



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

News & Notes August 16, 2026

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

Sunday, August 16th

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Church Office Hours

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Tuesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday, August 19th

6:30 p.m.

Growth & Hospitality

Wednesday 11 am – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20th

1:00 p.m.

Education Committee

Wednesday, August 19th

6:30 p.m.

Growth & Hospitality

Thursday, August 20th

1:00 p.m.

Education Committee

Friday, August 21st

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Pastor Bea

Tuesday – Thursday

Saturday, August 22nd

6:00 p.m.

Paula Mullan/Euchre

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday, August 23rd

10:00 a.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

Pastor Brian

is in the office from 10:00 a.m. --3:00 p.m.

Friday, August 28th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 p.m.

Detroit Baptist Chin

Please text to confirm availability.

Sunday, August 30th

10:00 a.m.

Rummage Sale Drop off

And, available by phone 269-274-0029

5:00 p.m.

Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

every day except Friday.

Detroit Chin Baptist Church

2026 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th 9 a.m. - 12 noon

DROP OFF

Saturday, August 29th 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Saturday, September TBD 9 a.m. – 12 noon



ANNA COOK

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 12 noon

Bring your sandwich.

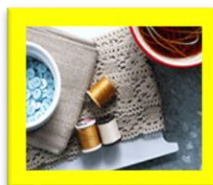


YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD: We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**



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

September 19th 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



1 Carol Crabb, 4 Susan Cook, 6 Larry Stevenson, Ajay Vohra, Ray Wright

7 Celeste Berry, 9 Judy Rehn, 13 Amy Portner 14 Cathy Kwasky

15 Amelia Berry Scott Lodge, 18 Bill Johnston, 21 Sharon Scott, 22 Pat Dygert

25 David Durbin, Bob Muncey, 26 Cindy Scholer, 28 Amy Mohr

3rd Brenda & Mark LaBerge, 9 Cathy Jackson & John Tuba

10 Christina & Aaron Brunke, 16 Dave & Bonnie Kennedy, 21 Mike & Amy Mohr

24 Greg & Ginda Gruse, 26 Charles & Cindy Palmer

28 Michael & Esther Weddell

31 Ajay & Pamela Vohra

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

August 23, 2026

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Vs. 1-4

Paul Abbot

Rev. Brian Steele

UMH #57

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of heaven speaks to us again, calling us to draw near.

People: We come to feast on the words of life!

Leader: Let us taste and see the goodness of the truth. It is sweet as honey in our mouths.

People: Yet it searches our hearts and calls us to bear God's message to the world.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, whose Word is life, truth and grace for all nations.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Edwin Arun

Almighty God, we stand before You today, eager to hear Your voice and receive Your holy truth. Just as John of Patmos was commanded to take the scroll and eat it, we open our hearts and minds to fully receive Your Word today.

We thank you for the sweetness of Your gospel. Your promises are sweeter than honey. They bring us comfort, hope and the beautiful assurance of Your love. Yet, Lord, we also ask for the courage to digest Your whole truth. May Your Word transform us from the inside out, even when it challenges us, convicts us, and calls us toward the difficult paths of justice and obedience.

Open our ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to the church today. Break down our defenses, stir our hearts, and prepare us to carry Your message into a world in need of redemption.

In the powerful name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Rev. Steele and Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

HYMN

Cry of My Heart

TFWS #2165

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunshine in My Soul/Sunlight

David Drake, trombone

arr. Brant Adams

Paul Abbot, piano

Brianne Steele

Edwin Arun

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Revelation 10:8-10

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Restored: The Owner's Manual

Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Edwin Arun

(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

Edwin Arun

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Paul Abbot

PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Pastor Bea

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

Rev. Steele

HYMN

My Hope is Built

UMH #368

SENDING:

Dust that Bible off the Shelf and Receive the Words of Life!

Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE

Paul Abbot



**Did you know this Saturday is a drop off day for the Rummage Sale?
Come by from 9-12 noon to drop off any donations.
Thank you for your support!**

PRAYERS

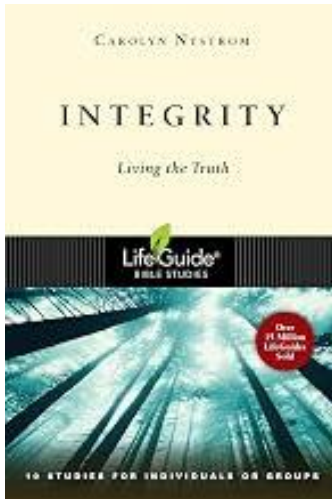
Prayers: Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, the victims of wildfires, all our interfaith siblings, Paul & Donna

Health: Ben and Allison, Louellen, Cameron, Olivia, Nikki, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell, Joan Pence

Cancer: Anna, Janice, Meredith (family of Connie L), Amy G (friend of Paula M), Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz

Condolences: The families of Ralph Curtiss (Carolyn's cousin) who lost his father after a heart attack, 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.



The Women's Tuesday night Bible study will be reading Integrity: Living the truth. (LifeGuide Bible Studies) by [Carolyn](#) Nystrom, starting Tuesday September 8, 2026, at 7:00. This ten-session course invites us to find contentment in who are and how we follow God as we grow to be people of real integrity. Through Bible verses we will explore the importance of truth. Please contact Barb Walker to obtain a book for \$10.



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



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc



MEETING ON Monday, September 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.

PAY IT FORWARD
Choice for August 2026



Alternatives
For Girls



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

CONDOLENCES Denise Ruff, Ruth Yuill, Bev Ellis, Dean Koppin

Bernie Shaw, 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."



Your recent giving
Statement only indicates 2nd
QUARTER & your 2025
giving is in the system, and
does not print out.

2nd Open for your loving tribute

9th In loving honor of the wonderful people of First FUMC - Ann St. John

16th In loving memory of Sally & Jake White's heavenly anniversary

Paula Mullan

23rd In loving honor of my son Patrick's birthday and all church members with August birthdays and anniversaries and in loving memory of my father, John Downing. **Patty Tschudi**

30th Susan Cook

6th In loving memory of Dave Brichford Karen Brichford

13th **Open for your loving tribute**

20th Carol Riley

27th Janice Pohl

4th In loving honor of my 3 children, 8 grandchildren &
2 great grandchildren – Connie Lynn

Open for your loving tribute! @ \$30.00 office@farmingtonfumc.org

September 13th December 6th



Rev. Brian Steele
FFUMC – August 16, 2026

God can still make you brand spanking new. You'll still need to get an oil change and fill up your gas tank, but God can take the brokenness of your junk yard and restore it back to the beautiful creation God made you to be.

You can have worn out brake pads that led you to crash and burn. You can have the worst paint job anybody

has ever seen. You can have a broken alternator. Your entire motor can be shot. God isn't going to give up on you. God is one stubborn son of a gun who believes in you more than you believe in yourself.

God is a God of restoration. God delights in taking that which is on the verge of being thrown away and saying, "Wait until you see what I can do with that."

Sometimes people have this subconscious belief that they have to get their life together before they can come back to church. Folks, that's a load of my initials. We exist for people who don't have their life together. We exist for those who have fender benders. We exist for those who have flat tires. We exist for people who have made an absolute mess of their lives.

The church is Jesus' junkyard. And our business is in restoring lives. Because that's what Jesus created the church for. He loves rolling up His sleeves and fixing you one part at a time. You can be restored. Because there is a God who loves you. Madly. Unconditionally. Let's let God get under the hood and do the work that only God can do. Amen.

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