

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes November 1, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, November 1st	10:00 a.m.	Worship/ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/Children's SSchool
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour/Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal
Monday, November 2nd	6:30 p.m.	Outreach
Tuesday, November 3rd	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, November 4th	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Thursday, November 5th	6:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 Chancel Choir
Friday, November 6th	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church
Sunday, November 8th	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Children's SSchool
		Youth Group: Hangout and Games
	12:00 p.m.	Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal

Church Office Hours
Tuesday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 10:30 am – 4:30 p.m.

Pastor Bea

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.

ANNA COOK
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 @ 12 noon
Bring your sandwich.

Women's Circles

UWIF, GENERAL MEETING
Women's Tea
Saturday, December 5th @ 10 a.m.
will include a women's tea.
Invite your daughters, granddaughters,
mothers, grandmothers....
See Carolyn Wik to reserve your spot to ensure seating for all.





Your contributions of time, service, prayers and donations is greatly appreciated to make the 2026 effort a success. Paula Mullan



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP 3rd SATURDAY'S
November 21st 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



3rd Mckenzie Hanson
11th Sherry Carnell
11th Christopher Guddeck
13th Connie Lawson
16th Calvin Brunke
24th Susan Sackett
28th Denise Dunham

29th John & Leah Sheppard,

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
November 8, 2026

PRELUDE — Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME — Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN — *Welcome* — See Insert

OPENING PRAYER — Dave Kennedy
God of us all, we pause to remember that we are a global family. When one part of our family hurts, we all hurt. Our siblings overseas are enduring trials for the sake of your love. Today we hold them in prayer and give thanks for their faithfulness. Help us to see what persecution is and the cost of discipleship. Thank you for these models of faith who are standing firm in your love and help us to learn from them so that we, too, may be firm in your love. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Dave Kennedy
Leader: God's Kingdom is a global kingdom.
People: Though we are separated by distance, language and culture, we are one family in Christ.
Leader: God calls us to pray for our family. For when one hurts, we all hurt.
People: Even as we are thousands of miles a part, prayer draws us together.
Leader: Today, we pray earnestly for those enduring struggles we cannot imagine.
People: And we thank God for their faithfulness.
ALL: Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM — Dona Nobis Pacem
Arr. by Roberta Bitgood

HYMN — *Lord of the Dance* — UMH #261
CHILDREN'S MOMENT — Joan Pence & Youth
SCRIPTURE LESSON: — Luke 21:10-19 — Dave Kennedy
Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON — International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church: True Persecution — Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION — Dave Kennedy
(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 — Dave Kennedy
OFFERTORY MUSIC — Yaroslav Daniels
*SUNG PRAISE — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* — UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER — Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

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 — *Faith of Our Fathers* — UMH #710
Substitute "the martyrs" for "our fathers"
SENDING — **Go forth with spirits of prayer for our siblings who hold the faith** — Rev. Steele
POSTLUDE — Yaroslav Daniels



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, November 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.

Lighthouse

PAY IT FORWARD
NOVEMBER 2026





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: Norma Hood Family, 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."



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 In loving memory of Aliene Adams – Gary Adams
22nd Thanksgiving Presentation
29th Paula Mullan
6th Honoring the birth of the Weddell's new granddaughter
13th In loving memory of Irving, Grace, Jerry, Susan, Eric Smith Judith Smith
20th Poinsettias
29th Doolin

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar will be posted soon $30.00

PRAYER

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation, all those who are expecting a child
General: All conflicts globally and domestically, the victims of wildfires, all our interfaith siblings, the ministry of the Chin Church
Health: Dave Rodibaugh, Kim Warner, Jim Dignan (heart attack and stroke), Pastor Bea, Gail Rychinski, Leon Doolin, Nancy Lucas and family, Kathy (heart issues), Louellen, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell, Pat Dygert
Cancer: David M, Anna, Janice, Meredith (family of Connie L), Amy G (friend of Paula M), Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dawn McCourt, David Shultz
Loss: The Hood Family, The Imus Family, The family of Charles Sheer, The family of Marjorie Bennett, Ralph Curtiss & family, the Tulgetske family, the families of Ruth Yuill, David O'Shea (Cathy Kwasky's brother), those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, and everyone amidst their grief.



Rev. Brian Steele FFUMC – November 1, 2026

Here is what I've learned about saints. Saints are diverse. Saints are unexpected. And God has decided to call them holy.

The names we read are numerous. They are names that you all knew better than me. As far as I can tell none of them were ever mentioned on the Today Show. And Jesus calls them Saints.

In his first letter to the church in Corinth, Paul says that he is writing to saints. That's who he considers these people to be. And then he goes on to mention all the things they have gotten completely wrong in the rest of the letter.

Maybe Sainthood is a little messier and more grace-filled than we originally thought. Maybe Sainthood is a little sassier. Less refined and more raw. Maybe there's room for the Saints for you and me. Maybe there's room for that annoying neighbor. Maybe there's room for the lady who's a little cranky but is actually really sad because she lost her husband years ago. Maybe there's room for the teacher who assigned you way too much homework. Maybe there's room for the person who voted for the other person you can't stand. Need I remind all of us that even though I don't know all our saints as well as you do, I know that they didn't all vote for the same people.

Instead of making saints fit into our box. We need to see how Saints already fit into God's box. That God operates on a different standard than us, thanks be to God for that. We need to learn how God has already come and made a home with our saints, and, believe it or not, didn't consult us on who should be on the invite list.

Friends, when we redefine how we see saints, we start to understand grace; a grace that goes beyond our understanding. We start to experience the messiness of grace. That grace isn't a Mona Lisa painting but a kindergartner's finger painting. Grace colors outside the lines. And that's why God dares to include every single one person who was named today and every single one of us.

Thanks be to God.

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