

Pastor Brian Steele
March 8, 2026

Just like God brought the Israelites out of slavery, God brings us out of that which holds us down AND calls us to work for the freedom of all of God's people, which, by the way, is everybody.

Christ as passover is a word for the church to get back to our tradition of liberation for people. The Book of Exodus should not be a one-time event but a continually lived out reality. Friends, our Bible gives us a deep and life giving tradition to live into. That's what the blood of Jesus provides. Christ as passover. It asks us what is no longer serving us and how we can be set free from it.

When I was in Dallas this past week for a conference we heard from Bishop Cynthia Fierro-Harvey who told us we need to stop asking, "What is the world coming to?" and instead ask, "Who or what are we choosing to become?"

Friends, instead of saying, "what is the church coming to"? Perhaps we need to be asking, "Who are we showing the world we are?"

Friends, Christ died not just to cleanse us, but to transform us. To make us a new creation. Thanks be to God.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

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10:00 a.m.
March 15, 2026

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Through It All</i>	Chancel Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	UMH #399
CALL TO WORSHIP		Paula Mullan
Leader: God is love. People: Love that created us, forgives us, and redeems us. Leader: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. People: Through the cross, love became flesh and dwelt among us. Leader: God proves His love for us, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. All: What wondrous love is this, O my soul!		
OPENING PRAYER		Paula Mullan
Lord Jesus, what wondrous love you displayed on the cross! It is a death that calls us to love not just our friends but our enemies. May the gift of the cross transform our hearts so that we can more fully love all of our neighbors. You loved us while we were still sinners, the least we can do is love each other. May it be so. Amen.		
ANTHEM	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i> By Horatius Bonar and Larry Shackley	Chancel Choir
HYMN	<i>The Summons</i>	TFWS #2130
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT		Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	John 15:9-14	Paula Mullan
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	Why Did Jesus Have to Die? Our Response to the Cross	Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Paula Mullan
(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)		
• Please place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor.		
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Paula Mullan
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)		Rev. Steele
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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

UMH #301

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

Rev. Steele

BENEDICTION

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Yaroslav Daniels

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2026
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

It's that time of year again -- the CROP Walk is coming -- and as usual, Farmington First will host the Walk. The Walk will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026. There will be two options for the Walk: a one mile course and a 3.5 mile course. Check in and t-shirt distribution will start at 12:30. Team pictures at 1:00. At 1:15 we will enter the Sanctuary for our kick-off meeting and then cross Grand River promptly at 1:30 to begin.

The preferred method of donating is online giving. To donate online click on this link [2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Farmington MI](#)

[FUMC](#) and then click on the "Donation" box. If you do not want to make an online donation, make your checks payable to "CWS/CROP" and drop off in the office for John Sheppard. DO NOT make checks payable to the church. NO CASH will be accepted.

If you want to participate in the Walk, click on this link [2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Farmington MI](#) [FUMC](#) scroll down and click on the "Join The Team" box. It is very important that you register online if you want to participate because that also includes the waiver.

If you have any questions, please contact John Sheppard. See you at the Walk!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rainforest Falls:

Exploring the Nature of God

COMING THIS SUMMER: August 10-13, 2026

K-5TH GRADE

MULTIPLE CHURCH VBS

HOSTED BY: NARDIN PARK UMCHURCH

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They will discover what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.



MEETING ON Monday, April 13th @ 6:30 P.M.



UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES

is our **PAY IT FORWARD** choice for March 2026



God's Country Community Ministries thank you for your recent generous cash donation.



**CARING MINISTRY LIST
STRENGTH & WISDOM DEALING WITH
HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:**

Maggie Clewley, Pat Dyert, Claudette Howell, 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."



1st Judith Smith
15th In loving memory of Evelyn & Harry Hasse and Larry & Lilian Kordenbrock from Don & Connie Haase
22nd Happy St. Patrick's Day from Patty Tschudi
28th Tanner Tulgetske



Basement Burger Bar

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





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 March 8, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Tuesday, March 10th

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

Wednesday, March 11th

10:00 a.m. **Caring Ministries**
12 noon **Anna Circle**
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, March 12th

5:30 p.m. **Thursday Nights Together**
6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal in the bell room
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 13th

5:00 p.m. **Detroit Baptist Chin**

Saturday, March 14th

2:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15th

10:00 a.m. Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows
11:30 a.m. Bible Study
12 noon Classical Indian Dance/ **GFYG**
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday
11:00 am to 3:30 pm
Currently, I work from home on
Mondays and Fridays

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.

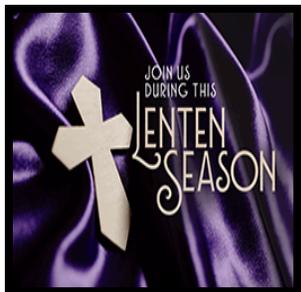


ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

March 11, 2026 @ 12 noon

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE

LYDIA CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP Friday, March 20th



Thursday Nights Together

Lenten Bible Study
Dinner 5:30 p.m. Study 6:30 p.m.
February 26th – March 26th

1st Claudette Howell, Linda Peckham
13th Denise Ruff
15th Ella Hanson
20th Don Haase

8th Michael Weddell
14th Ben Niemiec
16th Scott Riley



22nd Jodi Imus, John Welling
24th Sandra Welling
26th Doug Tonkovich
27th Brenna Drake
28th Maggie Clewley
31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell
John Sheppard

18th Don & Connie Haase 24th John & Sandra Welling
29th Tanner & Susanna Tulgetske



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday's of the month
March 21, 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