



SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

As people of faith, our participation in God's saving work is part of our responsibility as disciples of Jesus. It is not enough to simply secure our own soul's salvation if we are also not intentionally connecting with others. God has blessed us so that we, in turn, can bless others. Our scripture for this morning is a familiar passage, most commonly referred to as: the great commission. Here we find the resurrected Jesus commending to his closest followers, the task of spreading the gospel. Jesus directs and charges us to go make (model & mentor) disciples, to help integrate them within the community of faith, and teach them what it means to be a mature disciple. The is the primary task/mission of the church is to duplicate then multiply itself to increase its impact. The work of duplication and multiplication takes full audience participation. Jesus had the eleven who accepted the call to spread the gospel, others answered the call, like Paul, and spread the gospel. Imagine the impact we can have when we fully participate.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

February 4, 2024

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WELCOME Pastor Anthony

HYMN Lift Every Voice and Sing #519 Yaroslav Daniels

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Barb Walker
Almighty and loving God, we have gathered to worship and praise your Holy name. Help us embrace the challenge of spiritual, numerical, and financial growth with honesty and transparency. Reignite within us a desire to serve joyfully, give generously, pray fervently and worship passionately. We want to be a fruitful, inspiring, and transformative community of faith. Remove all stumbling blocks that would hinder or distract us from accomplishing the mission and vision you have given to us. Bring to us the people who will have what we need to become what you envision us to be. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 3:10-14 NRSV Barb Walker

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

MUSIC SELECTION "We Are God's People" Chancel Choir
by Bryan Jeffery Leech and Johannes Brahms

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Bea

HYMN Leave It There #522 Yaroslav Daniels

SERMON: GOAL DRIVEN Pastor Anthony

OFFERTORY INVITATION Barb Walker

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

- For those worshipping virtually:
 1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address: **33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336**
 2. You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: **First United Methodist Church of Farmington**
- For those worshipping in-person:

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING Barb Walker

OFFERTORY MUSIC Yaroslav Daniels

JOY, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Anthony

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison) Pastor Anthony

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.

COMMUNION:

Pastor Anthony

If you are watching our live stream, please have your communion elements ready for consecration.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: And also with you
People: We lift them up to the Lord
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Remembering God's Acts of Grace:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration of Elements: (If you are watching the live stream, have your communion elements present)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Partaking Together:

The body of Christ offered for you that you may be made whole, take, and eat
The cup of sacrifice, forgiving you all your sins that you may do likewise, take and drink.

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

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE: The next rummage sale **drop-off day will be Saturday, April 13th from 9-noon.** 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.

2023 eBay sales hit a new high at \$4,333.84. There were about 150 transactions and thankfully, only one return. \$1,500 was allocated to the trustees for the repair of the kitchen exhaust fan and \$200 was given to Guiding Force Youth Group. We are working with the trustees to provide at least some partial funding for other projects/repairs.

Items of interest that were sold in 2023 were:

Gold filled pocket watch chain \$35
Vtg JJ Jonette Pegasus Brooch Pin \$26
Vtg Sterling Silver Tongass Totem Earrings \$46
Carnival glass bowl dragon/lotus pattern \$23
Antique framed crewel country farm scene \$100
Vtg LeCreuset flame color fish dish \$80
Vtg Nelson Dairy Glass Milk Bottle \$14
Antique railroad lantern with blue Fresnel lens \$128
Royal Cruise Lines white cotton bathrobe \$49
Royal Winton Old Cottage Chintz Bowl \$35
2 vtg cactus paintings on Howlite Mineral Slabs \$55
Pewter triple candelabra \$37
Craig Zweifel art glass ornament \$45
2 Antique Maund framed Paul Victorius Botanical Prints \$85



The **2024 fall rummage sale has been set for Friday and Saturday, October 18th & 19th.** This will happen **IF** we get enough donations to hold a sale. Mark your calendars for helping with setup day which will start Sunday, October 13th after coffee hour.

Joy & Doug Wilson, joywilson@hotmail.com, 734-660-4915



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 CEB



Meeting Monday, February 5th @ 7 p.m.



