

Pastor Brian August 24, 2025

Friends, we can be followers of Jesus, let the Bible be authoritative for our life, and disagree on some interpretations.

Jehu and Jehonadab had different opinions. But they wanted to glorify the Lord together. They trusted that God could partner with both of them together better than they could a part.

Church, you shouldn't agree with every single word I say. However long my tenure is as your pastor--and I hope it's a long time--you're going to hear me for hundreds and probably thousands of minutes. I rarely say I am 100 percent sure of anything, but I am 100 percent sure that a few of those minutes are going to be off base. I am going to say things that miss the mark. Now, I'm going to do my best and I promise to be faithful in the work of studying, but I am going to get things wrong. That means you should disagree with me sometimes.

And, at the same time, even if you disagree with me on some of my convictions, I hope you can open yourself to the truth that God does in fact also speak through me other times. That some of those minutes are going to offer you opportunities for transformation; are going to be a faithful understanding of who God is in Jesus Christ and helps you to grow in faith to love God and others. Part of the reason why there have been so many reformations--and why there was our Protestant reformation--is because the people in charge were so convinced of their own righteousness. I'm confident in my beliefs and convictions, but they are not what makes me righteous.

Friends, according to the Bible I read, our battle is not against each other but against the principalities and powers. I'm not going to abandon my values and I'm not asking you to. We just can't forget to see the humanity in each other as we stand for those values. We can have every belief perfect in the eyes of God, but if we trample over people and treat them as less than in pursuit of those beliefs, then we just plain missed the point. People are not objects to overcome, but image bearers to love and walk with. We have built an empire of division--which is part of the principalities and powers as far as I'm concerned--is the enemy, the people are not.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI 48335



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

August 31, 2025

PRELUDE

TBA

Yaroslav Daniels

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN

To God Be the Glory UMH #98

Yaroslav Daniels

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Walker

Leader: What is the greatest commandment?

People: To love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being and all your mind.

Leader: Come let us grow hearts to think and minds that feel.

People: We are a faith of heart and mind.

Leader: May we take all of our being and put it to use for the glory of God.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Barbara Walker

God, you have not asked us to drop our brains at the door nor have you given us hearts to be content with the status quo. You call us to be your holy people. Equip our hearts to love deeply and our minds to think thoughtfully. May all of our beings bring glory to you so that we can continue to connect people with God through relevant discipleship and service. Amen

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH #64

Yaroslav Daniels

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

1 Peter 1:13-16

Barbara Walker

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT

Rev. Bea Fraser-Soots

SPECIAL MUSIC

TBA

Yaroslav Daniels

SERMON

Revival: Yearning for More

Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Barbara Walker

(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)

- **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY:** Giving options will appear on your screen.
- **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON:** 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Barbara Walker

OFFERTORY MUSIC

TBA

Yaroslav Daniels

*SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94

JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Steele

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Rev. Steele

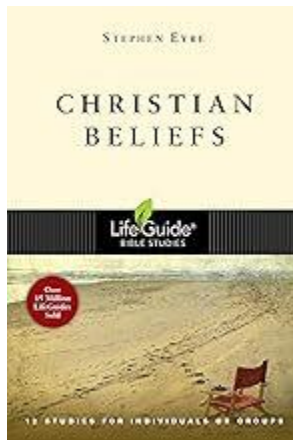
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN

O For a Heart to Praise My God UMH #417

Yaroslav Daniels

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

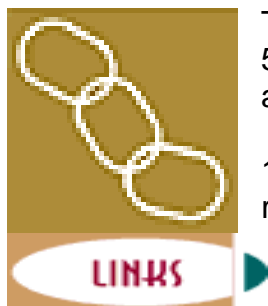


Fall 2025
 Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study
 The Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study will start a new 12-week study on **Tuesday, September 9**. We will be studying "Christian Beliefs", using the Life Guide Bible Study booklet by Stephen Eyre. Let Barbara Walker, know if you are interested. She has \$8.50 copies of the book.



The Detroit Lutheran Singers would love to welcome new members!
 Our first rehearsal is
 Monday, Sept. 8 at 7:15 p.m.
 at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.
 Please contact Norma Sander
 (248 895-0018)
 or email n.sander68@gmail.com
 to arrange an audition time.

LET'S PRACTICE 5-10-LINK!



This is a strategy of hospitality from church consultant Jim Ozier.
 5-Refers to time. 5 minutes before worship starts and 5 minutes after it ends, look around and meet somebody you don't know.

