



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes September 6, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, September 6th	10:00 a.m.	Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows	Church Office Hours
	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church	Tuesday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 8th	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Wednesday 10:30 am – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9th	10:00 a.m.	Caring Committee	
	12 noon	Anna Cook Circle	
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Pastor Bea
	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church	Tuesday – Thursday
Thursday, September 10 th		Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 Bells, 7:00 Chancel Choir	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Friday, September 11 th	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church	
Saturday, September 12 th	11:00 a.m.	"Bibles and Brunch: A Study on Ezekiel"	Pastor Brian
Sunday, September 13 th	9:00 a.m.	Blood drive	is in the office from 10:00 a.m. --3:00 p.m.
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Children's Sunday School	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour/Bible Study	Please text to confirm availability.
	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church	And, available by phone 269-274-0029
Monday, September 14 th	6:30 p.m.	Outreach	every day except Friday.

2026 RUMMAGE SALE Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, October 17th 9 a.m. - 12 noon
or by appointment 248-514-2423 Drop off Saturday, September 26th 9 a.m. – 12 noon



YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD "We are grateful for all of our guests, please fill out the Connect Card in our program or scan the QR code if you prefer."



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's Sept. 19th 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

ANNA COOK

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 12 noon
 Bring your sandwich.

UWIF, GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 3rd @ 10 a.m.

Speaker Rev. Joelynn Stokes, Esq. lawyer, counselor & mediator, and an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, speaking on a subject of her choice.

All are invited, including men.



Basement Burger Bar

Go after
 worship any
 Sunday and
 20% of profits
 come back to
 the church!



2nd Yvonne Christensen, Tom Horton, Ana Palmer
 5th Carolyn Danielson, 6th Susanna Arun, Beverly King
 7th Beulah Arun, 8th Edwin Arun, 10th Lee Imus
 13th Dan Latimer, 14th Heather Shymanski,
 19th Melanie Stevenson, 20th Debbie Muncey
 24th Janice Pohl, 25th Mary Sue Duffy, Loni Stevenson
 26th Claude Christensen

3rd James & Karla Aren, 6th Larry & Loni Stevenson
 16th Scott & Pamela Lodge, 19th David & Janice Pohl
 24th Tom & Elaine Malafouris, 25th Sam & Sherry Carnell

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

September 13, 2026

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Yaroslav Daniels

Rev. Brian Steele

UMH #64

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of renewal, we need you!

People: Remove the rust that has hidden the shine of your love.

Leader: God of cleansing, we need you!

People: Remove the weeds from our spiritual garden.

Leader: God, come and move in our lives once again!

People: Mold us, shape us, renew us!

Leader: We are Your people.

People: And You are our God.

ALL: Amen.

Barbara Walker

OPENING PRAYER

Barbara Walker

Holy God, we come before you today with broken and contrite hearts. We confess that our spiritual lives are not as focused as they should be. We have grown dry. Our spirits are parched. We are in need of renewal. Come and wash us with a fresh dose of your grace today. Make us new. May anything that is holding us back from being Your beautiful creation be removed. Give us the desire of Your heart: For us to be your people and You to be our God. Amen.

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let it Be

UMH #399

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

By Russell Mauldin

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Julia Hanson

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Ezekiel 11:16-21

Barbara Walker

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON Dry Bones Live: Being Reshaped

Rev. Steele

RESHAPED Come and Place Your Play-Doh Sculpture on the Altar

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Barbara Walker

(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

Barbara Walker

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Yaroslav Daniels

*SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Have Thine Own Way

UMH #382

SENDING: **God is not done reshaping us. Let God continue to mold you!**

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

Yaroslav Daniels



if you are a member you should have received information about our upcoming Special Church Conference via USPS and e-mail. Let Brian know if you did not receive it.



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, September 14th @ 6:30 p.m.



PAY IT FORWARD
September 2026
Memo# CMM3028



CARING MINISTRY LIST

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

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."



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

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

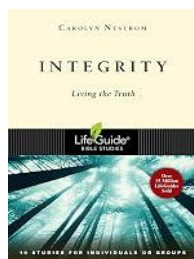
6th In loving memory of Dave Brichford Karen Brichford

13th In loving honor of the FFUMC family Ann St. John

20th Carol Riley

27th Janice Pohl

4th In loving honor of my 3 children, 8 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren – Connie Lynn



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.



Rev. Brian Steele
FFUMC – September 6, 2026

Ezekiel is sitting there potentially questioning everything. And God shows up. God comes to Babylon. In the place where God was not welcomed, God comes to Ezekiel in one of the most bizarre visions the Bible could ever tell. We didn't read the entirety of that vision, but if you want to go on a wild ride, read verses 5-24. In a time when people were questioning, crying

and wondering where God was, God makes an even grander appearance than any other recent service in the temple.

Because God isn't just the God of the good times. God isn't just God when things make sense. God isn't just God when $2+2=4$. God is the God of exile. God is the God of $2+2=I$ have completely lost count because things are just too messed up. God is the God of a faithful remnant who are willing to stay and trust that God is still working in a place even when others have moved on.

Friends, God is not just present when budgets are large and when pews are full. God is present when people are clinging to hope amidst questions, doubts and confusion. According to the faith that Ezekiel was brought up with, God had absolutely no business being in Babylon. God didn't belong there. And God showed up. The place of exile has become the place of redemption. In the place where God was at best on the fringes, God still sneaks into center stage.

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