

## **SERMON SNIPPET:**

Sermon: SPEAKING FROM THE HEART

Scripture: Psalm 19:12-14 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

Many of recognize our sermon theme, for we have used it or have had it offered to us. According to The Free Dictionary.com, the idiom, Speaking From the Heart<sup>1</sup>, is defined as, to speak or say something with deep emotional sincerity. We have used the idiom/phrase to encourage our sons and daughter to express their feelings to someone they like. We have heard it offered to us when preparing our best man or maid of honor toast during a wedding reception. It has served as wise

council when we are struggling to find the words to offer in tribute for departed loved ones. As people of faith, we too are invited to speak from the heart, yet we are also charged not simply to speak with deep emotional sincerity, but also with discernment garnered through prayerful contemplation. We are charged with the responsibility to be more mindful of what we say, how we say, and what we should left unsaid, because our words carry greater weight due to our relationship with Christ.

Many of us have probably heard the words of our text from psalm 19:14. For some, these words may seem reserved for Holy spaces, but I submit that they are guidance for all people of faith to use daily. So that the words we speak come from a heart steeped in God's transformational love, hope, mercy, healing, and joy. Psalm 19 is a psalm of praise, penned by King David, about the majesty and glory of God. David humbly recognizes his and our need for God's grace and guidance. Grace that forgives us our sins and guidance to keep us from making willful mistakes. David acknowledges the importance of aligning our words and actions. It is a crucial discipline for mature/maturing people of faith to be mindful how we talk to and about one another, along with how we talk to and about those yet to reconnect with God. Siblings in Christ, if we want to change the things that come out of our mouths, we must change the things that go into our hearts.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://idioms.thefreedictionary.com/speaking+from+the+heart>



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

January 12, 2025

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	Great Is Thy Faithfulness #140	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Sharon Thomas
<b>You have searched us, Lord, and you know us. You know when we sit down and when we rise; you perceive our thoughts from afar. You discern our going out and our lying down; you are familiar with all our ways. Before a word is on our tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem us in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too lofty for us to attain. We praise you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful we know that full well.</b>		
(Psalms 139:1-6, 14 NIV)		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV	Sharon Thomas
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
MUSICAL SELECTION	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” by John Ness Beck	Vocal Choir
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	Spirit Song #347	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	HOW FAR WOULD WE GO?	Pastor Anthony
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Sharon Thomas
<i>(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY:</b> Giving options will appear on your screen.</li><li>• <b>FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON:</b> You may 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. Guests, please place your completed CONNECTION CARD in the collection plate.</li></ul>		
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Sharon Thomas
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
<b>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.</b>		
HYMN	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #155 (vs. 1, 2, & 6)	Yaroslav Daniels
<b>SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!</b>		



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

January 5, 2025

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Anthony

HYMN How Great Thou Art #140 Yaroslav Daniels

CALL TO WORSHIP Jill Burress

Leader: God has given us a mission, to guide our work as we pursue the vision for our church. What is our mission?

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

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Jill Burress

**Almighty and loving God, we have gathered to worship and praise your Holy name. Help us embrace the challenge of spiritual, numerical, and financial growth with honesty and transparency. Reignite within us a desire to serve joyfully, give generously, pray fervently and worship passionately. We want to be a fruitful, inspiring, and transformative community of faith. Remove all stumbling blocks that would hinder or distract us from accomplishing the mission and vision you have given to us. Bring to us the people who will have what we need to become what you envision us to be. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 19:12-14 NRSV Jill Burress

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL SELECTION "Blessed Assurance" Vocal Choir  
By: Fanny Crosby Gary Adams, Guitar

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT Pastor Bea

HYMN Alleluia #186 Yaroslav Daniels

SERMON SPEAKING FROM THE HEART Pastor Anthony

OFFERTORY INVITATION Jill Burress

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**COMMUNION:**

Pastor Anthony & Pastor Bea

If you are part of our virtual congregation, please have your communion elements ready for consecration.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: And also with you**  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord**  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Remembering God’s Acts of Grace:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Consecration of Elements:

(If you are watching the live stream, have your communion elements present)  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Partaking Together:

The body of Christ offered for you that you may be made whole, take and eat  
The cup of sacrifice, forgiving you all your sins that you may do likewise, take and drink.

