



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336
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News & Notes for the week of May 28, 2023

Tuesday, May 30th

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ The Church
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Carillion Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 31st

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #45

Thursday, June 1st

- 12:00 p.m. Weekly Devotion Livestreamed on Facebook
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 3rd

- 11:00 a.m. Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal Program

Sunday, June 4th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal

Pastor Anthony's NEW Office Hours:

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.
- Thursday 11:30-1pm & 6:30-8pm

Church Office Hours:

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

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

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

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. Monday mornings.

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

May Birthdays: 28th Grace Lamott, Dawn Waller, 30th Nancy Imus



- 14th Nancy Molloy, Patricia Piel
- 17th Debbie Clouse, Joy Large, Renie Latimer Nick Weigand
- 18th Jeff Scott, Tom Smith, 19th Kathy Kaczor, 20th Michelle Scott
- 21st Tom Benjamin, 22nd Christiana Brunke, 23rd Mildred Brunke
- 25th Angela Doolin, Harrison Igwe 26th Paul King, 27th Suzan Lanstra
- 28th Pastor Bea Fraser Soots, 29th Estelle Kalakailo, Danny Portner



- 12th Mark & Judy Phillips, 16th Dan & Erin Gertiser
- 18th Jay & Julie Cummings
- 22nd Peter & Gerrie Schade 23rd Doug & Denise Gress
- 25th Harvey & Cheryl Kahl, Jr., 30th Leon & Geri Doolin



after worship on Sunday, June 4, 2023

BAKERS NEEDED

Please contact Maggie Clewley 248 225-9214

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee





FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

June 4, 2023

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WELCOME Pastor Anthony

HYMN O How I Love Jesus #170 Yaroslav Daniels

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: Matthew 3:13-17 NRSV Jill Burress

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL SELECTION A Clare Benediction Chancel Choir
by John Rutter

HYMN My Faith Looks Up to Thee #452 Yaroslav Daniels

SERMON: Powerful Stories of Baptism Rev. Marshall Dunlap

BAPTISM Cayden Marie Pittrich Rev. Marshall Dunlap

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jill Burress

those worshipping in-person, place your offering in one of our offering boxes before you leave.

• 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**
3. You may text your offering, by texting: **fumcgive** to **44321** and follow the prompts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Yaroslav Daniels

JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Rev. Marshall Dunlap

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison) Rev. Marshall Dunlap

Our Father, who is in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION:

Rev. Marshall Dunlap

If you are watching our live stream, 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!

POSTLUDE

Yaroslav Daniels



SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon Series: C.L.R. For The Soul
Message: Cleaning A Rebellious Soul
Jonah 1:1-10 NRSV
Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

Today, we conclude our sermon series: C.L.R. for the Soul. In our first message we explored cleaning a calloused soul. Our second examined cleaning a lustful soul. Our thematic emphasis for today's message is: Cleaning A Rebellious Soul. As we begin to dissect the stain of rebelliousness we need to recognize the reality that in some cases rebelliousness is good thing. Dictionary.com defines the word Rebellious as: defying or resisting some established authority, government, or tradition; insubordinate; inclined to rebel. Our nation was founded by person's who rebelled against the tyranny of a ruthless monarchy. The civil rights movement was a rebellious movement that called out the hypocrisy of a nation founded freedom and liberty. The occupy Wall Street movement was a rebellion against the unethical, corrupt, and apathetic Wall Street elites. Sometimes it is necessary to be a rebel and to be a part of a rebellious movement to enact changes within unjust systems. However, the rebelliousness that is our focus is not against a tyrannical, hypocritical, or unethical person or entity, it is a stain that is designed to place us in direct opposition to the will of God. Which brings us to Point #1 - When our souls are stained with rebelliousness that causes us to stand against God, then we need to get C.L.R. to cleanse our soul.

In our text, we find a story that has been passed down from generation to generation among the Hebrew people. The story of Jonah represents a piece of folklore designed to illustrate the consequences and importance for following the will of God. Jonah is therefore symbolic of the nation of Israel that is called to live in accordance with the will of God and to offer hope to the gentile world of represented by Nineveh. Although Jonah is a fictional character, we can learn from this story as it underscores the lessons of faithfulness, obedience, humility, and God's mercy. Jonah is instructed to go to Nineveh and warn the people to forego their wicked ways. Jonah becomes rebellious and heads in the opposite direction. Which brings us to point # 2 - Like Jonah, when we rebel against the direction, advice, and requests of Heaven we find ourselves in various types of storms. The danger of the stain of rebelliousness is not the storms we'll face.

Point # 3 – The danger of a rebellious soul is that it will convince us that saying “No” to God is a good option, which puts us in jeopardy of having God say “No” to us. How can we cleanse our souls from the stain of rebelliousness? The answer can be found in 1 Samuel 15:22. The answer is obedience. God wants our obedience above any sacrifices, offering, bartering and promises we make. God is looking for a people that know god's way is always the best way, and nothing we can imagine will ever top what god can deliver.



GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP

The Guiding Force Youth Group is making plans to upgrade and enlarge their gathering space on the second floor. We will be organizing a “recreation” room, including a donated pool table, and creating a meeting and conversation area in the room next to their current room.

SUMMER STUDY

Pastor bea is hoping to offer a Summer Study, using “standalone” programs so that anyone who is interested will feel free to participate on a “drop in” basis. If you might be interested in participating in a program like this, please be in touch with Pastor bea at beasoots@gmail.com. We will be considering day and time for our gatherings, as well as suggestions for subjects or materials.

Past bea’s FUMC e-mail has been compromised, so please contact her at beasoots@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALE



The next rummage sale has been scheduled for 9 am-6 pm on Friday, October 20th and 9 am-12:30 pm on Saturday, October 21st. Setup starts on Sunday, October 15th after coffee hour with pizza lunch provided. Workers can direct the proceeds to a church area of their choice: i.e. youth group, women’s group, general fund, etc. Please keep these dates in mind as we will be looking for lots of help for this event. A Sign-up Genius will be posted on the church website prior to the sale.

The next rummage drop-off day will be in September on a date to be determined. In the meantime, you are welcome to leave rummage outside the rummage storage room under the sanctuary. Reminder: we do not take baby booster/car seats, televisions, furniture, or bed pillows. More information on items not accepted is posted on the storage room door. The rummage room is currently about 1/3 full and we are still in need of donations. We also collect paper grocery bags from Busch’s and you may leave those as well.

Joy & Doug Wilson

Connie Haase, is our new Parish Visitor and she and 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. To contact the Parish Visitor please email: office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.



CARING MINISTRY LIST OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:



Gladys Blocker, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis, Cappy Goltra, Joan Haggard, Jane Hopper, Ayanna Hood, Norma Hood, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Peter Kalakailo, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean & Dorothy Koppin, Sue Latimer, Madeline Leeson, Dorothy Marcinkiewicz, Catherine McCarthy, William Morrison, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, Pat Shuffler, Margo Veu Casovic, Don & Eleanor Wingard, Ruth Yuill

HOSPICE: Michael's mom, Elaine Weddell

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Anthony at:
pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org or via cell phone at: (313) 283-9919

OUTREACH FUNDRAISING PROJECTS PAY IT FORWARD!

Monthly Church-wide projects!

FLINT RECOVERY is our choice for the month of **JUNE 2023**

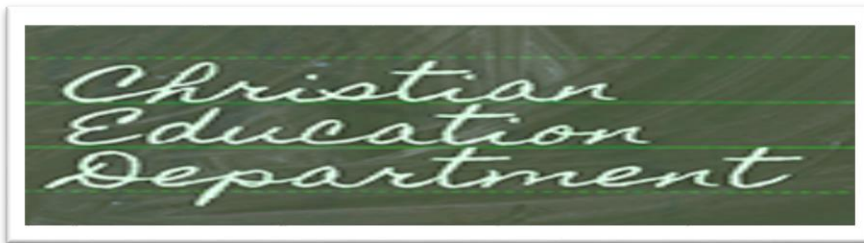
We appreciate your generosity,
please indicate **FLINT RECOVERY CMM3046**
on your checks and envelopes.



Thank you so very much for your May 15, 2023 donation of \$220.00 from the MCHS family of Services.



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. We also need someone who would be will to take over the teller scheduling and oversee the teller team. I would like to pass on that responsibility. Please contact Debbie Miller if you are interested.
damill243@yahoo.com or 248-444-6429.



FUMC Christian Education extends an invitation for Children in preschool - 5th grade to attend **2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Monday, July 24th - Friday, July 28th
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

\$15.00 per child or \$25.00 per family

REGISTER BY: MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

Registration forms will be placed on the website or send inquiry of interest to: office@farmingtonfumc.org

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Christian Education**

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**We invite you to join us for our
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Services**

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are sharing lessons about "Community forgives Zaccheus" as well as offering more opportunities for Children's Choir to sing and prepare for sharing their music with all of us.

We are very excited about our successful in-person Sunday School.

We are inviting anyone who feels called to share God's love through this ministry to sign-up to teach or assist in a class for one Sunday. Please contact Pastor bea at beasoots@gmail.com or 248-

320-5108. If you call, please leave a message, and Pastor bea will return your call as soon as possible.

We are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants at this time. 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 hospitable space.



Volunteer Opportunities



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.

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.



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!

FACEMASK/FACE COVERINGS ARE OPTIONAL

Facemask/Face Coverings are optional. You have the option to wear or not to wear a facemask/face covering while in the church. The Covid Response Team will continue to review covid numbers for Oakland County. To review the Covid number reported by the Michigan Health Departments for Oakland County, go to the following link:

<https://www.mistartmap.info/cdc-indicators?area=county%3Aoakland>.

