



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes October 4, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, October 4th

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m.

Monday, October 5th

Tuesday, October 6th

Wednesday, October 7th

Thursday, October 8th

Friday, October 9th

6:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Worship Noisy Coin Offering/Children's SSchool

Coffee Hour/Bible Study

Community Youth Scavenger Hunt

Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal

Outreach

Adult Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Growth & Hospitality

Boy Scouts

Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 Chancel Choir

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 10:30 am – 4:30 p.m.

Prayers for Pastor Bea
She has a broken arm
and nose from a fall.



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.



UWIF, GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, December 5th @ 10 a.m.

All are invited, including men.

ANNA COOK

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 @ 12 noon

Bring your sandwich.



Basement Burger Bar

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



2026 RUMMAGE SALE Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

DROP OFF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th 9 a.m.– 12 noon

or by appointment 248-514-2423 Paula Mullan



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP 3rd SATURDAY'S

OCTOBER 17th 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

OCTOBER



1st Darin Gesse, 4th Dan Mullan, 6th Lucille Brunke, Catherine Lamott

7th Karla Aren, Cindy Palmer, 9th Austin Greene, 11th Esther Weddell

12th Bonnie Kennedy, Michael Pierce, 16th Brenda LaBerge

22nd Paul Aren, 23rd Brenda Smith, 24th Patricia Morrison

25th Richard Scholer, 26th Grant Imus, 27th Paula Mullan

28th Jim Aymer, 28th Kim Jaske, 29th Aaron Brunke

30th Erin Gertiser, Abbey Mohr

2nd Doug & Joy Wilson, 7th Darin & Sharon Gesse

11th Arun & Beulah Edwin, 18th Sandy & Steve Roth

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October 11, 2026

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
PASTOR APPRECIATION		Susan Cook
HYMN	<i>Come, Come, Everybody Worship!</i>	TFWS #2271
OPENING PRAYER		Susan Cook
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God of fire, you meet Moses in the whirlwind of his many insecurities and identities, grounding him in your holy declaration: I AM. Send your Holy Spirit to refine our hearts and root us in relationships. Burn right through our fears and excuses with love that calls us agents of freedom for the world you love. Amen.		
CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM	Help Us Accept Each Other By John Ness Beck	
HYMN	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	UMH #585
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Brianne Steele
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Exodus 3:1-14	Susan Cook
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	<i>In God's Economy: Accepting Your Abundance</i>	Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Susan Cook
(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		Susan Cook
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
*SUNG PRAISE	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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	<i>Here I am, Lord</i>	UMH #593
SENDING:	You Are a Gift from God to the World! Share it widely!	Rev. Steele
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels



Did you know next Sunday is our Annual Church Conference where we celebrate what God did this past year and where we are headed in the future. Join us at noon at Newburg UMC (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia)



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



PAY IT FORWARD
October 2026
Memo# CMM3012



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: 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."



- 27th In loving honor of my grandchildren Teagan, Cadena and Dawson
Janice Pohl
- 4th In loving honor of my 3 children, 8 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren
Connie Lynn
- 11th In loving memory of Hooley Fiewig, Tanner & Susanna Tulgetski
- 18th In loving memory of my husband Gary L. Sackett
and my parents Erwin & Madeline Riley – Susan Sackett
- 25th Diane Portner
- 1st Aymer
- 8th UWIF
- 15th Adams
- 22nd Thanksgiving Presentation
- 29th Paula Mullan
- 6th Honoring the birth of the Weddell's new granddaughter
- 13th Judith Smith
- 20th Poinsettias
- 29th Doolin

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar will be posted soon \$30.00



Rev. Brian Steele FFUMC – October 4, 2026

The book of Exodus begins with two competing visions for the world. We have Pharaoh's vision. People are products to be used. Neighbors have to compete for limited resources. You have to live with clenched hands and can't dare imagine sharing with others because, well, they're your competition. This is what we call a scarcity mindset. Scarcity is when we look at the gifts God has given us and we tell God, "That's not good enough." It's a virus of fear. But not the type of fear that tells you to run when a bear is coming after you. It's the type of fear that tries to convince you that the boogeyman is

real. Pharaoh had this deep-seated belief that these Israelites were his competition. That there wasn't enough to go around. So he oppressed them. And then we see what God thinks about that. He sends plagues to destroy every semblance of this economic machine. Let us not overlook that all of the plagues are an attack on the Egyptian economy that was rooted in Pharaoh's scarcity mindset.

Then there's God's vision. God's vision is one of abundance. A vision of abundance sees opportunity. A vision of abundance is free to dream.

Scarcity paints a giant bullseye on what we lack. Abundance says, "look at what God has given us."

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