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



## ALTAR FLOWERS 2025

**CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

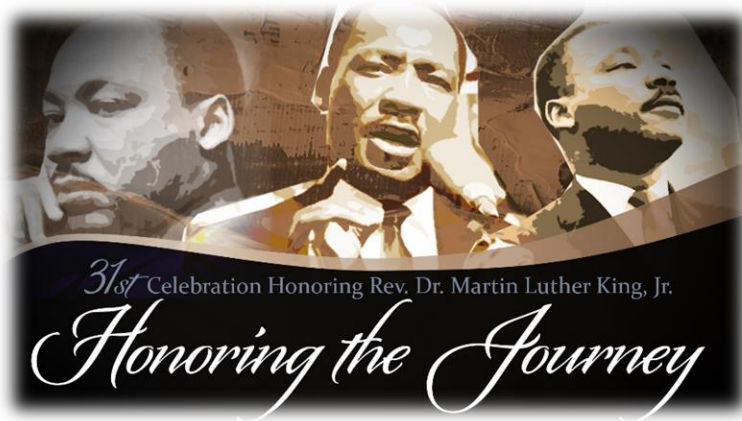
**TRIBUTE DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIBUTE MESSAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE YOUR NAME ON YOUR PREFERRED SUNDAY (S)  
FOR 2025 ALTAR FLOWER TRIBUTE  
IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS,  
THIS FORM WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU AS A REMINDER  
(IN HONOR OF, BIRTHDAY, IN MEMORY OF, ETC.)**  
should be submitted no later than 2 WEEKS PRIOR to your selected date  
**ALONG WITH PAYMENT OF \$30.00 per Sunday for 2 bouquets**  
that you may take home after worship service. Bring a receptacle to transport.  
DESIGNATED Altar Flower envelopes #156 are available for payment submission  
**SUBMIT TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OR PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE  
2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR DESIGNATED DATE**



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ADORN  
THE ALTAR WITH FLOWERS – FUMC WORSHIP COMMITTEE



The Greater Detroit District of the United Methodist Church presents, ***Honoring the Journey, the 31st Celebration Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*** Hosted by Grosse Pointe UMC.

**You're invited to attend on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Reception and 3:30 p.m. Service**

*In-person at:*  
**Grosse Pointe UMC**  
211 Moross Rd.  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

### **Parking Information:**

A large private parking lot is on the church property, behind the church. There are many handicap spaces. Please enter in the rear sanctuary door. The reception will be in the Parlor. Ushers will guide you to the proper areas.

### ***Livestreaming for online attendees will begin at 3:30 p.m.***

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@gpumc/streams>

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." He spoke of the urgency of making progress--despite turmoil, despite animosity, despite setbacks. To pay tribute to his legacy, and to continue to cultivate his dreams within our own lives, we invite you to gather at the 31<sup>st</sup> Celebration honoring Dr. King.

Through a service of song, prayer, litany, and reflection, we will use our voices to honor the journey. We will present awards and scholarships to individuals within our congregations who are pivotal examples of his legacy and who use their lives as a platform to speak. This year we will also unveil a new award, The Beloved Community Grant. This celebration is always a beautiful way to recenter our hearts and intentions. It is uplifting, poignant, and powerful. We sincerely hope to see you there, either in person or via the livestream! *Faithfully, your 31<sup>st</sup> Celebration Committee honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Each year the Greater Detroit District awards high school seniors and college students scholarships in memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 2025 scholarships were funded in part by a grant from the District, and in part by individual donations. You can help to fund the 2026 scholarships by clicking the donate button below.



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, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

is our **PAY IT FORWARD** choice for **JANUARY 2025**  
We appreciate your generosity and ask you to please indicate on your check/envelope.



