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Calendar of Events



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

33112 Grand River Avenue † Farmington, MI 48336

248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

News & Notes for the week of March 26, 2023

Tuesday, March 28th

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ The Church
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Carillion Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 29th

- 7:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #45

Thursday, March 30th

- 12:00 p.m. Live Weekly Devotion
- 6:00 p.m. Thursday's Together Meal & Family Activities
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 31st

- 5:30 p.m. Bekker/Remmetter Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 1st

- 11:00am Indian Dance Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Bekker/Remmetter Wedding

Sunday, April 2nd

- 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday/Cantata
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Study
- 2:00 pm Indian Dance Rehearsal

Pastor Anthony's NEW Office Hours:

- Tuesday 8am-9:30am
- Wednesday 6:30-8pm
- Thursday 11:30-1pm & 6:30-8pm

Church Office Hours:

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

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

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

The church office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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. Monday mornings. Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than Monday's at 12:00pm.

March Birthdays:

26th Doug Tonkovich
28th Margaret Brainard, Maggie Clewley, Matthew Stevenson
31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell, John Sheppard



1st Denise Gress, 4th Ray Barry, Pat Fleming, 5th Dorothy Koppin
6th James Miska 7th Ryan Berry, 12th Evan Portner
14th Tom Hanson, Debbie Harbison, 15th Dan Gertiser, Susan Latimer
19th Elijah Greene, 20th Geri Doolin, 23rd Marion Ringe
24th Lois Holmes, Aidan Riley, Jon Schroeder,

26th Diane Kreimes, Joy Baum, 28th Harvey Kahl, Jr., Elaine Malafouris
29th Lucas England, Janine Shymanski, 30th Mark Keach



30th Andrew & Emily Lamott 31st Dean & Dorothy Koppin
10th Rick & Margie Shaul, 17th James & Marilyn Totten TX
30th Doug & Debbie Harbison



OVERCOMING HEALTH CHALLENGES: Ayanna Hood, Ruth Yuill recent surgery, Susan Sackett – knee surgery, Norma Hood, John Hopeck, Jane Hopper, Karma Huston William Morrison **HOSPICE:** Michael's mom, Elaine Weddell.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Betty Santer, memorial Service April 22nd @ 11 a.m.

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Anthony at:

pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org or via cell phone at: (313) 283-9919



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Easter Cantata

April 2, 2023

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WELCOME Pastor Anthony

HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278 Yaroslav Daniels

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Susan Cook

Almighty God, on this day we remember Christ's entry in to the Holy city of Jerusalem. He was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen

(United Methodist Book of Worship #340)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV Susan Cook

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

EASTER CANTATA: WHO IS JESUS? – PART 1

Arranged: Joel Raney

“WHO IS JESUS?”

“I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME”

“THE WELCOME TABLE”

“PRAYER AT GETHSEMANE”

“LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN”

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION Susan Cook

We appreciate your prayerful and financial support of this community of faith.

- For those worshipping in-person, place your offering in one of our offering boxes before you leave.
- For those worshipping virtually:
 1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address:
33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336
 2. You may use PayPal; directing your offering to: **First United Methodist Church of Farmington**
 3. You may text your offering, by texting: **fumcgive** to **44321** and follow the prompts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Yaroslav Daniels

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Anthony

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison) Pastor Anthony

Our Father, who is in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

EASTER CANTATA: WHO IS JESUS? – PART 2

Arranged: Joel Raney

“O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED”

“WHO IS JESUS? (REPRISE)”

“FAIREST LORD JESUS”

“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

“SUNDAY SERMONS”

CLOSING WORDS

Debbie Tedrick

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

POSTLUDE

Yaroslav Daniels

SERMON SNIPPET:

Sermon Series: The Seven Last Words of Christ – Part 5

Message: Take A Drink

John 19:28-29 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood



“When Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” As we have established previously, each of the gospel writers offers us a different glimpse at the cross. While each of the synoptic (same) gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) has Lift Jesus’ humanity, compassion, and teaching. John focuses on Jesus’ divinity, as the Son of God. John offers an image of Christ as fully in control, checking off the events necessary to fulfill scripture and bring about reconciliation. Jesus has put in place the mechanism to care for his mother, while offering she and his disciple grief counseling. Now, John’s Jesus needs to check one more item off the list and so he says: “I thirst.”

We can all identify with what it’s like to be thirsty. We thirst for a cool glass of lemonade on a hot day. For those from the south, we may thirst for a glass of big momma’s sweet tea to go along with a slice of her famous pound cake. However, we have other thirst, like the thirst for control and power. We thirst for the approval, applause, attention, and affection of others. We thirst to fill the void in our souls, often with things that constantly leave us empty. When Jesus states he thirst, it reminds us of Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well in John 4:13-14. Jesus offer us living water, that will quench the thirsting of our souls, leading us to find wholeness in Christ, thereby ending our need/desire to thirst for things that separate us from God. More than the sour wine that was placed on a sponge to wet his lips, Jesus thirst for something greater. Jesus thirst for a faithful and faith-filled people who take seriously the call to a lifestyle of servanthood. Jesus thirst for those who will put aside prioritizing their personal preferences in order to be connect with more people. Jesus thirst for those who will commit to live in reverent devotion to God, especially when its inconvenient. Jesus thirst for a people who are dedicated to being the church verses simply attending Holy Week services. Jesus said: “I thirst.”



