



## **SERMON SNIPPET:**

Sermon: MORE THAN ANYTHING

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-5 NRSV

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

Gospel recording artist, Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise offer a moving testament with the song, "More Than Anything." Its chorus, a simplistic but powerful expression and affirmation: "I love you Jesus. I worship and adore you. Just want to tell you; Lord, I love you more than anything." The chorus of this song challenges us to examine our lives and whether our lives mirror the sentiment expressed within it. Are we willing to put aside prioritizing our personal preferences for God's divine purpose? Are we willing to fully engage a life of servanthood, sharing God's love with others? Are we willing and committed to love grow more than anything?

In our text, we find the author of 1 John offering us simple truths: 1) If we love God, then we must love Jesus. 2) If we love God and Jesus, then we will do what they direct/teach us to do. 3) Our faith will help us overcome the world. Truth #1 - If we love God, then we must love Jesus the two cannot be separated. This means we accept Jesus as savior, Lord, and redeemer. Jesus is the gate through which we come to God the creator. Jesus is the bridge that restores our relationship with God.

Truth #2 - If we love God, we cannot say we do not accept Jesus because Jesus is the embodiment of God's love for us. If we love God & Jesus, then we must do what they instruct/direct us to do, without finding it burdensome. Which does not mean we cannot struggle with our obligation, rather we cannot begrudgingly follow. Yes, it is hard, but the mature in faith see only the benefit not the hardship. That is how love works. Truth #3 - Our faith will help us overcome. How are we able to serve and live in obedience? Faith helps us look past our struggles to see possibly in the midst of our challenges. Faith helps us move past mediocrity to embrace the best of what God wants for us and through us. Faith is the linchpin for our deliverance, restoration, and peace. For we know that God has the last word on all things, even when that means victory does not come on this side.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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33112 GRAND RIVER AVENUE  
FARMINGTON, MI 48336**



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

April 21, 2024

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| PRELUDE  |  | Yaroslav Daniels |
| WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  |  | Pastor Anthony   |
| HYMN   | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1-4) #57     | Yaroslav Daniels |
| OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)   |  | Jill Burress     |
| <b>Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b> (Gelasian Sacramentary, 5 <sup>th</sup> Cent., ALT United Methodist Book of Worship #392)  |  |                  |
| SCRIPTURE LESSON:  | Genesis 21:8-13 NRSV                               | Jill Burress     |
| Liturgist:   | The word of God for the people of God              |                  |
| People:  | <b>Thanks be to God</b>                            |                  |
| MUSICAL SELECTION  | Draw Us Together<br>By Pepper Choplin              | Chancel Choir    |
| CHILDREN'S MOMENT  |  | Pastor Bea       |
| HYMN   | I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #2129               | Yaroslav Daniels |
| SERMON   | CONSEQUENCES AND REPERCUSSIONS                     | Pastor Anthony   |
| BAPTISM  |  | Insert           |
| OFFERTORY INVITATION   |  | Jill Burress     |
| <b>WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.</b>  |  |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For those worshipping virtually:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address: <b>33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336</b></li><li>2. You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: <b>First United Methodist Church of Farmington</b></li></ol></li><li>• For those worshipping in-person:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The ushers will come forward to receive our tithes and offerings. As the ushers receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed Connection Card in the offering plate.</li></ol></li></ul> |  |                  |
| PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING  |  | Jill Burress     |
| OFFERTORY MUSIC  |  | Yaroslav Daniels |
| *SUNG PRAISE   | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94       | Yaroslav Daniels |
| JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER  |  | Pastor Anthony   |
| LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)  |  | Pastor Anthony   |
| <b>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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.</b>  |  |                  |
| HYMN   | My Hope Is Built #368                              | Yaroslav Daniels |
| SENDING FORTH  | You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing! | Pastor Anthony   |
| POSTLUDE   |  | Yaroslav Daniels |



When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me. Matthew 25:40

**Meeting on Monday, MAY 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

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### CARING MINISTRY LIST

#### OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

Gladys Bocker, Pat Bradley, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis, Joan Haggard, Jane Hopper, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Bev Jackson, Peter Kalakailo, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean & Dorothy Koppin Suzanne Lanstra, Sue Latimer, Norma Mickey, William Morrison, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, Marilyn Totten Sandy Welling, Don Wingard, 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. Contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor email: office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.

