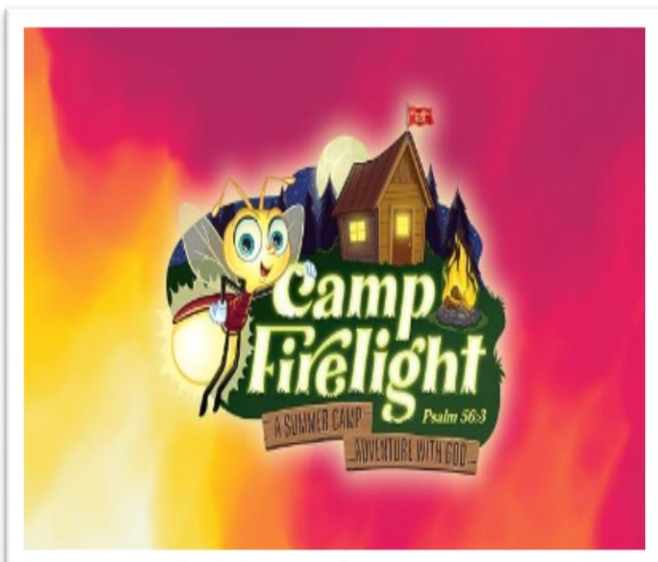
At this time, we are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants. Please know that children of all ages are welcome in worship, especially when they are making "joyful noises to the Lord".

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

GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP

Regular meetings at 11:30 a.m. as follows:

- April 21 – "What Makes A Hero?"
- (Saturday) April 27th – Hands with Detroit
- May 5 – "What Makes a Hero?"
- May 12 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for Mothers' Day
- May 19 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 26 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for Memorial Day
- June 2 – "What Makes a Hero?"
- June 9 to "Special Outing"
- June 16 -- No Guiding Force Youth Group for Fathers' Day



CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Mark your calendars for
July 22 through 26 2024
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

HANDS WITH DETROIT

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT UMC

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024

@ Cass Community Social Services

Kitchen Help :: Grounds Clean Up :: Maintenance Projects

Document Destruction :: Doormat Construction

Offsite Collections {Ages 10+ are welcome!}



Join the team from FFUMC in this day of service with the Cass Community

**Contact: Pastor Bea at -
beasoots@gmail.com**

We are making plans for the Guiding Force Youth Group to participate in the "Hands with Detroit" Mission Day on Saturday, April 27. This year, the project will be at Cass Community Social Services.

Anyone who wishes to serve with us in this mission opportunity will be most welcome. For more information, please contact Pastor Bea at pastorbea@farmingtonfumc.org.



Sunday, May 5, 2024

1-5 p.m.

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Saturday, May 11, 2024 • 10:30am to 12:30pm

Join The Outreach Committee For This Seminar On The Importance Of Mental Health Care And Suicide Awareness.

Our Guest Speaker:

Mr. Kevin Fischer,
Executive Director of NAMI Michigan
(National Alliance on Mental Illness).



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH 2024



UPDATE: We received a decent number of donations at our drop-off day on April 13. Thank-you Jim & Carolyn Glennie and Diane Miller for helping! The rummage room is now about ¼ full. There is currently not enough rummage to hold our October sale. If you have things to donate, you may bring them to church anytime and leave them outside the rummage room door in the basement.

eBay sales continue at a slower but steady pace. 2024 sales to date are just over \$1,700. The most recent expenditures from the rummage sale account were \$200 to Guiding Force Youth Group and \$2,500 to the trustees for repairing/replacing flooring/carpeting at the parsonage. As always, thank you for your donations.

Mark your calendars for helping with setup day which will start **Sunday, October 13th after coffee hour.**

PLEASE DONATE ITEMS THAT ARE
gently used, free from spots, stains, holes or pet hair.
WE DO NOT ACCEPT
baby car/booster seats, furniture, Televisions or bed pillows.

Joy & Doug Wilson,
joywilson@hotmail.com, 734-660-4915



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.

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 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 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/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc
- Website: 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.



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 April 21, 2024

Tuesday, April 23rd

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

Wednesday, April 24th

- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 25th

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26th

- 10:00 a.m. Quilter's Gathering

Saturday, April 27th

- Hands With Detroit
- 11:00 a.m. Indian Classical Dance

Sunday, April 28th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance
- 5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours:

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

Pastor Anthony's 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) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

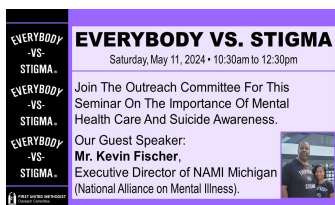
Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than 12:00 noon on Monday.



Quilters 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday, April 26th



ANNA CIRCLE
 Wednesday, May 8th
 @ 12 noon



Saturday, May 11th @ 10:30 a.m.

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 Suicide Awareness
 Training & the
 Stigma that goes with it.

- 1st Denise Gress
- 3rd **Bruce Baker**
- 4th Ray Barry, Pat Fleming
- 5th Dorothy Koppin
- 7th Ryan Berry, 12th Evan Portner
- 14th Tom Hanson, Debbie Harbison
- 15th Dan Gertiser, Susan Latimer
- 17th **Cheryl Jacobi**
- 19th Elijah Greene
- 20th Geri Doolin
- 23rd Marion Ringe
- 24th Lois Holmes, Aidan Riley,
Jon Schroeder
- 26th Diane Kreimes, Joy Baum
- 28th Elaine Malafouris
- 29th Lucas England, Janine Shymanski

- 10th Rick & Margie Shaul
- 17th James & Marilyn Totten TX
- 30th Doug & Debbie Harbison