Cass Community Social Services

is our choice for **FEBRUARY 2024**

We appreciate your generosity,
please indicate CCMM3005 on your checks and envelopes



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

CONDOLENCES to the families of

Eleanor Wingard

Cappy Goltra Memorial March 9th on what would have been her 99th birthday.

Marilyn Shier (mother of Gary Shier).

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. To contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor please email: office@[farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.

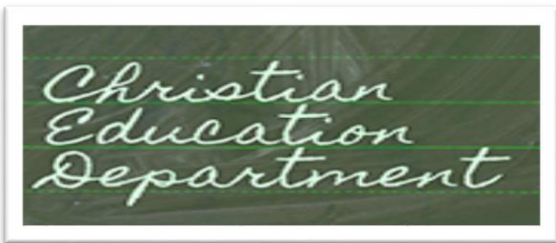
If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Anthony (313) 229-9919



The worship committee offers opportunities for all to sign up for

Altar Flowers whether you worship in person or from home (you may submit your request via email Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org.) The 2024 flower calendar is posted on the wall in the East Narthex. After you sign up to present flowers for your special Sunday, please submit your dedication details by 11 a.m. on Mondays to Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org 2 weeks prior to your selected date (s) along with your payment of \$30.00 for the two bouquets, which you may take home following the service.

Available Dates:



We would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's personnel. If your son or daughter is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Although there will be no Sunday School on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve, we will offer Sunday School for any students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades, began again January 7. Children are invited to go to Sunday School



We are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants at this time. 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 space that is hospitable for them.

GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP MISSION WORK TRIP



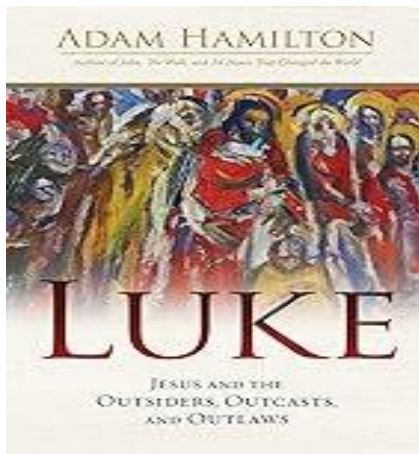
plans for a summer mission trip are underway. We are also looking forward to this time of service and community building. It would help Pastor bea to know if there are any weeks this summer that you won't be available for a week of Mission Service, please inform Pastor bea, so that she can schedule a wonderful week of service and fun.



If you are interested in having a 6th through 12th grade student(s) involved in our adventures, please contact Pastor bea at 248-320-5108 or beasoots@gmail.com.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Bishop David Bard will be our preacher on Sunday,

April 7, 2024 as we celebrate the centennial of our historic building. More details will follow as we make plans for ways to mark this historic moment.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 2024

One option for a Lenten Bible Study this year is Luke: Jesus, The outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws. by Adam Hamilton. The class will be offered three times per week:

- Sundays at 11:30 am starting February 18th,
- Tuesday mornings starting February 20 at 10am
- Tuesday nights at 7pm. Women's Bible study starts Feb. 20th

The class will run for 6 weeks.

The study explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. It focuses on how Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Each lesson will include a DVD segment featuring the author.



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.

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 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 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/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc
- Website: 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.



GIVE TODAY



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 January 28, 2024

Tuesday, January 30th

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 31st

7:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, February 1st

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 3rd

11:00 a.m. Indian Classical Dance

Sunday, February 4th

10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours:

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

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

Pastor Anthony's FALL Office Hours:

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

If you have information to include in the weekly News & Notes, please email your information to Phyllis Anderson (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.



**2024 are out on the
Narthex table.**

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January 31st Ginda Gruse

3 Bob Cook, 6 Adam Weigand, 7 Jill Burrese, 8 James Totten
11 Gary Shier, 13 Phyllis Paske, 14 Peter Kalakailo
15 Mike Mohr, 18 Carol Riley, 20 James Paske
21 Bernie Shaw, 23 Carolyn Wik, 24 Catherine McCarthy
25 Gladys Bocker, 28 Ed Eidt

Ken & Amy Berry 11th