**If you have prayer concerns, please contact** Pastor Anthony (313) 229-9919

### Altars Flowers Dedications

April 7th in thanksgiving for Carolyn Wik her warmth of spirit and faithfulness in service.

14<sup>th</sup> To the Glory of God - Susanna Arun & Tanner Tulgetske

**21<sup>st</sup> Patty Tschudi in Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**of our Sanctuary**

28<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of Jim & Betty Kitson and

Randy & Joyce Riley by Carol & Scott Riley.

**June 30, Aug. 4, Dec. 8** are the ONLY 3 Sundays available for 2024 Altar Flowers

**If you have email, you have been sent a reminder of your date and each has an altar flower form and envelope on the narthex table to submit your payment and your tribute message.**



**PLEASE SUBMIT** your dedication details and \$30.00 payment for the two bouquets, which you may take home following the service to [Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) by 11 a.m. Mondays 2 weeks prior to your selected date (s).



CED would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's college students and military personnel. If your loved one is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades are invited to go to Sunday School.



At this time, we are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants. Please know that children of all ages are welcome in worship, especially when they are making "joyful noises to the Lord".

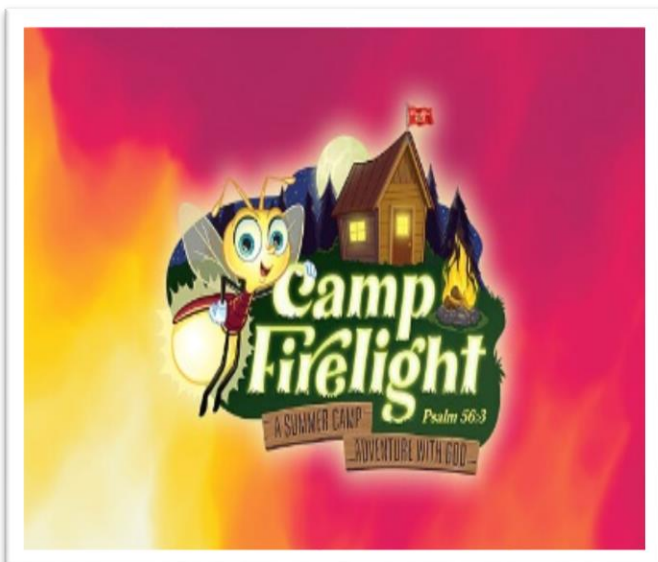
Our future plans include developing a "Family Center" where parents will have a comfortable space to experience our worship service via live stream in a space that is hospitable for them.



## GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP

Regular meetings at 11:30 a.m. as follows:

- April 21 – "What Makes A Hero?"
- (Saturday) April 27<sup>th</sup> – Hands with Detroit
- May 5 – "What Makes a Hero?"
- May 12 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for Mothers' Day
- May 19 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 26 – No Guiding Force Youth Group for Memorial Day
- June 2 – "What Makes a Hero?"
- June 9 to "Special Outing"
- June 16 -- No Guiding Force Youth Group for Fathers' Day



## CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Mark your calendars for  
**July 22 through 26 2024**  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

# HANDS WITH DETROIT

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT UMC

**SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024**

**@ Cass Community Social Services**

**Kitchen Help :: Grounds Clean Up :: Maintenance Projects**

**Document Destruction :: Doormat Construction**

**Offsite Collections {Ages 10+ are welcome!}**



**Join the team from FFUMC in this day  
of service with the Cass Community**

**Contact: Pastor Bea at -  
beasoots@gmail.com**

We are making plans for the Guiding Force Youth Group to participate in the "Hands with Detroit " Mission Day on Saturday, April 27. This year, the project will be at Cass Community Social Services.

Anyone who wishes to serve with us in this mission opportunity will be most welcome. For more information, please contact Pastor bea at [pastorbea@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:pastorbea@farmingtonfumc.org).



