



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes July 5, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Thursday, July 9th

6:00 p.m.

Fun @ First

Friday, July 10th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Sunday, July 12th

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Wednesday, July 15th

6:30 p.m.

Growth & Hospitality

Thursday, July 16th

6:00 p.m.

Fun @ First

Friday, July 17th

4:00 p.m.

Founder's Fest – Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, July 18th

9 a.m. – 12 noon

Rummage Sale Drop off

4:00 p.m.

Founder's Fest – Blessing of the Pets

6:00 p.m.

Paula Mullan/Euchre

Sunday, July 19th

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 11 am – 4:30 p.m.

Pastor Bea

Tuesday – Thursday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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.

2026 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.- 12 noon

Drop off Saturday, July 18th 9 a.m. – 12 noon


Saturday, August 29th 9a.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

JULY 18th 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

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July 12, 2026

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Anita Monro

Leader: Seeking One, you are the beginning and the end of our search.

People: Let us see you.

Leader: Finding One, you are the alpha and omega of all discovery.

People: Let us seek no one else.

Leader: Asking One, you are the voice and the silence of our exploration.

People: Let us listen to you.

Leader: Giving One, you are the fullness and the emptiness of all yearning.

People: Let us trust you.

Leader: Persistent One, you never abandon your search for us, nor tire of our repetitive to-ings and fro-ings.

People: Let us follow you.

Leader: Receiving One, you endlessly welcome us home, and spread before us a feast in the face of our constant requests for mere morsels of bread.

People: Let us rest in you.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we confess that more often than not we listen to unhelpful voices. We go left when you desire us to go right. We try to lift ourselves up, when your way is down below us. We pray for Your Spirit to open our eyes so that we can your people more faithfully. Give us disciplined spirits that stay on your path and do not give into the distractions of our world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Redeemed

By Big Daddy Weaver

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Jill Burress and Wesley Knust

HYMN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Matthew 7:15-20

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Faith at the Movies: Deception in Plain Sight

OFFERTORY INVITATION

(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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

COMMUNITY PRAYER

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

HYMN

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

SENDING:

Go and love God and neighbor with truth and grace!

POSTLUDE

Wesley Knust

Rev. Brian Steele

UMH #400

Barbara Walker

Barbara Walker

UMH #454

Julia Hanson

Barbara Walker

Rev. Steele

Barbara Walker

Barbara Walker

Wesley Knust

UMH #94

Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

Rev. Steele

UMH #402

Rev. Steele

Wesley Knust



Did you know...we need you (yes YOU!) at Founders Fest this weekend if you're available to be an ambassador for our church at our booth. Sign up to volunteer at coffee hour or online via our website.

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.

Here is a quick update from Michael Weddell, your Head Treasurer. These updates will focus on donations from identified givers, the portion of the budget that you, the congregation, controls. These figures include donations received through Sunday offerings, by PayPal and other electronic means, and through checks mailed to the church:

	Donations from Identified Givers		
	Budget	Actual	
	2026	2026	Difference
May 2026	\$15,878	\$17,754	\$1,876
YTD 2026	\$111,119	\$122,857	\$11,738

Look at that! Another giving month above our budget! You gave \$1,876 more than expected during May, bringing our year-to-date total to \$11,738 more than we budgeted. Thank you, church family, for your financial support.

Extra donations are especially helpful because our 2026 budget plans that our general fund will have a \$35,475.82 deficit. More details about our church's finances are posted on a bulletin board in the basement in the hallway leading to Wesley Hall.





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."



28th Niemic Happy Birthday to Dorothy Davidson,
great aunt of Maggie Clewley Niemic
5th In loving memory of Stan Hanson – Judy Hanson
12th **Open for your loving tribute!**
19th Brian & Brianne Steel
26th In loving honor of Bob & Connie Lynn Anniversary
Open for your loving tribute! @ \$30.00 office@farmingtonfumc.org
July 12th August 2nd August 9th August 23rd September 13th October 4th December 6th

Rev. Brian Steele
July 5, 2026

A 2025 Harvard Business Review article noted that one of the top uses of generative AI in 2025 was therapy and companionship. Another study showed that a significant number of teenagers are using generative AI for companionship. In other words, youth and children are going to this generative AI to fill a void of relationship.

Now, let's define generative AI. Generative AI is not searching on Google. We're not talking about general internet use. AI is still present there. But it doesn't fit the label of "Generative" that has become so pervasive in our society. Generative AI is a specific tool that takes information from online--and we know that everything we read on the Internet is true--and and speaks of them in an authoritative way. It offers to solve problems. Admittedly sometimes it does. I'm not here to condemn anybody who has been in a time crunch and used generative AI to do that. It gives information quickly. And our society is more impatient than ever.

But as people of faith, we have to engage societal practices differently. In First Corinthians 6, the apostle Paul, the same man who may have written our text in Ephesians, states that just because we can do something, doesn't mean it's beneficial for us to do it.

Here's the concern about generative AI from the Christian perspective. This has boomed so quickly that we do not yet have boundaries around it. We do not have ethics around it. Personally, I wouldn't even say we're building the plane as we fly it. We're building the plane, flying it, and when some people crash inside the plane, we just build another plane.

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