

Pastor Brian Steele
March 15, 2026

Friends, just take a moment and ask yourself: Who is the cross calling you to love? I'm hoping it's somebody who doesn't look like you, think like you or maybe even vote like you. I'm not saying we don't hold to our convictions. Jesus held them dearly. I am saying that Jesus still fed Judas communion at the last supper. Then the following day when Judas shows up leading the bandwagon to arrest Jesus--what does Jesus say? Matthew 26:50. "Friend, do what you came to do." In the midst of deep betrayal, Jesus still offers friendship to somebody who had just become his enemy.

That's what the cross invites us to. It is the place where enemies become friends. That's the type of love we're called to. The love that can make enemies become friends. Not through conquering. Not through violence. Not through domination. But through self-sacrificial love. Not love that degrades ourselves. In cases where people are causing real harm, God doesn't ask us to stay in harmful relationships. But it does call us to see the humanity in people.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI 48335



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10:00 a.m.
March 22, 2026

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN	<i>Welcome</i>	See Insert
CALL TO WORSHIP		Edwin Arun
Leader: Jesus Christ has won victory on the cross!		
People: The principalities and powers of this world have lost.		
Leader: God has declared victory through self-sacrificial love.		
People: Let us participate in the victory!		
Leader: And may all of creation sing in celebration.		
All: Amen.		
OPENING PRAYER		Edwin Arun
Lord Jesus, your victory on the cross dealt a fatal blow to evil. While evil still wreaks havoc, we know how the story will end. You have defeated the principalities and powers and you now hold the power over death. Let us worship knowing that victory has been won and that love has come to reign among us! Praise God! Amen.		
ANTHEM	<i>Cortege</i> By Douglas E. Wagner	Carillion Choir
HYMN	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	UMH #110
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT		Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Hebrews 2:14-18	Edwin Arun
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	Why Did Jesus Have to Die?: Spoiler Alert: Death Loses	Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Edwin Arun
(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		Edwin Arun
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
*SUNG PRAISE	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	UMH #370
SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!		Rev. Steele
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels

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](#) 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](#) 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.

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.

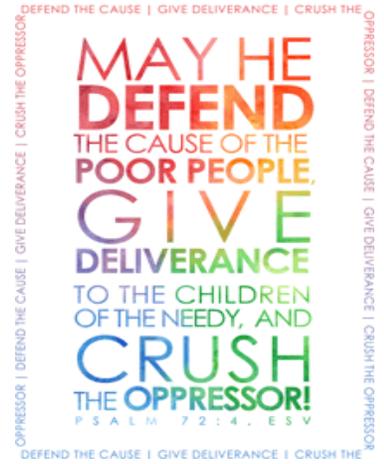


MEETING ON Monday, April 13th @ 6:30 P.M.

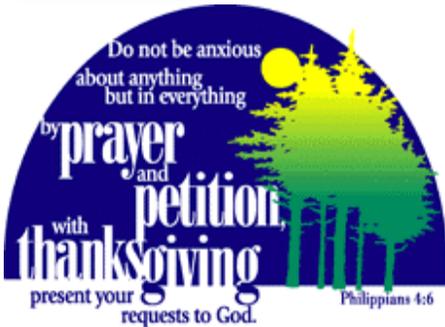


UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES

is our **PAY IT FORWARD** choice for March 2026



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



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

Maggie Clewley, Pat Dygert, Claudette Howell, John Hopeck, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean Koppin, Cathy Kwasky, Scott Lodge, Denise Rogers, Denise Ruff, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, *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."



1st Judith Smith
15th In loving memory of Evelyn & Harry Hasse and Larry & Lilian Kordenbrock from Don & Connie Haase
22nd Happy St. Patrick's Day from Patty Tschudi
28th Tanner Tulgetske



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.



GIVE TODAY



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News & Notes March 15, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Tuesday, March 17th

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18th

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, March 19th

5:30 p.m. **Thursday Nights Together**
6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal in the bell room
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 20th

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

Saturday, March 21st

9:30 a.m. Crafter Gathering
11:00 a.m. Aren Family
2:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

Sunday, March 22nd

10:00 a.m. Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows
11:30 a.m. Bible Study – **STRATEGIC PLANNING**
12 noon Classical Indian Dance
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**

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Text your joys and concerns to Pastor Brian at (269) 274-0029

ALTAR FLOWERS: **Happy St. Patrick's Day – Patty Tcshudi**

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pastor Bea

Tuesday-Thursday
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastor Brian

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-3
Please call/text 269-274-0029 to make certain I am available.
Rest & REfreshME happens on Fridays!



SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

Announcements/information to be shared in the order of worship/weekly News & Notes, please email your information to Phyllis Anderson (phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

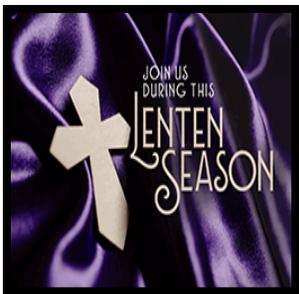


ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

April 8, 2026 @ 12 noon

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE

LYDIA CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP Friday, March 20th



Thursday Nights Together

Lenten Bible Study
Dinner 5:30 p.m. Study 6:30 p.m.
February 26th – March 26th

1st Claudette Howell, Linda Peckham
13th Denise Ruff
15th Ella Hanson
20th Don Haase

8th Michael Weddell
14th Ben Niemiec
16th Scott Riley

22nd Jodi Imus, John Welling
24th Sandra Welling
26th Doug Tonkovich
27th Brenna Drake
28th Maggie Clewley
31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell
John Sheppard



18th Don & Connie Haase
24th John & Sandra Welling
29th Tanner & Susanna Tulgetske



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

March 21, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Susan Cook, Coordinator