



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes October 11, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, October 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Children's SSchool
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour/Bible Study/ Rummage Sale Preparation
	12:00 p.m.	Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal
Monday, October 12 th	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Preparation
Tuesday, October 13 th	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Preparation
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, October 14 th	10:00 a.m.	Caring Ministries
	12:00 noon	Anna Cook
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Group Pub Theology
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Thursday, October 15 th	6:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 Chancel Choir
Friday, October 16 th	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale
	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church
Saturday, October 17 th	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale
	9:30 a.m.	Crafter's Gathering

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Prayers for Pastor Bea's healing.

Pastor Brian

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

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please text to confirm availability.

And, available by phone 269-274-0029
every day except Friday.

UWIF, GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, December 5th @ 10 a.m.

Women's Circles All are invited, including men.

ANNA COOK

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 @ 12 noon

Bring your sandwich.



2026 RUMMAGE SALE
Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat, Oct 17th 9 a.m. - 12 noon

CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP 3rd SATURDAY'S

OCTOBER 17th 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Kickstart your weekend with creativity! Join us every 3rd Saturday morning to work on your chosen craft or to learn new crafting skills and meet fellow makers. No experience needed. Coffee and tea provided."

Susan Cook, Coordinator



OCTOBER



1st Darin Gesse, 4th Dan Mullan, 6th Lucille Brunke, Catherine Lamott
7th Karla Aren, Cindy Palmer, 9th Austin Greene, 11th Esther Weddell
12th Bonnie Kennedy, Michael Pierce, 16th Brenda LaBerge
22nd Paul Aren, 23rd Brenda Smith, 24th Patricia Morrison
25th Richard Scholer, 26th Grant Imus, 27th Paula Mullan
28th Jim Aymer, 28th Kim Jaske, 29th Aaron Brunke
30th Erin Gertiser, Abbey Mohr
2nd Doug & Joy Wilson, 7th Darin & Sharon Gesse
11th Arun & Beulah Edwin, 18th Sandy & Steve Roth

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October 18, 2026

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN	<i>Gather Us In</i>	TFWS #2236
OPENING PRAYER		
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God of satisfaction, you know what we need, even when we do not. Teach us to trust your creation and that you provide for every living thing. Turn us from the urge to take and keep at the expense of others. Open our hands and our hearts to heaven's economy, so that we cling to the source rather than resources. We give you thanks for manna from heaven, multitudes fed, and for Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.		
CARILLON CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>Come, Christians Join to Sing</i> Arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski	
HYMN	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>	See Insert
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Marianne Boschma
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Exodus 16:1-6, 13-18	Jill Burress
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	In God's Economy: The Antidote to Scarcity	Rev. Steele
CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY		Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Jill Burress
(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		Jill Burress
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)		
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>Trust and Obey</i>	UMH #467
SENDING:	Go and live in a way that expects God to still show up!	Rev. Steele
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels



Did you know our annual church conference is today! Come join us down the road at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia at noon to celebrate what God has done this past year and where we are headed in the future.



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.



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MEETING ON Monday, November 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.



PAY IT FORWARD
October 2026
Memo# CMM3012



Alternatives for Girls thanks you for your generous support of \$341.00
God's Country Community Ministries expresses heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation.



CARING MINISTRY LIST

CONDOLENCES: Dan Imus Family

STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

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."



- 4th In loving honor of my 3 children, 8 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren
Connie Lynn
- 11th In loving memory of Hooley Fiewig, Tanner & Susanna Tulgetski
- 18th In loving memory of my husband Gary L. Sackett
and my parents Erwin & Madeline Riley – Susan Sackett
- 25th In Celebration of the wedding of
Amy Portner & Christopher Desjarlais Diane Portner
- 1st In loving honor of Liliana's 2nd November 8th Birthday,
Love Grandma & Grandpa Aymer
- 8th In loving honor of FF United Women In Faith
- 15th Adams
- 22nd Thanksgiving Presentation
- 29th Paula Mullan
- 6th Honoring the birth of the Weddell's new granddaughter
- 13th Judith Smith
- 20th Poinsettias
- 29th Doolin

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar will be posted soon \$30.00



Rev. Brian Steele FFUMC – October 11, 2026

Friends, it's really easy for most of us to tell each other what we're not good at. It's harder to talk about our value, our gifts. And after 15 months here, there is no doubt in my mind that we are under utilizing gifts in this room.

You are not a church scarce of gifts. Gentle reminder: Church Conference season is here. We've got a new Leadership Board to create and ministry teams to fill. And I need you to know it has not been hard to think of people with the gifts to do that. We're not filling slots. We're utilizing God given gifts.

I understand there are not as many bodies as there used to be. But that does not mean you lack gifted people. You just needed some fresh eyes to remind you of the gifts that are already in your hands.

Part of my joy as a pastor is to be able to walk alongside you as you develop those gifts just like God promised to walk with Moses. So, I say this with all the Midwestern Politeness I can muster, which being from Florida, isn't a lot. If you don't think we have the people to structure a church that can still put a dent in the darkness of our world, buzz off. And if you don't think you have gifts to help with that, I'm about to be a burning bush for you. Yes, you do. God's grace is not scarce in your life. Grace does not just forgive your inadequacies. Grace makes you powerful beyond measure. Not worldly powerful. But powerful in spirit. Grace does not call you to stay on the sidelines.

More than 10 years ago I heard a friend say that they believed it was just as much of a sin to think less of yourself as it is too much of yourself. And that's stayed with me. And I've grown to agree with it.

Everybody's gifts--spiritually and financially--are needed here for us to become the church God has called us to be. So don't you dare think you don't have something to give. Financially or spiritually.

We are an abundant church. You are an abundant person. Accept it. And take what God has given you--financially and spiritually--and open your hands and see what God will do with it. Because the same God who promised to walk with Moses, has promised to walk with us.

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