



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes July 19, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Wednesday, July 22nd

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts Camp preparation

Thursday, July 23rd

6:00 p.m.

Fun @ First

Friday, July 24th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Sunday, July 26th

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Thursday, July 30th

6:00 p.m.

Fun @ First

Friday, July 31st

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Sunday, August 2nd

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

2026 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th 9 a.m. – 12 noon

DROP OFF

Saturday, August 29th 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Saturday, September TBD 9 a.m. – 12 noon



ANNA COOK

WILL SEE YOU IN THE FALL



YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD: We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**



Basement Burger Bar

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



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month

AUGUST 15th 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



3rd Andrea Schroeder,

4th Ken Berry, Emerson Phillips, Reece Phillips

4th Finnegan Riley, 5th Megan Mohr, 9th Sam Carnell

14th Judith Smith, 14th Pamela Clancy, Pamela Lodge

15th Phyllis Anderson, 16th Benjamin Hanson, 17th Joy Wilson

18th Oliver Steele, 31st Kaylin Montgomery

1st Michael & Cathy Kwasky,

7th Mark & Marianna Barrons,

31st Patrick & Jodi Imus

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

July 26, 2026

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
By Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. By Joel Raney

Stephen Thomas, Guest Pianist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN

Come, Let us Dream

See Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Rev. Quentin Chin

Edwin Arun

Leader: God has given to us codes for us to flourish together in harmony and peace.

People: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must care for one another

Leader: Let us rejoice for the ways God has called us to live

People: Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us.

Leader: May we follow with open hearts and minds wherever God continues to leave us

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Edwin Arun

Gracious God, we open your Word and seek wisdom. Your Word is living, active and sharper than any two-edged sword. It provides our spiritual nourishment and guides us in our lives. Yet we still have so much to learn. The wisdom that has been handed to us sometimes needs translation. Open ourselves to Your Spirit today so that we can discern your truth and be who You have called us to be. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Arranged by Allen Pote

Members of Vocal Choir

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Brianna Steele

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Exodus 20:1, 12, Luke 14:25-26

Edwin Arun

Liturgist:

The word of God for the people of God

People:

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Bible Contradictions? Honor and Leave Your Parents?

Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Edwin Arun

(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

Edwin Arun

OFFERTORY MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
By Charles C. Converse, arr. By Joel Raney

Stephen Thomas

*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

The Servant Song

TFWS #222

SENDING:

Go follow Jesus by serving others!

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross
Arr. By Joel Raney

Stephen Thomas



our Talent Show is coming back! It will be our final "Fun at First" on August 13th at 6:00 p.m. Got a talent to share? Sign up at our website farmingtonfumc.org.

PRAYERS

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, all our interfaith siblings

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation

Health: Ben and Allison, Louellen, Julian, Cameron, Lily W, Olivia, Nikki, Kali Imus, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell

Cancer: Amy G (friend of Paula M), Janice, Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dakota and her parents Leslie and Kevin, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz

Condolences: The families of Denise Ruff, David O'Shea (Cathy Kwasky's brother) Ethel Shapiro, Ruth Yuill, Dean Koppin, Beth Ellis, Judith Young Mayo, Peter Kalakailo, Bob Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.





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



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MEETING ON Monday, September 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.

PAY IT FORWARD
Choice for July 2026
Gardens of Hope



CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES
 expresses gratitude for the generous April gift of \$369.00
 UMCOR May gift of \$18.00



CARING MINISTRY LIST
STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH
HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

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

Bernie Shaw's, 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."



- 5th In loving memory of Stan Hanson – Judy Hanson
- 12th **Open for your loving tribute!**
- 19th **in loving honor of Oliver's birthday** the Steele Family
- 26th In loving honor of Bob & Connie Lynn Anniversary
- 2nd **Open for your loving tribute**
- 9th **Open for your loving tribute**
- 16th Paula Mullan
- 23rd **Open for your loving tribute**
- 30th Susan Cook
- 6th Karen Brichford
- 13th **Open for your loving tribute**
- 20th Carol Riley
- 27th Janice Pohl

Open for your loving tribute! @ \$30.00 office@farmingtonfumc.org
 August 2nd August 9th August 23rd September 13th October 4th December 6th

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

We have to ask ourselves if we're willing to enter into uncertain, uncomfortable waters and trust that Christ will meet us there? One of the values that is guiding me in ministry this year as your pastor is a call to experiment. To try new things. And I can fully admit that experimenting is scary. Moana's father gets a bad rap for being afraid. Moana looks at him as a stick in the mud. Until she learns her father's story. Her father once went beyond the reef with a friend. And everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. The boat capsized and his friend drowned.

Fear isn't always completely irrational. It comes from real experiences more often than not.

Here's where our faith comes into play. What we see time and time again from people in the Bible and even Jesus Himself is that there is nothing we have to hide from God. That means we can bring our fear into our relationship with God.

We can tell God about our fear. God, I don't want to go outside what I know. I may fail and look ridiculous. I may get hurt. God isn't mad at us for being afraid. But as we experience that fear, we also ask God to come beside us as we fear. And then as the living God is besides us, we move past that fear.

We can experience fear and not be controlled by fear. Scripture calls us to "fear not" God knows how many times but that doesn't mean we won't experience fear, it means we don't let fear be the guiding force in our decisions.

The world has shifted how it interacts with the church and that can scare us. That can produce some anxiety and uncertainty. But it also presents opportunity. Whenever the world shifts, there is a loss. When you shift to a new way of life, you move away from an old one. Sometimes those losses are good and sometimes they may hurt. Oftentimes, there is beauty and struggle with them. But they also always present opportunities. And God is presenting us with opportunities. Our church is located in an area that is starting to get a lot of attention and we need to be asking ourselves how do we build relationships, engage and love those who are around us.

When I was in seminary, my school had a saying: "Attempt something so big, unless God is in it, it will fail." That's stayed with me and here's what it means to me: We can do church on our own power. We know how to sing songs, how to pray, I know how to write a sermon and liturgy. It can become very easy to do those things without God. But what you can't do without God is go beyond the walls and take risks. You need God for that to be successful.

And that's what happens here in John 21. The disciples are fishing the way they know how, and they catch nothing. But then Jesus shows up, invites them to go to a new place, and suddenly they have so many fish they don't know what to do with them. When Jesus invites you outward, Jesus will be there with you. But we have to be willing to go beyond what we know and trust that Jesus will show up in what we don't know.

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