



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes August 30, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, August 30th

10:00 a.m.

**Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows
YOUTH PIZZA & PLANNING**

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 11 am – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2nd

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church
Boy Scouts

Friday, September 4th

7:30 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Saturday, September 5th

5:00 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

Sunday, September 6th

10:30 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Pastor Bea

Tuesday – Thursday
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tuesday, September 8th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 9th

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

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.

10:00 a.m.

Caring Committee

12 noon

Anna Cook Circle

7:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts

Thursday, September 10th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Friday, September 11th

5:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 Bells, 7:00 Chancel Choir

Saturday, September 12th

11:00 a.m.

"Bibles and Brunch: A Study on Ezekiel"

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 a.m.

Blood drive

10:00 a.m.

Worship/Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour/Bible Study

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Monday, September 14th

6:30 p.m.

Outreach

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

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."



Basement Burger Bar

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

ANNA COOK

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



UWIF, GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 3rd @ 10 a.m.



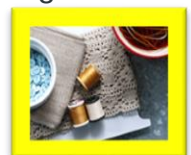
Speaker Rev. Joelynn Stokes, Esq. lawyer,
counselor & mediator, and an ordained Elder in the
African Methodist Episcopal Church, speaking on a
subject of her choice.

All are invited, including men.



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



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP
3rd Saturday's Sept. 19th

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

September 6, 2026

PRELUDE

Yaroslav Daniels

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN

Welcome

On Monitors or Paper Copy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jill Burress

Leader: In times of struggle...

People: God is near.

Leader: In times of questioning...

People: God is near.

Leader: In times of confusion...

People: God is near.

Leader: We have come to worship the God whose grace refuses to leave us.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Jill Burress

Holy God, sometimes we feel scattered. We wonder where you are. There are seasons where you feel far away. These are not claims of doubt, but cries of faith seeking understanding. But Your glory is not bound by our circumstances. Your light and love still break through. As we worship, may we experience your Spirit moving among us, comforting us, challenging us, calling us forward. Deliver us from our distractions and fill this room with your awesome presence. We give this time of worship completely to you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

HYMN

Where He Leads Me

UMH #338

SPECIAL MUSIC

Minuet and Allegro

Double Play Flute and Tuba

By F.J. Haydn

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Marianne Boschma

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Ezekiel 1:1-4

Jill Burress

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Dry Bones Live: God in All the Wrong Places

Rev. Steele

COMMUNION *All Are Welcome at God's Table* Rev. Steele and Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

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

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

SENDING:

Go with faith that God will meet you everywhere you are this week

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

Yaroslav Daniels



Did you know....Sunday School for children and adults starts next week!
Children meet during worship and adults meet at 11:30 afterward. Come join!



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

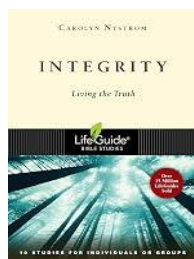
27th Janice Pohl

4th In loving honor of my 3 children, 8 grandchildren &

2 great grandchildren – Connie Lynn

December 6th is open for your loving tribute! @ \$30.00

office@farmingtonfumc.org



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 – August 30, 2026

Friends, each and every one of us come to worship to experience the presence of God. My prayer every week is that whoever is here has a deeply personal experience of the divine. Worship is deeply personal. But it's not private.

Each and every one of us is a precious gift from God to each other. One of the reasons I became United

Methodist is our emphasis on what's called social holiness. One of Methodism's founders John Wesley's most renowned sayings is, "There is no holiness but social holiness." In today's world people have taken that as a call to justice, which Wesley was definitely for--let me know how much time ya got if you want to talk about Wesley's emphasis on justice--but when it came to social holiness, he meant something different. He meant that the spiritual life isn't to be lived alone. He even claimed that the term, 'holy solitaires'--meaning trying to just practice our faith as a private act--holy solitaires is a phrase no more consistent with the Gospel than holy adulterers.'

Now, there are parts of our spiritual life that are between us and God. That's what we talked about last week with our need to read our Owner's Manual. We need to engage with the Bible. This is part of what Richard Foster calls our inward disciplines. Part of the spiritual life is individual. It's our vertical relationship between us and God. But you don't read the Owner's Manual to keep your car parked in a garage. You read your owner's manual to drive your car. Your car is meant to drive. Your spiritual life is meant to be lived in community. Your Owner's Manual isn't meant to put fuel in your tank. If you want to keep driving your car, you need fuel. Friends, we are each other's fuel.

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