TNT (THURSDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER)

“Thursdays Nights Together,” is an opportunity for EVERYONE to share meals together with others from our community of faith. Our dinners feature meals “carried in” from local restaurants

We have added one more meal together on Maundy Thursday, April 6. We will share our dinner before we worship in the sanctuary, **commemorating Jesus’ last Passover Feast.**

EVERYONE is invited to these special gatherings, share a meal, and participate in community-building studies and activities. Choir members are invited to join us and share in these events before choir rehearsal.

If you are looking forward to sharing in this special time, please e-mail Pastor bea at pastorbea@farmingtonfumc.org, by NOON on the WEDNESDAY before the dinner, so that we be able to order enough food from the local restaurant we are using for that evening.

We have a lot of fun at TNT again. It is wonderful to hear the beautiful sound of many conversations while participants were talking and laughing with others at their tables.

If you are interested in joining us for dinner, but have concerns about food sensitivities, please feel free to bring whatever food best serves your health.

We want to send a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Rao gari Vindu Indian Cuisine for discounting our meal for this week.

We want to send a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Leo’s Coney Island at Farmington Road and Twelve Mile for donating the Greek Salad we enjoyed with our Coney Dogs last week.

About 30 of us had a fun time sharing pizza and paczkis on **SHROVE TUESDAY**. We celebrated the last day before Lent began and made Mardi Gras masks to help mark that celebration even more fun.

thank you

An Attitude of Gratitude – Many thanks to Busch Market for donating the Paczki’s and to Cottage Inn Pizza for allowing us to purchase the pizzas at a discount.

Global Ministries World Hunger & Poverty \$1,000.00



MCHS Family of Services thanks the First UMC for the generous donations of \$500.00 and \$1,000.00

If you have an **ANNOUNCEMENT** you'd like to give or information to be included in the order of worship, they must be submitted to Pastor Anthony **NO LATER THAN MONDAY'S AT 12:00PM.**



Please welcome our new Parish Visitor, Connie Haase. The Parish Visitor keeps those who are shut in, hospitalized or sick and unable to attend church connected to the church through visits, cards, and phone calls. To contact the Parish Visitor please email: office@ [farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or call the church office for further information.

OUTREACH FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

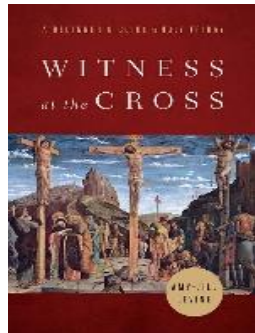
PAY IT FORWARD!

Monthly Church-wide projects!
LIVINGSTON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
is our choice for the month of March 2023



BALDWIN is our choice for the month of April 2023

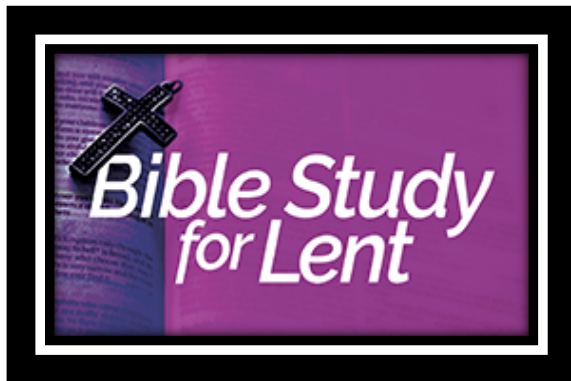
We appreciate your generosity, please indicate
LIVINGSTON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
on your checks and envelopes.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY You are invited to join a Lenten Book Study which will consider *Witness at the Cross* by Amy Jill Levine. Rev. Carolyn Wik will be leading the study on Tuesday mornings and Sundays following worship. Pastor Anthony will lead the study after dinner at **Thursday Evenings Together**.

We will be ordering books, so if you are interested in participating in one of these opportunities, please send an email to Rev. Wik or Pastor Anthony to let us know that you will be joining in this study.

LENTEN 2023 TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study will start a 5 Lenten week study on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm for one hour. We will be using 5 stand-alone Lenten studies, which focus on the Wilderness, Fasting, Solitude, Temptation and Preparation.

Let Barbara Walker, walkerbarbar@yahoo.com, know if you are interested. She will provide the free pdf study lessons. The Tuesday Night Bible Study offers an excellent opportunity for women to enjoy fellowship, support, and Bible study. At this time the study is being offered in a hybrid manner both in person and via Zoom. Please consider joining us.

Discipleship:
Becoming More Like
CHRIST
EPHESIANS 2:10

"FAST TRACK" 12 WEEK DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., led by Pastor bea began on January 18, for. We will begin with the Old Testament Study. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact Pastor bea so that we can order books. Her email is beasoots@gmail.com or call 248-320-5108. If you call and she doesn't answer, please leave a message and she will call you back as soon as possible.

