



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes August 9, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, August 9th 10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Church Office Hours

Thursday, August 13th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Tuesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday, August 14th

6:00 p.m.

Fun @ First

Wednesday 11 am – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 16th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Wednesday, August 19th

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Pastor Bea

Thursday, August 20th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Tuesday – Thursday

Wednesday, August 20th

6:30 p.m.

Growth & Hospitality

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 20th

1:00 p.m.

Education Committee

Friday, August 21st

6:30 p.m.

Growth & Hospitality

Saturday, August 22nd

1:00 p.m.

Education Committee

Pastor Brian

Sunday, August 23rd

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

is in the office from 10:00 a.m. --3:00 p.m.

Friday, August 28th

6:00 p.m.

Paula Mullan/Euchre

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Saturday, August 29th

10:00 a.m.

Blessing of Back Packs

Please text to confirm availability.

Sunday, August 30th

5:00 p.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

And, available by phone 269-274-0029

every day except Friday.

2026 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th 9 a.m. - 12 noon

DROP OFF

Saturday, August 29th 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Saturday, September TBD 9 a.m. – 12 noon



ANNA COOK

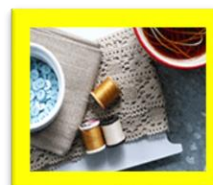
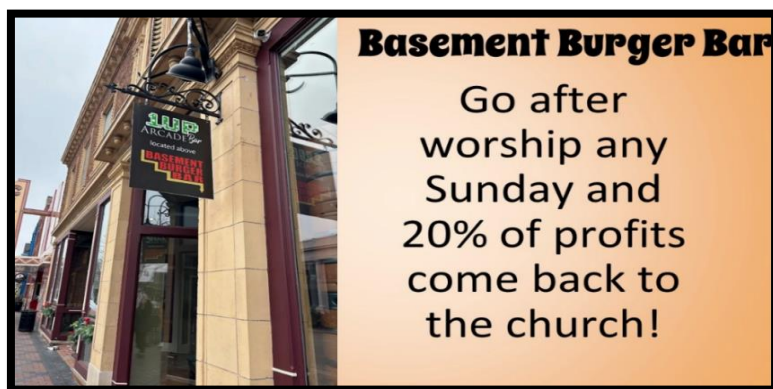
WILL SEE YOU IN THE FALL

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 12 noon

Bring your sandwich.



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**



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

AUGUST 15th 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring a project to work on, a sandwich,

and see what we are creating.

Susan Cook, Coordinator



1 Carol Crabb, 4 Susan Cook, 6 Larry Stevenson, Ajay Vohra, Ray Wright

7 Celeste Berry, 9 Judy Rehn, 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, 28 Amy Mohr

3rd Brenda & Mark LaBerge, 9 Cathy Jackson & John Tuba

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

August 16, 2026

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Rev. Brian Steele

UMH #369

Geri Doolin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, we come in need of repair.

People: Our Master Mechanic is here to restore us.

Leader: To fix our dents. Patch our tires. Replace our worn out parts.

People: There is no mess too big for our God.

Leader: The Lord of the salvage yard is here to meet each and every one of us.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Geri Doolin

God, sometimes our lives have crashed and burned. We are in need of repair. We're beat up and run down. Our lives are in the junk yard. But you meet us right there, you bring us to your repair shop and you refuse to give up on us. May we know that we can bring our junk to you, and that you still receive us with open arms. You are the great restorer, and we put our trust in your grace. Amen.

HYMN

10,000 Reasons

See Insert

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Aymer

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Job 42:1-6, 10-12

Geri Doolin

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Restored: Lord of the Salvage Yard

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

PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Pastor Bea

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

UMH #363

SENDING: **The Master Mechanic Does Not Make Junk. Go and be renewed!**

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE



Our Summer programming has concluded, but fall is less than a month away. Stay tuned for news about various Bible Studies and ways to connect with each other and God.

Prayers: Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, the victims of wildfires, all our interfaith siblings, Paul & Donna

Health: Ben and Allison, Louellen, Cameron, Olivia, Nikki, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell, Joan Pence

Cancer: Janice, Meredith (family of Connie L), Amy G (friend of Paula M), Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz

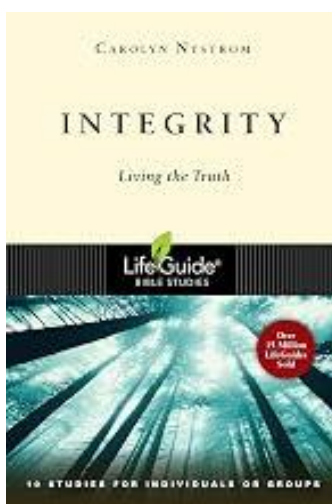
Condolences: The families of Denise Ruff, David O'Shea (Cathy Kwasky's brother) Ethel Shapiro, Ruth Yuill, Dean Koppin, Beth Ellis, Judith Young Mayo, Peter Kalakailo, Bob Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.

