



SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon: HOW FAR WOULD WE GO?

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

The wise ones have traveled for a year and now they have arrived in Jerusalem. They stop at the palace, adhering to royal protocol, thinking that the one who was foretold would be there. They enter the courts, paying homage to Herod, seeking to offer blessings, but learn there has not been a royal birth. After the chief priests and Sadducees review the historical records, it is discovered that the promised one was to be born in Bethlehem. The wise ones have come a long way; now they must continue to Bethlehem. What do we do when we face initial disappointment and setbacks? Unexpected detours along the pathways of our lives can often halt our progress or deter us from pursuing God's purpose. Yet, what the wise men demonstrate for us is resilience and determination. They had come all this way; they were going to see Jesus.

How far would we go? How many obstacles and frustration would we endure just to see, worship, and live for Jesus? Would we remain steadfast amidst our detractors' constant belittling and ridicule? Would we overcome our internal voice attempting to persuade us to have a little more "fun" before we serious about seeking Jesus? Would we yield our desire to prioritize our personal preferences in order to challenge ourselves to love more, serve more, give more, and share more of God's love with others? How far would we go to be in the presence of Christ, to meet the needs of hurting people and live purposeful and reverent lives for Christ? How far would we go and are you willing to start today?

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

January 19, 2025

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Anthony
HYMN	God Will Take Care of You #130	Yaroslav Daniels
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		Gerri Doolin
If it had not been for the Lord, who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, they would have swallowed us up alive. When their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have overcome us; the raging waters would have overwhelmed us. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Praise be to God, our help, who made heaven and earth. (Adapted from Psalms 124:1-8, 14 NRSV)		
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Psalms 119:1-3 NRSV	Gerri Doolin
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Let Us Joyfully Praise Our God” by Allen Pote	Vocal Choir
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT		Pastor Bea
HYMN	We Are Called #2172 TFWS	Yaroslav Daniels
SERMON	TRUE HAPPINESS	Pastor Anthony
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Gerri Doolin
<i>(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)</i>		
<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		Gerri Doolin
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
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.		
HYMN	Leaning On the Everlasting Arms #133	Yaroslav Daniels
SENDING FORTH: You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!		



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, January 13th @ 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:

Carolyn Aymer, Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Bob Cook, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Bev Ellis, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Keith Miller, 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



2025 Calendar is posted for sign ups

January 26th Tolentino



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 after the end of the year.

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)



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.

SAVE THE DATE: HANDS WITH DETROIT

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!



**We pray that your experience
in 2025
is Safe, Healthy, Wealthy, and Wonderful!**



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 12, 2024



Tuesday, January 14th

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Wednesday, January 15th

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 16th

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 17th

9:30 a.m. Crafter's Fellowship

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

Saturday, January 18th

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19th

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School.
(Coffee Hour after worship)

11:30 a.m. Bible Study

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

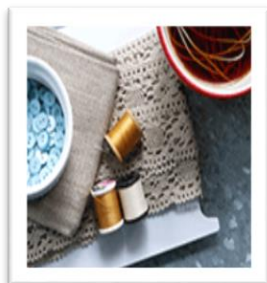
Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm

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

FRIDAY, January 17, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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



ANNA COOK CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP

2nd Wednesday's of the month

February 12, 2025 12 noon.

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