Noah at Central \$165.00  
Holton Community Center  
Global Ministries \$398.00  
Lighthouse \$190.00

**CARING MINISTRY LIST**

**OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:**

Carolyn Aymer, Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Bob Cook, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Bev Ellis, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Keith Miller, Denise Rogers, Sandy Welling



**HEALING AT HOME:** Pat Dyert, Jane Hopper, Dean Koppin, Peter Kalakailo, Bob & Judy Rehn, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, *Darrell Simmons*, Bill & Suzanne White, 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) 283-9919

**DEDICATIONS**



**2025 Calendar is posted for sign ups**



**SALE UPDATE**

Another person or team is needed to take over the RUMMAGE SALE event. We would be happy to offer guidance to anyone who wants to know more. Stockpiling donations in the rummage room as they come in is one of the tasks involved and the sale itself is fairly well streamlined. Items currently at our home will continue to be sold on eBay as time permits. Joy will give an accounting of 2024 eBay sales after the end of the year.

At this time, we have not heard of anyone else stepping forward to run another in-person sale. Until that happens, please **DO NOT** leave any rummage in the basement storage area. Choose another worthy organization to donate your items to.

*Joy & Doug Wilson*



## GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP (GFYG)

The Greater Detroit District is reviving the annual "U" Night Event. Youth from the entire district are being invited to Eastern Michigan University gym for an "Overnight Lock In" to play games and get acquainted with each other. This evening is planned from 9 p.m. on **Friday, January 10 through 6 a.m. on Saturday, January 11**. There will be much more information about this event as the date approaches, but please put iron your calendars now, so that we can go together for a fun-filled night of friendship and fun.

## SERVICE WEEK AT CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

The Guiding Force Youth Group will be serving at Cass Community Social Services **July 14 through 18, 2025**. We will be traveling to Cass each day and returning to our homes for the evening. We are inviting anyone from the congregation who is interested in serving with us is invited to come along. You will be welcome to join for as many days as it's convenient for you. This will not only be an opportunity not only for you to serve God's people, but also to get better acquainted with the youth of our church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is available to Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades throughout the school year



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.



**We pray that your experience  
in 2025  
is Safe, Healthy, Wealthy, and  
Wonderful!**



The following committees are looking for **Methodist Men**, additional members: **Finance, Outreach, Trustees, 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.

## 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 January 5, 2024

### Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Caring Ministries  
12 noon Anna Circle  
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School.  
(Coffee Hour after worship)  
11:30 a.m. Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance  
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

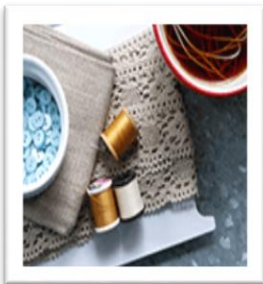
Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

### 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](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.



### CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

CHANGED to  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday's of the month  
Beginning in January 2025  
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Bring a project to work on  
and a dish to share.  
Susan Cook, Coordinator



### ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday's of the month  
January 8, 2025 12 noon.  
February 12<sup>th</sup>

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE  
DESSERT: NANCY IMUS

(Contributions to Nancy's dessert fund welcomed.)  
CHIPS: LOIS HOLMES



2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Drake  
3<sup>rd</sup> Megan Gesse  
5<sup>th</sup> Cathy Jackson  
8<sup>th</sup> Ayanna Hood  
10<sup>th</sup> Bob Rehn  
11<sup>th</sup> Emma Baker  
14<sup>th</sup> Glenn Morrison  
15<sup>th</sup> Ann St. John  
17<sup>th</sup> Denise Rogers  
18<sup>th</sup> Dave Kennedy  
23<sup>rd</sup> Julia Hanson,  
24<sup>th</sup> Sue Weigand  
25<sup>th</sup> Sandy Roth  
31<sup>st</sup> Ginda Gruse

Anniversary  
5<sup>th</sup> Harrison & Carrie Igwe