This is another monthly update from Michael Weddell, your Head Treasurer. These figures include donations received through Sunday offerings, by PayPal and other electronic means, and through checks mailed to the church:

Donations from Identified Givers			
	Budget 2026	Actual 2026	Difference
July 2026	\$16,213.00	\$18,112.73	1,899.73
YTD 2026	\$143,372.00	\$156,270.21	\$12,898.21

Thank you for your financial support! You've given almost \$13,000 more than we anticipated! Extra donations are especially helpful because our 2026 budget plans that our general fund will have a \$35,475.82 deficit. Considering just our July donations, you gave about \$1,900 more than budgeted.

I post more details about our church's finances on a bulletin board in the basement in the hallway leading to Wesley Hall. The full treasurer's report on the bulletin board focuses more on profits or losses compared to our 2026 budget. I also will verbally summarize our financial condition immediately after today's worship service ends.



The Women's Tuesday night Bible study will be reading Integrity: Living the truth. (LifeGuide Bible Studies) by [Carolyn](#) Nystrom, starting Tuesday September 8, 2026, at 7:00. This ten-session course invites us to find contentment in who are and how we follow God as we grow to be people of real integrity. Through Bible verses we will explore the importance of truth. Please contact Barb Walker to obtain a book for \$10.





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



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc



MEETING ON Monday, September 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.

PAY IT FORWARD
Choice for August 2026



Alternatives
For Girls



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

CONDOLENCES Denise Ruff, Ruth Yuill, Bev Ellis, Dean Koppin

Bernie Shaw, Maggie Clewley, Pat Dygert, Claudette Howell,
John Hopeck, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Cathy Kwasky,
Scott Lodge, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott,
Darrell Simmons, Bill & Suzanne White, Sandy Welling

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."



- 5th In loving memory of Stan Hanson – Judy Hanson
12th Open for your loving tribute!
19th in loving honor of Oliver's birthday the Steele Family
26th In loving honor of Bob & Connie Lynn Anniversary
2nd Open for your loving tribute
9th In loving honor of the wonderful people of First FUMC - Ann St. John
16th In loving memory of Sally & Jake White's heavenly anniversary
Paula Mullan
23rd In loving honor of my son Patrick's birthday and all church
members with August birthdays and anniversaries and in loving
memory of my father, John Downing. **Patty Tschudi**
30th Susan Cook
6th Karen Brichford
13th **Open for your loving tribute**
20th Carol Riley
27th Janice Pohl
Open for your loving tribute! @ \$30.00 office@farmingtonfumc.org

Your recent giving Statement only indicates 2nd QUARTER & your
2025 giving is in the system, and does not print out.

Rev. Brian Steele
FFUMC – August 9, 2026

When we take individual texts like 1 Corinthians 14 and don't read them in the full context, our personal, preconceived bias can end up silencing the very vessels that God has called to proclaim the Gospel.

In the case of Junia, this preconceived bias kept one of the greatest leaders of the early church from being recognized. It's biased decisions like this that have kept some of God's chosen vessels from being heard.

This isn't some feminist perspective. This is conserving the original text.

This is an evangelism issue. This is a justice issue. This is a Gospel issue. When we are limiting who can proclaim God's love and mercy to the world, we are limiting God. If Jesus Himself commissioned Junia, I think it's safe to say He would commission other women, too.

In the Intervarsity Press Women's Bible Commentary it says that Junia had been praised as an apostle in the early church but said that later church leaders were "uncomfortable with a woman apostle who had leadership within the church" and changed her name. They literally changed the text of the Bible because they were "uncomfortable." Seriously. Feel free to groan out loud.

Friends, Scripture is a beautiful gift from God. It is the best tool we have for understanding who Jesus was and is. Scripture is also complicated with different voices speaking throughout it in different ways about that God. So, we have to take this gift seriously. Because when we take that Good News and use it as a tool to subjugate another human being, we have missed the mark. It leads us to misunderstanding the Kingdom of God. And it can silence, subjugate and cancel some of God's chosen vessels.

We can do better. We can ask questions. We can study. Let's just keep it orderly as we do it. And let's learn from voices like Junia as we keep that order. Amen.

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