10-Refers to space. When somebody you don't know comes within 10 feet of you, reach out to them and invite them into your group!

Link-Refers to Connecting. When you meet somebody new, link them to someone else based on a common affinity that you have found out about them (occupation, interest, etc.)

SET UP BEGINS Sunday, OCTOBER 5th after coffee hour
 for helping with initial setup and daily until sale.

NEW DATE

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th 9 A.M. – 6 P.M. &
 SAT., OCTOBER 11th 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

**Men, women, children, clothing and accessories,
 kitchenware, toys, books, holiday items,
 linens, crafts, jewelry, CD's, and more!**

**Fill a paper grocery shopping bag (provided) \$10.00 on Friday & \$5.00 on Sat.
 12 noon**

**Farmington FUMC, 33112 Grand River Ave. Farmington 48336
 248-474-6573**

Paula Mullan, Coordinator



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 worship service via live stream in a space that is hospitable for them.



INNOVATION ACADEMY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are still collecting:

Clear Backpacks, Corded Headphones,
 Pack of Pencils (not mechanical),
 Packs of erasers, Spiral Notebooks,
 Scissors, Glue Sticks Colored Pencils,
 Pack of Red Pens, Highlighters (multi
 colors), Expo Markers with Eraser,
 3x5 Index Cards

The donations box is outside of the
 Administrative Office



Meeting on September 8th @ 6:30 p.m.



Vets Returning Home
appreciates \$600.00
Livingston County Habitat
for Humanity \$405.00
Cass CSS \$186.00



**Alternatives
For Girls**

is our **PAY IT FORWARD**

choice for **AUGUST 2025**

We appreciate your generosity.



CARING MINISTRY LIST

STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

CONDOLENCES:

Catherine McCarthy's Memorial scheduled for Sat. Sept. 13th

Pat Bradley, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, John Hopeck,
Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Cathy Kwasky, Scott Lodge,
Denise Rogers, Denise Ruff, Sandy Welling, Ruth Yuill



HEALING AT HOME: Carolyn Wik recent surgery, Pat Dyert, Bev Ellis, Dean Koppin,
Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, *Darrell Simmons*, Bill & Suzanne White

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 Pastor Bea, 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 CHURCH OFFICE

DEDICATION OF



31ST In Loving Memory of my Son Jeremy Cook, Susan Cook

7TH Arun

14TH Susanna Arun

21ST Tolentino's

28TH Scott & Carol Riley

**2025 AVAILABLE DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS:
NOVEMBER 30TH**



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
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- 2) Use PayPal, and select: First United Methodist Church of Farmington
- 3) Scan the QR code and follow the prompts.



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News & Notes August 24, 2025

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Friday, August 29th

5 p.m.

Chin Baptist Church

Sunday, August 31st

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service/SS Coffee Hour follows

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Monday, September 1st Labor Day – Enjoy, be safe!

Wednesday, September 3rd

7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

7:15 p.m.

Boy Scouts

Church Office Hours

Monday- Friday

10:00 am to 2:30 pm

EXCEPT: August 26th? 27th - 28th

Pastor Bea

Tuesday-Thursday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastor Brian

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-3
and by appointment. But please call/text
269-274-0029 to make sure I am available.

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.

FRONT DOOR

Because it is such a challenge to close the front door, I ask that you enter the east side door near the Administrative area 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. If you use your key and use the Wesley Hall entrance, please be certain that the door closes behind you.



ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

September 10, 2025

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE

DESSERT: NANCY IMUS

(Contributions to Nancy's dessert fund welcomed.)



UWIF

September 20th

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

October 18th

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring a project to work on
and a dish to share.

Susan Cook, Coordinator



4 Susan Cook
6 Larry Stevenson, Ajay Vohra
Ray Wright
7 Celeste Berry
9 Judy Rehn, Brianne Steele
13 Amy Portner
14 Cathy Kwasky
15 Amelia Berry, Scott Lodge
18 Bill Johnston
21 Sharon Scott
22 Pat Dygert
25 David Durbin, Bob Muncey
26 Cindy Scholer, Matthew Jones
28 Amy Mohr, Sharon Thomas
29 Leon Doolin

9 John Tuba & Cathy Jackson
10 Christina & Aaron Brunke
16 Dave & Bonnie Kennedy
21 Mike & Amy Mohr
24 Greg & Ginda Gruse
26 Charles & Cindy Palmer
28 Michael & Esther Weddell
31 Ajay & Pamela Vohra