VIRTUAL RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE:



Some of the rummage sale "good stuff" donations are listed on eBay and I've sold over \$1,000 so far with more items to be listed. Below are the steps to follow for viewing the eBay items for sale that benefits First UMChurch. On your web browser-go to eBay.com at the top right of your screen you will see a blue search box you want the ADVANCED search to the right of the blue box **click on it** that will bring up the "advanced search" page scroll down until you see the "Sellers" heading check the "Only show items from" box to the right of the "include" box you will enter our church's user ID which is "firstchurchseller" without the quote marks then click the blue search box at the bottom of the page That should bring up all the items currently for sale on the church eBay site (currently over 100 items are listed for sale).

If you happen to see something you want to purchase, contact me and I'll remove the listing. You can pay for it directly into the rummage sale account and save the shipping cost. Thank you for all of your wonderful cast-offs!

Joy & Doug Wilson joywilson@hotmail.com 734-660-4915

GREAT NEWS!!

The 2023 Farmington Area CROP Walk is returning to Farmington First!! The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

We will gather in the Sanctuary at 1:00PM and the walk will kick off at 1:30PM.



TO WALK

- 1) **On your computer, go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/teams>**
- 2) **Click on "Join or Start A Team"**
- 3) **Scroll down the page to "Find An Existing Team To Join" and type in "Farmington MI FUMC"**
- 4) **Join the team!!**

TO DONATE

- 1) **On your computer, go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/teams>**
- 2) **Click on "Make A Donation"**
- 3) **Scroll down the page to "Is this in support of a particular participant in the CROP Hunger Walk?" and type in the name of a walker.**
- 4) **Make a Donation**

OR

Write a check (no cash accepted) to "CWS/CROP" and drop off in the office or give it to John Sheppard!

IF YOU WANT A T-SHIRT

Send your t-shirt size to John Sheppard by April 7, 2023.

Thanks for all of your support during the COVID time. Hopefully, we are getting back to normal!

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's college students and military personnel. If your son or daughter is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.



We are very excited about our successful in-person Sunday School. We are inviting anyone who feels called to share God's love through this ministry to sign-up to teach or assist in a class for one Sunday. Please contact Pastor bea at beasoots@gmail.com or 248-320-5108. If you call, please leave a message, and Pastor bea will return your call as soon as possible.



We are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants at this time. 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 hospitable space.



An invitation for all ages to join our community Easter Egg hunt and decorating event Saturday, April 8th (the day before Easter) 11a.m – 12:30 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church of Farmington
Christian Education
33112 Grand River Avenue
248-474-6573**

www.farmingtonfumc.org

You are welcome to join us in our 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Please plan to join us and invite your friends and family to come along for a time of fun and creativity.

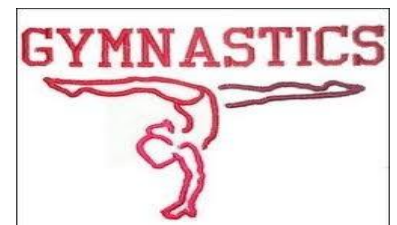
GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP



Weather changed our plans for our Service Project at Cass Community Social Services. We worked in the Recycling Center all morning, and then we enjoyed lunch together at The Congregation, a new, popular restaurant near the Center.

We will be on hiatus for Sundays, March 26 and April 2, for Spring Break, and will resume our times together after the Easter Holiday, April 8.

Offering a BIG SHOUT OUT to the Farmington United Gymnastics Team, who recently took third place in statewide competition. Our own Abbey Mohr is a member of that team. **YOU GO, ABBEY!!**



Volunteer Opportunities



The following committees are looking for additional members: **Finance, Outreach, Trustees, Methodist Men, The Streaming Team, and Website Team.** If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Pastor Anthony at: pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org.

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!

FACEMASK/FACE COVERINGS ARE OPTIONAL

Facemask/Face Coverings are optional. You have the option to wear or not to wear a facemask/face covering while in the church. The Covid Response Team will continue to review covid numbers for Oakland County. To review the Covid number reported by the Michigan Health Departments for Oakland County, go to the following link:

<https://www.mistartmap.info/cdc-indicators?area=county%3Aoakland>.





2023 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

The Worship Committee will again decorate the sanctuary with Lilies for Easter. **Orders, with payment, are due no later than Sunday, April 2nd by 11:30am.** Alternative Giving will support the Methodist Children's Home Society. Completed order forms, with payment, can be placed in an offering box before or after worship. **Lilies are \$10.00 each.**

If you will be mailing-in your order form, mail it to the church: 33112 Grand River Avenue – Farmington, MI 48336. Order forms **must arrive to the church office (with payment), no later than Saturday, April 1st.** If you are writing a check, make it payable to: First United Methodist Church, memo to read: Easter Lily.
Lilies may be taken home following the Easter Sunday Service on April 9th.

Easter Lilies

Please order _____ flowers @ \$10.00 each Total \$ _____

From: _____

In Loving Honor of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Methodist Children's Home Society

Outreach Ministry donation \$ _____ From: _____

In Loving Honor of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____