



SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon: TRUE HAPPINESS

Scripture: Psalm 119:1-3 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

What makes you happy? I will give you a moment to think about the things that make you happy. For some, it is the thrill of accomplishing a goal/task you did not think you could. For others, it is the times that they spend with the people they love. The world attempts to convince us that happiness is a commodity that can be bought from our local mall, real estate agent or

car salesperson.

The German inventor, Fredrick Koenig offers us a different perspective. He writes: "We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have."¹ As followers of Christ, we have found, True Happiness comes from God.

In our text, we find the author reflecting upon the beauty and majesty of the Torah as God's instruction for right living. These verses offer us a profound statement of faith, that Happiness, Joy, and Blessedness are found in relationship with God. For the author, keeping God's statutes, instructions, and decrees are not laborious, nor an unrealistic legal obligation.

For the author, it is a sign of love and devotion to a God that is good, merciful, and just. As followers of Christ, we understand that God wants relationship with us and was willing to pay the ultimate price to establish that relationship. A relationship that offers us peace that settles our anxious hearts, a relationship that encourages us, a relationship that offers us True Happiness.

Siblings in Christ, true happiness is cultivated in the hearts and souls of those who have been touched by the love of God.

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10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

January 26, 2025

¹ <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/272978-happiness-doesn-t-come-as-a-result-of-getting-something-we>

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| PRELUDE | | Yaroslav Daniels |
| WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Pastor Anthony |
| HYMN | Sweet, Sweet Spirit #334 | Yaroslav Daniels |
| OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) | | Dave Kennedy |
| <p>Let us sing to the Lord, all the earth, telling of God's salvation from day to day. Let us declare the glory of the Lord among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; the Lord is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are due the Lord; strength and joy are in God's Holy place.</p> <p>(Adapted from 1 Chronicles 16:23-27 NRSV)</p> | | |
| SCRIPTURE LESSON: | 1 Timothy 2:3-7 NRSV | Dave Kennedy |
| Liturgist: | The word of God for the people of God | |
| People: | Thanks be to God | |
| HYMN | Surely the Presence of the Lord #328 (3x) | Yaroslav Daniels |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT | | Pastor Bea |
| LITURGICAL DANCE | Mary, Did You Know? By: Mark Lowry and Buddy Green | Dance Ensemble |
| SERMON | THE PLAIN TRUTH | Pastor Anthony |
| OFFERTORY INVITATION | | Dave Kennedy |
| <p>(<i>WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY: Giving options will appear on your screen. • FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON: You may 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. Guests, please place your completed CONNECTION CARD in the collection plate. | | |
| OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION | | Dave Kennedy |
| 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 |
| <p>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.</p> | | |
| HYMN | Alleluia #186 | Yaroslav Daniels |
| <p>SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!</p> | | |



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, February 3rd @ 7 p.m.



is our **PAY IT FORWARD** choice for **JANUARY 2025**
We appreciate your generosity and ask you to please indicate on your check/envelope.



Noah at Central \$165.00
Holton Community Center
Global Ministries \$398.00
Lighthouse \$190.00

**CARING MINISTRY LIST
OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:**

Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Bob Cook,
Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Bev Ellis, John Hopeck,
Karma Huston, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King,
Denise Rogers, Sandy Welling



HEALING AT HOME: Pat Dyert, Jane Hopper, Dean Koppin, Peter Kalakailo, Bob & Judy Rehn, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, *Darrell Simmons*, Bill & Suzanne White, 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) 283-9919



DEDICATIONS



**January 26th in loving honor of our late uncle,
Romulo Manalo – Tolentino Family**

2025 Calendar is posted for sign ups



SALE UPDATE

Another person or team is needed to take over the RUMMAGE SALE event. We would be happy to offer guidance to anyone who wants to know more. Stockpiling donations in the rummage room as they come in is one of the tasks involved and the sale itself is fairly well streamlined. Items currently at our home will continue to be sold on eBay as time permits. Joy will give an accounting of 2024 eBay sales soon.

At this time, we have not heard of anyone else stepping forward to run another in-person sale. Until that happens, please **DO NOT** leave any rummage in the basement storage area. Choose another worthy organization to donate your items to.

Joy & Doug Wilson



GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP (GFYG)

The Guiding Force Youth Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. We will be sharing pizza and helping to relocate the children's library, so that it will be more visible

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SERVICE WEEK AT CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

The Guiding Force Youth Group will be serving at Cass Community Social Services **July 14 through 18, 2025**. We will be traveling to Cass each day and returning to our homes for the evening. We are inviting anyone from the congregation who is interested in serving with us is invited to come along. You will be welcome to join for as many days as it's convenient for you.

This will not only be an opportunity not only for you to serve God's people, but also to get better acquainted with the youth of our church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is available to Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades throughout the school year



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.

The Confirmation Class will be selling "**Super Bowl Subs**" for their Kingdom Assignment Project.

We invite you to enjoy your Super Bowl Sunday with less food preparation and more time to concentrate on the game by submitting your orders to Pastor Bea by February 2.

Order forms are available on the Information Table in the Narthex. The cost is \$6 per sandwich.



Hands with Detroit at

Cass Community Social Services in on Saturday, May 3! This incredible day of mission and service is a chance to make a meaningful impact in the city of Detroit. Gather your youth groups, family, and friends and mark your calendars now! Registration will open soon—don't miss this opportunity to serve, connect, and change lives together. Let's put our faith into action and make a difference!



The following committees are looking for **Methodist Men**, additional members: **Finance, Outreach, Trustees, 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 January 19, 2024

Tuesday, January 21st

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

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 23rd

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24th

5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Emmanuel Baptist Church

Saturday, January 25th

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, January 26th

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School.
(Coffee Hour after worship)
11:30 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. **Guiding Force**
12:00 p.m. Indian Classical Dance
5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

Church Office Hours:

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

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

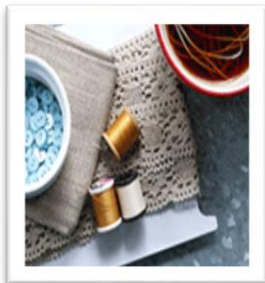
Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

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

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.



CRAFTER'S FELLOWSHIP

CHANGED to

3rd Saturday's of the month
in February 15th, March 15th,
April 19th, May 17th

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring a project to work on
and a dish to share.

Susan Cook, Coordinator



ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

2nd Wednesday's of the month
February 12, 2025 12 noon
March 12, 2025

BRING YOUR SANDWICH & BEVERAGE

DESSERT: NANCY IMUS

(Contributions to Nancy's dessert fund welcomed.)



2nd Dave Drake

3rd Megan Gesse

5th Cathy Jackson

8th Ayanna Hood

10th Bob Rehn

11th Emma Baker

14th Glenn Morrison

15th Ann St. John

17th Denise Rogers

18th Dave Kennedy

23rd Julia Hanson

24th Sue Weigand

25th Sandy Roth

31st Ginda Gruse

Anniversary

5th Harrison & Carrie Igwe