



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

🎄 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve: Jesus' Birthday Party 🎄
December 24, 2025

WELCOMING MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING		Guiding Force Youth Group
CHRISTMAS CAROLS	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> <i>Vs 1-3</i>	UMH #240 UMH #234
JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROSITY		Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
SUNG PRAISE	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
HYMNS BY CANDLELIGHT	<i>Silent Night</i> <i>Joy to the World</i>	UMH #239 UMH #246
SENDING FORTH AND COMING SOON: POSTLUDE	<i>Go Tell it on a Mountain</i>	Rev. Steele UMH #251



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



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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI 48335

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON**
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve: Traditional Candlelight
December 24, 2025

WELCOMING MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING		The Burress Family
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>A New Noel</i> Arr. By Travis L. Boyd	Chancel Choir
CHRISTMAS CAROLS	Hark the Herald Angels Sing O Come All Ye Faithful Vs 1-3 Luke 2:1-7	UMH #240 UMH #234
SCRIPTURE READING		Jill Burress
MESSAGE OF HOPE	A Messy Christmas Together	Rev. Steele
COMMUNION		Rev. Steele & Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots
OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROSITY		Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
SUNG PRAISE	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
HYMNS BY CANDLELIGHT	<i>Silent Night</i> <i>Joy to the World</i>	UMH #239 UMH #246
SENDING FORTH AND COMING SOON:		Rev. Steele
Postlude	<i>Go Tell it on a Mountain</i>	UMH #251

Invitation to Communion:

Rev. Steele: In the breaking of the bread,

People: God is with us.

Rev. Steele: In the sharing of the cup,

People: Christ is among us.

Rev. Steele: In the unity of this body,

People: The Spirit is present here.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Pastor Bea: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor Bea: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Bea: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor Bea: It is right, a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father and Mother, Prince of Peace.

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

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

Rev. Steele: Holy are you and blessed is the salvation and grace, that came on this night long ago. Born as a child, born in a stable, surrounded by lowly cattle and shepherds of the field, Jesus came to be your message of love for all people.

Through this child, we have seen your glory. Through this child, we have been called into your presence, reconciled to your righteousness, and sent forth to walk in your light.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m.

December 28, 2025

PRELUDE

Stephen Thomas

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian Steele

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Joy to the World

UMH #246

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Jesus, you are bringing us new gifts. May we receive all that you have for us with joy. May we be open to the new work you are doing in us and in our church. Give us the faith to be open to all you have for us and to partner with you as we continue to connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH #238

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT

Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Isaiah 43:19

Paula Mullan

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Gift #1

Rev. Steele

CHRISTMAS CAROL

What Child is This

Stephen Thomas

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Stephen Thomas

SUNG PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Gift #2

Rev. Steele

CHRISTMAS CAROL

The First Noel

UMH #245

GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Gift #3

Rev. Steele

CHRISTMAS CAROL

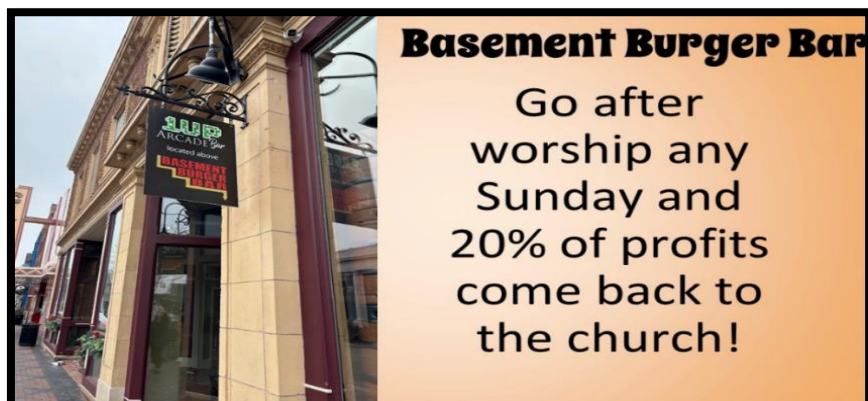
Go, Tell it on the Mountain

UMH #251

SENDING FORTH:

Go and share the hope of Christmas!

Rev. Steele



Basement Burger Bar

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



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



**is our
PAY IT FORWARD
choice for December**



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choice for JANUARY**

Noah Central grateful for the \$352 October contribution.



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 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 In loving memory of my Father, Len Sims – Gerri Doolin
2026 Altar Flower Calendar is up.

4th In loving memory of Pat Shuffler - Susan Lanstra Suzanne Lanstra

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

The Education Committee: Karen Brichford, Joan Pence, Pastor Bea, Stephanie Oyer, and Esther Weddell are excited to implement a playground, an area in our sanctuary specifically dedicated to young children and their families. Thank you, Trustees and Church Council for trusting us with this project, we plan to have completed by December 21 - just in time for Christmas!

Our wish list includes:

- a glider rocking chair
- like-new quiet sensory toys appropriate for toddlers busy books, soft blocks, floor puzzles, books, fidget toys or small flannel board sets, the space theme will be woodland animals with an effort to keep little fingers busy but not distract from service - see Joan Pence for specifics

We want this space to teach as well as be enjoyable to the children.

Seek items with religious themes: Communion, Creation, Thanksgiving, Baptism, Teachings of Jesus, Sermon on the Mount, Palm Sunday, Easter, Peaceable Kingdom, Ascension, and Pentecost.

We want to hear your thoughts or ideas about this initiative or any other education programming.



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 December 21, 2025

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Monday, December 22nd

7:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study

Tuesday, December 23rd

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

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Jesus' Birthday Party
8:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight with Communion

Thursday, December 25th Merry Christmas Chin Church

Friday, December 26th

5:00 p.m. Detroit Baptist Chin

Saturday, December 27th

2:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

Sunday, December 28th

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

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

Sunday, January 11th

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

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.



4th Carrie Igwe
William Morrison,
5th Judy Hanson
Robin Thomas
6th Oliver Schultz's 103
8th Doug Wilson
11th Michael Kwasky
15th Connie Haase
Brenda King
17th Madilen Gesse
18th Bob Rodibaugh
19th Karen Brichford
20th Beth Patton
21st Sharon Gesse
23rd Marianna Barrons
27th Amy Berry
28th Barbara Walker
30th Linda McDoniel
31st Tanner Tulgetske

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11th Paul & Brenda King
26th Jerry & Sharon Thomas
29th Bob & Debbie Muncey
31st Ben & Maggie Niemiec



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

5th Harrison & Carrie Igwe