Sunday, May 5, 2024  
1-5 p.m.  
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
Outreach Committee

# EVERYBODY VS. STIGMA

Saturday, May 11, 2024 • 10:30am to 12:30pm

Join The Outreach Committee For This Seminar On The Importance Of Mental Health Care And Suicide Awareness.

Our Guest Speaker:

**Mr. Kevin Fischer,**  
Executive Director of NAMI Michigan  
(National Alliance on Mental Illness).



## FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> 2024



**UPDATE:** We received a decent number of donations at our drop-off day on April 13. Thank-you Jim & Carolyn Glennie and Diane Miller for helping! The rummage room is now about ¼ full. There is currently not enough rummage to hold our October sale. If you have things to donate, you may bring them to church anytime and leave them outside the rummage room door in the basement.

eBay sales continue at a slower but steady pace. 2024 sales to date are just over \$1,700. The most recent expenditures from the rummage sale account were \$200 to Guiding Force Youth Group and \$2,500 to the trustees for repairing/replacing flooring/carpeting at the parsonage. As always, thank you for your donations.

Mark your calendars for helping with setup day which will start **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour.**

**PLEASE DONATE ITEMS THAT ARE**  
gently used, free from spots, stains, holes or pet hair.  
**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**  
baby car/booster seats, furniture, Televisions or bed pillows.

Joy & Doug Wilson,  
[joywilson@hotmail.com](mailto:joywilson@hotmail.com), 734-660-4915



The following committees are looking for additional members: **Finance, Outreach, Trustees, Methodist Men, The Streaming Team, and Website Team.** If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Pastor Anthony at: [pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org).

**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](mailto:jillb69@aol.com).

## HOW TO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

You can view our 10:00 a.m. Livestream of our worship service, on the church website or our Facebook page, even if you do not have a Facebook account. Here is how to connect:

1. Go to: [www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch](http://www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch) or
2. Access the church's Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/](http://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/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc)
- Website: [www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live](http://www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live).

## YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Thank you for your continued and steady financial support. The finance team has worked diligently to provide multiple methods for us to continue financially supporting the church:

- A) You can Drop-off or Mail-In a check to:  
**First United Methodist Church - 33112 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336.**
- B) You can use the "Bill Pay" option through your online banking website.
- C) You can give using "PayPal" and choose: First United Methodist Church of Farmington.
- D) You can text to give, by texting: **fumcgive** to **44321** and follow the prompts.



## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc

In an effort to attract more attention towards our church, we have created an Instagram account. Here you will find content featuring updates, events, devotionals, and more! Give us a follow, tell your friends, tell your family, and enjoy scrolling!



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## News & Notes for the week of April 14, 2024

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

### Pastor Anthony's Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm  
Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm

### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Brookdale Senior Facility
- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study:
- 7:30 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 a.m. Indian Classical Dance

### Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
- GFYG "What Makes A Hero?"
- 2:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance
- 5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

## SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

If you have information to include in the weekly News & Notes, please email your information to Phyllis Anderson ([phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org)) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

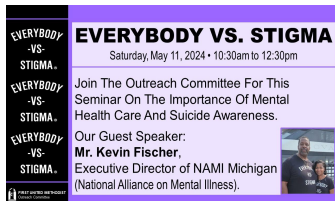
Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than 12:00 noon on Monday.



**Quilters 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**



**ANNA CIRCLE**  
Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
@ 12 noon



**EVERYBODY VS STIGMA**  
Suicide Awareness  
Training & the  
Stigma that goes with it.

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Denise Gress
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ray Barry, Pat Fleming
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Koppin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Ryan Berry, 12<sup>th</sup> Evan Portner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tom Hanson, Debbie Harbison
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dan Gertiser, Susan Latimer
- 19<sup>th</sup> Elijah Greene
- 20<sup>th</sup> Geri Doolin
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Marion Ringe
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lois Holmes, Aidan Riley,  
Jon Schroeder
- 26<sup>th</sup> Diane Kreimes, Joy Baum
- 28<sup>th</sup> Elaine Malafouris
- 29<sup>th</sup> Lucas England, Janine Shymanski

- 10<sup>th</sup> Rick & Margie Shaul
- 17<sup>th</sup> James & Marilyn Totten TX
- 30<sup>th</sup> Doug & Debbie Harbison