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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI 48335



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m.

January 11, 2026

PRELUDE

I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Arr. By Joel Raney

Stephen Thomas, Guest Pianist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

UMH #363

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Rev. Dr. Lisa Hancock

Dave Kennedy

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the waters to remember our adoption as beloved children.

People: We come to be washed anew and made whole.

Leader: Come! Let us hear the truth of our identity.

People: We come to rest in the assurance of God's love for us.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and promises new life.

People: We come to be empowered to live a transformed life.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER by the Church of Scotland (In Unison)

Dave Kennedy

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

UMH #348

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT

Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Matthew 3:13-17

Dave Kennedy

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

A Weird Baptism

Rev. Steele

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

Spirit of the Living God UMH #393

All baptized people are welcome to come forward and remember their baptism.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Dave Kennedy

(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)

- **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY:** Giving options will appear on your screen.
- **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON:** You may place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed CONNECTION CARD in the collection plate.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dave Kennedy

OFFERTORY MUSIC

God of Grace

Stephen Thomas

By Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea, Arr. by Lloyd Larson

*SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Steele

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Rev. Steele

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

Spirit Song

UMH #347

SENDING FORTH: **You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!**

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Stephen Thomas

Arr. by Joel Raney

Baptism Remembrance Liturgy

Rev. Steele: Siblings in Christ:

Through the sacrament of baptism, God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters to renew our commitments in each other's presence here and wherever people find themselves at this moment. We renew them to Christ who has raised us, and the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

And so, I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death:

People: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Rev. Steele: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

People: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Rev. Steele: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, His body on earth?

People: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races.

Rev. Steele: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

People: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Rev. Steele: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

People: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty; in Jesus Christ, his only Son; and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Rev. Steele: The Spirit of the Lord is with us!

People: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Pastor Bea: Let us pray: Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

People: Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

Pastor Bea: But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

People: We are dry and thirsty, O' God. Come, refresh us!

Pastor Bea: Come upon us, Holy Spirit! (start splashing water)

People: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Pastor Bea: Come upon these waters.

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Pastor Bea: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

People: Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Pastor Bea: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

People: Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Pastor Bea: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

People: Glory to you!

Pastor Bea: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

People: Glory to you!

Pastor Bea: Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

People: Glory to you!

Pastor Bea: Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

People: All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen.

Rev Steele and Pastor Bea: Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!

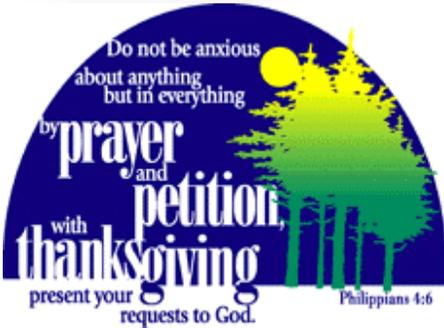
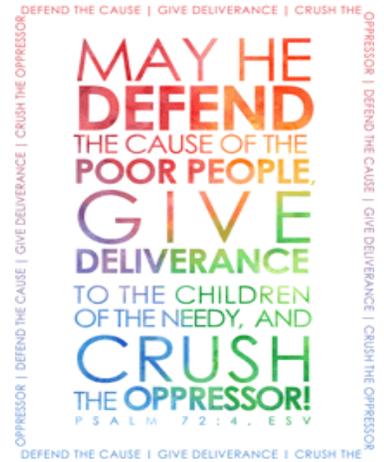


MEETING ON Monday, January 5th @ 6:30 P.M.



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

Maggie Clewley, Pat Dyert, John Hopeck, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean Koppin, Cathy Kwasky, Scott Lodge, Denise Rogers, Denise Ruff, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, Darrell Simmons, Bill & Suzanne White, Sandy Welling, Ruth Yuill

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](mailto: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."



2026 Altar Flower Calendar is up.

4th In loving memory of Pat Shuffler - Susan Lanstra

11th In loving memory of my husband Bob and my son, Jeremy - Susan Cook



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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News & Notes January 4, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday January 4th

10:00 a.m.	Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows
11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
12 noon	Classical Indian Dance
5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Monday, January 5th

6:30 p.m. Outreach

Tuesday, January 6th

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Chin Church

Wednesday, January 7th

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 8th

6:00 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal in the bell room
7:00 p.m.	Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 9th

5:00 p.m. Detroit Baptist Chin

Saturday, January 10th

2:00 p.m.	Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Chili Cook Off

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Pastor Bea

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

Pastor Brian

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-3
Please call/text 269-274-0029 to make certain I am available.
Rest & REfreshME happens on Fridays!

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

Announcements/information to be shared in the order of worship/weekly News & Notes, please email your information to Phyllis Anderson (phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.



ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP
January 14, 2026 @ 12 noon
BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE



LYDIA CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP
At Carolyn Wik's Friday, January 16th
@ 7 noon



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month
January 17, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bring a project to work on and a sandwich and see what we are creating.

Susan Cook, Coordinator



2 nd Dave Drake,	3 rd Megan Gesse
5 th Cathy Jackson	11 th Emma Baker
14 th Glenn Morrison	15 th Ann St. John
17 th Denise Rogers	18 th Dave Kennedy
23 rd Julia Hanson	25 th Sandy Roth
31 st Ginda Gruse	

5th Harrison & Carrie Igwe